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Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot delivers her "State of the City" address at the Harold Washington Library in Chicago on Thursday.

Budget hole 'largest in our recent history'

Mayor says Chicago faces \$838M shortfall in 2020

BY GREGORY PRATT AND JOHN BYRNE

Mayor Lori Lightfoot laid out a dismal financial forecast for Chicago during her citywide address Thursday night — a projected \$838 million budget shortfall in the 2020 fiscal year — and called for a variety of help from state government while not ruling out any options to close the gargantuan shortfall.

Lightfoot's televised "State of the City" speech provided few specific proposed solutions to the city's money woes but mentioned future revenue from a casino, legalized weed and some form of revenue

generated by limiting congestion on Chicago's crowded streets. The mayor, who just observed her 100th day in office, left unclear how she prefers to offset the massive deficit but hinted that without help from the state, the city could look at other revenue generating options such as property tax hikes.

"If \$838 million sounds big, it's because it is," Lightfoot said at the Harold Washington Library. "It's the largest in our recent history."

Speaking before Chicago aldermen, state lawmakers and civic leaders, Lightfoot framed the televised address as a

chance to explain how Chicago racked up such a large budget deficit and to ask for help from state lawmakers and the public in closing the gap. Over the next month, she will talk with voters at four scheduled town halls and plans to offer a fuller budget proposal in October, she said.

Though she didn't focus on solutions, Lightfoot provided some clues. She said she would pursue some sort of congestion tax, and her administration refused to rule out further borrowing during a briefing afterward.

"As your mayor, I cannot in good faith promise you that I will take any option off the table to tackle this crisis, whether it's

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"We're envisioning that with our local teams as a fun extra way to add some extra excitement — something that could be unique when you come to our property."

— Dan Nita, regional president of Caesars Entertainment, the parent of Horseshoe Hammond

WANT TO BET ON THE BEARS?

Indiana casinos launch sports gambling in time for the NFL, perhaps far ahead of Illinois

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

When the Bears kick off the NFL season against the Packers on Sept. 5, fans will be able to do something for the first time in team's storied 100-year history: legally wager on the game in the Chicago area. But they're going to have to go to Indiana to do it.

On Sunday, Indiana will become the latest state to offer legalized sports betting, jumping on a growing trend and getting a potentially big head start on Illinois, which is months away from offering it. Both states are seeking hundreds of millions of dollars in annual revenue siphoned off from a booming black market.

Chicagoans who can't wait for Illinois venues to offer sports wagering will have at least two nearby choices in northwest Indiana. After getting the regulatory green light Wednesday, Ameristar Casino East Chicago is set to open its sports book Sunday, while the Horseshoe Hammond will launch Sept. 4.

"Our goal is to be open in time for the Bears-Packers game the following night," said Dan Nita, regional president of Caesars Entertainment, the parent of



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Workers take care of details inside the Horseshoe Hammond's new sports betting book.

Horseshoe Hammond.

For now, sports bets must be placed within the casinos. In coming months, patrons will simply have to cross the state line to wager via a mobile app.

Legal sports betting is still a nascent industry in the U.S., and was available only

in Nevada until a Supreme Court ruling last year struck down a 1992 federal law and opened it up to other states. New Jersey and Pennsylvania were among the first to pass legislation and offer sports

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In missing woman's case, many mysteries

Police try to connect video, an AWOL parolee and a mysterious blue container

BY JEREMY GORNER

Three days after Chaunti Bryla was reported missing earlier this year, a Lyft driver was called to a home in South Shore, where two people were waiting with a large blue plastic container and a dolly.

The driver helped them load the container into his car, then drove them to a hotel in Calumet Park, where surveillance video shows the container being wheeled inside, according to court records.

Detectives investigating the case visited the hotel about a week later — helped along by a tip from Bryla's family. They



Bryla

found a container, like the one shown in the video, in an alley behind a strip mall near the hotel. Police seized the container, and in a search warrant said there was a "reasonable belief" that recovered evidence would be linked to Bryla, 43.

Chicago police confirmed Wednesday they suspect foul play and are looking for one of the two men with the container — a parolee who attacked another woman several years ago with a pipe and hammer before setting her on fire.

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EPA to reverse Obama-era methane rules

Exxon, Shell, BP oppose US change to current standards

BY JULIET EILPERIN
AND BRADY DENNIS
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency announced Thursday that it plans to loosen federal rules on methane, a powerful greenhouse gas linked to climate change.

The proposed rule would reverse standards enacted under President Barack Obama that required oil and gas operators to prevent the release of methane in new drilling wells, pipelines and storage facilities.

It also challenges the notion that the federal government has the authority to regulate methane without first making a detailed determination that it qualifies as a pollutant under the Clean Air Act.

If successful, that change could hamper the ability of future administrations to enact tougher restrictions on methane. Already, the Trump administration has taken several steps to limit the government's ability to regulate other greenhouse gases in the future, including in a recently finalized rule curbing carbon dioxide emissions from power plants.

"EPA's proposal delivers on President

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JOHN KASS

Don't sell the Thompson Center. Grow weed.

What should be done about the Thompson Center, the stunning glass monstrosity — too hot in the summer, too cold in the winter — named after a former governor and Republican father of the Combine, Big Jim Thompson?

Thompson wanted to feed that ravenously gargantuan ego of his, and he wasn't even dead when he had it named after his favorite politician. Ah, the hubris of a failed state.

And now our new governor, J.B. Pritzker, wants to sell it to help pay the bills.

"The Thompson Center is an inefficient work environment for the current demands of state business," he said in a statement. "Today we are moving forward with the process of selling the facility and using the proceeds to help stabilize the pension system."

An efficient work environment for the political hacks and their bosses who bankrupted Illinois would be a shuttered warehouse on the West Side, and folding tables for desks and metal chairs for their fat behinds, rather than plush surroundings fit for a pasha.

But sell the Thompson Center? Is Pritzker crazy?

Yes, the Thompson Center looks like a fat greenhouse built by a giant stoned out of his mind, besotted with the leaf, yet quite skilled in the glazing arts.

But there is a better way than simply selling it.

As an Illinois taxpayer constantly tempted to flee like so many thousands of other economic refugees in the great Illinois Exodus, the mere idea of a gleaming postmodern palace to glorify the politicians galls me.

Yet selling it won't stabilize the state public pension system that Combine Republicans like Thompson and Big Bill Cellini helped crater, along with (still alive and powerful) House Speaker Michael Madigan and many of his fellow Democrats. Both sides bought their elections with pension promises to public unions to be paid for by the rest of us.

The hole they've dug, decade after decade, is too deep to fill with the sale of a now-shabby building.

But, like I almost just said, "Eureka, I have found it!"

Pot. Sweet leaf. Weed.

The state should go into the pot business itself and grow marijuana in that fat Combine greenhouse. And not that ditch weed of years past that some people smoked right before Monty Python came on TV on Sunday nights on PBS, after telling their parents they were "just going for a walk," but the truly potent stuff that could likely prompt an outbreak of mass psychosis.

We don't take care of the mentally ill now. What's a few more?

It's the money that matters. Isn't that what our political leaders tell us, by offering legalized gambling and now legalized drugs to lobotomize the taxpayers who remain?

Think of it.

In the cavernous glass-enclosed interior of the Thompson Center, Pritzker could set rotating flats of weed 17 stories high.

Pritzker could tend his garden. He wanted recreational weed legal, so he's got to pitch in. I'd like him in a pith helmet, shorts, T-shirt and pair of camo crocks on his soft pink feet, holding a watering can.

It would be excellent therapy for a broken leg, no?

Speaker Madigan could tell him what weeds to pull.

In winter, when the Thompson Center becomes chilly, Thompson would blow on the plants to warm them.

And in summer, when it gets too warm inside, Boss Madigan could blow his icy breath and cool things down.

Every other living governor and all the retired Illinois legislators living large with their six-figure pensions should blow. Former Mayor Richard M. Daley can be first in line. They could all blow on it.

Just cut out the politically connected middlemen who want those recreational marijuana licenses, J.B. The state should go into business for itself.

"Think of the jobs," said Karen, my friendly waitress at J.C. Georges restaurant, where I wrote this one —

cold sober — after a tasty protein-rich breakfast, but without peaches.

"That building would be perfect.

The weed would grow like hotcakes. I know people who went to work in the marijuana fields in California," Karen said. "Good money. More than a couple hundred a day, and they paid for their food and housing and other expenses. That's an idea. Could you ask the governor to hire me? It would be a good job for me, because I don't smoke pot."

Me neither. But I might start, depending on tax increases.

Then a big table of retired CTA workers near me piped up. They don't care what the politicians do as long as their pension checks keep coming.

"You can't have a weed farm there," said a guy about to flee to Indiana. "Because that's where the city casino will go."

"The Thompson Center is a big greenhouse anyway," said another guy. "If Pritzker can make money on it, he'll do it."

And on the ground floor of the Thompson Center, our political leaders could establish a real hookah lounge and call it "Illinois Dreams" where politicians will meet to discuss their next big idea: How to license prostitutes.

All they have to say is "stabilize the pension system" or something like it and legalize prostitution too, for sex workers of every gender.

They wouldn't have to waste time with blue-ribbon panels of experts studying the matter, because if there's any group that understands the oldest profession, it's the bipartisan Illinois Combine.

Gambling, pot and prostitutes. And maybe a grove of lotus trees, so we may eat of the fruit and forget what the hell happened. Illinois is ready to rise from the ashes, and then sit down for a brownie sundae.

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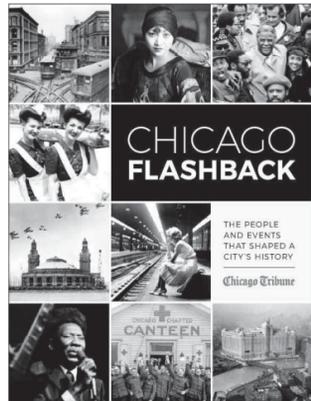
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In the event of a teacher strike, a mom's wish list



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

A Chicago Public Schools teacher strike is possible, maybe as early as Sept. 25. The Chicago Teachers Union rejected Mayor Lori Lightfoot's latest contract offer and urged the school board to delay voting on a budget, which union members say doesn't address a critical shortage of social workers, certified school nurses and school psychologists. Board members voted Wednesday to approve the \$7.7 billion spending plan anyway, by a 6-0 margin. CPS parents know this dance. My kids are entering fifth and eighth grades at CPS. They've been there the whole way — since kindergarten for my daughter, preschool for my son. We've been through a strike in 2012. We've been through a "day of action" planned by teachers in 2016 and mandatory furlough days imposed by CPS that same year. I have a wish list, in the event that teachers strike again this year. Here goes:



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That CPS doesn't assume parents' loyalty. In 2016, when teachers planned to turn April 1 into a one-day strike (the aforementioned "day of action"), then-CEO Forrest Claypool and then-Chief Education Officer Janice K. Jackson (who is now CEO of CPS) sent out a letter to families that left a bitter taste in my mouth. "While there are still unanswered questions about what this day will look like, we know that (Chicago Teachers Union) leadership has proposed an illegal one-day strike, asking teachers to leave their classrooms empty and take to the streets," the letter said. "To explain this divisive action, CTU President Karen Lewis asked teachers and families to think of this one-day strike as 'an extra holiday.'" "Illegal," "divisive," "classrooms empty," "take to the streets" — rhetoric intended to inflame an already combustible situation and pit students' families against their children's teachers. Never mind that CPS man-

The Chicago Teachers Union rejected Mayor Lori Lightfoot's latest contract offer, which may prompt a strike. dated three teacher furlough days that same year to save \$30 million, which also left classrooms empty and parents scrambling. CPS educates more than 360,000 kids in 642 schools, and the families served and employed by the district come from every imaginable ethnic, cultural and socioeconomic background. Some parents will resent a teacher strike with every fiber of their being. Some parents will applaud it as necessary, if inconvenient labor unrest. Some parents will bring doughnuts to the picket lines. Some parents will be the very CPS teachers striking. We can make up our own minds about a strike. CPS should focus its efforts on negotiating, not antagonizing. **That parents take the long view.** It's a gigantic pain to have your kids' teachers on strike. You don't know how to plan from one day to the next. You don't have child care coverage because your

children are supposed to be at school. You worry about the hit to your kids' academic progress. You worry when the days will be made up. (Spring break? Summer break? What if we get a bunch of snow days too?) I get it. It stinks. But it stinks for the teachers too. They don't get paid while they're striking. They also have to make up the missed days. Many of them also have children who attend CPS and now need to find arrangements for them or bring them to the picket lines. It's not a decision the teachers come to lightly. And it's not all about their paychecks. It's about classroom sizes. It's about schools functioning without school nurses. It's about social workers being forced to divide their time among multiple schools — racing from building to building, juggling crushing caseloads, not able to be on site when kids need them. It is, in large part, about kids' needs. It's also an opportunity to

talk to your kids about labor unions and the power of organizing, if you're so inclined. Teach them about the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire. Remind them why we have weekends and 40-hour workweeks. Help them see the big picture. **That camps are in planning mode.** If I ran a field house or park district program or kids art studio or kids theater company or kids science laboratory or kids cooking school or kids film camp or anything that provides space and learning and fun for kids, I'd be brainstorming my programming options for late September. I'd be selling parents some punch cards and letting them fill them up as needed. And the days that go unpunched, I'd be letting parents save for winter break. Or spring break. Or summer break. Or whenever. **That employers are flexible.** Let your people work remotely if

possible, bosses. Let them bring their kids to work if feasible, bosses. Let them switch their days off and adjust their hours and do the things they'd rather not be doing but need, suddenly, to be doing, bosses. It won't last long and it will foster goodwill among your employees that is likely to pay off in dividends. It takes a village to educate our kids. That's true all year round, and it's especially true when schools close — for any number of reasons. Maybe the two sides will come to an agreement and a strike won't be necessary. That's my ultimate wish. But if that one doesn't come true, I'll settle for these. *hstevens@chicagotribune.com*
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Legal fight over suicide halted

Family of Naperville teen who took his life after 'aggressive' police questioning settles suit against city, school district

BY STACY ST. CLAIR

The parents of a Naperville teen who killed himself shortly after being questioned by police in a high school dean's office are expected to receive \$250,000 to settle a wrongful death lawsuit against the city and local school district.

The Naperville City Council is scheduled to approve the settlement Tuesday, ending a two-year legal battle over 16-year-old Corey Walgren's suicide.

Naperville Unit School District 203 is expected to pass a similar agreement next month.

Under the terms of the settlement, the city and school district will each pay

the Walgrens \$125,000 in exchange for dropping their wrongful death claim. Neither government agency is admitting to any wrongdoing, according to a copy of the agreement posted on the city's website.

Douglas and Maureen Walgren filed the lawsuit in 2017, accusing officials of improperly interrogating their son at Naperville North High School less than two hours before he slipped out of the school and plummeted from the top of a municipal parking deck. The teen had been summoned to a dean's office after receiving a complaint that he had shown an illicit iPhone video to other students.

Authorities accused the

teen of possessing child pornography — a crime that can lead to placement on the state's sex offender registry. But records show police later determined his recording contained audio of a consensual sexual encounter, and there were no illegal images on the boy's phone.

Corey Walgren's parents were not present for the police questioning. His mother was on her way to meet with authorities when Corey left campus and headed toward the parking deck.

A federal judge earlier this year dismissed the Walgren family's lawsuit, which accused the district and Police Department of causing extreme psychological distress and breaking the law against interrogating minors without parental



Corey Walgren

consent.

U.S. Judge Andrea Wood questioned the "harsh and aggressive" interrogations tactic in her ruling, but found that police never intended to keep the teen from his parents. Still, she had strong words for the way authorities handled the questioning, calling it "problematic."

"Faced with the implied threat of such consequences, it is perhaps unsurprising that a previously well-adjusted teenager's emotional state could deteriorate to such a point that he would contemplate taking his life," Wood wrote. "Nonetheless, these events as currently pleaded do not plausibly allege the constitutional violations asserted by plaintiffs."

Walgren's parents appealed the judge's ruling in

March. Records show the opposing sides entered into settlement talks shortly after. The Walgrens' lawsuit initially asked for more than \$5 million.

The Walgrens' attorney, Terry Ekl, confirmed the settlement, but declined further comment.

A District 203 spokeswoman declined to comment "until all parties had reviewed the agreement." The city separately said it would not provide any statement before the agreement has been fully approved.

It's not unusual for government agencies to settle lawsuits to avoid the cost of a lengthy appeal process in which there are no guarantees of winning.

In the two years since their son's death, Douglas and Maureen Walgren launched Corey's Goal, a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising aware-

ness of the constitutional rights of minors in school settings and providing education on how disciplinary practices in schools can better support the emotional well-being of students.

They also played a key role in the passage of a new law that requires police to make a reasonable effort to have a parent or guardian present when a student is questioned by law enforcement on school grounds in connection with a crime. If a parent or guardian isn't available, an advocate can be appointed.

The law went into effect the past Friday, immediately following its signing by Gov. J.B. Pritzker. The city of Naperville has said it will comply with the new law.

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A Simeon cheerleader's life cut short

1 week before school started, bullets likely meant for someone else pierced her abdomen in Dolton

BY ROSEMARY SOBOL

Akeira Monae Boston had a lot going for her. A week from the kickoff of her junior year at Simeon Career Academy and her third year on the cheerleading squad, she had her sights set on furthering her education and a career in cosmetology.

But Tuesday night, her life was "snuffed out without warning," the unintended target of gunfire meant for someone else in Dolton, her family said.

"She was a beautiful young lady, and she tried to make other people beautiful," said her stepfather, Darryl Smith.

Friends started calling her "Pretty Akeira" and she "pretty much just went with it," said Smith, of the nickname.

Akeira was out joyriding, having fun before school started, with another person Tuesday night about 9 p.m., her stepfather said.

Then, police said, she was sitting in a car parked outside a convenience store at 142nd Street and Woodlawn Avenue when another car pulled up, and a gunman got out and opened fire.

Police said they do not believe Akeira was the target. Akeira, of the 3000 block of West 77th Street in Chicago, was shot twice in the abdomen and died of her injuries, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office.

The shooting came on the same night Dolton village trustees unanimously approved adding 15 additional officers to bolster what officials say is a depleted police force.

Smith said the person she was with at the time was possibly the target of the attack.

"I think it was somebody



Barbara Boston, left, and Debra Boston, listen to relatives talk about their niece Akeira Boston during a vigil on Thursday.



A.J. Burse lights candles for a call to action and vigil in Dolton for people recently injured or killed by gun violence.

she had met a couple of days prior that she knew but we didn't know. As parents, you never know everything that goes on with your child," Smith bemoaned.

Dolton police told Smith they were working on some good leads and checking surveillance cameras in the area but had not made any arrests.



"She was just a sweet kid whose life was just snuffed out without warning."

— Darryl Smith, the stepfather of Akeira Boston, seen at left

Akeira was a cheerleader since third grade, and it was her joy. She also loved being a makeup artist and doing hair. She was making plans to pursue that as a career, after cosmetology school.

Akeira grew up in the Englewood and West Englewood neighborhoods, and graduated from KIPP Bloom elementary school, 5515 S. Lowe Ave. A spokes-

person for KIPP did not immediately return messages.

After a brief stint trying high school volleyball, cheerleading still held her interest at Simeon, Smith said. "It was her passion."

Smith, who had recently spoken to his stepdaughter on Facebook, said she briefly worked at a Burlington Coat factory store.

Akeira had the "biggest heart with the biggest smile," Smith said. "She was just a sweet kid whose life was just snuffed out without warning."

"A week before school starts. She was out enjoying herself ... having fun."

Akeira had hoped to visit her older sister when she graduated from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign in a few months, Smith said.

"She won't be around to attend the (graduation)," Smith said.

"What am I going to do without her? That's the hardest question I've ever been asked. We don't know what we're going to do without her," said Smith, who is also a community activist.

"When you lose a 16-year-old child, you don't know where life goes. You try to help each other. Try to get through it ... just day by day."

Meanwhile, about 40 people came out Thursday evening to a Dolton strip mall to speak out against the recent spate of violence in that city, including the fatal shooting of Akeira.

People held candles and bowed their heads as they pray, including longtime residents Beth Foulkes and her adult daughter, Jessica.

"It's unfortunate what's going on," Jessica Foulkes said.

Her mother said residents need to "come together and say this is enough."

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To fight gun violence, CPD giving GunStat program a shot

Its aim is to better arm cops with data

BY JEREMY GORNER

For years, the Chicago Police Department has complained that people arrested on gun charges are treated too leniently by prosecutors and judges, further fueling the city's violence.

On Thursday, officials from both sides of the issue announced a program to better track the handling of gun cases in Cook County, sifting through arrests and charges and sentences.

Under the GunStat initiative, a working group drawn from Chicago police, Cook County sheriff's and state's attorney's offices, the U.S. attorney's office and other

law enforcement agencies will continually examine arrest statistics and outcomes of cases.

Quarterly meetings will be held to review the group's finding and come up with better strategies to prevent shootings, officials said at a news conference. Mayor Lori Lightfoot, a former federal prosecutor, said she would be participating in the meetings.

"Our aim is to take a wide view of how gun cases make their way through the system, identifying gaps and closing loopholes," said Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson, who has repeatedly blamed lax prosecution of gun cases as a top reason for the city's spike in violence.

"I want to look at the progression of cases in the

system beginning with an arrest, then the issuance of bond, prosecution, sentencing and, ultimately, release back into society," he said.

Earlier this month, the Police Department unveiled a Gun Offender Dashboard on its website. It documents who has been arrested on suspicion of gun crimes, the charge and whether they posted a full cash bond or 10% (which is common) or nothing at all.

The database was another escalation of a political fight with Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle over how the county's criminal justice system prosecutes those accused of gun crimes.

Preckwinkle and Cook County Chief Judge Timothy Evans have touted changes to the bond court

system so poor defendants don't sit in jail on minor charges because they cannot afford bail. Lightfoot and Johnson have argued the system is too lenient and results in accused gun offenders quickly returning to the street.

The Dashboard was blasted by Cook County Public Defender Amy Campanelli, who said she was "deeply troubled" by the posting of data she said was inaccurate and intrusive to people who are presumed innocent and haven't been convicted.

She said it deflects attention from "the CPD's failure to arrest the individuals who are shooters and who continue to wreak havoc in Chicago."

On Thursday, Johnson insisted the Dashboard —

and the GunStat program — provides valuable information on gun crime suspects that Chicago police and other law enforcement can and should use.

"I know that the Dashboard was met with some resistance," Johnson said. "And, you know, listen, you're going to have critics no matter what you do. ... We have to recognize, as a city, we have to treat gun offenders a little differently. And I don't know if you know of a case anywhere where a person has been able to shoot someone with a gun when they didn't first possess it. That doesn't happen."

The GunStat initiative was started in Baltimore in the 2000s by Rod Rosenstein, then the U.S. attorney for Maryland who went on

to become deputy attorney general under President Donald Trump. Rosenstein appointed former FBI Director Robert Mueller to investigate Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election.

Baltimore police officials said they used GunStat data to target neighborhoods considered gun "hotspots."

Chicago has taken other measures to keep tabs on people arrested for carrying guns illegally.

In 2010, the department started an online gun offender registry for Chicago residents convicted on gun offenses. But in 2017, it was revealed that hundreds of offenders were not registered.

The Baltimore Sun contributed



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Smoke rises from forest fires in Altamira, Brazil, on Tuesday.

Is the Amazon the 'lungs of the world'?

NU scientist pushes back on oxygen claim, but greenhouse effect is a concern

BY JAVONTE ANDERSON

As news circulated of the record-setting fires raging across the Amazon rainforest this month, so has a statistic that reinforces the significance of the world's largest tropical rainforest: The Amazon produces 20% of the world's oxygen supply.

But a Northwestern University researcher has pushed back against that claim, saying that the release of the greenhouse effect-causing gas carbon dioxide is more concerning than a nonexistent threat to the world's oxygen levels.

"The fact that they're throwing up this 20% number, to me, implies that they're trying to say that our oxygen supply is in danger," said Neal Blair, professor of environmental engineering and earth and planetary sciences at Northwestern.

"And our oxygen supply is in no way in any danger." Contemporary ecosystems contribute very little to the atmosphere's oxygen, Blair said. Oxygen from plants has accumulated in the atmosphere over millions of years, making animal life possible.

"You can burn down the whole Amazon forest, and you would see a tiny, tiny, tiny drop in our oxygen levels, but we wouldn't notice it," Blair said.

Although oxygen isn't an issue, Blair said carbon dioxide being released from the lost trees is a concern.

"The consumption of oxygen when we burn forests, for instance, is not going to hurt us," he said.

"On the other hand, we don't actually have a lot of CO₂ in the atmosphere compared to oxygen. So if you add CO₂ to the atmosphere, then you can make a bigger difference."

Through photosynthesis, trees play a vital role in sucking carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere, which is critical in slowing climate change, said Kerry Cesario, senior vice president at the World Wildlife Fund.

Photosynthesis is the process in which trees and plants convert light and carbon dioxide into sugar molecules they use for food, then giving off oxygen as a byproduct.

"One of the concerning things is if you're having this massive burning of forests, carbon is contained in the trees themselves — the bark, the leaves, the roots, the soil ... and when they're burned it gets released into the atmosphere," Cesario said.

"So, we have both this massive pulse of carbon going into the atmosphere and at the same time we're losing trees that are absorbing carbon from the atmosphere."

Carbon dioxide absorbs infrared radiation, the heat lost from the surface of the Earth, Blair said.

That leads to what's known as the greenhouse effect, sending heat that would otherwise go out into space back toward the Earth's surface.

So elevated carbon dioxide levels from the burning of the Amazon could add to the warming of the Earth's climate.

"We're adding more CO₂," Blair said. "So, we're piling on the blankets, and at some point, it gets too warm. That's what we're facing."

But more gas being emitted in the atmosphere isn't what's most troubling, Blair said.

"The particular fires themselves aren't an immediate danger, he said. "It's what they represent: an escalation towards the loss of a very large forest."

Pritzker looking at options to get Thompson Center sold

Governor may seek public-private partnership

BY DAN PETRELLA

Gov. J.B. Pritzker's administration is open to the creation of a public-private partnership as part of its plan to sell the Thompson Center in the Loop and relocate the state's Chicago workforce to new office space.

That's one takeaway from a request for proposals the state Department of Central Management Services issued Thursday as it seeks to unload the controversial Helmut Jahn-designed state headquarters. The state is seeking a project manager to oversee the sale of the 17-story, 1.2 million-square-foot building, assess the state's Chicago real estate holdings, and plan for where state workers will move following the sale, among other services.

The document says the state is looking for a buyer that will help relocate the state's workforce to an alternate site, which "may

mean new construction on one or more sites of vacant land (owned or purchased) or renovation of a property in a Chicago neighborhood with adequate public transportation options (owned or purchased)." The Pritzker administration also wants its project manager to help negotiate an ownership stake for the state in the new site or sites, according to the 56-page document.

The Democratic governor plans to use revenue from the sale of the Thompson Center to help infuse cash into the state's severely underfunded pension systems. Negotiating an ownership stake in other real estate could produce a long-term revenue stream to help pay down the state's \$134 billion in unfunded liabilities in its five pension plans.

Bids for the three-year project management contract are due Oct. 4. The request for proposals lays out a fairly aggressive timeline for the project, aiming for the state to move workers out of the Thompson Center beginning in 2021.

Pritzker signed legisla-

tion in April that authorizes the sale. His predecessor, Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, pushed for years to sell the building, and lawmakers even counted on \$300 million in revenue from the proposed sale in last year's budget. A surprise windfall of tax revenue in April helped plug the budget hole that resulted from the transaction not transpiring.

The eventual buyer will have to enter into an agreement with the city of Chicago and the CTA to maintain operation of the Clark/Lake CTA station that occupies part of the building.

Rauner and former Mayor Rahm Emanuel wrangled over the proposed sale for years, with Emanuel attempting to use zoning changes as leverage to gain Rauner's support for a bill that would have allowed the city to restructure some pension payments. However, the city and state did agree to include the building as part of one of the proposed sites in their failed joint bid for Amazon's planned second headquarters.

Pritzker's office has met

with Mayor Lori Lightfoot's administration to begin discussing those issues, but the state wants its project manager to spearhead those negotiations, according to the request for proposals.

Another issue that will need to be addressed is a master lease for the retail space in the building's glass-enclosed atrium and lower-level food court. The lease, which doesn't expire until 2034, is controlled by Boston's Winthrop Realty Trust and Chicago's Marc Realty.

Any plan to demolish or alter the Thompson Center will also run into pushback from preservationists.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation in May added the Thompson Center to its list of the nation's most endangered historic places, calling it "Chicago's foremost example of grandly scaled post-modernism."

Local preservation groups also want to save the building, which opened in 1985 and was later renamed in honor of former Gov. James R. "Big Jim" Thompson.

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Prosecutors can seek medical files of mom charged in son's death

BY CLIFFORD WARD

McHenry County prosecutors can subpoena some medical records of a Crystal Lake woman accused of killing her 5-year-old son, a judge ruled Thursday.

Judge Robert Wilbrandt approved the issuance of subpoenas to several hospitals for records of JoAnn Cunningham, who is accused of murder and other charges stemming from the death of Andrew "AJ" Freund. The boy's father is also charged.

In a hearing Thursday, Assistant State's Attorney Randi Freese told the judge that prosecutors are trying to find out if Cunningham was taking drugs, either illicit or prescription, around the time in April when the boy was slain.

Cunningham's attorney, assistant public defender Angelo Mourelatos, sought to have the subpoena request quashed, arguing that it was overly broad.

"It's purely a fishing expedition at this point," Mourelatos argued before the judge.

Mourelatos said the medical records should be protected.

But the judge said he agreed with Freese — that medical records can be legally reviewed in homicide cases. The prosecutor said the records could establish a possible motive or help investigators establish

a more complete narrative of the crime.

AJ Freund's body was discovered in a shallow grave south of Woodstock in late April, days after his father, Andrew Freund, reported him missing from the family's Crystal Lake home. Investigators, though, concentrated their investigation on the family after finding no evidence that AJ had been abducted.

The family also had a history of contacts with police and social service agencies. Both Cunningham and Freund are charged with multiple felony counts, including first-degree murder, aggravated battery to a child and unlawful restraint.

Cunningham's case is due back in court Oct. 17. She and Freund are being held in the jail in lieu of \$5 million bail.

Clifford Ward is a freelance reporter.



Cunningham



AJ Freund



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Eileen Sterling-Ross fears for her niece, who, like Kierra Coles and Marlen Ochoa-Lopez, below, went missing.

Missing

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The Tribune is not naming the parolee because he hasn't been criminally charged in Bryla's disappearance. Illinois Department of Corrections records list him as an "absconder," which means he has stopped remaining in contact with a parole officer.

On Wednesday, Bryla's aunt Eileen Sterling-Ross said she was still anxiously awaiting more information on the case.

"All kinds of scenarios can play out," she said. "People don't just disappear. Somebody knows something."

'Too many days'

The last time Sterling-Ross spent time with her niece was on a March evening when Bryla was at her aunt's house to watch the Fox TV show "Empire," a weekly ritual that brought Bryla and her other family members, including her 12-year-old son, under one roof.

After Bryla spent the night at her aunt's home, Sterling-Ross gave her a ride home blocks away to her apartment in the South Side's Avalon Park community.

Sterling-Ross didn't hear from her niece for a few days, which was unusual. So she went with Bryla's son and Bryla's brother to Bryla's apartment building and rang her doorbell. No answer.

They rang the other tenants' doorbells. No answer there either. Bryla's family left and returned later to see if Bryla would answer her door, but again nothing. "This is too many days," Sterling-Ross recalled thinking before contacting police.

Bryla's family reported her missing to police on March 14. Records show the Chicago Fire Department was asked to force its way into Bryla's apartment in the 8500 block of South Bennett Avenue to check on her well-being.

There was no sign of her. But Sterling-Ross noticed something strange. "Her purse was on the table with all her IDs in it," she said. "And then she left milk out."

The family told police it was unlike Bryla to not contact her son — who stays with Sterling-Ross — and not return phone calls and stop using social media. They also told detectives about a 34-year-old parolee who had been living with her.

The man had been paroled in November 2018 for aggravated battery, according to the Department of Corrections. The man was convicted of hitting his girlfriend with a pipe and hammer, pouring a caustic substance on her and setting her on fire, court records show.

He was also convicted in 2011 of domestic battery, and his criminal record in the 2000s includes felony convictions for armed robbery, aggravated battery and burglary.

Sterling-Ross said Bryla allowed the 34-year-old to live with her after he was paroled last year. Bryla knew the man for years because he was related to the father of her son.

After Bryla disappeared, her family discovered that her bank account had been depleted.

They printed up all her account transactions and gave them to police, who tracked them back to the 34-year-old.

One of the transactions was a purchase from Bryla's account at a Walmart in the West Chatham neighborhood on March 16, two days after she was reported missing, according to search warrant records. A day later, there was a transaction at a Dunkin' Donuts and another in south suburban Calumet Park.

"These unusual withdrawals were corroborated by video surveillance showing (the 34-year-old man) in possession of the missing person's debit card," the search warrant papers show. "CPD retrieved all available video of the transactions."

Detectives also tracked down the man's order for a Lyft ride on March 17.



Coles



Ochoa-Lopez

Police interviewed the driver, who told them about the container — a story verified by video surveillance from near the hotel.

After police learned about the container, search warrants were sought for the collection of any evidence, "not limited to blood, firearm evidence, biological evidence, latent prints, and trace evidence," that may contain Bryla's DNA and that of the 34-year-old man.

The other missing women

Bryla is among three highly publicized cases of missing women in Chicago since last fall. The others are Marlen Ochoa-Lopez, 19, who was eight months pregnant when she disappeared on April 23; and Kierra Coles, a 27-year-old U.S. Postal Service employee who disappeared in October and was due to deliver a baby at the end of April.

Two weeks after she disappeared, Ochoa-Lopez was found strangled in a garbage can behind a Southwest Side home, her newborn cut from her womb. The baby eventually died of complications from lack of oxygen when he was born. Three people are awaiting trial in connection with the deaths.

Coles' family has said she had a due date of April 23, the same day Ochoa-Lopez went missing. Her case remains open.

In the months since her disappearance, her father, Joseph Coles, has kept up efforts to find her. "I have personally, myself, been in abandoned buildings, climbed, took boards off of doors, opened up garages," Coles said. "Anywhere I thought they could hide a person, I have done it and I will continue to do it."

Bryla's family say they understand the dreadful vigilance that Coles and others go through.

"While we were driving, we would always look anyway," said Kathy Kelly, Bryla's other aunt. "You know, looking in cars, looking at men standing. You know, at bus stops, walking down the street. "I still, you know, pay attention to women that sort of resemble her just to see if it's her. I just can't stop doing it." Kelly continued. "It's just a constant thing. Go to sleep thinking about her. We go to sleep thinking about her. ... On our travels we're constantly thinking about her."

Keys to Lightfoot's speech

BY JUAN PEREZ JR.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot offered Chicago taxpayers a dour forecast for the city's finances on Thursday — a "staggeringly large" 2020 budget deficit of \$838 million. Lightfoot declared state lawmakers must step in to help Chicago solve challenges that include overhauling the tax structure for a planned city casino and finding new tax proceeds from the sale of high-dollar properties. Without consensus in Springfield on a Chicago casino, the mayor said solving what she often described as a "crisis" will require "painful choices" to find other sources of revenue. The mayor still avoided many details onstage, saying an October budget speech would lay out every city expense and source of revenue. Here are some other takeaways from Lightfoot's speech.

How did Chicago get here?

Weak pension funds aren't the Lightfoot administration's only financial concern, but there's broad consensus they're the most challenging problem.

One third of the city's \$838 million budget gap comes from increased pension costs, the mayor said.

The city is responsible for making payments into four municipal pension funds: one for cops, one for firefighters, one for laborers and one for government workers.

Each of those pension funds holds just a fraction of the dollars (in some cases just a quarter of the dollars) that are actually needed to pay for workers' retirement benefits. Other local governments in Illinois face similar problems.

Why? Because politicians failed for years to fill pension funds with the money

needed to stay stable, in part to avoid tax increases. The Great Recession made things worse, and so have less optimistic assumptions about how much money pension contributions could generate after they're invested in the markets.

Now the city has an enormous amount of ground to recover, and the bills are coming due.

"But let me be clear: I don't see the provision of pensions or city workers as the problem," Lightfoot said Thursday. "The key problem is the decades' long failure to meet our pension obligations and fix the structural problems that have led to this crisis."

What has been done for pensions?

Recent state laws sought to fix this by requiring the city to pour huge amounts of new money into the four pension funds.

Former Mayor Rahm Emanuel raised property taxes, implemented new water and sewer fees and new surcharges on telephones during his term.

But Chicago is now entering a new phase of its pension funding ramp during Lightfoot's first budget cycle, and the city needs even more money to keep up. Lots more.

Are pensions the only problem?

No.

One-third of the city budget gap comes from pensions, Lightfoot said.

She said another third comes from increased labor costs, though she didn't identify a specific figure. The city must negotiate a new contract with the Fraternal Order of Police, the union representing rank-and-file Chicago police officers. Lightfoot also needs to land contracts with police supervisors and firefighters.

Nearly \$100 million more is needed to service the city's debts, Lightfoot said, while another nearly \$100 million is needed to pay a "variety of other costs" she didn't specify.

Meanwhile, Lightfoot said anticipated lawsuits will cost another \$90 million.

So what are the options?

Lightfoot and the City Council could agree to raise property taxes.

"I want to avoid that measure as much as possible, but if we don't get the structural changes that our pensions need we will be presented with very hard and limited options," Lightfoot said. "Solving our shared pension problems will require the entire state to come together."

Property taxes are not Chicago's only option, but many revenue-generating strategies for the city that elected officials discuss require a blessing from the Illinois General Assembly and Gov. J.B. Pritzker.

That includes boosting taxes on proceeds from real estate sales, expanding sales taxes and a financial transaction tax that's been a favored target of labor groups.

Chicago could get some help when Illinois legislators return to Springfield this fall for the veto session. But there are a number of other topics that could draw lawmakers' attention.

New laws need time and political energy to pass, making it less likely any extra state-authorized revenue would arrive fast enough to help solve the immediate problem. A rush of money from taxes on legalized marijuana sales and expanded gambling may not arrive in time to have a big effect on the 2020 budget.

The governor suggested

Lightfoot will be responsible for drumming up support for her plans.

"In the weeks ahead, as Chicago pursues assistance from the legislature, it will be important for the mayor to reach out to leaders and lawmakers across the state and across the aisle to build a coalition for her ideas," Pritzker said in a statement after Lightfoot's speech.

There may still be other places to find money.

Lightfoot's administration could push to reinstate a so-called "corporate head tax" that charges companies based on how many employees they have. Emanuel phased out that tax in 2014.

She could also explore the city's fines and fees, though she's proposed changes to the program she calls an "addiction" that hurts the working poor.

Another option? Lightfoot suggested the city is exploring "revenue options" to address traffic congestion. The Civic Federation budget watchdog group earlier this year analyzed the prospect of charging drivers in congested areas of the city, though it concluded the city needs fresh statistics about the number of people driving into the city's central core and the types of vehicles they use.

When Moody's analysts applied a stable outlook on city debt last year, they pointed to Chicago's "massive economic base" and the city's "broad legal authority to extract resources from that base" to hedge against the risk of a rapidly growing pension burden.

On the other hand, Moody's concluded the city's "practical ability" to increase taxes is a key uncertainty — and will depend on the trajectory of the local economy, investment performance and "continued political willingness."

Chicago Tribune's Hal Dardick contributed.

Budget

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through budget reductions or by raising revenue," Lightfoot said.

A chunk of the speech focused on seeking help from Springfield, a dicey prospect that was immediately met with a statement from the governor's office that essentially put the ball back in her court.

Lightfoot called on Illinois legislators to make the city's proposed casino financially feasible by addressing problems identified by a consultant with the tax structure. A recent outside feasibility study found that the tax structure in place for a Chicago casino is too onerous to attract investors.

Her administration acknowledged, however, that such changes wouldn't help with the city's next budget.

Earlier this year, the Lightfoot administration floated a plan in which Illinois would take over Chicago's pensions, but Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker made clear that's a non-starter.

Lightfoot indirectly alluded to it again, though, by calling on legislators to help Chicago with ballooning pension costs and warning that a property tax hike might become necessary without their assistance.

After Lightfoot's speech, Pritzker spokeswoman Emily Bittner released a statement saying the governor is "committed to creating an environment in the state where all cities can thrive, because Illinois succeeds when its cities succeed."

"In the weeks ahead, as Chicago pursues assistance from the legislature, it will be important for the mayor to reach out to leaders and lawmakers across the state and across the aisle to build a coalition for her ideas," Bittner said. "The governor looks forward to working with these stakeholders as the General Assembly weighs all these ideas carefully."

And state Rep. Greg Harris, D-Chicago, said as he left the auditorium where Lightfoot spoke that she faces a difficult task rounding up the votes for her ambitious ideas. "These are some tough things to do, it's

a big ask," Harris said. "It's going to take a lot of work on behalf of the city to come down and educate people. But the city of Chicago's problems, like she said, are not that different from a lot of cities and towns across the state."

After the speech, Lightfoot's chief financial officer, Jennie Huang Bennett, and her budget director, Susie Park, told reporters the mayor will explore some kind of congestion tax to raise money in 2020. Studies have looked at the possibility of charging motorists to drive into the downtown area, and Bennett said the city has the power to institute such a tax without needing authorization from Springfield. But she declined to offer specifics except to say there are many factors to consider when setting such boundaries.

"There are social policy issues that we have to deal with and take a look at what that might look like," Bennett said. "For example, we don't want to negatively impact transportation accessibility for people in areas that have a difficult time with transit."

Park also said Lightfoot hasn't ruled out borrowing money to close the budget gap, a practice that critics of former Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Mayor Richard M. Daley derided in past budgets as kicking the can down the road.

And Bennett acknowledged that, though Lightfoot talked at length in her speech about the potential benefits of a Chicago casino, the city almost certainly would see little or no money from gambling in 2020, even if the mayor gets lawmakers to make the changes she says are needed in the casino bill to make it financially feasible. "By way of the financials of the city, it isn't just about 2020, but what's the long-term structural balance and what's the plan for us to get there?" she said. "The casino will be an important component of that."

Lightfoot took office in May facing a gaping budget hole in the next fiscal year starting Jan. 1 of \$1 billion before whittling it down to the \$838 million figure she presented, the mayor said.

Park said the \$838 million gap does include "a little bit" of the money

expected to be needed for new contracts the administration is negotiating with the police and fire unions. "We are setting aside some funds as part of that," Park said. Asked whether the entire amount of those deals is in the projected shortfall, Park responded, "I think we are committed to ensuring that we can cover that when they are done, but they are still in negotiations."

In the weeks leading up to her televised speech, Lightfoot declined to share the estimated deficit confronting Chicago taxpayers as she attempts to craft her first citywide spending plan proposal and then maneuver it through the City Council.

Like Emanuel, who frequently criticized his predecessor, Daley, without naming him for the city's financial woes, Lightfoot faulted Emanuel's administration for leaving her team with "a staggeringly large budget deficit for next year."

Lightfoot further took exception with the former mayor's team for not providing a roadmap for solutions, saying, "We were not left with any credible plan on how to fix this massive problem."

When Lightfoot took office, it was expected she would have to come up with a combined \$528 million in tax increases and budget cuts.

But in May, officials in Emanuel's administration predicted the shortfall would be closer to \$700 million because of costs previously covered with expensive borrowing and the city's pension investments' poor performance at the end of 2018 as the stock market took a dive.

In her speech, Lightfoot leaned heavily on ethics reforms she pushed through the City Council to convince residents that she's doing much to clean up City Hall and make government more efficient.

The early parts of Lightfoot's address highlighted cuts and reforms she made, including hiring the city's first-ever chief risk officer to lower legal costs. She also touted a recently announced hiring freeze on city employees — though such moves also can lead to higher costs due to increased overtime, especially for police and firefighters.

Her administration also has taken steps to "professionalize the \$100 million-a-year workers' compensation program" once run by indicted Ald. Edward Burke, she said.

"These reforms that we have made are a critical component of showing you, not just saying it, but showing you we heard you and we will be better fiscal stewards of your hard-earned tax dollars," Lightfoot said.

Still, the first-term mayor painted Chicago's financial situation as grim.

"For all that we are doing and all that we will do as a city, we are also a city held back, unable to live up to our full potential due to the enormous, systemic financial challenges we have struggled with for decades and the even greater financial challenges we face going forward," Lightfoot said.

Near the end, Lightfoot focused on pressuring state lawmakers into helping Chicago with its problems, including the casino.

"Getting it right represents a win for both the city and our state, and there is no reason we can't arrive at a solution."

"But we also have to be honest with ourselves," Lightfoot said. "If such an agreement isn't made, if we don't secure this casino and the revenue it creates, we will be forced to make painful choices on finding other revenue sources."

"And we all know what those are, the sources we wish to desperately avoid," Lightfoot said.

The mayor also noted "Chicago isn't alone" in dealing with pension problems, as cities and towns "in every corner of Illinois" deal with rising costs.

"Solving our shared pension problems will require the entire state to come together. People in this state know — as I do — that I-80 is not a border," Lightfoot said. "That there cannot be a 'Chicago' versus 'the rest of the state.' All of Illinois is looking for solutions. And to really solve these problems, we all have to be partners in reform."

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Wagers

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betting last year at casinos, racetracks and other venues.

Indiana is now one of about dozen states to offer legalized sports betting, just behind Iowa, which launched Aug. 15. Both states took a much faster track than Illinois, whose gambling bill became law in June.

The Indiana sports wagering bill was signed into law in May, and the state executed an all-out blitz to get the sports books open in September.

"We knew this was something the legislature wanted done sooner rather than later," said Jennifer Reske, deputy director of the Indiana Gaming Commission. "So our regulatory efforts have been focused on accommodating their timelines."

Meanwhile, the Illinois Gaming Board opened a 30-day public comment period Tuesday as a step toward establishing a regulatory framework to allow sports wagering. Board administrator Marcus Fruchter declined to give a timeline for when sports betting would go live.

The Illinois Sports Wagering Act allows the state's 10 casinos, three horse tracks and the seven largest sports facilities to acquire a sports gaming license at an initial fee of no greater than \$10 million each. Three online-only licenses will be made available at \$20 million each.

Operators must pay the initial fee by July 2020, but the state has not even started taking applications.

In Indiana, each of the state's 12 casinos and three off-track betting parlors can obtain a sports wagering certificate for \$100,000. Majestic Star Casino in Gary is the only eligible facility that has yet to file an application, Reske said.

Both states foresee big paydays from sports wagering revenue.

Illinois has set the tax rate at 15% of adjusted gross receipts for the sports books, while Indiana is looking for a smaller piece of the sports wagering pie, imposing a 9.5% tax.

In separate studies, Eilers & Krejcik Gaming, a California-based research and consulting firm, projected annual revenues of \$256 million for Indiana and \$756 million for Illinois within five years of their respective launches of sports betting.

Having sports betting in adjacent states may help Illinois and Indiana rather than hurt them, said Chris Grove, managing director of sports betting for Eilers & Krejcik.

"If anything, the more neighboring states that legalize, the better, as you're likely to see more marketing



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People play slot machines at Horseshoe Hammond this week. The Hammond, Indiana, casino's new sports betting book is scheduled to open Sept. 4.



Dan Nita, regional president of Caesars Entertainment, says the casino will be ready but it'll be a race to the finish.



Brian Money buffs the betting counter a week before The Horseshoe Casino's new sports betting book is to open.

and more consumer awareness overall," Grove said.

The Indiana casinos can offer wagering on 19 sports, ranging from basketball and football to bowling and darts. Horseshoe Hammond plans to focus on the Chicago teams — the Bears, Bulls, Cubs, White Sox and Blackhawks — offering additional betting opportunities that may not be available in Vegas.

Such a specialized bet could, for example, offer odds on whether the new Bears kicker will hit the crossbar on a field goal attempt, or perhaps even notch the rare "double doink" that ended last season's playoff run against the Eagles.

"We're envisioning that with our local teams as a fun extra way to add some extra excitement — something that could be unique when you come to our property that other properties may not offer," Nita said.

Tucked away at the back of the main casino floor at Horseshoe Hammond, the sports book is something of an oasis amid the nonstop clanging of slot machines that occupy much of the gambling real estate. A video wall, self-betting kiosks and an array of comfy chairs create an inviting environ-

ment to while away a Sunday afternoon of football — and maybe make a little money on the side.

While there are only 108 seats at the sports book, the casino can open its 2,500-seat theater for big screen viewing during significant games, when interest — and presumably wagering — is high.

Seating may not be a problem. In states that have legalized sports betting, mobile represents the lion's share of the revenues and the opportunity, said Grove, the sports betting consultant.

In Indiana, patrons will not need to establish a sports wagering account at a bricks-and-mortar facility to bet online, once it goes live. They simply need to be within the state when they place their bets.

The operators are required to use geofencing technology in their mobile apps that tracks where the bets are placed, cutting off access outside the state. GeoComply, a Canadian company, will provide the required location technology for the mobile sports wagering operators.

A boat located on Lake Michigan, Horseshoe Hammond is so massive — and moored so securely — that it

would take a force majeure to actually set sail. The sports book has been quietly taking shape since mid-July in a 5,000-square-foot space on the casino floor formerly used for special promotions.

Cordoned off by a temporary blue divider ringing the construction area like a shower curtain, the casino has installed plush theater-style seats, couches and tables facing 16 large TV screens mounted above a long betting counter.

The nearby food court

and cocktail servers will cater to both bettors looking to wager on a single game and those settling in for a long college football Saturday of watching and wagering, Nita said.

One week out from the target launch date, workers pulled down irrelevant signage from the space's previous incarnation, and hurried to put the finishing touches on The Book, which remained out of view — and seemingly of little interest — to a smattering of slot machine players on the

other side of the curtain.

The casino plans to open its sports book at 11 a.m. Wednesday, with former Bears running back Matt Forte and Hammond Mayor Thomas McDermott scheduled to make appearances. Nita is confident it will be ready to go, but acknowledged it was a race to the finish line.

"It's a big undertaking," Nita said. "It's a pretty condensed time frame, just from a construction standpoint."

While Indiana has first-mover advantage over Illinois in sports wagering, the long-term play may favor the gambler's home state, especially after the launch of mobile betting, when a bettor need not even leave the couch to take the Bears and the points.

"Sports bettor in Indiana, sports bettor in Illinois, two to four years out from now, are likely going to have very similar experiences," Grove said.

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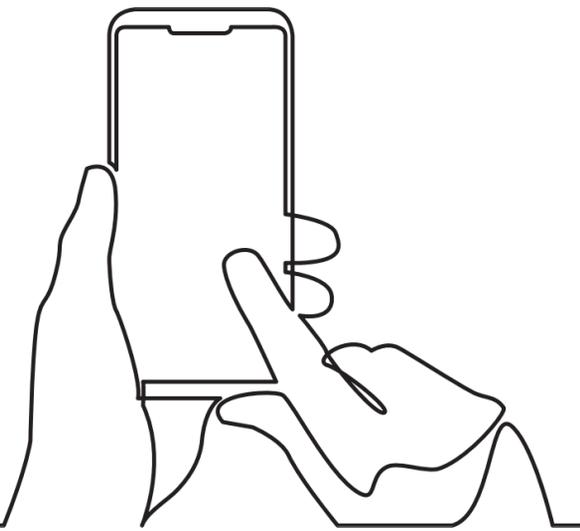
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Challenge to Cook County assault weapons ban fails

Federal appeals court upholds dismissal of lawsuit

By Jason Meisner

A federal appeals court in Chicago on Thursday upheld the dismissal of a lawsuit that challenged a ban on assault rifles in Cook County, saying the arguments were nearly identical to a previous failed suit brought against Highland Park.

In a 17-page ruling, the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals wrote the plaintiffs “have not come forward with a compelling reason to revisit our previous decision” in the Highland Park case, which set a legal precedent that was left in place when the Supreme Court refused to take up the issue in 2015.

The lawsuit filed by gun owners Troy Edlund and Matthew Wilson contended that Cook County’s ban on assault weapons and large-capacity magazines

was written so ambiguously that it could be broadly applied to almost any semi-automatic weapon, which is a violation of the Second Amendment right to bear arms.

In arguments before the 7th Circuit earlier this year, their attorneys said the lower court erred in dismissing the suit on the basis of the Highland Park decision, especially given that the “type, magnitude and frequency” of criminal threats faced by the 5 million residents of Cook County are vastly different than those in the affluent North Shore suburb.

The three-judge appellate panel, however, said the Highland Park decision didn’t take crime rates into account at all.

“Our discussion of self-defense focused instead on the availability of other means for citizens to defend themselves,” stated the opinion by Judges Kenneth Ripple, David Hamilton and Amy St. Eve. “This is a question answered by

the particular locality’s laws, not by its crime rates.”

The ruling marks the latest in a 12-year legal saga for Edlund and Wilson, who first challenged the Cook County ban in 2007 in state court. The Illinois Supreme Court upheld a lower court’s dismissal in 2012. The suit was refiled in federal court in 2017 but dismissed last year by U.S. District Judge Manish Shah, records show.

Lawyers for the plaintiffs could not immediately be reached for comment.

The plaintiffs could still appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, which has turned decidedly more conservative since the high court declined to take up the Highland Park case four years ago.

At that time, two conservative justices, Clarence Thomas and Antonin Scalia, both said they would have heard the case and struck down the ban.

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Pritzker recovering from hairline fracture in his left thigh bone

By Dan Petrella

Gov. J.B. Pritzker has a hairline fracture in his left thigh bone and will spend the next four to six weeks resting and recovering under doctor’s orders, his office said Thursday.

The Democrat doesn’t know what caused the injury, which happened some time ago, but was diagnosed Tuesday.

“It became significantly worse in recent weeks as he attended numerous public events where he stood or walked significant distances,” including the state fairs in Springfield and Du Quoin, Pritzker spokeswoman Emily Bittner said

in an email.

Pritzker, who has been experiencing knee pain for several weeks, will spend his recovery period primarily in Chicago and will receive daily updates from staff and agency heads. “He will be fully engaged in conducting the business of the state,” Bittner said.

Aside from the injury, the governor is in good spirits and won’t require surgery, she said.

Pritzker’s fracture appears to be a minor issue compared with the last health issue to sideline an



Pritzker

Illinois governor.

During his first term, Republican Jim Edgar, then 47, underwent quadruple-bypass heart surgery in 1994 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove and spent more than a week in the hospital.

Edgar, who’d had an angioplasty in 1992, was briefly hospitalized again in 1998 after experiencing chest pain due to a small artery blockage.

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'A big deal': Florida braces for Dorian

Possible Category 4 storm to slam into US coast on Monday

BY FREIDA FRISARO AND ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON
Associated Press

MIAMI — Florida residents picked the shelves clean of bottled water and lined up at gas stations Thursday as an increasingly menacing-looking Hurricane Dorian threatened to broadside the state over Labor Day weekend.

Leaving lighter-than-expected damage in its wake in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, the second hurricane of the 2019 season swirled toward the U.S., with forecasters warning it will draw energy from the warm, open waters as it closes in.

The National Hurricane Center said the Category 1 storm is expected to strengthen into a potentially catastrophic Cat 4 with winds of 130 mph and slam into the U.S. on Monday somewhere between the Florida Keys and southern Georgia — a 500-mile stretch that reflected the high degree of uncertainty this far out.

"If it makes landfall as a Category 3 or 4 hurricane, that's a big deal," said University of Miami hurricane researcher Brian McNoldy. "A lot of people are going to be affected. A lot of insurance claims."

President Donald Trump canceled his weekend trip to Poland and declared Florida is "going to be totally ready."

With the storm's track still unclear, no immediate mass evacuations were ordered.



A shopper loads up on bottled water at BJ's Wholesale Club in Hialeah, Fla., in preparation for Hurricane Dorian.

LYNNE SLADKY/AP

Along Florida's east coast, local governments began distributing sandbags, shoppers rushed to stock up on food, plywood and other emergency supplies at supermarkets and hardware stores, and motorists topped off their tanks and filled gasoline cans.

Some fuel shortages were reported in the Cape Canaveral area.

Josefine Larrauri, a retired translator, went to a Publix supermarket in Miami only to find empty shelves in the water section and store employees unsure of when more cases would arrive.

"I feel helpless because the whole coast is threat-

ened," she said. "What's the use of going all the way to Georgia if it can land there?"

Tiffany Miranda of Miami Springs waited well over 30 minutes in line at BJ's Wholesale Club in Hialeah to buy hurricane supplies. About 50 vehicles were bumper-to-bumper, waiting to fill up at the store's 12 gas pumps.

"You never know with these hurricanes. It could be good, it could be bad. You just have to be prepared," she said.

As of Thursday evening, Dorian was centered about 330 miles east of the Bahamas, its winds blowing at 85 mph as it moved northwest at 13 mph.

It is expected to pick up

steam as it pushes out into warm waters with favorable winds, the University of Miami's McNoldy said, adding: "Starting tomorrow, it really has no obstacles left in its way."

The National Hurricane Center's projected track had the storm blowing ashore midway along the Florida Peninsula, south-east of Orlando and well north of Miami or Fort Lauderdale. But because of the difficulty of predicting its course this far ahead, the "cone of uncertainty" covered nearly the entire state.

Forecasters said coastal areas of the Southeast could get 5 to 10 inches of rain, with 15 inches in some places, triggering life-

threatening flash floods.

Also imperiled were the Bahamas, with Dorian's expected track running just to the north of Great Abaco and Grand Bahama islands.

Jeff Byard, an associate administrator at the Federal Emergency Management Agency, warned that Dorian is likely to "create a lot of havoc with infrastructure, power and roads," but gave assurances FEMA is prepared to handle it, even though the Trump administration is shifting hundreds of millions of dollars from FEMA and other agencies to deal with immigration at the Mexican border.

"This is going to be a big storm. We're prepared for a big response," Byard said.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis declared a state of emergency, clearing the way to bring in more fuel and call out the National Guard if necessary, and Georgia's governor followed suit.

Royal Caribbean, Carnival and Norwegian began rerouting their cruise ships. Major airlines began allowing travelers to change their reservations without a fee.

At the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, NASA decided to move the mobile launch platform for its new mega rocket under development indoors.

A Rolling Stones concert Saturday at the Hard Rock Stadium near Miami was moved up to Friday night.

The hurricane season typically peaks between mid-August and late October. One of the most powerful storms ever to hit the U.S. was on Labor Day 1935. The unnamed Category 5 hurricane crashed ashore along Florida's Gulf Coast on Sept. 2. It was blamed for over 400 deaths.

Dorian rolled through the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico as a Category 1 hurricane on Wednesday.

The initial blow did not appear to be as bad as expected in Puerto Rico, which is still recovering from the devastation wrought by Hurricane Maria two years ago, with blue tarps covering some 30,000 homes and the electrical grid in fragile condition.

But the tail end of the storm unleashed heavy flooding along the eastern and southern coasts of Puerto Rico. Cars, homes and gravestones in the coastal town of Humacao became halfway submerged after a river burst its banks.

Watchdog: Comey broke FBI rules in handling of memos

BY ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former FBI Director James Comey violated FBI policies in his handling of memos documenting private conversations with President Donald Trump, the Justice Department's inspector general said Thursday.

The watchdog office said Comey broke bureau rules by giving one memo containing unclassified information to a friend with instructions to share the contents with a reporter. Comey also failed to return his memos to the FBI after he was dismissed in May 2017, retaining copies of some of them in a safe at home, and shared them with his personal lawyers, the report said.

"By not safeguarding sensitive information obtained during the course of his FBI employment, and by using it to create public pressure for official action, Comey set a dangerous example for the over 35,000 current FBI employees — and the many thousands more former FBI employees — who similarly have access to or knowledge of nonpublic information," the report said.

The report is the second

in as many years to criticize Comey's actions as FBI director, following a separate inspector general rebuke for decisions made during the investigation into Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server. It is one of multiple inspector general investigations undertaken in the last three years into the decisions and actions of Comey and other senior FBI leaders.

Trump, who has long regarded Comey as one of his principal antagonists in a law enforcement community he sees as biased against him, cheered the conclusions on Twitter. He wrote: "Perhaps never in the history of our Country has someone been more thoroughly disgraced and excoriated than James Comey in the just released Inspector General's Report. He should be ashamed of himself!"

The White House in a separate statement called Comey a "proven liar and leaker."

But the report denied Trump and his supporters, who have repeatedly accused Comey of leaking classified information, total vindication. It found that none of the information shared by him or his attorneys with anyone in the

media was classified, and the Justice Department has declined to prosecute Comey.

Comedy seized on that point in defending himself on Twitter, saying, "I don't need a public apology from those who defamed me, but a quick message with a 'sorry we lied about you' would be nice."

He also added: "And to all those who've spent two years talking about me 'going to jail' or being a 'liar and a leaker' — ask yourselves why you still trust people who gave you bad info for so long, including the president."

At issue in the report are seven memos Comey wrote between January 2017 and April 2017.

These include a Trump Tower briefing at which Comey advised the president-elect that there was salacious and unverified information about his ties to Moscow circulating in Washington; a dinner at which Comey says Trump asked him for loyalty; and an Oval Office meeting weeks later at which Comey says the president asked him to drop an investigation into former national security adviser Michael Flynn.

One week after he was



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The watchdog report said none of the information shared by James Comey was classified.

fired, Comey provided a copy of the memo about Flynn to Dan Richman, his personal lawyer and a close friend, and instructed him to share the contents with a specific reporter from The New York Times.

Comedy has said he wanted to make details of that conversation public to prompt the appointment of a special counsel to lead the FBI's investigation into ties between Russia and the Trump campaign. Former FBI Director Robert Mueller was appointed special counsel one day after the story broke.

The inspector general's office found Comey's rationale lacking.

"In a country built on the rule of law, it is of utmost importance that all FBI employees adhere to Department and FBI policies, particularly when confronted by what appear to be extraordinary circumstances or compelling personal convictions. Comey had several other lawful options available to him to advocate for the appointment of a Special Counsel, which he told us was his goal in making the disclosure," the report says.

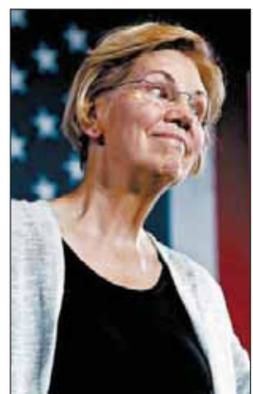
"What was not permitted was the unauthorized disclosure of sensitive investigative information, obtained during the course of FBI employment, in order

to achieve a personally desired outcome," it adds.

Comedy said he considered his memos to be personal rather than government documents, and it never would've occurred to him to give them back to the FBI after he was fired. The inspector general's office disagreed, citing policy that FBI employees must give up all documents with FBI information once they leave the bureau.

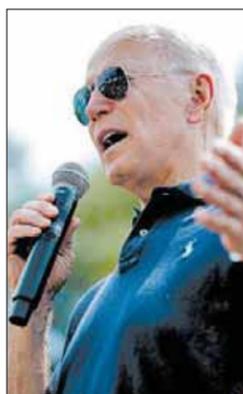
FBI agents retrieved four of Comey's memos from his house weeks after he was fired.

The Office of Inspector General Michael Horowitz also is investigating the FBI's Russia investigation.



CHRIS CARLSON/AP

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., and former Vice President Joe Biden will face off for the first time at the next debate.



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Democrats release Sept. debate lineup of 10

BY COLBY ITKOWITZ AND JOHN WAGNER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Democratic National Committee officially announced Thursday the 10 presidential candidates who qualified for a spot on the debate stage in September, the first in which former Vice President Joe Biden and Sen. Elizabeth Warren will appear together.

The other 10 candidates still in the race, many of whom participated in the

first two Democratic debates, did not meet the more stringent requirements intended to winnow down the participants.

The other eight who will appear onstage in Houston with Biden and Warren, D-Mass., are Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J.; South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg; former Health and Urban Development secretary Julián Castro; Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif.; Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn.; former Texas congressman Beto

O'Rourke; Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt.; and tech entrepreneur Andrew Yang.

The stricter criteria spurred some candidates who didn't make the cut to drop out of the race, including Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., who ended her campaign Wednesday evening.

Among those who won't be appearing but met some of the requirements, are author Marianne Williamson, Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, D-Hawaii, and billionaire executive Tom Steyer. The rest of the candidates

met none of the qualifications.

To make it on the September debate stage, each candidate needed at least 2 percent in four or more approved polls and 130,000 donors from at least 20 states. There needed to be at least 400 donors per state.

The shrinking of the debate stage marks the beginning of a two-tier nominating process, with some candidates getting prime-time national exposure and others left to gut it out in the early nominating states.

Missouri judge sticks to injustice, some say

Man held behind bars is innocent, prosecutor says

BY MEAGAN FLYNN
The Washington Post

A Missouri judge has denied a petition for a new trial for a man held in prison for 24 years — even though St. Louis' top prosecutor now says the man is innocent and has conceded her office engaged in serious misconduct to win his conviction.

The judge's reason: Pros-

ecutors missed the deadline to file the motion by "approximately 24 years."

Circuit Judge Elizabeth Hogan said court rules required the defendant, Lamar Johnson, to file his motion for a new trial within 15 days of his conviction, even though the prosecutors only uncovered new evidence supporting his innocence in recent years.

The Aug. 23 ruling is a blow to St. Louis' new conviction integrity unit, which, like similar offices founded in other large cities in recent years, was set up to

uncover past injustices.

Prosecutors nationwide had urged Hogan to grant St. Louis Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner's motion for a new trial, saying they were "troubled" by the judge's focus on a timeliness rule over the seriousness of the misconduct and evidence of innocence that the unit had found. But Hogan was not swayed.

The ruling leaves Johnson, 45, serving life without the possibility of parole for the murder of Marcus Boyd — a sentence Gardner says prosecutors in 1995 ob-

tained with fabricated evidence and after making secret payments to the sole witness, who later recanted his testimony.

Johnson's attorney, Lindsay Runnels, told The Washington Post that she and the Midwest Innocence Project planned to appeal the order.

She argued that the court ignored previous rulings that have waived the 15-day deadline in the face of extraordinary circumstances and in the interest of justice.

Gardner's office also

plans to appeal, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported.

Johnson was convicted of fatally shooting Boyd, 25, in 1995.

Prosecutors acknowledged his alibi, that he was socializing with friends at an apartment.

But they said he committed the murder when he stepped outside, claiming Johnson traveled 3 miles to Boyd's front porch, shot him, fled on foot and arrived back at the apartment — all in "no more than five minutes."

They convinced a jury, the

CIU found, because police invented statements and pressured the sole witness into identifying Johnson as the shooter. The state also paid more than \$4,000 to the witness for his cooperation, reportedly for housing and moving expenses. The witness recanted his testimony in 2003.

Police also invented testimony about the alleged motive from four people, all of whom later told investigators that they never gave those statements to a detective, according to the CIU report.



JOHN LOCHER/AP

A UFO display stands last month outside the Little A'Le'Inn in Rachel, Nevada, the closest town to Area 51.

Alien Stock — 'They Can't Stop All of Us'

Fest near secretive Area 51 not sure what to expect

BY HANNAH KNOWLES
The Washington Post

The call to raid an Air Force base for aliens was a joke, drawing on decades of conspiracy theories.

Then 2 million people signed on to the Facebook event.

Authorities warned against an actual attempt to enter the base. And now, unless plans go awry, hordes of strangers will, indeed, gather in the Nevada desert next month near a secretive government facility called Area 51.

The man who created the internet sensation, "Storm Area 51 — They Can't Stop All of Us," is planning a real-life festival called Alien Stock near the remote base within the Nevada Test and Training Range, a couple hours' drive northwest of Las Vegas.

The three-day festival set to start Sept. 20, a celebration of aliens that promises surprise performances, art installations and camping, is expected to pack a tiny town already overrun by media attention and a spike in extraterrestrial enthusiasm.

With just over a month left to plan and some residents reportedly less than thrilled about the attention, the organizers are focused on the logistics of bringing thousands to a town of just 54 people, as counted in the last Census. They're fending off suggestions they could be planning the next Fyre Festival, the 2017 event that fell apart spectacularly and led to fraud charges.

And the internet frenzy over "Storm Area 51" has thrust Rachel, Nevada, into a new limelight and tested residents' patience.

"Of course it's scary," said Connie West, whose alien-themed inn declares on its website that it is "BOOKED SOLID FOR ALIEN STOCK." "But I'm excited," she told The Washington Post. "How can I not be?"

The U.S. government denied Area 51's existence for decades before a public records request in 2013 showed it to be real.

Government documents make no mention of aliens, describing the site as an aircraft testing area. But revelations two years ago of a \$22 million Defense Department program on "anomalous aerospace threats," commonly known as UFOs, have helped keep speculation about the Nevada facility alive.

Rachel has long embraced the rumors of hidden aliens and their spacecraft. A town welcome sign notes an extraterrestrial population as well as a human one — there's no head count, just a question mark — and visitors drive down the Extraterrestrial Highway.

A questions-and-answers page linked on Rachel's official website tackles inquiries like "Are there UFOs at Area 51?" (no) and "Is there an Area 52?" (yes, about 65 miles away).

But not everyone is happy about the prospect of so many visitors in September, West said.

An owner of what Rachel's website calls the town's only remaining business, West has been flooded with media requests since Area 51 blew up online. She says she stopped counting the interviews at 153.

"We live in a quiet little place because we like it quiet," she said.

Brock Daily, an Arkansas college student and one of the organizers of the festival, told The Washington Post he's expecting 5,000 to 30,000 people to show up for Alien Stock, which Daily said he pitched to "Storm Area 51" creator Mathew Roberts last month. The 20-year-old said it's hard to share precise interest numbers because they just started publicizing.

But any total in the thousands will pose logistical challenges in a place as small and rural as Rachel. A prominent notice on the town's website warns festivals of the limited infrastructure. "There is no gas and no store ... We expect cell service and the internet to be offline," the note reads. "Credit card (processing) will not work, so bring enough cash."

Lincoln County Sheriff Kerry Lee said his office is working with local, state and federal law enforcement to prepare for a "very large but unknown number of visitors."

Daily said he and Roberts are working to make sure that people who show up will have access to basics like water, bathrooms and space. He dismissed comparisons to the disastrous Fyre Festival, saying Alien Stock is not looking to make a profit: It isn't charging entrance fees, though attendees will have to rent a parking spot or campsite from West for \$60 to \$140. The organizers ask that people donate any amount toward the festivities.

Alien Stock bills itself as "a meeting place for all the believers" — people at least intrigued by the possibility of extraterrestrial life — Daily explained, though he guesses some will come just to witness an online phenomenon come to life. Most details on the entertainment have yet to be released; the only planned guest publicized online is a rock 'n' roll group called Wily Savage.

"With a normal festival, you have a business structure that's already lined out," Daily said. "You have a theme and an idea that you're going to try to market to the public. Whereas with us we had this monster on our hands."

Backlash grows to Johnson's suspension of UK Parliament

BY DANICA KIRKA
Associated Press

LONDON — Opposition to British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's move to suspend Parliament intensified Thursday, with the head of the Labour Party vowing "to politically stop him" from pushing through a chaotic no-deal Brexit.

Johnson's tactic gave lawmakers little time to prevent Britain from crashing out of the European Union without an agreement Oct. 31.

But a backlash to the maneuver has unified the disparate political opposition, bringing protests, legal action and a petition with more than 1 million signatures — guaranteeing that it will be considered for debate.

The confrontation is almost certain to increase next week when lawmakers return from their summer recess for a brief session. They are pledging to challenge what Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn has called Johnson's "smash-and-grab raid against our democracy."

"What we're going to do is try to politically stop him on Tuesday with a parliamentary process in order to legislate to prevent a no-deal Brexit and also to try and prevent him shutting down Parliament in this utterly crucial period," Corbyn told Sky News. "We believe we can do it."

Outside the House of Commons, lawmakers giving interviews had to speak over chants of "Stop the coup! Stop the coup!"

Smaller rallies took place in other towns and cities Wednesday after Johnson announced his move.

Lawmakers asked a Scottish court to rule that suspending Parliament is illegal.



SIMON DAWSON/BLOOMBERG NEWS

A protester, wearing a Boris Johnson mask, pretends to dig a grave this week in London.

Businesswoman Gina Miller, who won a ruling in the Supreme Court in 2017 that stopped the government from triggering the countdown to Brexit without a vote in Parliament, has another legal challenge in the works. A human rights campaigner has sued in Northern Ireland, arguing that the historic Good Friday accord that brought peace is in jeopardy because of Johnson's actions.

Bishops from the Church of England expressed their concern about the "economic shocks" of a no-deal Brexit on the poor.

House of Commons leader Jacob Rees-Mogg dismissed the fury and de-

scribed Johnson's move as constitutional.

"I think the outrage is phony and it is created by people who don't want us to leave the European Union and are trying very hard to overturn the referendum result and don't want the benefits of leaving the European Union," he told the BBC.

The action by Johnson, who became prime minister last month, prompted ruptures across the political spectrum, including among members of his Conservative Party.

Scottish Conservative leader Ruth Davidson, who has differed with Johnson in the past, resigned her lead-

ership post Thursday. Though the popular leader cited family reasons, the timing of such a decision following Johnson's move suggested that she disagreed with his tactics.

Senior Conservative lawmaker Ken Clarke was among those describing the suspension of Parliament as "absurd."

The outpouring of anger followed three years of tensions after the 2016 referendum on EU membership, in which 52% of voters favored withdrawing. The EU is adamant it will not renegotiate the deal struck with former Prime Minister Theresa May on the terms of Britain's exit.

Mexico's dilemma: Talk to vigilantes or jail them

BY MARK STEVENSON
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's government appears to be split about whether it should talk to armed vigilante groups, or treat them as criminals.

President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has said he disagreed with his assistant interior secretary's decision to attend a ceremony with vigilantes, who often call themselves "self-defense" groups.

"We cannot have illegal groups performing law enforcement duties. That cannot be allowed," Lopez Obrador said.

Though they formed starting in 2013 to fight drug cartels, the vigilante groups have often been found to be infiltrated by criminal gangs themselves.

The debate came to a head this month when Ricardo Peralta, an assistant secretary of the interior, attended the groundbreaking of an agricultural processing plant in the vigilante-dominated community of La Huacana in the western state of Michoacan. He did so in the company of vigilante leaders.

"He decided to attend because they invited him," Lopez Obrador said. "I do not agree."

"We talked about this issue in the security Cabinet, and I have asked them to obey the mandates of the constitution and the laws," Lopez Obrador said, sug-



REBECCA BLACKWELL/AP

Members of a FUPCEG vigilante group patrol in Xaltian-guis, Guerrero state last May.

gesting Peralta and his colleagues at the interior department got a dressing down.

The Interior Department has been given the responsibility for implementing some of Lopez Obrador's most controversial initiatives, such as an amnesty program supposedly aimed at "political prisoners," some of whom had also been vigilantes.

Peralta had earlier drawn criticism for meeting with a similar vigilante group in the violence-plagued northern border state of Tamaulipas. The group he met with at an event there has been described as having ties to the Gulf drug cartel.

Speaking at the event in La Huacana, Peralta acknowledged there had been criticism.

"In recent days people have been saying we were meeting with organized

crime groups," Peralta said at the groundbreaking. "I do not see anybody here but hard-working people. I do not see anybody but leaders of social groups."

But the town has a history of defying the government. In May, vigilantes in La Huacana abducted a squad of a half-dozen soldiers, took their weapons, and pushed and insulted them until they agreed to return a .50 caliber sniper's rifle that had been seized by a previous patrol.

Lopez Obrador later invited the squad to the presidential offices and congratulated them for keeping their heads and not firing their weapons. The president has said he favors dialogue and rejects the use of force. But the meetings have also drawn the ire of state governments, who hotly resent any sign of federal support for vigilante groups, which

often clash with state police forces and fight bloody turf battles among themselves.

Last week, the Michoacan state governor claimed the federal government was giving money to people he called criminals.

"It hurts that they are rewarding people who humiliated, harassed and mistreated Mexican soldiers," Michoacan Gov. Silvano Aureoles said. "What did the assistant secretary come to do? To give money to criminals," Aureoles said. "Are we giving them money so they will stop being criminals? That will only embolden them."

It is often hard to tell the difference between true self-defense groups — some of which exist legally in indigenous communities, where normal police are absent — and criminal-infiltrated vigilantes.

It would not be the first time the Interior Department — which is the country's top domestic security agency — has appeared to differ with the president over the issue.

Interior Secretary Olga Sanchez Cordero kicked up a scandal this month when she said, "We are in talks with many (armed) groups, and they have told us they do not want to continue with this violence."

Her office was quickly forced to clarify that she was talking about vigilantes rather than drug cartels.

Judge ends case against Epstein, with nod to accusers

BY LARRY NEUMEISTER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A judge formally ended the criminal case against Jeffrey Epstein on Thursday, but not without a final tribute to the women who spoke out against the financier.

U.S. District Judge Richard Berman took the procedural step of adding his initials to an order dismissing the indictment that charged the 66-year-old Epstein with conspiracy to

commit sex trafficking of minors and sex trafficking of minors in the early 2000s in Florida and New York.

In requesting the action 10 days earlier, U.S. Attorney Geoffrey Berman, who is not related to the judge, noted that the law required the dismissal after Epstein killed himself in jail Aug. 10 while he was awaiting trial.

Though anticipated, Berman's action included a reference to a Tuesday court hearing where 16 women spoke about their

claims against Epstein of sexual abuse, some committed when they were under the age of consent. Statements by several other women were read by their lawyers.

The judge said he was incorporating by reference the hearing's transcript while he "underscores the significance of the Crime Victims' Rights Act."

Among other things, the victims' law ensures crime victims have the right to be heard at public court pro-

ceedings regarding the accused.

At the unusual hearing, women detailed how Epstein abused them. The women said he used his financial power and connections to famous people to make them vulnerable, some as teenagers, to sexual attacks that sometimes continued for years.

The allegations mirrored criminal charges in which prosecutors said Epstein repeatedly assaulted women and teenage girls in the

early 2000s at his \$77 million Manhattan mansion and at another opulent estate in Palm Beach, Florida.

Attorney General William Barr has promised the Justice Department he will pursue those who enabled Epstein to carry out the sexual assaults.

Epstein was arrested July 6 when he arrived at a New Jersey airport on a private jet from Paris, where he sometimes resided.

He had pleaded not

guilty and his lawyers were preparing to submit written arguments next month to support claims that the sex trafficking charges were negated by a deal Epstein reached with federal prosecutors more than 10 years ago. They agreed not to bring charges as he pleaded guilty in 2008 to state prostitution-related charges in Florida, where he served 13 months in jail.

Epstein's lawyers said he had committed no crimes since.

Methane

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Trump's executive order and removes unnecessary and duplicative regulatory burdens from the oil and gas industry," EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler said in a statement. "The Trump administration recognizes that methane is valuable, and the industry has an incentive to minimize leaks and maximize its use."

Methane is a significant contributor to the world's greenhouse gas emissions, though it is shorter-lived than carbon dioxide and is not emitted in amounts as large. It often is leaked as companies drill for gas and transport it across the country, and methane emissions are more than 80 times as potent as carbon dioxide emissions over the short term.

Scientists have projected that the world needs to cut its overall greenhouse gas emissions nearly in half by midcentury to avert catastrophic effects from global warming.

According to the EPA, methane accounted for more than 10 percent of all U.S. greenhouse gas emissions from human activities as recently as 2017. Nearly a third of those emissions were generated by the natural gas and petroleum industry.

"What they're tackling is whether methane can lawfully be a regulatory pollut-



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Unused methane burns outside a Qualco Energy facility near Monroe, Wash. The EPA plans to ease methane rules.

ant," said Erik Milito, vice president of upstream and industry operations for the American Petroleum Institute. "We have a strong consensus that federal agencies need to follow the letter of the law. They did not do that, and they are going back and correcting that."

Anne Idsal, assistant administrator of the EPA's Office of Air and Radiation, said the administration is confident that methane emissions from oil and gas companies will continue to

decline over time, even without the current regulations.

"Methane is a valuable resource," Idsal told reporters in a call Thursday. "There's every incentive for industry to minimize any type of fugitive methane emissions, capture it, use it and sell it down the road."

The agency estimates that the proposed changes, which will be subject to public comment for 60 days after they are published, would save the oil and natural gas industry \$17

million to \$19 million a year.

But several of the world's biggest fossil fuel companies, including Exxon, Shell and BP, have opposed the rollback and urged the Trump administration to keep the current standards in place. Collectively, these firms account for 11 percent of America's natural gas output.

In a statement Thursday, Shell U.S. President Gretchen Watkins reiterated the company's support for national limits on methane, noting that Shell

has pledged to reduce its methane leaks from its global operations to less than 0.2 percent by 2025.

"We believe sound environmental policies are foundational to the vital role natural gas can play in the energy transition and have made clear our support of 2016 law to regulate methane from new and modified onshore sources," she said. "Despite the administration's proposal to no longer regulate methane, Shell's U.S. assets will continue to contribute to that

global target."

The Wall Street Journal first reported news of the rollback.

Idsal said the agency will continue regulating volatile organic compounds, which are also released during oil and gas operations, rather than methane directly.

Such limits could cut down on the amount of methane released in the process. Milito noted that by 2023, 90 percent of oil and gas facilities will have to install technology curbing volatile organic compounds.

In September, the Interior Department eased requirements that oil and gas firms operating on federal and tribal land capture the release of methane.

Environmentalists threatened to fight the Trump administration's move in court.

Kassie Siegel, director of the Climate Law Institute at the Center for Biological Diversity, an advocacy group, called the proposal reckless, saying it shows "complete contempt for our climate." She said that even the Obama administration's efforts to limit methane emissions were modest, given the significant amount that escapes into the atmosphere each year.

"The Obama rule was like a Band-Aid on a gaping wound," Siegel said. "The Trump administration is so fanatical that they couldn't even live with the Band-Aid. They had to rip off the Band-Aid."

Michigan school designed to hinder a mass shooter

BY ALEX HORTON
The Washington Post

Engineers in World War I dug through the earth to build serpentine trenches borne from horrifically clear logic.

If enemy soldiers ever breached it, the zigzagging pattern would prevent them from shooting in a straight line down the length of the trench — leaving only a relative few exposed to gunfire or shrapnel.

That concept has been reinvigorated a century later for a western Michigan high school, to dampen the killing potential of a mass shooter.

A \$48 million major construction project at Fruitport High School will add curved hallways to reduce a gunman's range, jutting barriers to provide cover and egress, and meticulously spaced classrooms that can lock on demand and hide students in the corner, out of a killer's sight.

"If I go to FPH and I want to be an active shooter, I'm going in knowing I have reduced sightlines," Fruitport Superintendent Bob Szymoniak told The Washington Post about the curved hallways. "It has reduced his ability to do harm."

The major overhaul of an existing building was driven by the ubiquity of mass shootings in the country, Szymoniak said, citing the El Paso, Texas, killings at a shopping area this month, along with notorious school shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut and Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida.

In 2018, there were 24 school shootings in which there were injuries or deaths. More than 228,000 students have been exposed to gun violence during school hours since the 1999 Columbine slayings,



AP

Design was inspired by WWI engineers who built serpentine trenches to keep enemies from having easy shots.

an analysis by The Post concluded.

The construction in Michigan is also part of a grim reality of schools methodically preparing for massacres as if they were lesson plans and quizzes.

Jefferson County schools in Colorado have given teachers buckets and kitty litter to have on hand in case children need to relieve themselves during a prolonged active shooter lockdown.

Sharpies are supplied for writing the time in which tourniquets were applied, and candy helps diabetic children with low blood sugar hiding in darkness.

This year, bulletproof backpacks are a hot back-to-school item.

"I don't know if this is the new normal, but it certainly gives cause of concern," Szymoniak said.

Other, they want all doors to be locked from the front office and film applied to glass to keep it from shattering.

Classrooms will be built with a "shadow zone" where a gunman peeking in could not see students cowering along a side wall, said Matt Slagle, an architect for the project and director of K-12 projects at the Tower-Pinkster design firm.

The front office includes an educational Panopticon — an office administrator who will have views of the main approach, the vestibule and some of the hallways from one seat, Slagle said.

School shooters are often students or are familiar with the building, though Slagle said some features, such as the locks and hiding areas, would be difficult to overcome even with inside knowledge.

But that doesn't make the school invincible.

"Unfortunately, that's the way things are now," Slagle said. "We'll never make it completely safe from someone who desires to cause harm."

The overhaul, mostly new construction, will finish in 2021, Szymoniak said, though students will arrive for class soon and gradually take advantage of new spaces once they are constructed.

"When we open it, it will be the most secure high school building in the state," he said.

Slagle said he was careful with his design.

His firm also designs prisons, and they wanted to strike a balance between security and a welcoming presence.

New Space Command vital to US defense, Trump says

BY ROBERT BURNS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Declaring space crucial to the nation's defense, President Donald Trump said Thursday that the Pentagon has established U.S. Space Command to preserve American dominance on "the ultimate high ground."

"This is a landmark day," Trump said in a Rose Garden ceremony, "one that recognizes the centrality of space to America's national security and defense."

He said Space Command, headed by a four-star Air Force general, will "ensure that America's superiority in space is never questioned and never threatened."

But there's still no Space Force.

Space Force, which has become a reliable applause line for Trump at his campaign rallies, has yet to win final approval by Congress.

The renewed focus on space as a military domain reflects concern about the vulnerability of U.S. satellites, both military and commercial, that are critical to U.S. interests and are potentially susceptible to Chinese and Russian anti-satellite weapons.

The role of the new Space Command is to conduct operations such as enabling satellite-based navigation and communications for troops and commanders in the field and providing warning of missile launches abroad. That is different from a Space Force, which would be a distinct military service like the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

Congress has inched toward approving the creation of a Space Force despite skepticism from some lawmakers of both parties. The House and Senate bills differ on some points, and an effort to reconcile the two will begin



CAROLYN KASTER/AP

Gen. John Raymond, who will head U.S. Space Command, joins President Trump on Thursday in the Rose Garden.

after Congress returns from its August recess.

When Jim Mattis was Defense chief, the Pentagon was hesitant to embrace the idea of a Space Force. Trump's first Pentagon chief initially saw it as potentially redundant and not the best use of defense dollars. His successor, Mark Esper, has cast himself as a strong supporter of creating both a Space Force and a command dedicated to space.

"To ensure the protection of America's interests in space, we must apply the necessary focus, energy and resources to the task, and that is exactly what Space Command will do," Esper said Wednesday.

The people in Space Force would be assigned to missions directed by Space Command, just as members of the Army and other services are assigned to an organization like U.S. Strategic Command.

Like other branches of the military, Space Force would be headed by a four-star general who would have a seat at the table with the other Joint Chiefs of Staff. Trump wanted Space Force to be "separate but equal" to the other services, but instead it is expected to be made part of the Air Force, similar to how the Marine Corps is part of the Navy.

Re-establishing Space Command has been a less politically contentious matter. There is a consensus that it is the most straightforward step among those proposed to shore up space defenses.

"This step puts us on a path to maintain a competitive advantage," Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said at a National Space Council meeting last week.

Air Force Space Command deals with more than three-quarters of the military space mission, and it is expected to only gradually hand off those duties to the new command.

Air Force Gen. John "Jay" Raymond will serve as the first commander of U.S. Space Command. He heads Air Force Space Command. At his Senate confirmation hearing June 4, he made the case for changing the way the military approaches its space mission.

"Unfortunately, our adversaries have had a front-row seat into our many successes and have seen the advantages that they provide us," he said. "And to be honest, they don't like what they see. And they're rapidly developing capabilities to negate our use of space and to negate the advantage that space provides."

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US military kids rule doesn't change birthright citizenship

WASHINGTON — New immigration rules on obtaining citizenship for children of U.S. service members and government employees born overseas do not affect birthright citizenship, officials said Thursday.

Rules rolled out a day earlier caused confusion among immigration lawyers after a document appeared to show children of American citizens would be affected.

Officials with U.S. Citi-

zenship and Immigration Services said Thursday in an effort to clarify the regulations that if a child is born overseas to a U.S. citizen who is a service member or government employee, then that child will be an American citizen.

There is a policy change that will affect 20 to 25 people per year who are service members or government employees and hold green cards, officials said.

Brazil bans most burning for 60 days to curb Amazon fires

RIO DE JANEIRO — Brazil on Thursday banned most legal fires for land-clearing for 60 days in an attempt to stop the burning that has devastated parts of the Amazon.

The decree prohibiting the fires was signed by President Jair Bolsonaro and followed international criticism of his handling of the environmental crisis.

The period of the new ban coincides with the dry season, when most fires

are usually set. The decree allows fires in some cases, including those deemed healthy for plant life and if set by indigenous people who engage in subsistence farming.

Farmers and others are usually allowed to set fires if they have licenses.

Bolsonaro suggested — without citing evidence — that environmental groups were setting illegal fires to try to destabilize his government.

Alabama governor apologizes for wearing blackface in college

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey apologized Thursday for wearing blackface decades ago, becoming the latest politician to face scrutiny over racially insensitive photos and actions from college days.

Ivey, 74, issued the apology after a 1967 radio interview surfaced in which her now-ex-husband describes her actions in a skit at Auburn University, where she was

vice president of the student government.

Her then-fiance, Ben LaRavia, describes Ivey as wearing coveralls and "black paint all over her face."

"I offer my heartfelt apologies for the pain and embarrassment this causes, and I will do all I can — going forward — to help show the nation that the Alabama of today is a far cry from the Alabama of the 1960s," Ivey said.



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A boy darts past a burning building Thursday after a reported airstrike by Syrian regime forces in the town of Maaret al-Numan in Idlib province, the opposition's final stronghold in the country, and a focus of a government offensive in recent weeks.

Colombia rebel negotiators vow to renew insurgency

BOGOTA, Colombia — Colombian President Ivan Duque offered a nearly \$1 million reward for the arrest of the top peace negotiator for the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia on Thursday after the rebel and a small cadre of hardliners vowed to resume their insurgency in a major reversal for the country's efforts to end decades of bloody fighting.

In a televised address, Duque also accused Venezuela's socialist leadership of providing a haven to the rebels — underscoring the risks to regional stability from the rebels' shock an-

nouncement they would rear.

In a video published early Thursday, Luciano Marin appeared alongside some 20 heavily armed insurgents dressed in camouflaged fatigues condemning the conservative Duque for standing by as hundreds of leftist activists and rebels have been killed since demobilizing as part of the peace deal.

"When we signed the accord in Havana we did so with the conviction that it was possible to change the life of the most humble and dispossessed," said Marin, better known by his alias

Ivan Marquez, in the more than 30-minute video. "But the state hasn't fulfilled its most important obligation, which is to guarantee the life of its citizens."

The decision to return to arms was overwhelmingly rejected by Colombians, many of whom believe the rebels benefited from a sweetheart pact of impunity. It comes as the peace process is at risk of unraveling because of what critics see as its slow implementation and a surge in killings of social leaders in far-flung rural areas where the rebels had long been dominant.

'This ain't your mother's' pot, surgeon general says

WASHINGTON — Federal health officials issued a national warning Thursday against marijuana use by adolescents and pregnant women, as more states legalize the increasingly potent drug for medicinal and recreational use.

Health and Human Services Secretary Alex

Azar and Surgeon General Jerome Adams made the announcement, with Azar calling marijuana "a dangerous drug."

The warning comes as nearly two-thirds of states have legalized marijuana, mainly for medical uses.

Adams said science shows that marijuana is

harmful to the developing brains of teenagers and to the human fetus. The drug has also gotten stronger, with a three-fold increase in the concentration of the active ingredient THC in cultivated plants over the last 20 years.

"This ain't your mother's marijuana," Adams said.

Trump: US to cut troops as deal with the Taliban close

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Thursday the U.S. plans to withdraw more than 5,000 American troops from Afghanistan and then will determine further drawdowns in the longest war in American history.

Trump's comment comes as a U.S. envoy is in his ninth round of talks with the Taliban to find a resolution to the nearly 18-year-old war. The president said the U.S. was "getting close" to making a deal, but that the outcome is uncertain.

Trump did not offer a timeline for withdrawing troops. The Pentagon has been developing plans to withdraw as many as half of the 14,000 U.S. troops still there, but the Taliban want all U.S. and NATO forces withdrawn. "We're going down to 8,600 (troops) and then we'll make a determination from there," Trump said.

In Iran: A rocket at an Iranian space center that was to conduct a satellite launch criticized by the U.S. apparently exploded on its launch pad Thursday, satellite images show, suggesting the Islamic Republic suffered its third failed launch this year alone.

State media and officials did not immediately acknowledge the incident in Iran's Semnan province.

However, satellite images by Planet Labs Inc. showed a black plume of smoke rising above a launch pad at the Imam Khomeini Space Center, with what appeared to be the charred remains of a rocket and its launch stand. In previous days, satellite images had shown officials there repaired the launch pad blue.



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EDITORIALS

Mayor Lightfoot's 'mayday' moment for Chicago — and Illinois

I don't see the provision of pensions or city workers as the problem. The key problem is the decadeslong failure to meet our pension obligations and fix the structural problems that have led to this crisis.
— Mayor Lori Lightfoot, Aug. 29, 2019

Mayor Lori Lightfoot had warned that The Number would be awful, and so it is: Chicago faces an \$838 million hole in her proposed 2020 operating budget, Lightfoot said in a televised "State of the City" address Thursday evening. She called the gap "staggeringly large."

That shortfall, menacing though it is for a roughly \$9 billion budget, doesn't explain the totality of the crisis. The city didn't experience a sudden calamity. Chicago's finances are a chronic disaster because city officials, enabled by Springfield lawmakers, chronically spent too much and borrowed too much.

Chicagoans who closely follow City Hall governance and politics didn't get the detailed proposals that fuel speculation and gossip. Instead, this was a Lightfoot campaign kickoff — an outreach not only to the chattering class but to those among us who haven't been paying attention to this city's public finance crisis but who will be asked to be part of the solution.

In a crisply delivered speech, Lightfoot tried to recruit and reassure every constituency — in Chicago and in Springfield — that she wants to be seen as a serious but not threatening provocateur. She wants to solve problems. Hence those allusions to cutting expenses and raising revenue in a ratio to be determined. Hence her late-inning effort to make the sale: "I am willing to lead this charge. But I need you to join me. ... I want to hear from you in the coming weeks." Hence this ultimatum, essentially to herself: "And if it means that I sacrifice myself politically, so be it in pursuit of the right thing."

If there was policy news, it was Lightfoot's vague determination to deliver pen-



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot delivers her "State of the City" address at the Harold Washington Library on Thursday.

sion reform to all the Illinois governments struggling to meet enormous and underfunded pension burdens. Again, a campaign launch rather than an agenda, preceded by a mention of that Illinois hobgoblin, rising property taxes. You can read a lot or a little into this passage:

"I want to avoid that measure as much as possible, but if we don't get the structural changes that our pensions need ... we will be presented with very hard and limited options. Solving our shared pension problems will require the entire state to come together. People in this state know — as I do — that I-80 is not a border. That there cannot be a 'Chicago' versus 'The Rest of the State.' All of Illinois is looking

for solutions."

Lightfoot did flick at a few topics tailored for city residents: taxation on real estate transfers, possible revenue from marijuana sales and a years-off casino. And this sentence, which begs for elaboration: "We are exploring revenue options to address rampant congestion that solves the problems of traffic, pollution and other issues, while simultaneously bringing in a fair source of funding."

It's Chicago's curse that Lightfoot had to give this speech. Decade after decade, Chicago and Springfield politicians raised taxes and fees yet raised spending even more. Mayors, aldermen, governors, legis-

lators — the people who caused the public finance debacles in Chicago and Illinois — weren't at the microphone Thursday night. Just a newcomer who says the downward spiral stops now.

Sensibly, she said she wouldn't follow the old playbook of "historically large tax increases," or "a massive borrowing scheme," or shortchanging payments into the city's pension system.

Our immediate takeaway from her address: What's significant here is a matter of degree — that looming deficit — and a new mayor who's willing to speak hard truths and own a big share of this mess. She's decided she has no choice but to ask all of us to help her clean it up.

THE SLAYING OF AKEIRA BOSTON, 16, IN DOLTON

Violence doesn't stop at Chicago's borders

August drew near a close with a disturbing rash of violence in the south suburban village of Dolton. A mother driving home from work was killed by crossfire with her four youngest children in the car. A police officer dislocated a shoulder and an alleged robber was shot in an exchange of gunfire near a car dealership. Village officials gathered Tuesday and voted to beef up their police force — and the very same evening, a 16-year-old Chicago girl was fatally shot outside a Dolton convenience store by a man apparently gunning for someone else.

It was an extraordinary toll for a community of 23,000 and a reminder that the reckless shootings that terrorize some neighborhoods on Chicago's South and West sides don't stop at the big city's borders.

Dolton, which touches Chicago's South Side, has counted six homicides so far this year, after a tally of 10 in 2018 and 12 in 2017. Akeira Boston, the Chicago teen shot

Tuesday, was a rising junior at Simeon Career Academy on the South Side. She was sitting in a car at 9 p.m. when a gunman opened fire, shooting her twice in the abdomen; police say she was not the target. The same night, village officials voted unanimously to add 15 police officers to its depleted force. Retirements, injuries and terminations have cut the size of the department by 40% since 2017, police Chief Ernest Mobley said.

Dolton faces a constellation of problems that fuel violence and dampen hope. The mayor and village trustees have been caught up in infighting. The Better Government Association and Chicago Public Radio station WBEZ-FM 91.5 took a deep look at Dolton in 2018 to illustrate the increase in suburban poverty, noting the



Akeira Boston

city's varied problems including poor governance, crime and unemployment as blue-collar jobs disappeared. Home values have plummeted, while property tax rates are disproportionately high. Inner-city Chicago residents looking for better lives move to nearby suburbs like Dolton, only to find it even more difficult to

access jobs and transportation than it had been in the city.

Marshia McGill Bowman, a day care employee, was driving her minivan on Sibley Boulevard in Dolton Aug. 21 when she was struck in the head by a stray bullet. Four of her children, daughters ages 1, 4, 8 and 9, were with her. "Family words could never express how hurt we are that our beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt and friend is gone," her husband, Leneaus

Bowman, said in a statement.

As dominant and compelling as Chicago's issues are in the region, there are smaller, troubled towns that are truly sinking, decimated by the loss of industry and manufacturing jobs. Who will stand up for Dolton? The Cook County sheriff's office and Illinois State Police have helped the village with patrols when they can. Dolton Mayor Riley Rogers aims to pay for the new police officers with \$2 million in emergency funding from the U.S. Department of Justice. Like Chicago, the village will need more holistic answers than just more police to stem the tide of violence. In the meantime, we hope Dolton gets the support it needs to boost public safety, even if its name doesn't always command the headlines. Mothers shot in minivans? Teen lives stolen in the waning week of summer break? These tragedies shouldn't be the story of Dolton, Chicago or anywhere.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Was everybody asleep? For years, Jeffrey Epstein was able to operate and be feted in the social, financial, and academic worlds, despite barely bothering to conceal his illicit activities. Visitors to his various homes would see young women there who looked as if they should still be in school. ...

Money offers one explanation for why people seemed to ignore what was plain to see. But money, here, is really shorthand for a range of ways to exert influence. Epstein used it to buy prestige, donating millions to Harvard and hosting dinners for scientists and scholars; and to buy protection, hiring ruthless legal representation. ...

Epstein had long deployed philanthropy to burnish his reputation. But he also encouraged speculation about his ties to powerful people. He sold the idea that he had a way in and up that was outside normal channels; it is dispiriting to realize how many influential people seemed to find that appealing. ...

Prosecutors have pledged that, despite Epstein's death, they will pursue any accomplices or co-conspirators. There will, doubtless, be more to learn, from more women. Epstein is absent, but his crimes should be clear to see. They always were.

Amy Davidson Sorkin, The New Yorker



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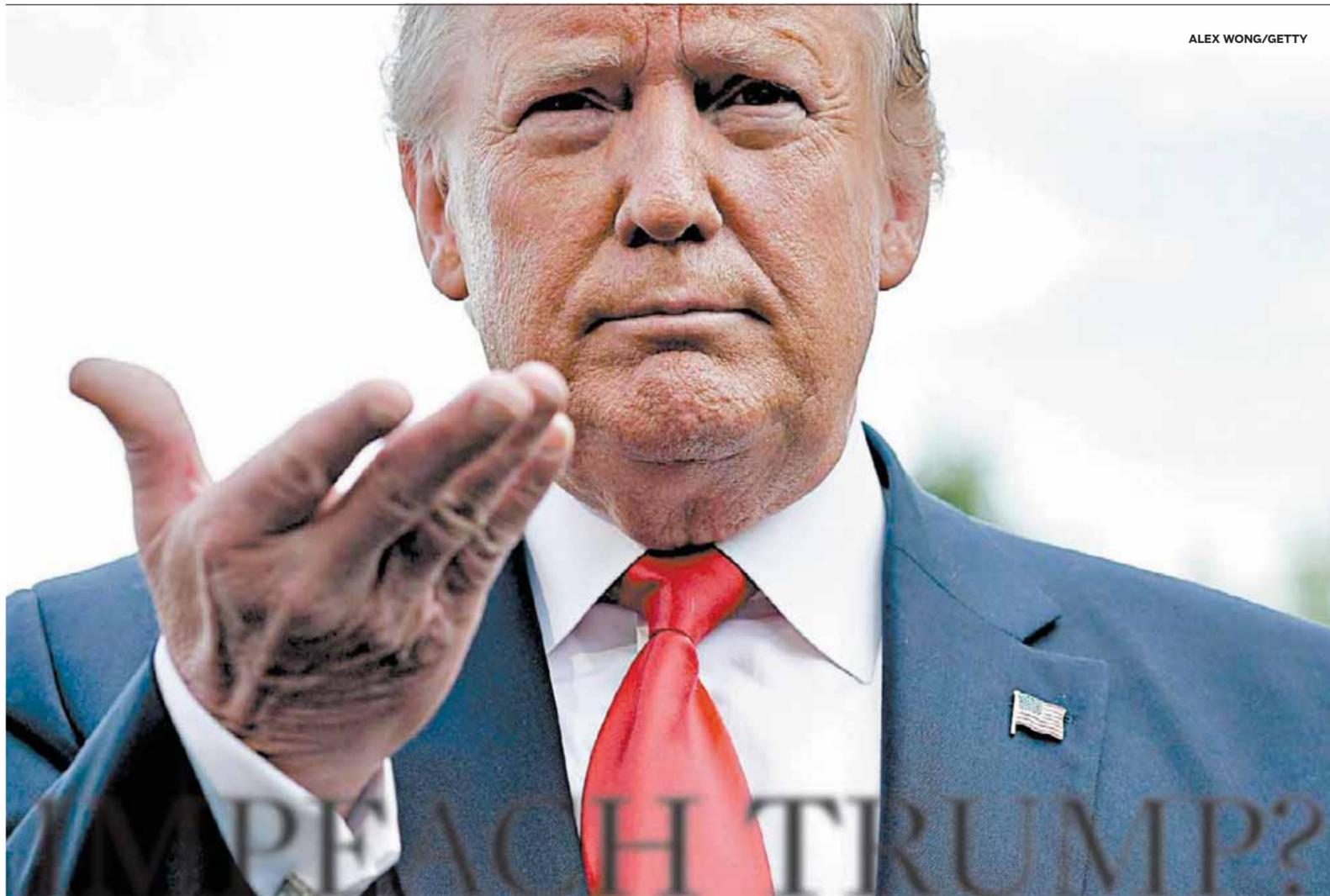
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More and more Democrats realize there's no harm in asking



ERIC ZORN

Momentum is building. Since just Aug. 20, four Democratic U.S. representatives from Illinois have joined the seven other members of the 13-member state delegation who had already expressed support for the House opening a formal impeachment inquiry against President Donald Trump.

"I have watched with horror as President Trump has perpetrated an assault on American values," said a news release Wednesday from Rep. Bill Foster of Naperville in which he echoed the recently expressed sentiments of Reps. Lauren Underwood of Naperville (Aug. 20), Brad Schneider of Deerfield (Aug. 22) and Raja Krishnamoorthi of Schaumburg (Monday). "In word and deed, President Trump has demonstrated an utter disregard for the rule of law and the fundamental principles that make up the foundation of our democracy," Foster wrote. "No person — not even the president — should be above the law or immune from facing the consequences of their actions."

The House has "uncovered serious, troubling evidence of unethical and illegal behavior by the president," said Krishnamoorthi's statement. "If the 'rule of law' is to have any meaning in this country, it is the only appropriate course of action."

Skim these and similar statements from many of the 137 House Democrats (out of 235) on board as of Thursday, according to Politico, and you'll miss an artful bit of nuance: They aren't expressions of support for impeachment — a formal indictment accusing the president of having committed "treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors" that refers him to the Senate for trial. They are expressions of support for an inquiry — an investigation into whether such an indictment is warranted.

Keep looking, in other words.

Continue turning over rocks — examining documents, putting witnesses under oath, piecing together clues — to see just what this president has done and the extent, if any, to which his numerous outrageous violations of political norms have crossed the line into illegality.

"The courts are likely to rule that certain materials are off-limits to us unless we want them for the purpose of an impeachment investigation," said Krishnamoorthi when I spoke with him Thursday. "Grand jury records, for instance."

Krishnamoorthi, who joined a majority of Democrats in voting to table an impeachment resolution July 17, added: "I didn't relish making this announcement, but I do believe opening an inquiry

is an important preliminary step in the discovery process."

Yes, lawyers for the White House have been blocking and bottling up subpoenas from House Democrats by arguing in court that such fishing expeditions have no legitimate "legislative purpose."

But such objections would "not be relevant in the context of impeachment proceedings," according to a lengthy analysis of process and precedent in Lawfare. "We think it is entirely possible — probable even — that judges would recognize the primacy of impeachment proceedings against the president of the United States and expedite consideration of such cases."

The curious wrinkle here, noted in Lawfare and by other neutral analysts, is that Democratic House Judiciary Committee chair Rep. Jerrold Nadler of New York has already announced that "formal impeachment proceedings" are underway in his bailiwick, even though neither his committee nor the full House has voted to OK it, and even though he carefully declines to use the phrase "impeachment inquiry."

Impeachment proceedings against Presidents Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton didn't begin until after the full House voted to direct the Judiciary Committee to begin a formal inquiry. But changes in the law since then have broadened the powers of committee chairs and made such a sweeping authorization less necessary and more symbolic.

There's broad agreement that impeachment would be futile. Barring

explosively damning revelations, there's no way that the required two-thirds of the Republican-controlled Senate would vote to convict Trump and remove him from office.

And there's considerable fear among Democrats that voters will punish the party if it leans too hard into an idea that's still unpopular. A Monmouth University poll released Aug. 22 found that even though only 40% of respondents approved of Trump's job performance, 59% answered "no" to the question of whether he should "be impeached and compelled to leave the presidency," and 51% said they are opposed to even a House inquiry to see if there are grounds for impeachment.

The holdout Democrats should take their chances, remove their moistened fingers from the wind and do the job they took an oath to perform. A full and formal impeachment inquiry doesn't have to result in an impeachment or even an up or down vote in the House. The findings can stand on their own.

Opponents of impeachment point out there's no need for all this drama because voters will offer their verdict on Trump on Election Day in roughly 14 months. But a congressional investigation will generate evidence and point to conclusions that will inform that electoral verdict.

What could possibly be wrong with that?

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3 gun reforms every Republican should embrace

BY SCOTT JENNINGS

When Congress reconvenes in September, President Donald Trump has a golden opportunity to "own the libs," as the conservative kids online say.

The Democrats, helped by the media, have spent August taunting the president and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., claiming they don't have the guts to buck the National Rifle Association and put a gun reform package on the floor. Republicans have a golden opportunity to rebut the claim and show suburban America — which, according to the latest polls and focus groups, have gone south on the GOP — that they are listening when it comes to this tragic American problem.

Signaling to shooting victims, their families and the American people that heinous acts like those in Gilroy, California, El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, are unacceptable is the right thing to do. Americans know bad people will sometimes do bad things, no matter how hard we try to stop them, but we expect our politicians to counter such horrors with their best efforts.

Trump has an opportunity to do that, and simultaneously splash mud on liberals who politicize these tragedies.

Here's how. The president should publicly communicate to McConnell and the Senate Republican leadership precisely what he would sign into law, giving GOP leaders the direction and certainty they need to move forward.

The package should include an upgrade to the existing National Instant Criminal Background Check System, or NICS, which is designed to stop criminals and ineligible buyers from obtaining guns. The NICS system has prevented hundreds of thousands of people from acquiring guns each year (and more than 1.3 million peo-

ple since its inception), and Congress updated the system in 2018 after the Parkland, Florida, and Sutherland Springs, Texas, shootings.

But if there's any way to further prevent criminals and mentally ill people from obtaining guns, policymakers must find a way. Polling clearly shows that Americans want something beyond what currently exists, and the president ought to give it to them. As it was with the "fix NICS" bill that passed in 2018, the goal of expanding background checks should be eliminating as many chances for mistakes as possible. Human error costs lives, as we learned in Sutherland Springs, when the Air Force missed six opportunities to put the shooter on the no-buy registry over a domestic violence conviction.

The second part of the package would be federal incentives for states to enact "red flag laws," like the ones in California and in 16 other states, which allow police, mental health professionals, family members and other key players to file court petitions to block gun acquisitions or temporarily remove guns from people believed to pose imminent risk to themselves or others.

A recent study by the University of California at Davis found that the California law led to the removal of firearms from about 400 people between 2016 and 2018. In one case cited by the researchers, a man had threatened to kill employees at his family's business. After his mother petitioned the court, 26 guns were confiscated from him.

It's hard to know how many of the 400 would have been mass shooters, but a small number of flags in the vast ocean of American gun owners is clearly not onerous. With proper due process protections, this idea is directly responsive to the presi-

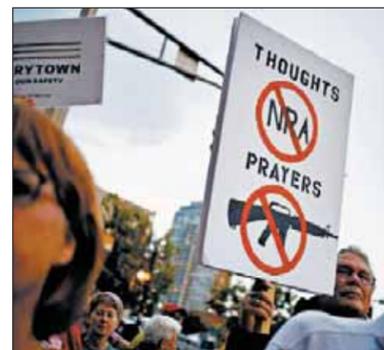
dent's call to address the mental health aspect of this problem. Does anyone doubt that "red flags" existed with the shooters in Dayton and Parkland?

The third part of the package ought to be a resolution condemning all groups that use political rhetoric to justify violence, whether they are white nationalists, eco-fascists or antifa vigilantes. By endorsing this, Trump can lead a simple, yet powerful, across-the-board condemnation of violence and violent rhetoric coming from all extremes of the political spectrum.

With the president's promise to sign it, McConnell could put the reforms on the Senate floor for an up-or-down vote. Some Republicans wouldn't follow the president, but I'd bet that enough would join with Senate Democrats to get 60 votes, the magic number. Hesitant GOPers who fear a slippery slope on gun control should ask themselves if they want this issue legislated with Republicans in control of two of three legs of the policy stool or zero, a political possibility always just around the corner.

And think of the pleasure for the president in forcing Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer, D-NY, to make a tough choice — deliver Democratic votes for the package, thus handing Trump a win that would be cheered the country over, or urge a vote against it on grounds it doesn't go far enough, making his conference members appear to be craven grandstanders instead of problem solvers.

Trump wins either way, whether Schumer puts up or shuts up. If the president wanted to engage in some next-level jujitsu, he could throw in a ban on high-capacity magazine and drums like the one used by the shooter in Dayton. This is a step further than some conservatives want to go (and a step back from the nebulous



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Activists demonstrate outside the office of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell earlier this month in Louisville, Kentucky.

assault weapons ban preferred by liberals) but would be a meaningful step in attempting to reduce the carnage that occurs in mass shootings. The president should compare the drums to bump stocks, which he banned already.

If Trump signs a gun reform package, he'll have a second feather in his I-did-what-Obama-couldn't-do cap, alongside criminal justice reform. And he'll have a great conversation starter for the suburban women who abandoned the GOP in 2018's midterm.

But most importantly, the president can reassure Americans that our government refuses to sit idle in the face of horrific carnage, which has shattered families and our national psyche. Good policy makes good politics, and Trump has a clear way to win on both fronts.

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British Prime Minister Boris Johnson visits the HMS Victorious at Faslane naval base near Glasgow, Scotland, on July 29.

Johnson's Brexit gamble puts UK on edge. Is it worth it?

BY IVO DAALDER

When it comes to Brexit, Britain's boisterous new prime minister is determined to succeed where his predecessor failed. Theresa May frittered away her parliamentary majority in a snap election, and then had to settle for an agreement with the European Union that couldn't pass muster in Parliament. Having failed, she was forced to ask the EU to extend the Brexit deadline and then resigned.

Boris Johnson won't repeat May's mistakes. He's made clear that, "do or die," the United Kingdom will leave the European Union by the new deadline of Oct. 31. He's stacked his cabinet with committed Brexiters and made them commit to leaving on time, deal or no deal. Faced with a parliamentary majority opposed to a no-deal Brexit, he's suspended Parliament for five more weeks, until Oct. 14, to deprive members the ability to pass legislation preventing Britain from leaving without a deal. If faced with a no-confidence vote, he's threatened to dissolve Parliament and call new elections for early November — after Britain will have left the EU.

Johnson's single-mindedness is impressive. But after having traveled throughout the British Isles these past two weeks, I'm struck by how many ordinary Britons and Irish fear the consequences of Brexit, especially if Britain leaves without a deal. Though sentiment for "leave" has stayed strong in much of England, worries abound elsewhere. For the Irish on both sides of the U.K.-Ireland border, the worry is a return to sectarian violence, which only ended two decades ago. For many Scots, Johnson's determination to leave the EU raises anew the hope for independence from Britain.

Aware of the fissures, Johnson spent his first days in office affirming his commitment to the union of England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The "awesome foursome," he called them. But it is precisely that union he is now threatening by his determination to leave the European Union.

Johnson's defenders claim that his resolve is necessary to convince the EU to give Britain a better deal than what it offered a less-determined May. Once Brussels is convinced that Britain is serious about leaving without a deal, it will give London what it wants, they say. And what Britain wants is the removal of the Irish backstop — a legal requirement in the withdrawal agreement ensuring that no hard border of customs and other checks would return along the border with Ireland.

Johnson has insisted the backstop be removed even before he is willing to enter into new negotiations with Brussels. The EU is open to considering alternative arrangements, though none have yet been able to square the circle of keeping the Irish border open for trade in goods and services while Northern Ireland and the rest of the U.K. are no longer in the European single market and customs union. Brussels has made clear that any agreement with the U.K. must ensure an open Irish border and the integrity of the single market. The backstop, which would keep the U.K. in the customs union and Northern Ireland in key aspects of the single market until new arrangements can be agreed by both sides, will need to stay in any agreement.

There are only two ways to end this impasse — either Britain crashes out of the European Union on Oct. 31 or one or both sides blink and arrive at a final deal

acceptable to both. (The third possibility, of new British elections before Oct. 31 that would bring a new government committed to holding another referendum, appears to be fading rapidly.)

The costs of a no-deal Brexit are becoming increasingly evident. Leaked government plans foreshadow a shortage of food, medicines and chaos at ports, airports and border crossings that will last for months or more. The overall economic costs would also be severe, as Britain slides into recession and stands to lose upward of 5% in national income.

The long-term political consequences could be more lasting. The return of a hard border in Ireland would stoke renewed violence and strengthen sentiment on both sides of the border to unite the Island. Scotland, which voted 2-to-1 against Brexit, would see support for independence, already rising, increase sharply in the wake of a no-deal Brexit. Thus, within a few years of Brexit, the very union itself could disappear.

That prospect might, in the end, force Johnson to blink and settle for less. It wouldn't need to be the EU-May deal that Parliament already voted down three times. Instead it might involve accepting the backstop for Northern Ireland and instituting customs and other checks on the Irish sea. That limited backstop fulfills the EU's requirement of no hard border and integrity of the single market, even if it violates the economic integrity of the U.K. itself. But that may be a price Johnson is willing to pay to secure the Brexit he has long championed. And it might preserve the union.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Make funding for city's schools equitable

As a parent of three elementary-age students in Chicago Public Schools and a member of the local school council, I'm asking our state and local governments to consider how extra funding that's coming into our district is allocated. While most would agree that our students need more funding for increased instructional time, I also share the concern of many that we are in desperate need to offer more holistic support to our students including more counselors, psychologists and trauma-informed practices.

There are significant gaps in the educational experience of school-age children in my community of Humboldt Park in comparison to students at schools in other parts of the city. We need to address this gap to give all children an equal chance at academic success.

In the third grade, my son's classmate had an aide who provided much-needed classroom support to the student and the classroom of 34 children. His behavior inside and outside the classroom made it evident he also needed better and more frequent emotional support. His mother was incarcerated, and he was living with his grandmother. How could one expect an 8-year-old child to participate appropriately in classroom activities when his home life was in turmoil?

I know in past years that our school has had only a part-time nurse to support a student population that exceeds 1,200 children, and many of our counselors and social workers have caseloads that exceed practical standards. These staff members often work across multiple schools to support our students. It's impossible to make a meaningful impact on children with caseloads of that size, and there are others we cannot even serve because there are not enough of these resources to get involved.

As CPS evaluates the additional funding from the state, we must ensure that as these funds come in, they are disbursed equitably. I applaud CPS for the open request-for-proposals process in 2018 that allowed communities all over the city to apply for funding to support greater quality high school options. This was a purposeful acknowledgment that all our communities deserve high-quality education options. Now is the time to take the next step to support the whole child.

I applaud Janice Jackson for the accomplishments she has made as CPS CEO. Let's continue on that strong path to allocate funding to those who need it the most.

— Melinda Young, Chicago

CPS disabilities access is shameful

Listening to Chicago Public Schools CEO Janice Jackson on WBEZ's "The Morning Shift" was heartbreaking. Advocates for people with disabilities were stunned when Jackson proudly proclaimed that she is working hard to get children with disabilities access to first floors in schools. Does she realize we aren't in the 1919 school year, but the 2019 school year? It's unacceptable that children with disabilities do not have access to entire schools.

Luckily for Jackson, she isn't physically disabled. But if she were, how would she feel if, every day, she couldn't leave the first floor at CPS headquarters?

What about educators with disabilities? They can teach only on the first floor? Vendors with disabilities have to be turned away? Parents with disabilities? They can't see their child perform in a second-floor auditorium?

Jackson goes on and on about equity in CPS. But she appears to be only interested in race equity. Equity is also accessibility, no matter your race.

Every other government agency from the CTA to City Hall to the post office is accessible. It's unacceptable that schools aren't.

— Nancy Curran, Chicago

Give us news, not sensationalism

David Brinkley's advice to fellow newscaster Jack Perkins, as Perkins told a Florida newspaper in 2012 and which was repeated in a Perkins obituary that was published Aug. 27 in the Tribune, bears repeating:

"What Brinkley taught me was a master class in how TV news should be written. 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."

If only all of today's broadcast and print journalists could read it and take it to heart.

— Steve Roess, Chicago

Tapping Lake Michigan for Foxconn is a bad precedent

BY ANNA CLARK

The Great Lakes — five inland seas holding one-fifth of all the fresh water on Earth — are vast, but they are not limitless. So it is alarming that Wisconsin intends to send water out of the basin not because public health demands it, but because a private company wants it. This cuts against the understanding of the lakes as a public trust and, in an era of nationwide water insecurity, sets a dangerous precedent.

Foxconn Technology Group, a Taiwanese electronics manufacturer, is building a plant to make LCD screens in Mount Pleasant, Wisconsin. The state that landed Foxconn with environmental waivers and about \$4 billion in incentives decided that it was fine for it to have Great Lakes water too. In 2018, Wisconsin granted a permit for Racine and Foxconn to use 7 million gallons a day from Lake Michigan, taking it outside the area where water naturally returns to the Great Lakes watershed.

The diversion sidesteps a key piece of water policy that is commonly called the Great Lakes Compact. The compact, along with Ontario and Quebec's parallel agreement, is a protocol for when water can be taken outside the basin — which is to say, almost never. But there are exceptions for cities and counties that straddle the watershed boundary. With its groundwater contaminated by naturally occurring radium, Waukesha, Wisconsin, went through an intensely scrutinized application to take water from Lake Michigan. It took seven years, including legal appeal, before the diversion was finalized.

Mount Pleasant, a village of 27,000 people, is a straddling community, so the Foxconn diversion would be expected to go through similarly tough scrutiny. But Mount Pleasant didn't make the diversion request. It was made instead by Racine, a

neighboring city on the lakeshore. As an in-basin community, Racine merely asked the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to expand its service area, and the DNR agreed.

The DNR has noted that more than half the diverted water will be treated and returned to the watershed. The DNR also said even if the plant itself is outside the basin, most of Mount Pleasant is within it. Racine delivers much of its drinking water anyway, it said, so the utility isn't doing anything extraordinary by accommodating new development.

But the deal violates the spirit of the compact, which describes the basin's waters as "precious public natural resources shared and held in trust by the States." While straddling communities can receive Great Lakes water that is "used solely for public water supply purposes," this new diversion is aimed at a single industrial customer. Seventy percent of the water that Racine delivers to Mount Pleasant will go to Foxconn. The deal not only removes water from the Great Lakes; it also privatizes it.

There's a twist to this story. After the DNR approved the diversion, Foxconn dramatically reduced the scope of its plant. But its water allotment is unchanged. Taxpayer dollars are already paying for expanded infrastructure. As a steward of the Great Lakes, Wisconsin should proportionally scale back Foxconn's diversion. One Taipei-based analyst estimates that Foxconn's new plans require only 1.4 million gallons a day, rather than 7 million.

This is not the first time that Wisconsin has sidestepped the compact. As Peter Annin reveals in the new edition of "The Great Lakes Water Wars," it tripled the share of water allocated to the village of Pleasant Prairie in 2010 — an apparent attempt to entice development to the I-94

corridor.

As a good faith partner to the seven other states, two provinces and tribal communities that border the Great Lakes, Wisconsin should stop making broad exceptions to our water protections. This is also an opportunity to refine what is otherwise a model water policy. The compact should be amended to state plainly that Great Lakes water cannot be diverted just to benefit new private development, even when delivered by an in-basin utility.

Southeast Wisconsin has just a narrow ribbon of land in the Great Lakes basin. For nearby communities, water restrictions are frustrating. But the geological boundary matters. Out of respect for basin ecology, the compact set a hard path for diversions. The application process is lengthy and expensive. Diversions are meant to be a last resort.

Water is alchemizing into 21st-century gold. California has been battered by drought. The Colorado River and the Ogallala Aquifer are diminished and over-taxed. Toxic industrial chemicals known as PFAS have contaminated drinking water throughout the country.

For years, people have looked to the Great Lakes, as a source of relief. In the face of looming demands, the compact prioritizes the ecological integrity of the lakes. But the rules are undermined when one of its own members skirts them. It is difficult to see how the compact will withstand foreseeable political pressure from outsiders to loosen protections — and the cumulative impact could be disastrous.

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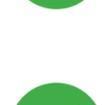
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Illinois awards its first five recreational marijuana licenses

Retailers peppered throughout the state now have permission to sell to anyone over 21

BY ALLY MAROTTI AND DAN PETRELLA

Illinois awarded its first licenses to sell recreational marijuana to five medical dispensaries on Thursday, even as many municipalities around the state debate whether they'll allow pot sales.

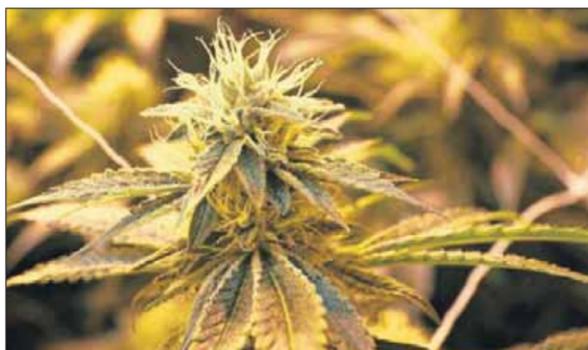
The five shops that received licenses are peppered throughout Illinois — in Naperville, Mundelein, Joliet, Effingham and Canton — and now have the state's permission to sell marijuana to anyone over age 21, starting Jan. 1.

Canton and Joliet have embraced recreational sales of the drug, but Naperville, Effingham and Mundelein have not decided if they will allow it. Some indus-

try players worry about the fate of shops located in towns that end up banning recreational sales because their only customers would be consumers with medical cards.

Naperville's debate, in particular, has drawn attention. A recently formed group is set to hold a rally Saturday in the western suburb in hopes of persuading the City Council to ban pot sales.

Chicago-based Green Thumb Industries owns four of the five shops that received licenses Thursday, and has a 50% ownership stake in the fifth, The Clinic Effingham. The others include The Clinic Mundelein, Salveo Health and Wellness in Canton, and the 3C Compassionate Care Center locations in Naperville and Joliet.



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Marijuana plants grow in a flowering room in Illinois.

"GTI is thrilled that our five stores received the state of Illinois' first approvals," GTI spokeswoman Linda Marsicano said in a statement. "GTI has had a great relationship with the city of Naperville since 2015 ... We continue to talk and work with

the city on this important issue."

Naperville plans to continue discussions next week, and the license issued to GTI on Thursday has no impact on the city's ability to ban or allow recre-

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RYAN ORI
On Real Estate

The Old Post Office nears Sept. opening

Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago added as office tenant

About a month before the first office workers are set to move into The Old Post Office, the firm redeveloping the 2.8 million-square-foot building is adding yet another tenant.

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago has leased 130,000 square feet in the building at 433 W. Van Buren St., the company announced Thursday.

It's the eighth signed office lease at the old main post office, which has stood vacant for more than two decades but is in the midst of an \$800 million-plus redevelopment by real estate investor 601W Cos.

New York-based 601W has leased more than 1 million square feet of space in the riverfront building thus far, and the developer remains in talks with other large tenants.

Uber Technologies earlier this month confirmed the largest deal, a 463,000-square-foot lease that is the biggest one signed in downtown Chicago in 2019. Deerfield-based Walgreens last year leased 200,000 square feet. Other signed tenants include Cisco Systems, Ferrara Candy and Home Chef.

"The collaborative, technology-enabled workspace the Old Post Office allows us to create will enable our bank to become an even more attractive employer," the bank's president and CEO, Matt Feldman, said in a news release. "We're excited to be a part of the rebirth of a building that's not only important to Chicago's history but to the revitalization of this part of the city center."

The Federal Home Loan Bank system has 11 regional offices, and it helps promote affordable housing and community investment by providing low-interest loans to member banks. The Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago bank serves Illinois and Wisconsin.

The bank's talks to move to the building were first reported by Crain's Chicago Business.

The tenant was represented in the lease by broker Joe Learner of Savills. The landlord was represented by Steve Smith, Dan Heckman and Jamey Dix of the Telos Group.

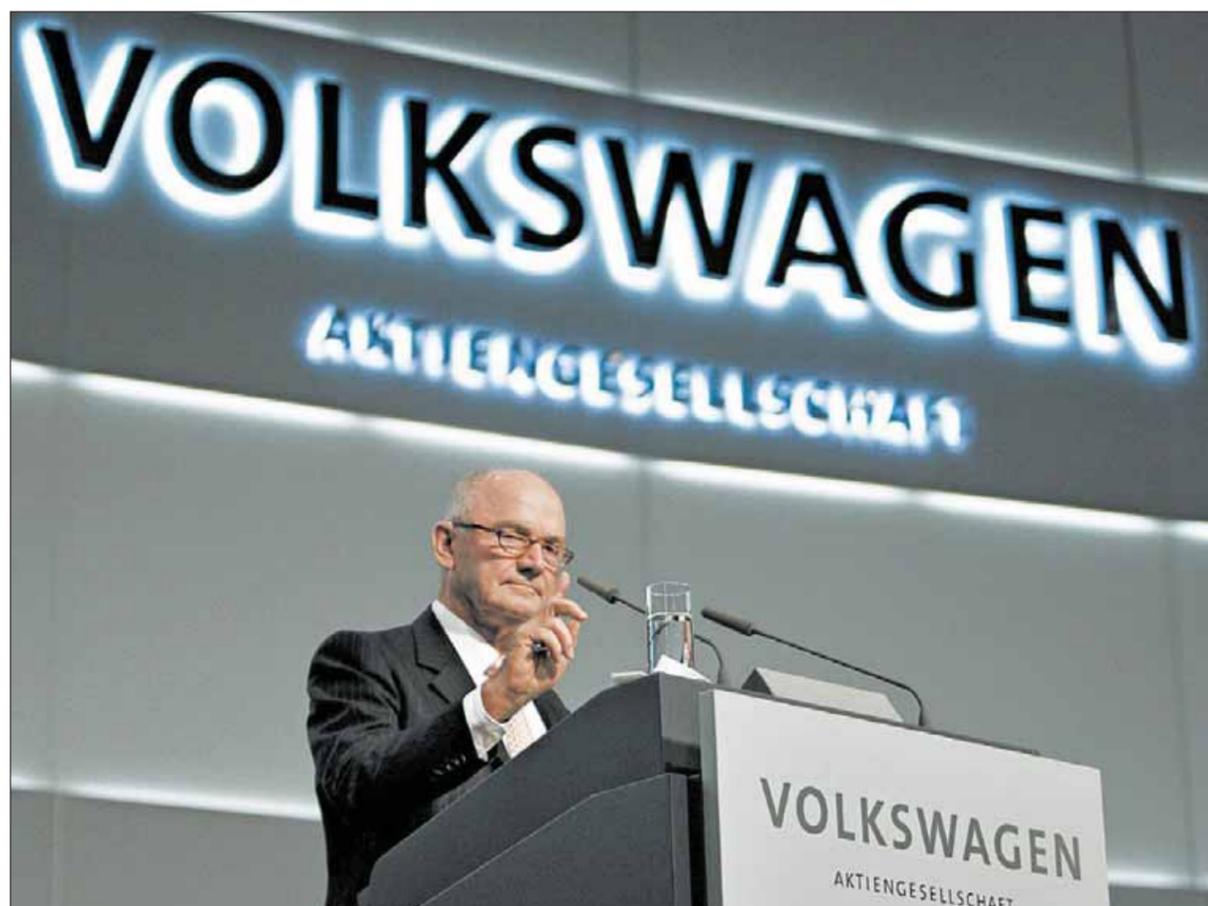
The bank is expected to move into The Old Post Office next fall. It currently occupies a smaller space in the Aon Center, an office tower also owned by 601W.

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Volkswagen chairman Ferdinand Piech died Sunday "suddenly and unexpectedly," according to a statement from the family. He was 82.

Into the spotlight

Volkswagen patriarch's death puts auto family front and center

BY CHRIS REITER AND CHRISTOPH RAUWALD
Bloomberg News

The death of Ferdinand Piech, who built Volkswagen into a global powerhouse, puts the spotlight on one of Europe's wealthiest families and the challenges it faces to navigate the tectonic shifts roiling the auto industry.

His wife, Ursula Piech, told the dpa news agency in a statement provided by their family lawyer that her husband died Sunday "suddenly and unexpectedly" but did not give a specific cause. He was 82.

Volkswagen was always hard

to handle: Its home state of Lower Saxony in Germany owns 20% of the Wolfsburg-based manufacturer, and worker representatives can veto factory closures. The situation got more complex a decade ago, when the reclusive Porsche-Piech clan, descendants of VW Beetle creator Ferdinand Porsche, gained control of a majority of the company's voting shares.

New to the responsibility involved in guiding a company with more than 600,000 employees, the family of around 80 people — contractually obliged to speak with one voice through its holding company, Porsche Automobil Holding — has struggled to reach decisions.

As the diesel-cheating scandal roiled the company in 2015, Wolfgang Porsche — the clan's leading figure — did what he does every autumn and went

deer hunting near his Austrian farmhouse, making almost no public comment for months on the worst crisis in the company's history. His wife, Ursula Piech, told the dpa news agency in a statement provided by their family lawyer that her husband died Sunday "suddenly and unexpectedly" but did not give a specific cause. He was 82.

While Piech broke with his relatives after an acrimonious power struggle months before the diesel scandal erupted, he was the dominant figure and the only one who devoted his life to the source of the family's wealth. His death draws attention to the clan, which is led by Wolfgang Porsche and Piech's brother Hans Michel, who are both in their late 70s.

Piech's death brings up a "very pressing" question: "How do the families deal with succes-

sion planning? Is the current structure best suited to govern the largest company in Europe?" said Arndt Ellinghorst, a London-based analyst. The family setup "looks like an overly complex structure in a world that needs superfast decision making."

Volkswagen has sought to move past the diesel crisis, with the auto industry's most aggressive push into electric vehicles, committing to spending \$33 billion in an ambitious bid to turn the niche cars into a mass-market product. At the same time, the company is carrying around excess baggage from Piech's empire building.

The spinoff of a minority stake in heavy trucks unit Traton was Volkswagen's first effort at streamlining its portfolio,

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Gary casino lands approval to move

Gaming Commission allows Buffington Harbor departure

BY KAREN CAFFARINI

Spectacle Entertainment received the Indiana Gaming Commission's unanimous approval Wednesday to relocate one of its Gary casinos to a site off Interstate 80/94, paving the way for it to become Northwest Indiana's first land-based casino.

The commission's action came one day after the Gary City Council gave its blessing for the casino company to move from Buffington Harbor, where it now operates two Majestic Star casinos, to a site near the Burr Street exit, where it plans to build a new 225,000-square-foot Hard Rock Cafe casino.

Sara Gonso Tait, executive director of the gaming commission, said this was the last action needed on the move by the commission. Any other regulatory matters would be handled by herself and staff.

There also are some administrative matters remaining on the city level, such as obtaining necessary building permits, according to John Keeler, vice president and general counsel for Spectacle Entertainment.

Keeler said the company is anticipating a September groundbreaking, with the new casino opening around the end of December 2020.

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The gaming commission's action came one day after the Gary City Council gave its blessing for the casino company to move.

Regal Beloit to close Valparaiso plant

BY MICHAEL GONZALEZ

With the threat of plant closure looming, striking workers at the Regal Beloit manufacturing facility in Valparaiso continued their nearly two-month strike Thursday.

On Wednesday, Robert Cherry, Regal Beloit's vice president of business development and investor relations, wrote, "we intend to discontinue our operations at this facility, exit certain products and move the remaining work to our Monticello, IN plant."

Both sides of the dispute, the Wisconsin-based Regal Beloit, which makes bearings for the military and commercial aerospace in-

dustries at the site, and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Local 2018, said little about their differences Thursday, with both referring to official statements.

About 110 union workers and up to 60 non-union employees work at the plant at 2300 Evans Ave. One person, who asked not to be identified, said Regal Beloit offered a 35 cents per hour increase and some changes to health insurance coverage, while the union's demands include a 75 cents per hour raise, and a \$15,000 cap on out-of-pocket medical expenses.

On a clear, breezy Thursday morning, a handful of workers camped beneath

tents, with two camping tents nearby on an easement outside of the plant. Signs reading "On Strike IAMAW Local 2018" and a hand-printed "FIGHTING 4 BETTER WAGES & HEALTH INC." dotted the easement.

Traffic cones blocked two entrances to the plant until a security contractor moved them to allow cars into and out of the parking lot, where a handful of employees wearing name tags paced back and forth, most speaking into phones.

The strikers also declined to comment on the strike, which began July 1, but outgoing Mayor Jon Costas said his administration is monitoring the situation and has "offered anything we



Striking Regal Beloit workers stand with signs near the Valparaiso plant.

MICHAEL GONZALEZ/POST-TRIBUNE

can do to facilitate a resolution."

Costas also said closing the plant would affect many in his community, but, he

suggested there is room to negotiate.

"There's a lot of jobs and incomes for families at stake, and, that's an issue for us,"

Costas said in a voicemail following a request for comment. "We're hoping (talk of closure) is just posturing."

Cherry also indicated the company is "committed to further discussions with the union within the collective bargaining process," but when asked why the company would continue negotiations after threatening the closure, Cherry did not comment further.

David Gault, an IAMAW official, on Thursday said the union and Regal Beloit are continuing their negotiations and may have more updates Friday.

Michael Gonzalez is a freelance reporter for the Post-Tribune.

Exports to lobster-loving China sink amid tariffs

BY PATRICK WHITTLE
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — U.S. lobster exports to China have fallen off a cliff this year as new retaliatory tariffs shift the seafood business farther north.

China, a huge and growing customer for lobster, placed heavy tariffs on U.S. lobsters in July 2018 amid rising trade hostilities between the Chinese and the Trump administration.

Meanwhile, business is booming in Canada, where cargo planes are coming to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Moncton, New Brunswick, to handle a growing bump in exports. Canadian fishermen catch the same species of lobster as American lobstermen, who are based mostly in Maine.

The loss of business has brought layoffs to some Maine businesses, such as The Lobster Co., of Arundel, where owner Stephanie Nadeau has laid off half the 14 people she once had working in wholesale.

"They picked winners, and they picked losers, and they picked me a loser," Nadeau said. "There is no market that's going to replace China."

America has exported less than 2.2 million pounds of lobster to China this year through June, according to data from the U.S. government. The country exported nearly 12 million pounds during that same period last year. That's a more than 80% drop.

In Canada, exports to China through June were already approaching 33



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million pounds, which is nearly as much as all of 2018.

The value of Canada's exports was nearing \$200 million in U.S. dollars through June and was almost sure to outstrip last year's total of more than \$223 million. America's exports through June were valued at less than \$19 million, more than \$70 million behind where they were through June 2018.

Lobster prices paid by American consumers have remained fairly steady during the trade dispute, and there remain many buyers for U.S. lobster. But the loss of China as an overseas market is happening at the end of a decade in which the U.S. seafood industry

has experienced exponential growth in lobster exports to the country. The U.S. exported about 800,000 pounds of lobster to China in 2010 and more than 20 times that last year.

The American lobster industry is looking to open up new domestic and international markets to make up for the loss of China, said Marianne LaCroix, who directs the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative. Maine lobsterman Brian Rapp will attend a trade show in Hong Kong and a trade mission to Dubai in September to promote U.S. lobster, she said.

"China is so large that you have to look at a number of new markets to

replace that business," LaCroix said.

In Canada, the boost to business has helped the industry but also led to uncertainty about its future, said Geoff Irvine, executive director of the Lobster Council of Canada.

The American and Canadian lobster industries overlap, with some businesses operating on both sides of the border, and it's more beneficial to the lobster industry at large for trade to go on unimpeded, he said.

"Whenever there's any kind of uncertainty, it makes people worry," Irvine said. "Everybody would like to see the entire lobster industry open and free."

Deere & Co. appoints new CEO

BY LYDIA MULVANY
Bloomberg

Deere & Co. is promoting John May to lead the tractor-making giant through a tough agricultural environment, with outgoing Chief Executive Officer Samuel Allen, 66, to stay on as chairman.

The Moline, Ill.-based company is splitting up the CEO and chairman roles for now as it grapples with American farmers balking at equipment purchases amid a yearlong trade war

with China and weather that has disrupted planting.

May seems to have been groomed for the position, serving as president and chief operating officer since April. He also headed China operations earlier in his career. May will join the board immediately and take over as CEO on Nov. 4.

The promotion "was somewhat expected, it was just a matter of time, but we believe May was the most logical successor to Allen," said Chris Ciolino, an analyst for Bloomberg Intelli-

gence.

Deere has historically promoted from within, and former chief executive officers have been internal operating managers who assume chief operating officer roles ahead of time. May previously ran the company's agriculture division, as well as its precision agriculture business.

"I wouldn't anticipate any surprise, and we're not seeing that in the share price movement," Ciolino said. Deere shares were little changed after the an-

nouncement. They gained as much as 2.7% earlier Thursday.

The company is engaging in a fresh cost-cutting drive to defend margins amid rising trade tensions and crop prices near multi-year lows. Steps include boosting organizational efficiency through a footprint assessment. The company is also looking to make investments "with the most opportunity for differentiation," including precision agriculture, it said earlier this month.

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which includes brands that range from exotic Bugatti and Lamborghini to upscale Porsche and Audi to volume-focused Skoda and Seat.

The present and future of the Porsche-Piech clan rests in the hands mainly of two grandsons of Ferdinand Porsche who have been reluctant to pass on responsibility to an increasingly disparate group of younger family members. Here's a look at the main players.

■ Wolfgang Porsche, 76: The family's top dog is chairman of the holding company and a member of

Volkswagen's supervisory board. He orchestrated the attempt to take over the car giant before Piech turned the tables on his cousin and retained control. Wolfgang sided against Ferdinand Piech in a power struggle in April 2015, leading to the former CEO's departure as chairman and the sale of his holdings in the company.

■ Hans Michel Piech, 77: The head of the Piech branch of the family seldom plays a public role. The trained lawyer has a cordial relationship with the rest of clan and serves on the supervisory boards of VW and Porsche Holding.

■ Ferdinand Oliver Porsche, 58: The son of Ferdinand Alexander, who

created the 911 sports car and founded Porsche Design, is the longest serving member of the family's fourth generation on Volkswagen's supervisory board. He studied law and has been a supervisory board member since August 2009.

■ Peter Daniell Porsche, 45: The largest shareholder in the fourth generation of the clan has the most voting power, but the Waldorf educator and musical therapist has limited backing. He's the author of several books, including one titled "There's More to Life Than Building Cars." He's on the supervisory board of Porsche Holding, taking over the seat from his father, Hans-Peter. ■ Josef Ahorn, 59: The

son of Ferdinand Piech's sister Louise is on the supervisory board of Porsche Holding. He studied law and helped found electronic market company Emarsys in Vienna. ■ Stefan Piech, 48: The son of Hans Michel is on the supervisory board of Porsche Holding. He received a doctorate in media studies in Austria and runs a media company that licenses rights to family-oriented programming. ■ Louise Kiesling, 62: The fashion designer sibling of Josef Ahorn took a board seat in April 2015 when Ferdinand Piech and his wife Ursula stepped down.

Associated Press contributed.

Licenses

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ational sales, said city spokeswoman Kate Schultz.

Illinois has 55 medical cannabis dispensaries, and all were able to apply for a license to sell recreational marijuana from their existing locations. They can also apply to open a second shop.

Applications are reviewed in the order they're submitted, and more licenses are expected to be awarded, said Chris Slaby, spokesman for the state's Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

The state's marijuana law, which Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed into law in June, allows municipalities to ban recreational sales. If cities and towns don't act, companies awarded recreational licenses can proceed with their plans, Slaby said.

Thursday's announcement is likely to bring a new sense of urgency to talks within the named communities.

Effingham plans to start discussing the topic next month, said city administrator Steve Miller.

"We anticipated Effingham might be granted a license, so with that we'll have to get public input and then the (city) council can make an informed decision," he said.

About 30 miles west of Peoria, Canton Mayor Kent McDowell on Thursday was already excited about recreational sales in his city because of the anticipated tax revenue.

Municipalities are allowed to tack on a tax of up to 3% on top of the regular sales taxes and the state excise tax on marijuana. McDowell said after the city passed an ordinance adding a 3% municipal tax on marijuana sold in Canton, he personally drove the paperwork to Springfield.

"It's nice we get a little piece of the pie down here south of I-80," McDowell said. "We have to fight for existence all the time."

Cannabis dispensaries in towns that don't allow recreational sales face more uncertainty.

Operators are concerned about the administration's strict interpretation of the word "location" in the law legalizing the sale of recreational marijuana. The legislation's lead sponsors, Sen. Heather Steans and Rep. Kelly Cassidy, told Pritzker in a letter last week that the

administration's stance "threatens the success of the program."

After initially telling medical marijuana companies that they would be able to relocate their existing stores and still seek a license to sell recreational pot, the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation changed its interpretation, according to the letter the Chicago Democrats sent Pritzker on Aug. 22.

The agency has told operators that if a medical dispensary moves, it will not be awarded a license to sell recreational marijuana, the letter said. That's a problem for the shops that may want to move because they are located in municipalities that have banned or are considering a ban on pot sales.

The lawmakers urged Pritzker to intervene and ask the department to "interpret the law as the legislature intended."

So far, the administration appears unmoved. Pritzker said in a response to Steans and Cassidy on Tuesday that the state doesn't know how many shops would be affected, as many municipalities haven't decided how to regulate recreational sales.

"My office is more than willing to discuss potential solutions with you when we have a better understanding of the scope of the problem," he said in the letter.

The state has to balance the needs of existing businesses with the law's goal of creating greater "social equity" in the marijuana industry, Pritzker said, noting that existing medical dispensary operators can still seek licenses for a secondary retail location under the law.

Slaby, of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, deferred to Pritzker's office on the issue.

Steans said she shares the governor's interest in balancing the needs of existing businesses with efforts to create greater diversity in the industry, and looks forward to further discussions with him.

"It's a big policy change," she said. "There's going to be some natural give and take with how things roll out."

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IGC member representing Northwest Indiana, made the motion to approve the relocation.

"Spectacle's partnership with Hard Rock will truly make it a destination point," Svetanoff said.

He also pointed out that the \$300 million investment by Spectacle Entertainment will support 1,000 union construction jobs in addition to casino jobs.

Gary Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson attended the meeting to give her support, as well.

"We are pleased to have Spectacle Entertainment as a partner," she said.

The mayor said it was determined that the best use for Buffington Harbor would be a transmodal facil-

ity, not casinos. The city is giving up one of its casino licenses to Vigo County as it moves on its new venue.

Gonso Tait said she hasn't yet received any applications for that license.

"We intend to conduct the entire process publicly," she said.

Keeler said Spectacle plans to build its new gaming venue in two phases, with the casino and a 2,000-seat Hard Rock entertainment venue to be built in the first phase and a 200-room hotel and parking garage to be built in a second phase.

He said the two Majestic Star casinos currently employ 950 individuals.

"In phase one we expect to increase that number to 1,600. In phase two, it should increase to 1,800 employees," Keeler said.

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Casino turns hotel tower into dorm

Univ. of Nevada, Reno needed space for 1,300 students

By SCOTT SONNER
Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — University of Nevada, Reno officials knew it was a bit of a gamble when they agreed to lease a downtown casino hotel tower for a year and turn it into a college dormitory.

They expected some criticism but had less than six weeks to find rooms for 1,300 students after a July 5 gas explosion shut down their two biggest residence halls, one for at least two years.

The challenge was compounded by their determination to house as many as possible in the same building — a tall order in an extremely tight housing market where an influx of new jobs at Tesla, Microsoft, Apple and elsewhere has sent rental rates skyrocketing.

Yet with fall classes that began Monday, school officials say there's been less pushback than anticipated to the unorthodox arrangement with Eldorado Resorts' Circus Circus, at one end of Reno's main casino drag about a half-mile from campus.

For nearly every student who has requested reassignment out of the Circus Circus, there's been another who has asked to move into the newly renovated hotel, where the former wedding chapel is being converted into a study center with USB ports.

Instead of a smoky floor of poker tables and slot machines, students enter the nonsmoking, nongambling tower through a quiet marbled foyer with potted plants and a security guard. Upstairs they find queen- and king-size beds, 40-inch plasma TVs, mini-fridges and private bathrooms.

"I don't want to mislead you. There were a handful that were just, 'No way,'" said Shannon Ellis, vice president for student services.

But as of Aug. 23, only 19 students remained on the list requesting reassignment from what's now called "Wolf Pack Tower." Thirty of the 89 students who originally wanted out have changed their minds. About 40 have requested



SCOTT SONNER/AP

A student moves in to a Circus Circus casino-hotel tower that has been renamed Wolf Pack Tower in downtown Reno.

transfers in, and the list is growing.

The 28-floor hotel is exclusively for UNR students and accessible only with key cards through a single entrance with 24-hour security. An indoor pedestrian bridge connecting the tower to the casino across the street has been closed.

Kailyn J'Beily, a resident assistant at Wolf Pack Tower, planned to serve as an alternate RA at an on-campus dorm but jumped at the chance for fancier digs, with queen-sized beds in doubles and California kings in singles.

Twin beds are standard issue in the school's other dorms, where a total of about 2,100 students will live this year. The oldest dorm dates to 1896. Most have community bathrooms on each floor instead of private baths, and students must provide their own TVs and mini-refrigerators.

"Everybody's really excited," J'Beily said as students began arriving at Wolf Pack Tower this week. People on her floor are especially stoked about the beds

and "having your own bathroom."

The sophomore from Sacramento, California, lived last year in Argenta Hall, the dorm most severely damaged in the July blast. She was gone when the explosion occurred in the mostly empty building. Eight people suffered minor injuries. Argenta Hall is expected to remain closed for two years, while neighboring Nye Hall could reopen as soon as next summer.

School officials took to social media to help make their case as they negotiated the \$21.7 million deal to take over the former 907-room Sky Tower, which already had been renovated last year into a smoke-free, gambling-free building separate from Circus Circus' other

tower a block away.

They traveled to Las Vegas for a pair of parent-teacher town hall meetings to explain that buses will shuttle students to and from campus every 15 minutes, and the academic support and programming will be the same or better as at the dorms.

"There is still some anxiety, probably more from parents," Romando Nash, UNR's associate vice president for student life services, acknowledged after one town hall. But he said that was based more on downtown safety in general and separation from the main campus.

Northeastern University in Boston, Georgia State in Atlanta and the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire are among other schools that

housed students in private hotels in recent years. But none was affiliated with a casino.

A handful of people voiced disapproval during a Las Vegas town hall, including an incoming freshman's mother who said she didn't even want her son to have a Circus Circus parking pass, let alone live there.

University President Marc Johnson said the school "pretty much required that we control the entire building" so it could replicate the freshman dorm experience. He said the school was fortunate that the casino-hotel closest to campus recently joined the growing number converting at least part of their property to no smoking or gambling "to stay in this market for conventions and

the like."

"It is not a casino building. It is not a casino tower. It happens to be a hotel facility owned by a casino-hotel company," Johnson said.

Ellis, the student services vice president, said the only real difference from other dorms is the extra security, including an on-site campus police substation.

A convenience store and coffee shop are down the hall from the former wedding chapel, where tutors will provide 40 hours of free academic support a week like they do at other dorms. Lounges on each end of each floor have flat-screen TVs and microwaves. A new laundry room is under construction with 65 washers and dryers.

Parents and students who arrived this week "were greeted like at every other residence hall," Ellis said.

"There was the same synergy, the excitement, the crying — all the things that go on during moving day. Parents were saying, 'I'm a convert,'" she said.

Steve Selbo of San Jose, California, was a bit apprehensive until he helped move in his daughter, an incoming junior transfer student.

"Now that we're here, you can tell it's separate from the casino, and everyone living in this building is a student," he said.

Two incoming freshmen from Las Vegas said they have some concerns about getting to campus for meals, but the rooms are a big upgrade from the dorms. They've seen no indication the "circus life" will be rowdier than the dorms. "It's been the opposite," Kean Goffe said.

Neither Kean Goffe nor Alonso Gibson expect the neighboring casinos will be a distraction.

"I'm not here to party," Gibson said. "I'm here to get an education."

Besides, Goffe added, "I don't think anyone my age is interested in slots."

Survey: 87% of US firms in China plan to stay, ride out trade war

By JENNY LEONARD
Bloomberg News

When President Donald Trump ordered American companies last week to break off ties with China, he gave a directive that conflicts with the plans of a vast majority of large U.S. firms doing business there.

That's according to a survey of U.S.-China Business Council members. Eighty-seven percent of respondents said they neither have moved nor plan to shift operations out of China, compared with 90% in a 2018 survey. Only 3% said their China operations were unprofitable, unchanged from a year ago.

"The majority of American companies surveyed remain committed to the China market and few are currently divesting existing operations," according to the survey results released Thursday in Washington.

The survey, reaching about 100 members of the council, was conducted over three weeks in June. The relationship between the U.S. and Chinese governments has soured since, with on-again, off-again talks that have created uncertainty for investment plans.

The survey was taken before Trump's Aug. 23 tweet, which said: "Our great American companies are hereby ordered to immediately start looking for an alternative to China, including bringing your companies HOME and making your products in the USA."

Craig Allen, president of the council, said he didn't

interpret Trump's tweet as pushing American companies that serve the Chinese market domestically to leave the country.

"We do not believe that he wishes to encourage other American companies that have successful operations in China to leave," Allen said. "Our members are in China for the long term, none of them are anticipating orders to leave."

The council's survey showed that the majority of its members invest in China to access the domestic market and "less than a quarter of companies invest in China to export regionally or to the United States."

The survey paints a grim picture of the effects of a trade war that's now in its second year.

Eighty-three percent of respondents said they didn't curtail or stop planned investments over the past year, down from 92% a year ago.

"Nearly half of respondents report lost sales and ceding market share to foreign competitors," the survey stated. "The primary contributor to lost sales is the implementation of both U.S. and Chinese retaliatory tariffs, as evidenced by lost price competitiveness, shifts in supply chains, and uncertainty of continued supply."

Allen said loss of business in the Chinese market from the trade war could have long-term, negative impacts for U.S. companies.

"Losing market share is easy," he said. "Gaining it back is very, very difficult."

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When it makes sense to refinance to a shorter mortgage

It's not uncommon for a homeowner's financial situation to change in the years after taking out their mortgage. And if that change is positive — because income has risen, expenses have dropped, or a windfall has been received — it can make sense to shorten the time that mortgage payments need to be made.

Refinancing can be a good way to do this, but it's not for everyone and isn't smart at all times. It depends on rates and on how many years are left in your current mortgage.

Although rates for shorter terms almost always run lower than 30-year fixed rates, whether it's a good move for you depends on your original rate. You may find that today's best 15-year rate is higher than your 30-year rate from a decade ago.

But rates are only part of the equation. How much time is left in your current term, and how long you

expect to stay in your house, also bear considering. With just 5-10 years left on your mortgage, the only refinance likely to make sense is a 5-year adjustable rate mortgage. But if you have more than 20 years to go, refinancing to 10 or 15 years might pay off.

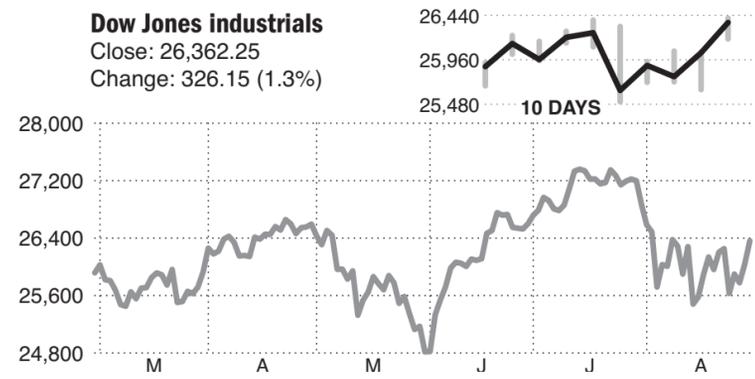
Knowing you'll be staying in your home for the full term you're considering is also useful. If it's likely you'll sell in the ensuing years, it's probably financially smarter to avoid refinancing costs and, if you have funds available, make extra payments on your existing loan.

In all cases, of course, shortening your mortgage duration will increase your payment. While choosing a 15-year mortgage instead of one at 30 years won't double your payment, your monthly obligation could be quite a bit more than what you're used to. So consider carefully what level of payment feels comfortable to you.

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Previous: 7856.88	Previous: 2,887.94	Previous: 1,472.71

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5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
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CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 19	363	369	357.50	359.75	-3
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 19	852.75	860.50	852.50	856.25	+3.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Sep 19	28.13	28.54	27.91	28.37	+26
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Sep 19	293.70	295.60	291.60	292.00	-2.00
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Oct 19	55.88	56.89	55.43	56.71	+93
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Oct 19	2.235	2.310	2.218	2.296	+0.074
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AbbVie Inc	N	66.22	+1.5	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	135.35	+6.0
Allstate Corp	N	102.22	+3.1	Equity Residential	N	84.27	+6.4
Aptargroup Inc	N	121.69	-1.7	Exelon Corp	N	46.75	+3.2
Arch Dan Mid	N	37.73	+1.6	First Indl RT	N	39.11	+4.5
Baxter Intl	N	87.50	+7.9	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	50.89	+1.39
Boeing Co	N	362.74	+2.77	Gallagher AJ	N	88.78	+8.8
Brunswick Corp	N	46.14	+1.93	Grainger WW	N	273.36	+4.98
CBOE Global Markets	N	118.94	-6.6	GrubHub Inc	N	58.75	+1.20
CDK Global Inc	O	43.95	+7.2	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	107.44	+9.6
CDW Corp	O	114.70	+2.97	IDEX Corp	N	165.32	+2.49
CF Industries	N	48.26	+9.5	ITW	N	148.15	+2.85
CME Group	O	215.69	-0.7	Ingredion Inc	N	75.89	+1.19
CNA Financial	N	46.69	+3.0	John Bean Technol	N	101.84	+9.4
Cabot Microelect	O	124.63	+2.85	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	134.06	+2.53
Caterpillar Inc	N	117.77	+2.91	Kemper Corp	N	70.60	+1.49
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	28.59	+1.4	Kraft Heinz Co	O	25.33	+1.6
Deere Co	N	156.48	+3.76	LKQ Corporation	O	26.19	+5.4
Discover Fin Svcs	N	80.00	+1.04	Littelfuse Inc	O	156.22	+3.31
Dover Corp	N	92.25	+1.96	McDonalds Corp	N	220.54	+2.47
Middleby Corp	O	110.11	+8.0	Mondelez Intl	O	55.28	+4.0
Morningstar Inc	O	161.06	+2.57	Motorola Solutions	N	181.16	+2.92
NISource Inc	N	29.44	+3.4	Ntnn Trust Cp	N	87.27	+2.15
Old Republic	N	23.46	+4.9	Packaging Corp Am	N	100.08	+1.58
Paylocity Hldg	O	110.87	+2.26	RLI Corp	N	91.80	+1.76
Stericycle Inc	O	44.95	-2.1	TransUnion	N	86.52	-2.5
Tribune Media Co A	N	45.21	+0.2	UFS Foods Holding	N	40.40	+1.0
United Airlines Hldg	O	84.69	+2.24	Uita Salon Cosmetics	O	337.45	+7.07
Ventas Inc	N	73.62	+8.0	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	50.40	+4.5
Wintrust Financial	O	62.62	+1.22	Zebra Tech	O	208.49	+5.63

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	8.11	+1.7
Bank of America	27.33	+4.8
Chesapeake Energy	1.54	+0.7
Penney JC Co Inc	3.78	+0.3
EnCana Corp	4.49	+1.7
Ambev S.A.	4.48	+0.9
AT&T Inc	35.15	+1.9
Annaly Capital Mgmt	8.31	+0.3
Cemex SAB de CV	3.57	+3.0
Ford Motor	9.12	+1.2
Barrick Gold	19.28	-6.2
Vale SA	10.72	+2.9
Yamana Gold Inc	3.61	-1.0
Teva Pharm	6.97	+0.1
Pfizer Inc	35.33	+2.5
Altria Group	44.25	-1.6
Shwstn Energy	1.74	+0.6
Kinross Gold	4.99	-1.6
Gerda SA	2.97	+1.3
Wells Fargo & Co	46.19	+7.2
Denbury Res	1.17	+1.0
Petrobras	13.40	+3.2
Transocean Ltd	4.58	+1.8

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	35.15	+1.9
Alibaba Group Hldg	172.81	+5.33
Alphabet Inc C	1192.85	+21.83
Alphabet Inc A	1194.24	+20.49
Amazon.com Inc	1786.40	+22.15
Apple Inc	209.01	+3.48
Bank of America	27.33	+4.8
Berkshire Hath B	203.20	+2.75
Exxon Mobil Corp	68.43	+7.5
Facebook Inc	185.57	+3.81
HSBC Holdings prA	25.95	-4.1
Home Depot	227.32	+5.37
JPMorgan Chase	109.22	+2.42
Johnson & Johnson	128.24	-4.4
MasterCard Inc	281.38	+3.14
Microsoft Corp	138.12	+2.56
Procter & Gamble	121.18	-2.2
Visa Inc	181.17	+2.50
WalMart Strs	114.08	+1.36

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	31.60	+1.0	-1.5
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	27.44	+4.9	+3.9
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	74.20	...	-1.8
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	60.72	+2.2	+3.1
American Funds FdmTtlInvSA m	58.30	+7.4	-7.7
American Funds GrfAmrca m	49.40	+6.7	+1.8
American Funds IncAmrca m	22.53	+1.4	+3.2
American Funds InvCAMrca m	37.65	+4.5	-1.1
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	44.03	+4.8	+3.3
American Funds WAMTInvSA m	45.68	+5.5	+3.9
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.20	-0.1	+9.0
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	38.98	+2.2	-9.0
Dodge & Cox Stk	180.69	+2.31	-6.1
DoubleLine TtlRetBdl	10.84	-0.1	+7.9
Fidelity 500IdxInPrm	101.94	+1.30	+2.4
Fidelity Contrafund	13.10	+1.8	...
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInPrm	82.88	+1.08	+9.9
Fidelity USBdlIdxInPrm	12.07	-0.2	+10.3
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.28	+0.1	+2.3
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdl	11.14	-0.2	+10.4
PIMCO IncIst	11.90	...	+5.2
PIMCO Incnstl	11.90	...	+5.3
PIMCO TtlRetIns	10.57	-0.2	+9.9
Schwab SP500Idx	45.29	+5.7	+2.4
T. Rowe Price BCGr	115.82	+1.84	+3.2
T. Rowe Price GrStk	68.55	+9.2	+2.1
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	270.72	+3.44	+2.4
Vanguard BalldAdmrl	37.37	+2.7	+5.0
Vanguard DivGrInv	30.30	+3.1	+15.3
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	74.20	+7.2	+1.9
Vanguard GrldAdmrl	85.75	+1.23	+4.7
Vanguard HCAmrl	81.23	+6.4	-5.1
Vanguard InTRTEAdmrl	14.62	...	+8.3
Vanguard InslIdxIns	265.64	+3.37	+2.4
Vanguard InslIdxInsPlus	265.66	+3.37	+2.4
Vanguard IntlSMInPls	63.05	+8.3	+1.0
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	89.65	+9.2	-6.2
Vanguard MdlCpldxAdmrl	203.99	+2.54	+5.5
Vanguard PrmCplAdmrl	135.79	+2.05	-4.1
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.77	...	+6.0
Vanguard SmCpldxAdmrl	72.95	+1.15	-6.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.92	+1.5	+3.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	19.09	+1.1	+3.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	34.70	+2.3	+2.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.24	+1.6	+1.1
Vanguard TtBMDIdxAdmrl	11.20	-0.2	+10.4
Vanguard TtBMDIdxIns	11.20	-0.2	+10.4
Vanguard TtInBdxAdmrl	23.66	-0.1	+11.7
Vanguard TtInBdxIns	35.51	-0.2	+11.8
Vanguard TtInBdxInxv	11.83	-0.1	-11.6
Vanguard TtInSdxAdmrl	26.99	+1.9	-5.8
Vanguard TtInSdxIns	107.92	+7.6	-5.8
Vanguard TtInSdxInsPlus	107.94	+7.6	-5.7
Vanguard TtInSdxInxv	16.13	+1.1	-5.8
Vanguard TtSMIdxAdmrl	72.55	+9.4	+9.9
Vanguard TtSMIdxIns	72.57	+9.5	+9.9
Vanguard TtSMIdxInxv	72.52	+9.5	+8.8
Vanguard WngtInAdmrl	72.37	+5.0	+6.5
Vanguard WlslyInAdmrl	65.86	+1.4	+9.3
Vanguard WndrllAdmrl	62.37	+9.3	-1.7

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.94	1.95
6-month disc	1.83	1.84
2-year	1.55	1.49
10-year	1.51	1.47
30-year	1.98	1.94

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1526.50	\$1537.80
Silver	\$18.167	\$18.304
Platinum	\$920.00	\$908.90

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.25
Discount Rate Primary	2.75
Fed Funds Target	2.00-2.25
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.71

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...

Argentina (Peso)	57.8754
Australia (Dollar)	1.4866
Brazil (Real)	4.1592
Britain (Pound)	.8213
Canada (Dollar)	1.3302
China (Yuan)	7.1444
Euro	.9048
India (Rupee)	71.703
Israel (Shekel)	3.5318
Japan (Yen)	106.62
Mexico (Peso)	20.1487
Poland (Zloty)	3.97
So. Korea (Won)	1209.15
Taiwan (Dollar)	31.33
Thailand (Baht)	30.65

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2890.92	-2.8/-1
Stoxx600	376.74	+3.9/+1.0
Nikkei	20460.93	-18.5/-1
MSCI-EAFE	1821.94	-3.8/-2
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FTSE 100	7184.32	+69.6/+1.0
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OBITUARIES

PATTY ABRAMSON 1944-2019

Founder of early venture capital funds focused on women-owned businesses

BY ADAM BERNSTEIN
Washington Post

Patty Abramson, a Washington-based business executive who founded one of the country's first venture capital funds dedicated to investing in businesses owned by women, an enterprise that attracted national attention with its strategy of supporting a long-overlooked pool of entrepreneurs, died Aug. 24 at her summer home on Nantucket Island, Massachusetts. She was 74.

The cause was complications from cancer, said a daughter, Jenny Abramson, a venture capitalist.

Starting in 1979, Abramson spent a decade as a partner at Hager, Sharp & Abramson, a prominent female-led marketing and communications firm in Washington. She later started her own communications shop before creating the Women's Growth Capital Fund in 1997 - a response, she said, to the frustrations she encountered earlier in her career when she sought a line of credit for a business opportunity.

Even years after the passage of the 1974 Equal Credit Opportunity Act, a consumer-protection law prohibiting banks and other lenders from discriminating against women, some banks persisted in requiring female loan applicants to have male co-signers. More than two decades later, when Abramson proposed the Woman's Growth Capital Fund, a male investment banker scoffed at her idea.

Despite such inauspicious encounters, Abramson and two partners - one man, one woman - attracted \$8 million in venture capital within the first year of operation and won a U.S. Small Business Administration designation allowing the firm to tap into tens of millions of dollars more based on how much it continued to raise.

Women had long worked in private equity, and the Women's Growth Capital Fund was not the first venture fund run by women. Moreover, it was small compared with the better-known, behemoth venture funds in Silicon Valley and Boston. But Mrs. Abramson was a "trailblazer" by starting one of the first funds led principally by women with the express goal of investing in female entrepreneurs, said Amy Millman, the founder of Springboard Enterprises, a Washington company that seeks to cultivate female business leaders and investors.

Abramson's operation attracted media attention that at times veered into the

condescending. Once, a local business magazine asked her to pose for a cover story wearing boxing shorts and pummeling a male venture capitalist. She declined, settling on a power suit and a cigar.

"What we do is not about having an antagonistic relationship," she told The Washington Post at the time. "It's not a crusade or about punishing anyone. It's about getting our foot in the door. It's about having a place at the table."

She said her foremost goal was to make money at a time when major lending institutions overlooked investment opportunities among businesses led by women. By the mid-1990s in the Washington area alone, The Post reported, there were about 375,000 women-led businesses with sales of approximately \$86 billion, but they received a minuscule fraction of equity-investment dollars.

"Venture capitalists are a classic old-boy network," Abramson told The New York Times. "Women don't have the contacts. They're not playing golf with these guys."

She said she aimed to help women learn the language used in investment settings, once telling NPR: "A woman might, for example, say, 'I think this is what it's going to take to market this company. What do you think?' A man would say, 'This is what it's going to take.' Now do those people have any better fix on what it's going to take? I don't think so. But that's their style."

Abramson's partners were Wendee Kanarek (now Wolfson), a former executive at Manufacturers Hanover Trust, and Rob Stein, a lawyer and investor who had served as Commerce Department chief of staff.

Their fund aimed initially to invest money in young and growing companies, rather than start-ups, and tried to diversify its investments across tech, medical and retail businesses. It was a range "reflective of the marketplace," Abramson said. But the lure of tech-company profits amid a surging economy proved too strong, she later said.

"In some ways, we all got greedy," said Abramson, adding that her fund - valued at \$30 million as of 2001 - had invested 70 percent of its cash in technology companies. "We saw that there were some very fast-growing companies and it was ... who could be first to market, and the way to do it was to hire a lot of people and put a lot of money into building the brand."

When the euphoria subsided, a crash in tech stocks

sent the market into steep decline, an economic wipe-out that became known as the dot-com stock bubble. The Women's Growth Capital Fund continued to operate in a reduced form for another several years. Meanwhile, Abramson became a key player in WomenAngel.s.net, a private "angel" investment club of 85 Washington-area women who fund promising young companies before they grow large enough to attract venture money.

Millman said the Women's Growth Capital Fund was a "breakthrough in new thinking" about investing in women and formed a "vital model" for later women's venture firms such as Illuminate Ventures in California, Texas Women Ventures and Golden Seeds in New York.

Patricia Jo Swaab was born in Philadelphia on Sept. 7, 1944. Her mother was a homemaker, and her father was a furniture designer and salesman. She received a bachelor's degree in 1966 from Elmira College in south-central New York and a master's degree in journalism from American University in 1975.

She was an account executive at Abramson Himelfarb, an advertising firm co-owned by her first husband, and promotion director for the Sentinel Newspapers in suburban Washington before joining the public affairs and communications firm Hager-Sharp.

The firm, which then changed its name to Hager, Sharp & Abramson, became one of the largest independent public relations firms in the Washington area. Its client roster included the League of Women Voters and the Women's Legal Defense Fund. Abramson left in 1989 to start Abramson Communications.

She was a Washington resident and sat on civic and professional commissions addressing issues including women's pay equity, health and education. Her board memberships included the Georgetown Day School and the Edlavitch Jewish Community Center of Washington.

Her marriage to David B. Abramson ended in divorce. In 1995, she married Les Silverman, a senior partner emeritus at the McKinsey & Co. management consulting firm. In addition to her husband, of Nantucket and Washington, survivors include two daughters from her first marriage, Jenny Abramson of Washington and Stacy Abramson of Brooklyn, New York; a step-daughter, Leigh Silverman of Brooklyn; a sister; and five grandchildren.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON AUGUST 30 ...

In 30 B.C., by some estimates, the seventh and most famous queen of ancient Egypt known as Cleopatra committed suicide.

In 1797, Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, the author of "Frankenstein," was born in London.

In 1862, Union forces were defeated by the Confederates at the Second Battle of Bull Run in Manassas, Va.

In 1941, the World War II siege of Leningrad began as Nazi forces took Mga.

In 1945, Gen. Douglas MacArthur arrived in Japan and set up Allied occupation headquarters.

In 1967, the Senate confirmed the appointment of Thurgood Marshall to the Supreme Court, making him the court's first black justice.

In 1983, Guion Bluford Jr.

became the first African-American astronaut to travel in space, blasting off aboard the space shuttle Challenger.

In 1994, Rosa Parks, whose refusal to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Ala., bus in 1955 helped touch off the civil rights movement, was robbed and beaten in her Detroit apartment.

In 1997, Americans learned of the car crash in Paris that claimed the lives of Princess Diana, Dodi Fayed and their driver, Henri Paul.

In 2002, with just hours to spare, baseball averted a strike; it was the first time since 1970 that players and owners had agreed to a new collective bargaining agreement without a work stoppage.

In 2004, Republicans opened their national convention in New York.

In 2005, a day after Hurricane Katrina hit, floods were covering 80 percent of New Orleans, looting continued to spread and rescuers in helicopters and boats picked up hundreds of stranded people.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS	
Aug. 29	
Lotto	15 17 27 33 42 50 / 12
Lotto jackpot: \$2.75M	
Pick 3 midday	979 / 6
Pick 4 midday	1904 / 3
Lucky Day Lotto midday	12 23 28 31 43
Pick 3 evening	855 / 9
Pick 4 evening	2606 / 1
Lucky Day Lotto evening	02 10 36 42 45
Aug. 30 Mega Millions: \$113M	
Aug. 31 Powerball: \$70M	
WISCONSIN	
Aug. 29	
Pick 3	414
Pick 4	1153
Badger 5	08 18 23 24 31
SuperCash	09 10 11 28 29 34

INDIANA	
Aug. 29	
Daily 3 midday	000 / 9
Daily 4 midday	2163 / 9
Daily 3 evening	460 / 9
Daily 4 evening	8186 / 9
Cash 5	12 17 19 21 42
MICHIGAN	
Aug. 29	
Daily 3 midday	383
Daily 4 midday	8588
Daily 3 evening	609
Daily 4 evening	8067
Fantasy 5	06 24 26 28 38
Keno	05 06 09 10 14 17 18 19 24 28 34 36 37 40
	43 61 62 64 65 66 69 76

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Death Notices

Blitstein, David S.
David S. Blitstein, 82, beloved husband of Alice nee Shapiro for nearly 62 years; loving father of Michael (Debbie) Blitstein, Jodi (Juan) Hernandez and Marty (Judy) Blitstein; cherished Gramps of Haley (Darren), Matthew, Joe, Kiley and Lauren; adored great grandfather of Liam. Chapel service, Sunday 12:15 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. For information or to leave condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

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Breitfuss, Eleanor Z.
Eleanor Breitfuss, 97, of Arlington Heights, formerly Skokie, passed away on Thursday, August 29 after a week of loving farewells. She is survived by her devoted daughter, Laurie Pizzolato (Peter), 6 grandchildren, Erin, Jim, Mike, Jon, Megan and Allison, 7 great grandchildren, Lukas, Sean, Ellie, Dana, Joey, Robbie and Fiona. She was preceded in death by her parents, beloved husband, Jack, 4 siblings, and 2 sons, Dennis (Mary Beth) and Jimmy. Visitation Saturday, August 31st at St. Alphonsus Church at 10:00am, 411 N. Wheeling Rd, Prospect Heights, Illinois. In lieu of flowers make donation to North Shore Hospice.
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Cooper, Marian M.
Marian M. Cooper nee Huston age 58. Beloved wife of Daniel. Loving sister of John (Rhonda) Huston, Robert (Dorothy) Huston, Craig Huston. Many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Visitation Friday 3 P.M. until time of service, 7 P.M. at the **Brust Funeral Home** 415 N. Gary Ave Carol Stream, IL 60188. Interment private. Donations to the Animal Charity of your choice. For information call 630-510-0044.
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Fioretto, Nancy L.
Nancy L. Fioretto (nee Ross), 77, a resident of Bradenton, FL, formerly of Chicago, passed away August 19, 2019. Nancy was the beloved wife of Lee A. Fioretto for 57 years; loving mother of Debbie L. (Tim) McEnery, Donna L. (Michael) Manzella, Dawn M. (Ed) Benoit, Nancy L. Smola; and cherished grandmother of 11. Memorial visitation Monday, Sep 2, from 3 to 9 p.m. at **Grove Memorial Chapel**, 1199 S. Arlington Hts. Rd, Elk Grove Village. Memorial Mass Tuesday, 10 a.m. at Queen of the Rosary Church, 750 Elk Grove Blvd. Elk Grove Village. For more info, 847-640-0566 or grovememorialchapel.com

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Gordon, Eleanor S.
Eleanor S. Gordon, nee Schilfkin, age 98, beloved wife of the late Herbert I. Gordon; loving mother of Steven (Bev) Gordon and the late Bruce Gordon; adored Gigi of Sari (Frank) Mellman and Scott (Melissa) Gordon; proud Gigi of Blake, Leorah, Jemma, Madison, and Mackenzie; cherished sister of the late Rochelle (late Ben) Weinstein; treasured aunt and friend to many. Graveside service Friday, 1:30 p.m. at Memorial Park Cemetery, 9900 Gross Point Road, Skokie, IL. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to North Suburban Synagogue Beth El, 1175 Sheridan Rd, Highland Park, IL 60035 www.nssbethel.org. Info: **The Goldman Funeral Group** www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

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Harper, Edward Eugene
Ed passed away August 14 2019 in the Moosehaven Health Care Center at the age of 83. He was born to John and Hazel Harper on March 11, 1936 in Elgin, IL. Graduated from East Aurora High School 1954. Married Janice Ostrander 1954. They had 8 children. Surviving children Deanna Seiler, Philip Harper, Beth Carlson, Janel Betsinger. Married Barbara Cornele in 1984. He was active in the Moose. Lifetime member of the Phoenix Club. Proceeded in death by his parents, his second wife Barbara, and sons Jeffrey, Steven, Timothy and Jay Harper. Several surviving Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren. The memorial will be September 7th at the Yorkville Moose from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.
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Horn, Louis "Jim"
Louis "Jim" Horn, age 89, of Northbrook, IL, formerly from Wilmette, IL, died on August 28, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Georgia Horn nee Bleser; loving father of Joseph (Jeanette) and James Horn; dear grandfather of Joseph, Justin, and Michael (Denise) Horn; proud great grandfather of Mckaela; dear brother of the late John (Lois) Horn and Doris (the late Robert) Maxwell; fond uncle to many. Funeral Mass Tuesday, September 3, 2019, 11:15 a.m. at Saints Joseph & Francis Xavier Parish, 1747 Lake Avenue, Wilmette, IL 60091. Interment Saint Joseph Cemetery, Wilmette, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a charity of your choice. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.

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Micheli, Donald B.
Donald B. Micheli of Westchester, age 77. Beloved husband of Barbara, nee Iussig; loving father of Jennifer and Matthew (Bonnie) Micheli; proud grandfather of Fletcher and Samantha Micheli; dear brother of Richard Micheli; brother-in-law of Theresa (Martin) Higgins; fond uncle of many. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. All to meet at Divine Infant Church, 1601 Newcastle, Westchester for 11:30 a.m. Funeral Mass. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave, FL 17, Chicago, IL 60601 (include: In Memoriam to Donald Micheli on the memo line) or donate online at bit.ly/ALZDonMicheli. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.
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Mrozek, Wanda S.
Wanda Mrozek was the only daughter of Joseph and Sabina Kurczewski, Polish immigrants who also raised five sons, Ted (Leona), Ed, Art (Judy), Joe (Barb) and Wally (Elaine). In July, 1942, she met the love of her life, Wally Mrozek, at a roller-skating rink on Chicago's South Side, just a month before he enlisted in the

Navy during World War II. They were married in August 1945, shortly after his honorable discharge. They enjoyed 30 years together until his passing on Christmas Eve, 1975. Hardworking and devoted parents, their passion was raising their close-knit family of four children Don (Pat), Ernie (Diane), Mary Kaltenbach (Bryan) and Betty Bagnuet (Bart). Wanda was universally loved and respected for her kindness, selflessness, humility, common sense and perseverance. She passed away peacefully on August 24th, 2019, after a series of health challenges over the preceding six years. She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Ted, Ed and Art. Special thanks to Mary and Bryan Kaltenbach for their unending love and care, as well as the staffs at Atria Woodbridge Senior Living, Coral Tree Care Agency, and Precious Home Care, all located in Orange County, Ca. Wanda is survived by her loving children, ten grandchildren: Michelle Brooks (Bryan), Jenny Mrozek (Tom Schaughnessy), Carrie Krause (Matt), Don Mrozek II, Maggie Breeden (Mark), Matt Mrozek, Ryan McGarry, Lauren Dickinson (Ben), Joe Bagnuet (Paige), and Annie Bagnuet; three step grandchildren: Derek Kaltenbach, Ryan Kaltenbach (Jesse) and Ashley Shafer (Jay); and eight great-grandchildren: Jasmine Mrozek, Abby and Maddie Brooks, Connor and McKenna Krause, Jack Dickinson, and Sydney and Ford Breeden. Visitation will be held Monday, September 2, from 2 to 8 pm at **Curley Funeral Home (Heeney-Laughlin Directors)**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge, IL. On Tuesday, September 3rd, family and friends will meet at St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel, 7740 S Western Avenue, Chicago, 60620. Visitation from 10-11am and Funeral Mass of Christian Burial at 11am, with Rev. Thomas McCarthy O.S.A. and Rev. Bernie Scianna, O.S.A. concelebrating. Entombment to follow at Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Wanda's wish was that any memorial donations be made to St. Rita of Cascia High School (7740 S. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60620 or at stritahs.com/donate) to provide tuition assistance for financially challenged young men desiring a quality Catholic education. Info: Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors 708-636-5500 or www.heeneyfh.com

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O'Malley, Mary E.
(nee May)—Beloved wife of the late Thomas Joseph; loving mother of Maryanne, Thomas Jr. (Mary) and Catherine (Donald) Northfell; proud and cherished grandmother of Nicholas (Taylor) Northfell, Jillian (Zach) Bemis, Mary Beth, and Hannah Northfell, Lauren and Michael O'Malley; great grandmother of Elijah, Edith, and Penelope Northfell; fond sister of the late Anna (the late John) Finn; dear aunt and great aunt to many. Visitation Monday from 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** 625 Busse Hwy in Park Ridge. Funeral Tuesday, prayers at 9:30 a.m. to Mary Seat of Wisdom Church for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment Calvary Cemetery. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com
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Rackow, Glenna W.
Glenna W. Rackow, nee Earnshaw, Age 96, passed away on August 28, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Merton J. Rackow. Loving mom of Gail (Robert) Rubel and Linda Rackow. Dear grandmother of Jody (John) Litkenhus and Patricia (Frank) Gil. Dearest great-grandmother of Jacob Litkenhus, Jared Litkenhus, Joshua Litkenhus, Chase Gil and Audrey Gil. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral services and interment are private. Arrangements entrusted to care of Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice, Illinois. 708-496-0200 or www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com
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Savino, Mario
Mario Savino, of Glenview, born July 19, 1926 passed away August 28, 2019. Beloved husband of 65 years to the late Regina "Jean" Savino nee Burns; loving father of Anthony (Patrice), Catherine, Marie Sobolewski, Michael (Katherine), Paul (Jillian) (the late Victoria), Teresa La Cassa, Joseph (the late Andrea), Eileen, William (Jody), John (Carrie), Margaret (Joseph) McGowan, the late Mary Eileen and Patrick (MaryJo); dear grandfather of Anthony, Angelo, Christina (Justin), Mario (Katerina), Jennifer (Ryan), Nicole (Matthew), Joseph (Rebekkah), Daniel, Patrick (Christie), Robert, Antonio, Christopher (Kathleen), Michael, Elizabeth, James, Nicholas (Merritt), Regina (Matthew), Lauren (Matthew), Noel, Joseph, Olivia, Kate, Jack, William, Gabriella, John, Anthony and John; great grandfather of Dominic, Campbell, Anna, Madison, Payton, William, Hannah, Marie, Katelyn, Joseph, Logan, Raegan, Breckin, Liam, and Charlotte; cherished brother of Frank and Constance Kooz; beloved son of the late Anthony and Theresa Savino. Visitation Saturday, August 31 from 9:15 am until time of funeral Mass 10:30 am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove St., Glenview. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, C/O Sr. Paulanne's Needy Family Fund, 1775 Grove Street, Glenview, IL, 60025, Advocate Charitable Foundation, (In Memo for: Midwest Children's Brain Tumor Center) 3075 Highland Parkway, Downers Grove, IL 60515 or Misericordia, 6300 N. Ridge, Chicago, IL 60660. Funeral info 847-998-1020.

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Schlichting, Jane E.
Jane E. Schlichting nee Main, age 87, of Oak Park and River Forest; beloved wife of Marvin R.; loving mother of Nancy (Robert) Blackwell and Greg (Kirstin) Schlichting; cherished grandmother of Ryan, Evan (Shelbie) and Tara Blackwell, and Mason and Carson Schlichting; great-grandmother of Noah Robert Blackwell; dear sister of Jack (the late Sue) Main and the late Gloria Main; fond aunt and great-aunt of many. Jane received her Bachelor's degree in Education from Ball State University and her Master's degree in Education from Northwestern University. She was a lifelong educator who taught sixth grade for many years and taught other educators at the University of Illinois, Chicago. Visitation Tuesday September 3., 10 a.m. until time of service 11 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1025 Lake St, Melrose Park Interment Concordia Cemetery. Info: 708-383-3191 or drechslerbrownwilliams.com
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Shoolin, Marilyn

Marilyn Shoolin, nee Taff, 95, beloved wife of the late Philip; loving mother of Dr. Joel (Michele) Shoolin and Marla (Rickey) Briskman; cherished grandmother of Emily (Jared) McGuire, Claire (Andrew) Witko; adored great grandmother of Julian and Madeline McGuire. Graveside service Sunday 12:30 PM at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Avenues To Independence (avenuestoindependence.org) or Lymphoma Research Foundation (lymphoma.org). For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Stein, Lillian

Lillian Stein. Beloved wife of the late Charles Stein. Cherished sister of Paulette (the late Samuel) Kallow and the late Doris (the late Sidney) Horwitz. Dear aunt of Susan (the late David) Coty, Jacqueline (Shel) Turf, and Phyllis Kulp. Special thanks for the love and support from the Horn and Itzkowitz families. Lillian was a lifelong member Hadassah and Na'Amat as well as a 50 year JUF Golden Circle donor. She taught Yiddish for many years in the northern suburbs. Graveside service Friday 1:30PM at Waldheim Jewish Cemetery, 1400 Des Plaines Ave., Forest Park, IL, Gate 53. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Na'Amat would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH/630-648-9824 or www.MitzvahFunerals.com.



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Szanto, Anna Winterman

Anna Winterman Szanto. Wife of the late Philip Szanto, M.D., beloved and respected Professor of Pathology at Chicago Medical School. A resident of Highland Park, IL and Princeton, NJ, Anna was born in a convent in Poland in 1946. Her parents Joe and Sonia Winterman were Holocaust survivors. The family arrived in Chicago in 1950 after waiting for four years in a DP Camp in Austria for official papers to America. Anna went on to be the first in her family to graduate from college, becoming an English teacher in the Chicago and Highland Park Public Schools. Survivors include her sister Barbara (Bob) Wexler, brother-in-law Dr. Martin J. Szanto, and children Judy (Sandy) Kutin and Michael J. Szanto. She will be missed by her grandchildren Amalia, Shira, and Paula Kutin. A proud and grateful American, the pillars of her life were family and patriotism. Services private in Princeton, NJ.

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Titiner, Norman Lewis

Norman Lewis Titiner, age 86. Beloved husband of Joy, nee Snitman, Cherished father of Steven David (Beth) Titiner, Jodi Rene' Titiner and Gary Ross (Martha) Titiner. Loving grandfather of Aaron, David, Elise and Sophia. Dear brother of Ruth (Richard) Block. Devoted son of the late Samuel and Reba Titiner. Owner of Carpetville. Funeral Friday, August 30th,

11 AM, at Congregation Etz Chaim, 1710 S. Highland Ave, Lombard, IL 60148 Interment at 1:30 PM at Westlawn Cemetery in Norridge. In lieu of flowers contributions to Congregation Etz Chaim Educational Fund, or the charity of your choice would be appreciated. Info **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH (630-648-9824) or www.mitzvahfunerals.com



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Tufano, Carolyn

Carolyn Tufano, age 80, of McFarland, Wisconsin, passed away August 3, 2019. She was born April 14, 1939 in Chicago, Illinois to Francis & Caroline Cronin. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Anthony; and her sons Michael and David, her brother James Cronin and sister Lorraine Cronin. Carolyn was a dear sister-in-law, aunt and friend to many. Carolyn and Anthony owned All Suburban Movers of Oakbrook for 30 years. She also was an Accounting Supervisor at Heinz Hospital in Maywood, IL. She was awarded Employee of The Year and was a semi-finalist for the same award for the entire Veterans Administration system.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, August 31, 2019, at 9:15 am at Visitation Church, 779 S. York in Elmhurst, IL. Interment will follow at Queen of Heaven cemetery in Hillside, Illinois.

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Whittier, Larry J.

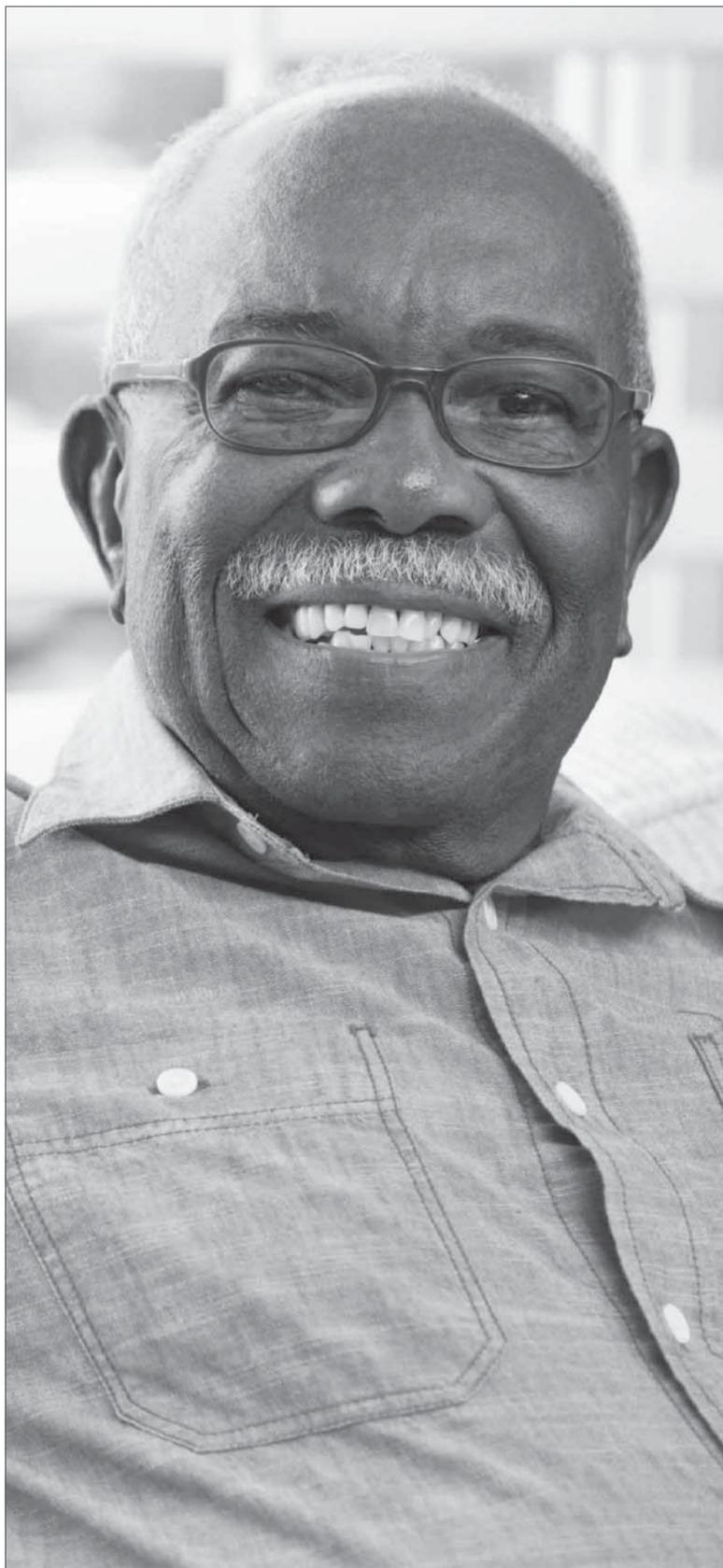
Legendary Coach, Larry J Whittier passed away peacefully in St. Petersburg, FL at the age of 81. Larry was incredibly passionate about people and the human spirit. He spent his life mentoring all around him, from the kids he coached, to the stranger who would quickly turn into a friend. He spent his career teaching, counseling and coaching in Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota. He retired from the College of Lake County in 1999, after 27 years of service at the college.

Larry's drive for friendly competition kept him coaching cross country, women's basketball and men's football for most of his life. His competitive nature certainly did not stop with organized sports; he was an avid golfer, card player and took losing very personally. A hard working Father and genuine friend who was always more concerned with all others above himself. His wit and humor knew no bounds, everyone he touched was certainly better for having known him. He was loved and is missed by all.

Larry is survived by the love of his life, Diane of 59 years, their four children: Brett, Wade, Thad and Rod, 8 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

A celebration of life ceremony will be held on Thursday, September 12th from 6pm-10pm at Mickey Finns in Libertyville, IL. A formal service and mass will be held at Carmel High School Chapel in Mundelein, IL on Friday, September 13th at 11:30am. All are welcome to attend.

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ILLINOIS FOOTBALL

'A fire inside'

Brandon Peters' 1st 3 college seasons were a roller coaster. Now he's out to prove himself as Illini's starting quarterback

BY SHANNON RYAN

Brandon Peters remembers it as a blur. In the second quarter of Michigan's eighth game in 2017, the redshirt freshman entered a game at Michigan Stadium for the first time.

After getting that nod, Peters completed 10 of 14 passes for 124 yards and a touchdown in a 35-14 victory. He started four of the Wolverines' final five games that season.

"A bunch of people told me the crowd went crazy," Peters told the Tribune this week. "I don't remember that. I was in the zone a little bit."

"But it was actually going into a meaningful game. I think it was a tied game. It was an unbelievable experience. I was kind of nervous, but then it's, 'Eh, it's football.'"

Peters will be a starter again Saturday — now at Illinois — after a few years of highs and lows. Never an animated, rah-rah type of leader, Peters said he has learned to take an even steadier approach to the roller-coaster life of a college quarterback.

He fell to third-string last season at Michigan behind Shea Patterson and Dylan McCaffrey and attempted only two passes in four games of mop-up duty.

He transferred to Illinois after graduating from Michigan in June and earned the starting job

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL OPENERS

SATURDAY

I Akron at Illinois
11 a.m., BTN

N S Northwestern at Stanford
3 p.m., FOX-32

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6 p.m., ESPN Plus

MONDAY

ND L Notre Dame at Louisville
7 p.m., ESPN

Brandon Peters, a graduate transfer from Michigan, beat out heralded freshman Isaiah Williams and others for Illinois' starting quarterback job.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ATHLETICS

CUBS 4, METS 1



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Victor Caratini hits a three-run homer during the seventh inning Thursday against the Mets. The Cubs swept the three-game series. More coverage, [Page 3](#)

'Find a way to win'

Heyward says final score is only thing that's important

BY MARK GONZALES

NEW YORK — With only a month remaining, the Cubs don't need to remind themselves not to look too far ahead. They lost a five-game lead in the National League Central over the final 26 games of 2018.

While they trailed the idle Cardinals by two games entering Thursday night's series finale against the Mets, the Cubs can put some distance between themselves and the sputtering third-place Brewers this weekend at Wrigley Field.

Recent trends of timely hitting, solving power pitchers and winning on the road are less important than the final scores, said center fielder Jason Heyward, who is expected to remain in the leadoff spot at least until Ben Zobrist and Albert Almora Jr. return from Triple-A Iowa, perhaps as soon as Sunday.

"The idea of trends and the idea of

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- **Sunday:** Gonzalez (2-2, 4.34) vs. Darvish (5-6, 4.25), NBCSCH

sustaining whatever — just find a way to win," Heyward said. "Who cares how you get it done? Find a way to get it done."

"No one is going to look back at any games in 2016 where 'they played sloppy this game and still won.' No one remembers that. They just remember we found a way to win. That's what you've got to do."

"Obviously, you want things to go a certain way and would like to have the best at-bats. You'd like to have so many guys driving in runners in scoring position. You'd like the pitching to be

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100 RANKING THE BEST BEARS PLAYERS EVER

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Our pick at No. 7, **Bulldog Turner**, was a versatile center and linebacker, and a key part of the Bears' dynasty during the 1940s. [Back Page](#)



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TITANS 19, BEARS 15
Eddy Pineiro's missed PAT allows uncertainty back into kicking search. Kane, [Page 9](#)

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BEARS

A look inside the remodeled Halas Hall

BY DAN WIEDERER

The Bears on Thursday unveiled the expanded Halas Hall, an enlargement that includes a 162,500-square-foot football operations addition plus a 30,600-square-foot remodeling project on the building's northeast side.

The project, with HOK as the design firm and Mortenson Construction as the general contractor, began in March 2018.

The additions and renovations to the team's headquarters in Lake Forest include a new player locker entrance and a 1,700-square-foot locker room expansion. The weight room has increased by 2,000 square feet, and a 3,250-square-foot players lounge was created.

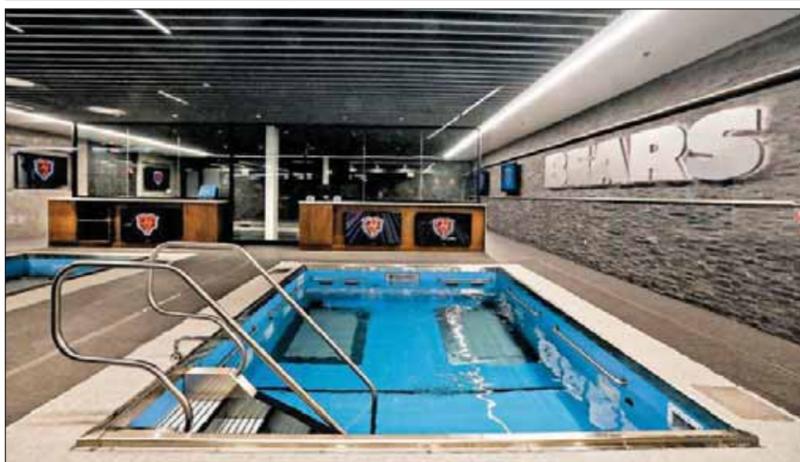
The organization quadrupled its sports medicine space, which now features two hydrotherapy pools, two plunge pools, a float pod, a sauna and a steam room. A 13,000-square-foot indoor turf training space also was added on the north end of the campus.

"Throughout the process our goal was not only to develop a more collaborative work flow across the building, but to create an experience for everyone entering Halas Hall so that it becomes more than just a workspace," team President and CEO Ted Phillips said.

Added general manager Ryan Pace: "This upgrade furthers the continued support from the McCaskey family and their commitment to attract, develop and retain the most talented roster possible, both on and off the field."

Bears players' entrance, locker room and hydro therapy pool at the renovated Halas Hall in Lake Forest.

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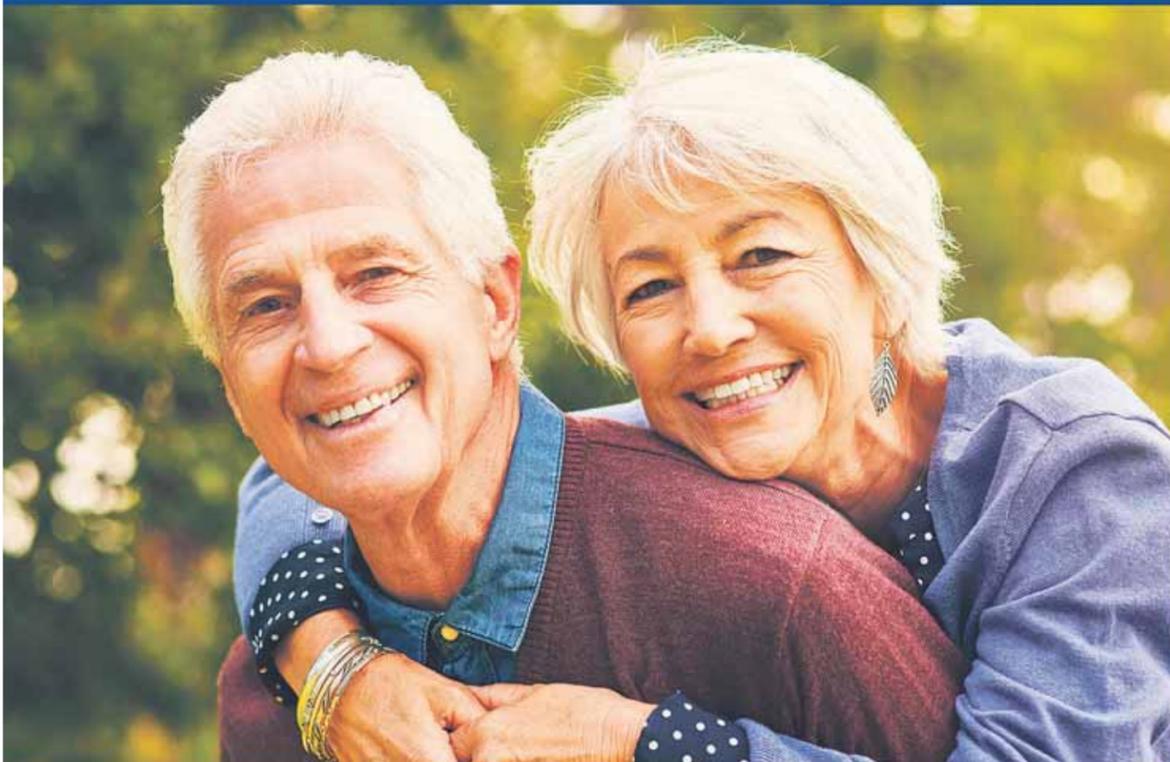
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6 p.m. A's at Yankees	MLB	
6:20 p.m. White Sox at Braves	NBCSCH	WGN-AM 720
BASKETBALL		
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BOWLING		
2 p.m. World Championships	CBSSN	
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5 p.m. Rice at Army	CBSSN	
6 p.m. Wisconsin at South Florida	ESPN	
6 p.m. Tulsa at Michigan State	FS1	
6 p.m. UMass at Rutgers	BTN	
8:30 p.m. Purdue at Nevada	CBSSN	
9 p.m. Colorado vs. Colorado State	ESPN	
9:30 p.m. Oklahoma St. at Oregon St.	FS1	
GOLF		
8:30 a.m. European Masters	Golf	
Noon Korn Ferry: Tour Championship	Golf	
3 p.m. Champions: Shaw Charity	Golf	
5:30 p.m. LPGA: Portland Classic	Golf	
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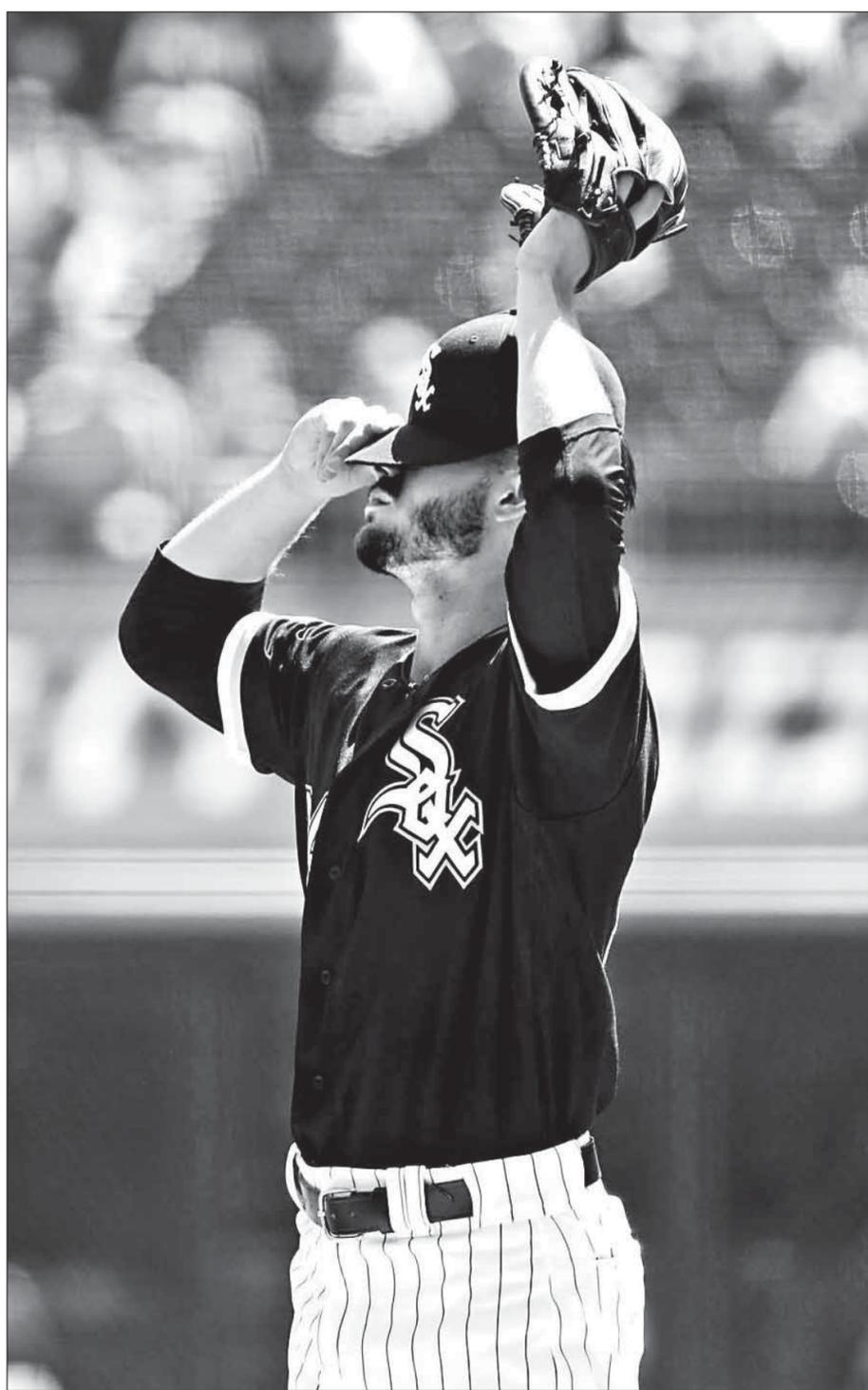
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WHITE SOX



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

White Sox starter Dylan Cease reacts in the first inning Thursday as the Twins rough him up for four runs.

TWINS 10, WHITE SOX 5

An early exit

Cease unable to make it out of 3rd as Twins complete sweep of White Sox

BY LAMOND POPE

Dylan Cease had the velocity, with a fastball clocked in the upper 90s. Some of his breaking balls were sharp.

But it was one of those days that went south quickly for the White Sox rookie.

Cease allowed eight runs on 10 hits in two-plus innings as the Twins thumped the Sox 10-5 in front of 15,886 at Guaranteed Rate Field.

"Obviously, it wasn't great results," Cease said.

The Twins displayed their prolific power but also went a different route with eight singles against Cease.

Cease (3-7) followed perhaps the best outing of his young big-league career — a career-high nine strikeouts in six innings Friday in an 8-3 win over the Rangers — with his shortest. It's the first time he failed to go at least five innings.

"The stuff was there," Cease said. "I'll have to go back and look at video, but I guarantee if I execute pitches better, it's a better result."

The Twins had six hits, all singles, during a four-run first. They added two more runs in the second on a single by Nelson

Cruz.

Jake Cave and C.J. Cron hit back-to-back home runs to start the third, and Cease's day was through.

"It was one of those days," Sox catcher James McCann said. "We'll get back to the drawing board and keep working, keep fighting. There is nothing to do except keep your head up and keep working."

"He'll look back at a day like (Thursday) and realize he learns a lot more from games like this than when he might have more success."

Cease saw his ERA go from 5.76 to 6.92.

"The biggest thing is to find positives," McCann said. "He's going to dwell on the negative stuff for a while, but he has to find something positive to take from it. You look at a major-league level, there is not a break in the lineup per se."

"The seven, eight, nine guy can beat you as much as the three (or) four guy. The lineup (Thursday), the nine-hole guy (Jonathan Schoop) has 20-plus homers."

"It's a different mindset. You can't take pitches off. That's something he's learning, that he has to stay focused every single pitch. You can't take one or two

pitches off at this level because they'll take advantage of it."

Cave hit a second homer off reliever Hector Santiago in the seventh to help punctuate the three-game sweep.

The Twins lead the majors with 261 homers, including a record 141 on the road. They have 37 homers in 16 games against the Sox.

Cease has allowed at least one homer in each of his first 10 starts.

Sox manager Rick Renteria said it's possible Cease had a "tell" Thursday.

"When you see a hitter spin on a particular pitch, when you have the type of velocity he has and you see them spin on a breaking ball, it kind of makes you ponder, 'Maybe they have something,'" Renteria said. "It could be they are simply eliminating the breaking ball because they think his breaking ball is buried and in the dirt, out of hand, which (Thursday) wasn't necessarily the case because he threw some pretty good breaking balls in the zone for strikeouts."

"It just depends. I have to go back and look at it. We'll try to figure out what we can do to help improve the situation."

Cease said it's possible he tipped some pitches, "but at the end of the day, I know if I execute pitches better I'll have better results."

Robert ETA may not be September

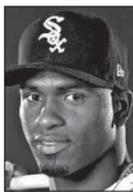
BY LAMOND POPE

Luis Robert has been a force at every minor-league stop this season. The center fielder hit his 31st home run Wednesday.

But it remains to be seen if the White Sox's top prospect will be among their September call-ups.

Hall of Famer Frank Thomas addressed Robert's status Thursday during NBC Sports Chicago's Sox pregame show.

"(I) just talked to (general manager) Rick Hahn," Thomas said. "He said (Robert's) going to be in the (International League) playoffs, and he hasn't really made a final decision yet. But he's leaning, maybe, no."



Robert

"Because the guy's been so spectacular moving up this year, they might just wait till next season, but (Hahn) hasn't made a final decision yet. ...

Everybody wants to see him, Rick knows that, but he hasn't made the final decision yet. But right now, he's leaning no."

The Sox then released a statement clarifying the situation.

"No decisions have been made yet on September call-ups," the statement read. "We are going to

wait until Charlotte finishes its season before final decisions are made."

Robert is hitting .331 with 31 homers and 90 RBIs in 118 games between Class A Winston-Salem, Double-A Birmingham and Triple-A Charlotte. He had eight homers each at Winston-Salem and Birmingham and has 15 at Charlotte.

Robert also has 36 stolen bases and recently became the first Sox minor-leaguer since at least 1988 to join the 30-30 club.

The Knights have a one-game lead over Durham in the International League wild-card standings going into the final weekend of the regular season.

CUBS

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Caratini stick gives deGrom problems

Catcher slams 2 HRs off reigning NL Cy Young Award winner

BY MARK GONZALES

NEW YORK — Victor Caratini wasn't about to succumb to Jacob deGrom's overpowering repertoire.

Caratini, making his third start at first base in place of injured slugger Anthony Rizzo, fouled off four consecutive pitches, ranging from a 98-mph fastball to an 89-mph changeup.

And when deGrom hung a 90-mph slider, Caratini cranked the pitch into the upper deck in right field for a three-run homer with one out in the seventh inning Thursday that vaulted the Cubs to a 4-1 victory over the Mets before a stunned crowd of 38,389 at Citi Field.

Caratini's blast, which came on a 1-2 pitch, ignited a giddy Cubs dugout. Entering the seventh, deGrom had allowed only one hit — a home run by Caratini with one out in the second.

With the win, the Cubs (72-61) equaled their season-best five-game road winning streak, extended their winning streak at Citi Field to seven games and cut their deficit to 1 1/2 games behind the National League Central-leading Cardinals.

This marked the fifth time this season the Cubs have been 11 games over .500.

Caratini's game-winning home run occurred on the Cubs' first at-bat with runners in scoring position. Kris Bryant started the rally with a one-out single and advanced to second on a hit by Javier Baez that squeezed through the middle of the infield.

Caratini became the first Cub to hit more than one homer off the reigning NL Cy Young Award winner since Hall of Famer Ernie Banks hit two against Mike McCormick on May 26, 1968, according to STATS.

Inserting the switch-hitting

Caratini at first base and Tony Kemp making his first start in left field was part of manager Joe Maddon's attempt to create more contact against deGrom, who struck out seven to increase his NL-leading total to 214.

DeGrom had allowed only 15 home runs in 162 innings before Thursday.

Jon Lester, who allowed six runs in 4 1/3 innings in a loss to the Nationals on Saturday, wiggled out of trouble in the first three innings to earn the win. Lester allowed a home run to J.D. Davis with two out in the first and threw 65 pitches through three innings.

But after allowing a double to Wilson Ramos and walking Michael Conforto with two out in the third, Lester retired the next eight batters. He received some help in the sixth from catcher Jonathan Lucroy, who made a quick throw to nail Conforto on a steal attempt after Todd Frazier struck out for an inning-ending double play.

The Cubs won't have much time to savor this win as they open a three-game series Friday against the Brewers at Wrigley Field.

Contreras heads out: Catcher Willson Contreras will start a minor-league rehab assignment with Triple-A Iowa on Friday and likely won't rejoin the Cubs until after Lester's next start Tuesday against the Mariners.

"I would say probably around a week or so," Maddon said of Contreras' projected rehab stint.

That would put Contreras in line to return during the four-game road series against the Brewers that starts Thursday.

Contreras, who hasn't played since straining his right hamstring while running to first base Aug. 3, is scheduled to catch two to three innings Friday. He took several rounds of batting practice and ran the bases without discomfort Thursday in New York, telling two reporters he felt "great" before leaving for the airport.



KATHY WILLENS/AP

Victor Caratini is all smiles after hitting his second homer of the night, a three-run shot in the seventh, Thursday against the Mets in New York.

Cubs

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everything it is. But you've got to find a way to win."

Unfortunately for the Cubs — who don't play the Cardinals again until the final two weekends — they're likely to remain without first baseman Anthony Rizzo for at least Friday's series opener against the Brewers. Rizzo showed adequate range of motion as he performed a series of exercises in the left-field corner of Citi Field before Thursday's game.

But manager Joe Maddon wasn't expecting the tightness in the middle of Rizzo's back to loosen enough to allow him to play for the first time since Saturday.

"With the plane ride (late Thursday from New York) and all, I would be surprised if he walks in (Friday) and said he felt good enough to play," Maddon said. "I'm not anticipating that."

Maddon said Rizzo has been able to manage the back discomfort enough to play, but the medical staff might have the final say on when he returns.

Catcher Victor Caratini started at first base Thursday for the third time this season and hit an upper-deck home run to right in his first at-bat against 2018 NL Cy Young Award winner Jacob deGrom.

Tony Kemp made his first start in left field since joining the Cubs on July 31, and Maddon plans to give either right fielder Nicholas Castellanos or Heyward a rest Friday.

"It's getting people involved," said Maddon, who explained that starting Kemp also allowed him to rest Kyle Schwarber and start a left fielder with a higher contact rate.

Maddon wasn't about to rule Heyward completely out of the leadoff spot once Zobrist and Almora rejoin the team. Heyward was batting .161 with a .261 on-base percentage in the leadoff spot entering Thursday and was batting .171 overall in August.

"The numbers aren't what he wants them to be, but his presence matters to me and to us," said Maddon, who was informed shortly thereafter that the Cubs were 21-9 when Heyward led off.

Nevertheless, Almora could give the Cubs a lift at the top if he can rekindle a semblance of his .309 average against left-handers entering this season. He's 3-for-9 against lefties in Triple A.

Maddon prefers to keep Castellanos in the second spot.

Infielder Daniel Descalso, who is on a rehab assignment at Iowa, also is expected to rejoin the Cubs on Sunday. Infielder Robel Garcia and pitcher Duane Underwood also are under consideration for promotions.

BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	88	47	.652	—	—	5-5	W-4	49-20	39-27
Tampa Bay	77	58	.570	11	1	4-6	W-1	34-31	43-27
Boston	72	62	.537	15½	5½	7-3	W-2	34-34	38-28
Toronto	54	81	.400	34	24	2-8	L-1	26-40	28-41
Baltimore	44	89	.331	43	33	5-5	L-1	22-46	22-43

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	82	51	.617	—	—	7-3	W-5	39-29	43-22
Cleveland	79	55	.590	3½	—	6-4	W-3	41-27	38-28
Chicago	60	73	.451	22	17	5-5	L-3	33-35	27-38
Kansas City	47	88	.348	36	31	2-8	L-1	25-42	22-46
Detroit	39	92	.298	42	37	2-8	L-5	17-46	22-46

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	87	48	.644	—	—	8-2	L-1	51-17	36-31
Oakland	77	56	.579	9	—	6-4	W-1	43-26	34-30
Texas	65	70	.481	22	13	4-6	L-1	38-28	27-42
Los Angeles	64	71	.474	23	14	3-7	L-1	34-32	30-39
Seattle	57	78	.422	30	21	5-5	W-1	29-40	28-38

Late games noted below

FRIDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE	2019	2019 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
Mil Anderson (R)	6-3 4.34(10)-11	1-0 8.0 3.38	1-1 12.1 9.49
Chc Quintana (L)	1:20p 11-8 4.05(14)-11	1-2 20.1 7.08	1-1 17.0 2.65
Mia Hernandez (R)	3-5 4.97 5-6	0-1 4.1 6.23	1-1 16.0 5.06
Was Sanchez (R)	6:05p 8-6 3.81(13)-11	1-1 11.1 3.18	1-0 17.1 4.67
NYM Wheeler (R)	9-7 4.46(13)-12	1-2 25.0 3.60	0-1 16.0 6.75
Phi Nola (R)	6:05p 12-4 3.53(18)-10	1-0 17.2 3.06	2-1 21.0 2.57
Cin Bauer (R)	10-11 4.39(14)-15	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-3 14.1 11.30
StL Hudson (R)	7:15p 13-6 3.47 18-8	2-0 17.0 3.71	3-0 18.2 0.00
Pit Agrazal (R)	3-3 4.41 4-5	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-2 13.2 7.90
Col Senzala (R)	7:40p 8-8 6.75 10-9	0-1 3.1 21.60	1-2 8.1 21.60
LAD Gonsolin (R)	2-1 2.74 2-2	0-1 4.0 9.00	2-0 15.0 1.20
Ari Gallen (R)	8:40p 2-4 2.56 5-6	0-1 5.1 1.69	0-1 15.0 3.00
SD Larnet (R)	2-2 4.30 3-6	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 16.0 5.06
SF Bumgarner (L)	9:15p 8-8 3.71(17)-11	1-1 20.0 4.95	1-1 18.0 3.50

AMERICAN LEAGUE	2019	2019 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
Oak Anderson (L)	10-9 4.08(15)-11	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-2 17.0 4.76
NYJ Sabathia (L)	6:05p 5-8 4.99 9-10	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-3 11.1 8.74
Hou Milley (L)	13-4 3.13 19-8	0-0 0.0 0.00	2-0 14.0 4.50
Tor Thornton (R)	6:07p 4-8 5.34 9-17	1-0 6.2 0.00	0-1 16.0 3.94
Cle Bieber (R)	12-6 3.23(17)-10	0-0 5.0 1.80	0-2 19.0 2.84
TB TBD	6:10p — — —	— — —	— — —
Min Gibson (R)	12-6 4.49(16)-10	1-1 10.1 7.84	1-1 17.0 6.35
Det Jackson (R)	6:10p 3-7 8.70 2-7	0-1 5.0 10.80	1-2 15.0 7.20
Sea Gonzales (L)	14-10 4.17(15)-13	2-2 25.0 3.24	2-1 18.0 3.50
Tex Allard (L)	2-0 4.64 3-1	0-0 0.0 0.00	2-0 17.0 4.76
Bal Means (L)	9-9 3.61 8-13	0-1 5.0 3.60	1-2 15.2 5.17
KC Skoglund (L)	7:15p 0-0 3.60 1-0	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-0 5.0 3.60
Bos Eovaldi (R)	1-0 6.64 5-1	0-0 3.0 3.00	0-0 11.0 5.73
LAA Suarez (L)	9:07p 2-5 6.67 4-8	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-3 12.2 9.24

INTERLEAGUE	2019	2019 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
ChW Nova (R)	9-10 4.37(14)-13	0-0 0.0 0.00	2-1 20.0 1.35
Atl Fried (L)	6:20p 14-4 4.22 19-6	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 16.0 5.06

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
 Cleveland 2, Detroit 0
 Oakland 9, Kansas City 8
 Minnesota 10, Chi. White Sox 5
 Tampa Bay 9, Houston 8
 Seattle 5, Texas 3

SATURDAY'S GAMES
 Oakland at N.Y. Yankees, 12:05
 Houston at Toronto, 2:07
 Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 5:10
 Minnesota at Detroit, 5:10
 Baltimore at Kansas City, 6:15
 Chi. White Sox at Atlanta, 6:20
 Seattle at Texas, 7:05
 Boston at L.A. Angels, 8:07

NATIONAL LEAGUE

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
 Chi. Cubs 4, N.Y. Mets 1
 Miami 4, Cincinnati 3 (12)
 Pittsburgh 11, Colorado 8
 Arizona 11, L.A. Dodgers 5
 San Diego 5, San Francisco 3

SATURDAY'S GAMES
 GI: Cincinnati at St. Louis, 12:15 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Chi. Cubs, 1:20 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 3:05 p.m.
 Miami at Washington, 6:05 p.m.
 G2: Cincinnati at St. Louis, 6:15 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, 7:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Colorado, 7:10 p.m.
 San Diego at San Fran., 8:05 p.m.

SINGLE SEASON TEAM HOME RUNS ON THE ROAD
 141: Minnesota (2019) 136: Oakland (2018) 130: Oakland (1996)
 138: San Francisco (2001) 133: Seattle (1997) 128: N.Y. Yankees (1961)
 136: Baltimore (1996) 132: N.Y. Yankees (2019) baseball-reference.com

BOX SCORES

SAN DIEGO 5, SAN FRANCISCO 3

SAN DIEGO	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Margot cf	4	1	2	0	239	
Naylor lf	3	1	2	0	249	
b-Refroe ph-rf	1	0	0	0	226	
Machado 3b	4	0	0	0	262	
Hosmer 1b	4	0	1	0	284	
Hosmer rf	4	0	1	0	223	
France 2b	3	0	0	0	210	
Munoz p	0	0	0	0	—	
Urias ss	4	1	1	0	186	
Hedges c	4	0	1	0	189	
Paddock p	3	1	1	0	211	
Strahm p	0	0	0	0	—	
Garcia 2b	0	0	0	0	261	
TOTALS	33	5	8	6		

SAN FRANCISCO	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Yastrzemski rf	3	0	0	0	264	
g-Rickard ph-rf	1	0	1	0	267	
Belt 1b	3	1	1	0	229	
Longoria 3b	4	0	1	0	263	
Dickerson lf	4	0	0	0	239	
Possey c	4	0	1	0	246	
DeFoor cf	4	0	1	0	256	
Crawford ss	3	1	0	0	232	
Dubon 2b	3	0	1	0	233	
Coonrod p	0	0	0	0	—	
e-Vogt ph	1	1	1	0	278	
Rodriguez p	0	0	0	0	200	
a-Slater ph	1	0	0	0	276	
Gustave p	0	0	0	0	—	
Abad p	0	0	0	0	—	
c-Solano ph-2b	2	1	1	0	337	
TOTALS	34	3	8	2	10	

San Diego	003	200	000	—	8	0
San Francisco	000	100	011	—	8	0

a-struck out for Rodriguez in the 5th, b-flipped out for Naylor in the 8th, c-singled for Abad in the 8th, d-singled for Yastrzemski in the 8th, e-doubled for Coonrod in the 9th. **LOB:** San Diego 2, San Francisco 3. **2B:** Naylor (10), Hosmer (25), Longoria (17), Vogt (21). **3B:** Urias (3). **HR:** Margot (11), off Rodriguez; Hedges (10), off Rodriguez; Belt (15), off Paddock. **RISB:** Margot 2 (30), Hosmer (88), Hedges 2 (33), Belt (51), Vogt (31). **CS:** France (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** San Diego 9, San Francisco 4. **DP:** San Diego 1 (Machado, Longoria), San Francisco 1 (Machado, France, Hosmer); San Francisco 1 (Rodriguez, Dubon, Belt).

TWINS 10, WHITE SOX 5

MINNESOTA	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Arraz 3b	4	1	1	1	335	
Polanco ss	4	2	2	0	296	
Cruz dh	4	0	2	0	299	
Rosario lf	5	1	2	1	283	
Adrianza rf	4	1	1	0	284	
Cave cf	5	2	2	2	275	
Cron 1b	5	2	3	2	261	
Castro c	4	0	0	0	239	
Schoop 2b	5	1	3	0	262	
Goins ss	4	0	1	0	266	
TOTALS	40	10	16	12		

WHITE SOX	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Garcia rf	5	1	0	1	277	
Goins ss	4	0	1	0	266	
Abreu dh	5	1	4	1	284	
Moncada 3b	5	0	1	0	295	
McCann c	4	0	0	0	279	
Jimenez lf	4	1	2	1	240	
Skole 1b	4	1	2	1	226	
Sanchez 2b	4	1	2	1	259	
Engel cf	4	0	1	0	224	
TOTALS	38	5	12	4		

Minnesota	422	010	100	—	10	16	2
Chi White Sox	000	021	002	—	5	12	0

E: Polanco 2 (19). **LOB:** Minnesota 9, Chicago 8. **2B:** Cron (22), Skole (2), Abreu 2 (32). **HR:** Casley (7), off Coase; Cron (2), off Coase; Cave (7), off Santiago. **RISB:** Cruz 3 (86), Rosario (88), Cron 3 (71), Cave 2 (17), Arraz (21), Sanchez (32), Jimenez (53). **Runners left in scoring position:** Minnesota 4 (Cave, Polanco, Cron); Chicago 6 for 13; Chicago 3 for 18. **Runners moved up:** Cave, Goins. **DP:** Polanco, Cave, Goins, Engel, Abreu. **DP:** Minnesota 3 (Arraz, Schoop, Cron; Arraz, Schoop, Cron; Polanco, Schoop, Cron); Chicago 2 (McCann, Skole); Goins, Sanchez, Skole 1.

CUBS 4, METS 1

CHI CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Heyward cf	4	0	0	0	1 257	
Castellanos rf	4	0	0	0	2 352	
Bryant 3b	3	1	1	0	282	
Baez ss	4	1	1	0	282	
Karim 1b	4	2	3	4	274	
Russell 2b	4	0	0	0	286	
Camp lf	3	0	0	0	1 170	
Lucroy c	3	0	0	0	1 250	
Lester p	2	0	0	0	179	
Chatwood p	4	0	0	0	1 249	
b-Schwarber ph	1	0	0	0	—	
Kintzler p	0	0	0	0	—	
Kimble p	0	0	0	0	—	
TOTALS	32	4	6	4	10	

NY METS	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Rosario ss	3	0	0	0	2 288	
McNeil 2b	4	0	0	0	330	
J.Davis lf	4	1	1	0	303	
Alonso 1b	3	0	0	0	1 261	
Ramos c	4	0	2	0	1 292	
Conforto rf	3	0	1	0	1 258	
J.Davis lf	4	0	0	0	1 227	
Lagares cf	3	0	0	0	1 210	
c-Guillorme ph	1	0	0	0	—	
a-DeGrom p	2	0	1	0	231	
a-Panik ph	1	0	0	0	268	
Lugo p	0	0	0	0	—	
Familia p	0	0	0	0	—	
TOTALS	32	1	5	1	7	

Chi Cubs	010	000	300	—	4	1
N.Y. Mets	100	000	000	—	1	5

a-flipped out for deGrom in the 7th, b-struck out for Chatwood in the 8th, c-grounded out for Lagares in the 9th. **E:** Bryant (14). **LOB:** Chicago 2, New

FIRE

Floating away to recovery

A sensory deprivation tank allows Sapong to bounce back from injuries and refresh his mind

BY JEREMY MIKULA

Imagine you're defying gravity, floating in an enclosed space. There are no lights, no sounds, only darkness and silence.

Oh, and only one thing keeps you company: your thoughts.

That might sound like a nightmare to some. But for C.J. Sapong, floating in a sensory deprivation tank is where he finds peace — and recovery.

The Chicago Fire forward uses 60-minute flotation therapy sessions a few times a month as a way to relieve muscle soreness and refresh his mind.

"A lot of the mental benefits show themselves as being way more clear-headed," he said last week at Float Sixty in the South Loop. "The after-float effect is something that is very real. Colors are more vivid, taste is better. It's a space where I get to disconnect."

Tanks are filled with about 10 inches of water and anywhere from 1,000 to 1,400 pounds of Epsom salt, according to Float Sixty owner Gloria Morris, which helps prevent users from being submerged. The water is heated to around 93 or 94 degrees to closely match skin temperature.

Tanks come in a variety of shapes and sizes, but the general idea is to eliminate as many external senses as possible by making them light- and sound-proof.

"It's hard to come across silence in our daily lives," Sapong, 30, said. "Even when you are sitting in an apartment in the city, you'd like think that it's quiet time. But there's still sound, still so much going on around you. But you get in that tank and it's just you in there."

A 2018 study by the Laureate Institute for Brain Research in Tulsa, Oklahoma, found sensory deprivation float tanks helped reduce anxiety, relieve stress and improve mood in participants.



ELSA/GETTY

C.J. Sapong is among a growing number of athletes spurring the popularity of flotation therapy.

Flotation therapy itself isn't exactly new. The concept was developed in the 1950s by Jay Shurley and John Lilly at the National Institute of Mental Health but didn't become commercially available until 1972.

Floating had its earlier adopters — John Lennon reportedly used floating to help kick a heroin addiction in 1979 — but gained popularity more recently, especially in the world of sports. Warriors guard Stephen Curry told ESPN he floats every two weeks, and the Patriots introduced floating to their players in 2014 before installing tanks in their facilities. Several members of the Chicago Red Stars are regulars at Float Sixty as well.

Getting into the tank requires a quick shower and the use of ear plugs, which help to both prevent salt water from getting into the ear canal and cancel out noise. It is recommended users avoid caffeine and shaving the day of their float.

Sometimes there are issues — "barriers that you set upon yourself," as Sapong called them — for first-time floaters, such as difficulty relaxing during the first few minutes or getting water in the eyes.

The Fire acquired Sapong, a former MLS rookie of the year, from the Philadelphia Union on



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— C.J. Sapong

Feb. 23, and he scored a week later in the season opener against the LA Galaxy. Entering Saturday night's game against the Columbus Crew, he has played 28 of the team's 29 league matches, including 25 starts. His 10 goals this season are second-most on the Fire and the second-most in his career.

The Manassas, Virginia, native first started floating a few years ago, when a culmination of injuries started to take their toll: "A herniated disc in my lower back, a bulging disc in my neck. I had a narrowing of my cervical nerve, a hole in my C3, C4, nutrient defi-

ciency."

Besides floating, Sapong practices tai chi ("I pride myself in finding alternative ways of healing") and focuses heavily on nutrition. So much so that nutrition is at the heart of Sacred Seeds, the Philadelphia-based foundation he started that helps underserved communities eat better by focusing on nutrition, food education and cultivation through gardening.

It's through his foundation, Sapong said, that he found his "signature frequency."

"I found salvation in taking control of at least what I put in my body and the little tiny things that I

can control," he said.

But for Sapong, it comes back to floating — and meditation.

"When you're trying to meditate, there will be thoughts and other things that creep into your mind that are not conducive to your well-being," he said. "You learn to figure out your own creative ways to overcome these things and transmute them into things that are beneficial for you."

So beneficial, Sapong said, that he will continue to float, turning inward with nothing but his thoughts to keep him company.

It's exactly where he wants to be.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL



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Northwestern coach Pat Fitzgerald guided the Wildcats to a 5-0 road record in 2018. They open the '19 season Saturday at Stanford.

All bets are on again



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
College football predictions

Another season also brings predictions for ND, big national game

Hope I didn't blow your college fund last year. I went 52-59-2 against the spread after a 6-3 finish in the Big Ten bowl games. (Did you have to squander that 25-point lead, Ohio State?)

This season we're expanding the picks to include Notre Dame and at least one big national game. I figure whatever happens, my predictions can't be as bad as what ESPN's Paul Pierce forecast after the Celtics beat the Bucks in Game 1 of their playoff series: "I think it's over."

We're just getting started. Odds as of Thursday morning are courtesy of MyBookie.ag. Selections in **bold**.

Friday

Tulsa (plus 23½) at Michigan State

6 p.m., FS1
Even Google doesn't know who will call Sparty's plays. Type in "Michigan State offensive coordinator," and the old guy, Jim Bollman, pops up before the new guy, Brad Salem. The confusion is understandable after a massive staff shake-up. Take **Tulsa**.

Wisconsin (minus 11) at South Florida

6 p.m., ESPN
The Bulls started out 7-0 last season, only to finish 7-6. It's as if Phil Jackson handed the keys to Tim Floyd. Double digits is a lot to lay on the road until you keep in mind which team has Jonathan Taylor. Go with **Bucky**.

UMass (plus 15½) at Rutgers

6 p.m., BTN
The 2018 Scarlet Knights were a flaming pile of poo until you consider this: Their investors somehow made money. Rutgers went 7-5 against the spread, covering its last five games (average line: 27.8). Phil Steele rates UMass as the nation's worst FBS team, so look for **Rutgers** to end its 11-game losing streak — and extend its miraculous cover streak.

Purdue (minus 11) at Nevada

8:30 p.m., CBSSN
Time difference ... check. Thin air ... check. Young team on the road ... check. The Boilermakers have a lot to overcome. The **Wolf Pack** are home and dangerous.

Saturday

Florida Atlantic (plus 27½) at Ohio State

11 a.m., FOX-32
Lane Kiffin knows the bottom line. Asked about the benefit of opening the season at Ohio State, the FAU coach

replied, "Uhh, money." His program will receive \$1.6 million for a game that has the makings of a **Buckeyes** beatdown.

South Alabama (plus 36) at Nebraska

11 a.m., ESPN
Why pretend? South Alabama defensive coordinator Greg Stewart said this of Nebraska quarterback Adrian Martinez: "You can't stop him." We agree. **Nebraska** gets the nod.

Howard (plus 29½) at Maryland

11 a.m., BTN
Two years ago, Howard pulled off the largest upset (based on the spread) in college football history. The 45-point 'dogs beat UNLV, and a \$100 money-line bet paid \$55,000. Cam Newton's brother, Caylin, still slings it for Howard. That's all I need to know to take the **Bison**.

Akron (plus 18) at Illinois

11 a.m., BTN
Someone out there apparently thinks Michigan transfer Brandon Peters is a god. Darren Rovell of The Action Network tweeted that a bettor has wagered \$55,000 (to win \$50,000) on Illinois to cover what was then a 17-point spread. Is the fix in? Just in case, I'll take the **Illini**.

Indiana (minus 17½) vs. Ball State

11 a.m. in Indianapolis, CBSSN
Dan McNeil's beloved alma mater plays the big boys tough — a 4-1 mark against the spread in its last five against Big Ten foes. Expect the **Cardinals** to keep it snug at Lucas Oil Stadium, where the meanies booed Andrew Luck.

Idaho (plus 39½) at Penn State

2:30 p.m., BTN
Yes, there is another Petrino out there. Mason Petrino plays for his dad, Paul, who has had one winning season in six at Idaho. That explains the enormous

spread. Take **PSU**.

Northwestern (plus 6½) at Stanford

3 p.m., FOX-32
Northwestern went 5-0 on the road last season and was 7-1 as an underdog. Yet in a battle of seemingly even-matched teams, the Wildcats are getting almost a touchdown. Vegas is begging you (and me) to take **Northwestern**.

Middle Tennessee (plus 34½) at Michigan

6:30 p.m., BTN
Michigan is money at home, and new play-caller Josh Gattis has been dreaming about this game since Jim Harbaugh tossed him the keys. And Middle Tennessee is breaking in a new quarterback.

Miami (Ohio) (plus 22) at Iowa

6:30 p.m., FS1
Miami was a live 'dog last season, covering eight of its last nine. But it lost a ton on offense, and new starting QB Brett Gabbert, Blaine's brother, is a true freshman. I'll take **Iowa**.

Oregon (plus 3½) vs. Auburn

6:30 p.m. in Arlington, Texas, ABC-7
What's crazier, taking the Pac-12 over the SEC or taking a freshman QB (Auburn's Bo Nix) over the projected first pick in the NFL draft (Justin Herbert)? Quack, give me the **Ducks**.

Monday

Notre Dame (minus 18) at Louisville

7 p.m., ESPN
Louisville was a pathetic 2-10 last season, but there's a new sheriff in town. Scott Satterfield comes from Appalachian State, where he went 29-9 in his last three seasons. With receiver Miles Boykin off to the NFL and tight end Cole Kmet out with an injury, I'm on the **Cardinals**.

Illinois

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during the preseason, beating out freshman Isaiah Williams and redshirt freshmen Coran Taylor and Matt Robinson.

Peters, who has two more seasons of eligibility, will make his Illini debut in Saturday's opener against Akron at Memorial Stadium.

"I expected myself to be in this role," he said. "I came here knowing what I wanted to do. My expectations were to be the starter."

It has been years since Illinois has had a dependable quarterback, and fans seem cautiously optimistic about Peters, who brings experience and can provide tutelage for Williams, a highly rated recruit from St. Louis. Peters — a top-70 national recruit himself coming out of high school in Avon, Ind. — completed 57 of 108 passes in 2017 for 672 yards with four touchdowns and two interceptions.

"Experience is one of the hard things to replace," offensive coordinator Rod Smith told reporters in Champaign last week. "He has direct influence that, when he speaks and he does things, guys are going to listen to him or pay attention to him a little bit more because he's been there, done that."

Peters quickly became a focal point for Michigan fans as the first recruit to commit to coach Jim Harbaugh. Harbaugh compared him to Andrew Luck, who had played quarterback for Harbaugh at Stanford.

When Peters earned the starting job late in the 2017 season, the hype continued. But as often happens in sports, the fanfare wasn't permanent.

Peters missed the 2017 regular-season finale against Ohio State with a concussion he suffered the week before at Wisconsin. He returned to throw two interceptions in Michigan's Outback Bowl loss to South Carolina.

He fell down the depth chart after Patterson transferred from Mississippi and took over as the Wolverines starter. Not seeing much of a playing future at Michigan, Peters crammed to graduate early and transfer without having to sit out a season.

"He had a plan," Illinois coach Lovie Smith said. "Divorce sometimes is a good thing. ... We knew he needed a lot of hours to get graduated from Michigan. That says an awful lot to get it done in that amount of time."

"He's picked up the offense quickly. Then you go about earning respect from teammates from your play on the field. It was sort of obvious who our starting quarterback would be."

Peters is eager to be out there. Coaches and teammates describe him as "laid-back" and he describes himself the same way, but it's clear he's motivated to prove himself.

Peters said not playing last season "sucked." And he said his doubters add fuel to his fire.

"There are some people, a few individuals, I do have a lot to prove to," Peters said. "I'm not going to name names, but there's people out there. No doubt."

"It gives you a fire inside you when someone doesn't think you can do something. You want to do everything in your power to prove people wrong."

"I didn't care where I went to play. I wanted the opportunity to show I am a good player and can make things happen on the field."

Peters has been on campus in Champaign for only a couple of months. He doesn't yet have any favorite off-campus locations — or even know of many.

But he said he doesn't feel pressure. He feels like he has been embraced.

"A lot of the guys believe in me and coaches believe in me," Peters said.

When he walks into Memorial Stadium to start for the first time, Peters said he will be thinking about one thing: "To win."



HANDOUT

Quarterback Brandon Peters, seen at practice, makes his Illinois debut Saturday.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

GAMES TO WATCH

BY MATT MURSCHEL | Orlando Sentinel



Florida Atlantic at No. 5 Ohio State

11 a.m. Saturday, FOX
A year ago, this game would have been worth it for the coaching matchup alone. After Ohio State coach Urban Meyer's retirement, it's still interesting to see how Ryan Day will handle his new role leading the Buckeyes. Day inherits an Ohio State program that won 90% of its games under Meyer. FAU coach Lane Kiffin is 1-8 all-time against top 10 teams, including a 0-2 while leading the Owls.



Duke vs. No. 2 Alabama

2:30 p.m. Saturday in Atlanta, ABC
Alabama kicks off the season in a neutral-site matchup for the eighth consecutive year and the 10th time overall under coach Nick Saban. The Crimson Tide are 9-0 in those games, including five wins in Atlanta. This is the fifth meeting ever between these two programs, but the first since 2010. The Tide own a 3-1 lead in the series. Duke's only victory came in the 1945 Sugar Bowl.



No. 11 Oregon vs. No. 16 Auburn

6:30 p.m. Saturday in Arlington, Texas, ABC
The only game featuring two top 25 teams this weekend is a rematch of the 2011 BCS national championship game, with Oregon looking for a shot at redemption against Auburn at AT&T Stadium. The Tigers have won four consecutive games against Pac-12 opponents. Ducks quarterback Justin Herbert has thrown a touchdown in 28 straight games.



Houston at No. 4 Oklahoma

6:30 p.m. Sunday, ABC
New Houston coach Dana Holgorsen doesn't need to study up the Cougars' upcoming opponent. He knows exactly what Oklahoma is capable of after watching the Sooners dominate during his tenure at West Virginia, with OU going 7-0 against the Mountaineers. Oklahoma and Houston were ranked No. 1 and No. 5, respectively, in scoring offense last season. Expect a high-scoring showdown in Norman.



No. 9 Notre Dame at Louisville

7 p.m. Monday, ESPN
Notre Dame makes the 261-mile trek to Louisville for a Labor Day showdown. The last time the Fighting Irish opened the season on the road in 2016, they suffered a 50-47 double-overtime loss at Texas. Louisville is riding a nine-game losing streak dating to last season, including a five-game losing streak at Cardinal Stadium. The last Cardinals win over a ranked opponent came in 2016 against then-No. 2 Florida State.



ALONZO ADAMS/AP

Star-making turn

Lamb looks like latest Sooners WR ready to step into spotlight

BY CLIFF BRUNT
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — It's CeeDee Lamb's turn to be Oklahoma's big-name receiver.

The last two years, Marquise "Hollywood" Brown garnered much of the attention with his blazing speed and highlight-reel plays before leaving for the NFL. Now, Lamb is in position to garner the attention and accolades. The 6-foot-2 junior said he will not be complacent now that he is the main man.

"I'm just trying to go out there and be great," he said. "Show everybody what I can do for the most part, that I've gotten better, that I've gotten bigger, faster, stronger. I just want to do all I can on my part, on my end, to help the team win."

Oklahoma has a history of players stepping up to become star receivers in recent years. In 2015, Dede Westbrook was the No. 2 option behind Sterling Shepard. The next year, he won the Biletnikoff Award winner for the nation's top receiver. In 2017, after Westbrook went to the NFL, Brown emerged. Last season, Brown was a first-team Associated Press All-American.

Lamb has been a co-star at times. He has 111 catches for 1,965 yards and 18 touchdowns in his career, with yardage and touchdown totals that sit at 10th place in school history. Last season, he caught 65 passes for 1,158 yards



SUE OGROCKI/AP

Oklahoma junior WR CeeDee Lamb had 1,158 receiving yards and 11 TDs in 2018. He ranks 10th all-time at the school in career yards and TDs.

and 11 touchdowns. He had 160 yards and two touchdowns against Kansas State, 167 yards and a score against Texas in the Big 12 championship game and 109 yards and a touchdown in the College Football Playoff loss to Alabama.

"I've just got to keep it rolling, man," he said. "That's my motto going into this season, is keep it rolling."

Lamb's experience means the younger receivers will look to him for leadership. Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley said Lamb set a good example with his work ethic

in the spring.

"He's got to be one of those guys that makes that transition that all great teams have to have," Riley said. "Maybe a guy that's been a good player that has not had to lead in the past because there's always been somebody there, and now all of a sudden, there's nobody else there, and if you don't do it, nobody's going to do it."

Lamb also embraces the role of vocal leader, though he acknowledges that it will take some getting used to.

"I've got to step out of my comfort zone," he said "You've got

"I've got to step out of my comfort zone. You've got to be comfortable with being uncomfortable."

— Junior CeeDee Lamb on becoming a leader

to be comfortable with being uncomfortable. For the young guys, it's just me being there as much as I possibly can for them."

Lamb has some experienced help returning. Lee Morris caught eight touchdown passes last season and Grant Calcaterra was an All-Big 12 tight end. Charleston Rambo had 74 yards receiving and a touchdown in the national semifinal against Alabama.

The team will be adjusting to a new quarterback in Jalen Hurts. The Alabama transfer was well aware of Lamb's talent years ago.

"I was a freshman at Alabama and I wanted CeeDee to come to Alabama," Hurts said this spring. "It's not like I didn't know who he was or what he was capable of. But the tables have turned. I'm here. I guess you can say we are kind of reunited."

Oklahoma had one of the nation's top offenses last year with Heisman-winning quarterback Kyler Murray. Lamb expects the Sooners to reload with Hurts.

"They thought there was going to be a drop-off last year, and Kyler did what he did," Lamb said.

No. 4 Oklahoma opens the season Sunday night at home against Houston.

NOTES

RB Etienne, Clemson get it going in opener

Associated Press

Travis Etienne ran for a career-high 205 yards and three TDs, including one from 90 yards out, and No. 1 Clemson overpowered visiting Georgia Tech 52-14 on Thursday night for its 16th straight victory.

On an offense filled with stars, it was Etienne who shone brightest for the defending national champions. His 90-yard score tied for the longest rushing TD in Tigers history. Etienne added scoring runs of 14 yards and 48 yards as Clemson opened a 35-0 lead and was never pressed by the Yellow Jackets in the season opener for both Atlantic Coast Conference teams.

It wasn't the flashy return that most of college football expected out of Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence. The 6-foot-6 sophomore, so poised and polished in leading the Tigers to a 15-0, title-winning season, threw two interceptions in the first half. Lawrence had just four picks all last year.

Still, Lawrence had his moments. His hustle after a bad interception knocked defensive back Tre Swilling out of bounds at the Clemson 3, and the Tigers defense kept the Yellow Jackets from scoring. Lawrence opened things with a 6-yard rushing score and threw a perfect pass to Tee Higgins for a 62-yard touchdown.

Lawrence finished 13 of 23 for 168 yards.

Clemson's defense, which lost eight starters including its starting line of Dexter Lawrence, Austin Bryant and All-Americans Clelin Ferrell and Christian Wilkins, had two fourth-down stops in the first half.

Georgia Tech, changing its offensive and defensive styles under first-year coach Geoff Collins, struggled on both sides. It committed four turnovers and gave up more than 500 yards of offense.

FSU-Boise St. game moved: The season opener for Florida State and Boise State will kick off a few hours sooner and a little further inland with discounted ticket prices because of the threat of Hurricane Dorian.

Officials announced Thursday that the game will be played Saturday at Florida State's Doak Campbell Stadium in Tallahassee and start at noon, seven hours before it was scheduled to start in Jacksonville.

Jacksonville officials, along with those from Florida State and Boise State, collaborated on the decision. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis declared a state of emergency Wednesday, urging residents and visitors to take precautions before the storm hits. The decision to move the game was made to keep fans away from the coastal region ahead of storm making landfall.

"After consulting with emergency responders, law enforcement and hurricane preparedness teams, moving the game is the best option," Florida State AD David Coburn said.

Stoops gets raise: Kentucky coach Mark Stoops will receive an annual raise of \$500,000 plus incentives over the remaining six years of a restructured contract following the team's best season in 41 years.

Kentucky went 10-3 and won the Citrus Bowl to cap its best season since 1977.

SCOREBOARD

ODDS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL		
NATIONAL LEAGUE		FRIDAY
at Chi Cubs	-144	Milwaukeeke +134
at Phila.	-135	NY Mets +125
at Washington	-255	Miami +225
at St. Louis	-116	Cincinnati +106
at Colorado	-119	Pittsburgh +109
LA Dodgers	-137	at Arizona +127
at San Fran.	-129	San Diego +119

AMERICAN LEAGUE		
		FRIDAY
at NY Yankees	-135	Oakland +125
Houston	-197	at Toronto +182
at Tampa Bay	off	Cleveland off
at Detroit	off	Minnesota off
at Texas	-125	Seattle +115
at Kansas City	off	Baltimore off
Boston	-135	at LA Angels +125

INTERLEAGUE		
		FRIDAY
at Atlanta	-185	Chi White Sox +170

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

WEEK 1		
		FRIDAY
at Army	21½	Rice
at Wake Forest	4½	Utah St
Wisconsin	10½	at South Florida
at Michigan St	23	Tulsa
at Rutgers	16	UMass
Colorado	13½	Colorado St
Purdue	11	at Nevada
Oklahoma St	14	at Oregon St

SATURDAY

at Ohio State	27½	FAU
at Nebraska	36	S. Alabama
at NC State	17½	East Carolina
at Illinois	18	Akron
Indiana	18	Ball St
at Kentucky	12	Toledo
Miss. St	20	LA-Laf.
at Memphis	5	Mississippi
at Tennessee	26	Georgia St
E. Michigan	6	at Coast. Carol.
S. Carolina	11	N. Carolina
Alabama	32½	Duke
at Stanford	6	Northwestern
Virginia Tech	4½	at Boston Coll.
Syracuse	18½	at Liberty
at Florida St	6½	Boise St
at Michigan	34½	Mid. Tenn.
at Iowa	22	Miami (Ohio)
at LSU	27½	Ga. Southern
Georgia	21½	at Vanderbilt
Virginia	3	at Pittsburgh
Missouri	17½	at Wyoming
Auburn	3½	Oregon
at Texas	20½	Louisiana Tech
at Wash. St	32	New Mexico St
at USC	13½	Fresno St

SUNDAY		
		HOUSTON
at Oklahoma	23	Houston

MONDAY		
		AT LOUISVILLE
Notre Dame	18	at Louisville

NFL PRESEASON

AFC EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Buffalo	4	0	0	1.000	102	73
New England	3	1	0	.750	92	54
Miami	3	1	0	.750	86	63
N.Y. Jets	2	2	0	.500	63	69

AFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Baltimore	4	0	0	1.000	101	35
Pittsburgh	3	1	0	.750	84	66
Cleveland	3	1	0	.750	83	57
Cincinnati	1	3	0	.250	69	89

AFC SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Tennessee	2	2	0	.500	69	65
Indianapolis	1	3	0	.250	64	78
Houston	1	3	0	.250	66	107
Jacksonville	0	4	0	.000	29	106

AFC WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Oakland	3	1	0	.750	84	67
Denver	2	3	0	.400	69	73
Kansas City	1	3	0	.250	82	88
L.A. Chargers	1	3	0	.250	72	83

NFC EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	4	0	0	1.000	119	87
Dallas	2	2	0	.500	72	44
Washington	1	3	0	.250	49	69
Philadelphia	1	3	0	.250	49	69

NFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Minnesota	3	1	0	.750	102	80
Green Bay	2	2	0	.500	89	94
Chicago	1	3	0	.250	68	91
Detroit	0	4	0	.000	62	105

NFC SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	3	1	0	.750	74	71
Carolina	2	2	0	.500	65	69
New Orleans	2	2	0	.500	85	80
Atlanta	1	4	0	.200	85	101

NFC WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
San Francisco	3	1	0	.750	92	68
Seattle	3	1	0	.750	81	69
L.A. Rams	2	2	0	.500	45	44
Arizona	1	3	0	.250	59	86

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

N.Y. Jets 6, Philadelphia 0
 Indianapolis 13, Cincinnati 6
 Buffalo 27, Minnesota 23
 Atlanta 31, Jacksonville 12
 Carolina 25, Pittsburgh 19
 N.Y. Giants 31, New England 29
 Cleveland 20, Detroit 16
 Baltimore 20, Washington 7
 Miami 16, New Orleans 13
 L.A. Rams 27, Houston 10
 Tampa Bay 17, Dallas 15
 Tennessee 19, Chicago 15
 Green Bay 27, Kansas City 20
 Denver 20, Arizona 7
 L.A. Chargers 27, San Francisco 24
 Seattle 17, Oakland 15

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Atlanta	15	9	3	48	46	30
Philadelphia	14	8	6	48	51	41
N.Y. City FC	13	5	8	47	48	33
N.Y. Red Bulls	12	11	5	41	47	42
D.C. United	10	10	9	39	36	38
New England	10	9	8	38	40	40
Montreal	11	14	4	37	42	53
Toronto FC	10	10	7	37	43	44
Orlando City	9	12	7	34	35	36
Chicago	8	12	9	33	43	42
Columbus	8	15	6	30	32	43
Cincinnati	5	19	3	18	27	64

WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	19	3	5	62	74	28
Real Salt Lake	13	10	4	43	34	40
Seattle	12	8	7	43	42	40
Minnesota	12	9	6	42	44	37
LA Galaxy	13	11	3	42	38	41
San Jose	12	10	5	41	45	43
FC Dallas	11	10	7	40	44	43
Portland	11	11	4	37	42	40
Sporting KC	9	11	7	34	40	45
Houston	9	14	4	31	38	48
Colorado	7	14	6	27	43	54
Vancouver	6	14	9	27	29	50

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

Colorado at N.Y. Red Bulls, 6 p.m.
 Atlanta at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.
 D.C. United at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
 Toronto FC at New England, 6:30 p.m.
 Cincinnati at FC Dallas, 7 p.m.
 Houston at Sporting KC, 7:30 p.m.
 N.Y. City FC at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
 Orlando City at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
 Real Salt Lake at Portland, 9:30 p.m.

NWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Portland	10	3	6	36	39	22
North Carolina	9	4	4	31	32	17
Chicago	9	8	2	29	29	26
Utah	8	6	4	28	19	15
Reign FC	7	5	6	27	16	20
Washington	7	7	4	25	22	19
Houston	6	8	4	22	18	28
Sky Blue FC	4	11	4	16	15	25
Orlando	4	12	2	14	19	37

SATURDAY'S MATCH

Washington at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.

U.S. WOMEN'S TEAM: FRIENDLY THURSDAY: W, 4-0 vs. Portugal

WNBA

EASTERN	W	L	PCT	GB
x-Washington	22	8	.733	-
x-Connecticut	21	9	.700	1
x-Chicago	18	13	.581	4½
Indiana	9	16	.359	11½
New York	9	21	.300	13
Atlanta	7	23	.233	15

WESTERN	W	L	PCT	GB
x-Los Angeles	19	11	.633	-
x-Las Vegas	19	12	.613	½
x-Minnesota	16	15	.516	3½
x-Phoenix	15	15	.500	4
x-Seattle	15	15	.500	4
Dallas	10	20	.333	9

x-clinched playoff spot
 Thursday's results
 Los Angeles 87, Indiana 83
 Phoenix 65, Atlanta 58
 Dallas 83, Chicago 83

TENNIS

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At USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center; New York; outdoors-hard
 #5 Daniil Medvedev d.
 Hugo Dellien, 6-3, 7-5, 5-7, 6-3.
 #6 Alexander Zverev d.
 Frances Tiafoe, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.
 #13 Gael Monfils d. M. Copil, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2
 #14 John Isner d.
 Jan-Lennard Struff, 6-3, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5).
 #15 David Goffin d. G. Barrere, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.
 #17 Nikoloz Basilashvili d.
 Jenson Brooksby, 3-6, 7-6 (3), 7-5, 6-2.
 #20 Diego Schwartzman d.
 Egor Gerasimov, 6-4, 6-2, 6-0.
 #22 Marin Cilic d.
 Cedrik-Marcel Stebe, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-3.
 #23 Stan Wawrinka d.
 Jeremy Chardy, 6-4, 6-3, 6-7 (3), 6-3.
 #24 Matteo Berrettini d.
 Jordan Thompson, 7-5, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-1.
 Daniel Evans d.
 #25 Lucas Pouille, 6-4, 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-4.
 Denis Kudla d.
 #27 Dusan Lajovic, 7-5, 7-5, 0-6, 6-3.
 #28 Nick Kyrgios d. A. Hoang, 6-4, 6-2, 6-4

Aljaz Bedene d. #29 Benoit Paire, 4-6, 6-7 (3), 6-2, 7-5, 7-6 (4).
 Kamil Majchrzak d.
 Pablo Cuevas, 6-7 (3), 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1.
 Pablo Carreno Busta d.
 Ricardas Berankis, 6-4, 6-7 (3), 6-2, 6-0.
 Feliciano Lopez, Diaz-Guerra d.
 Yoshihito Nishioka, 6-7 (7), 6-0, 6-4, 6-4.
 Alexei Popyrin d.
 Mikhail Kukushkin, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-2.
 Paolo Lorenzi d. Miomir Kecmanovic, 7-6 (11), 6-7 (2), 7-6 (2), 3-6, 6-3.
 Andrey Rublev d. Gilles Simon, 6-2, 0-0, ret.
 P. Andujar d. L. Sonego, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2.
 Denis Shapovalov d.
 Henri Laaksonen, 6-4, 7-6 (2), 6-2.
 Alexander Bublik d. Thomas Fabbiano, 6-7 (3), 5-7, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.
 Tennis Sandgren d. Vasek Pospisil, 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-4.
 Chung Hyeon d.
 #32 F. Verdasco, 1-6, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3, 7-6 (3).
 #33 D. Yastremska d. R. Peterson, 6-4, 6-1.
 #32 Zhang Shuai d. E. Alexandrova, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-3.

Ons Jabeur d. A. Sasnovich, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.
 S. Cristea d. A. B. Zadoynov, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.
 Jelena Ostapenko d. Alison Riske, 6-4, 6-3.
 Kristie Ahn d. Anna Kalinskaya, 6-2, 6-3.
 CoCo Gauff d. Timea Babos, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4

WOMEN'S SECOND ROUND SINGLES

#1 Naomi Osaka d. M. Linette, 6-2, 6-2.
 T. Townsend d. #4 S. Halep, 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
 Andrea Petkovic d. #6 Petra Kvitova, 6-4, 6-4.
 #7 K. Bertens d. A. Pavlyuchenkova, 7-5, 6-4.
 Y. Putintseva d. #9 A. Sabalenka, 6-3, 7-6 (3).
 #12 A. Sevastova d. I. Swiatek, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3.
 #13 Belinda Bencic d. A. Cornet, 6-4, 1-6, 6-2.
 #15 Bianca Andreescu d.
 Kirsten Flipkens, 6-3, 7-5.
 #16 Johanna Konta d.
 Margarita Gasparyan, 6-1, 6-0.
 #19 Caroline Wozniacki d.
 Danielle Collins, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4
 #20 Sofia Kenin d. L. Siegemund, 7-6 (4), 6-0.
 #21 Anett Kontaveit d.
 Ajla Tomljanovic, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.

#22 Petra Martic d. Ana Bogdan, 6-2, 6-4.
 #23 Donna Vekic d. Kaia Kanepi, 7-5, 6-3.
 #25 Elise Mertens d. K. Pliskova, 6-2, 6-2.
 #26 Julia Goerges d. F. Di Lorenzo, 7-5, 6-0.
 K. Muchova d. #29 H. Su-wei, 6-1, 6-6, 7-6 (2).
 #32 D. Yastremska d. R. Peterson, 6-4, 6-1.
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
 Top 25
 #1 Clemson 52, Georgia Tech 14
 #12 Texas A&M 41, Texas State 7
 #17 UCF 62, Florida A&M 0
 #14 Utah at BYU, late
 East
 Buffalo 38, Robert Morris 10
 Delaware 31, Delaware A&M 13
 Stony Brook 35, Bryant 10
 UConn 24, Wagner 21
 South
 Austin Peay 41, NC Central 10
 C. Arkansas 35, W. Kentucky 28
 Charlotte 49, Gardner-Webb 28
 Chattanooga 24, E. Illinois 10
 E. Kentucky 53, Valparaiso 7
 Morehead St. 44, Union (Ky.) 7
 North Alabama 26, W. Illinois 17
 Richmond 38, Jacksonville 19
 SE Louisiana 35, Jacksonville St. 14
 Tulane 42, Fla. Int'l 14
 UAB 24, Alabama St. 19
 UT Martin 42, Northwestern St. 20
 Murray St. 59, Pikeville 20
 Midwest
 Bowling Green 46, Morgan St. 3
 Cent. Michigan 38, Albany (NY) 21
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BEARS

PRESEASON WEEK 4 TITANS 19, BEARS 15

Pineiro still not a lock

3 FGs after ugly PAT miss may not be enough to keep him for Week 1



COLLEEN KANE
On the Bears

The first kick Eddy Pineiro attempted Thursday night against the Titans didn't result in a double-doink sound at Soldier Field. Pineiro's extra-point attempt was so far left of the upright that it even sailed wide of the net raised to catch the

football.

No, if you strained hard enough amid the boos, you could almost hear the metaphorical thud instead. As in Bears coaches' hearts dropping to the ground. Or Bears fans slapping their hands to their foreheads. Or Bears executives banging their heads against the wall.

With one week to go until the Bears open a season with Super Bowl hopes, Pineiro's missed PAT in the south end zone allowed the uncertainty to creep back — for a quarter, at least — into the eight-month kicking search.

General manager Ryan Pace and coach Matt Nagy finally must decide whom they will entrust to bury the kicking demons that have plagued the Bears since well before Cody Parkey's 43-yard field-goal attempt hit the upright and crossbar to end a playoff loss to the Eagles.

Whether Pineiro is their man or they plan to bring in a new kicker this weekend as teams pare their rosters to 53 was the big question after Pineiro rebounded from the shaky start.

The 23-year-old rookie worked hard to earn back the good faith by finishing the 19-15 loss to the Titans 3-for-3 on field goals, converting from 32, 39 and 35 yards.

The 32-yarder came after Nagy eschewed a 50-yard attempt to have third-string quarterback Tyler Bray go for it on fourth-and-4. After the 39-yarder, a false-start penalty on Sam Mustipher at the 30 denied Pineiro another attempt at the end of the first half. He made the 35-yarder in the south end zone in the third quarter.

"(Nagy) has always just told me, 'If you miss one, bounce back,' and that's what I tried to do," Pineiro said.

Asked if he did enough in the preseason



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Bears kicker Eddy Pineiro reacts after missing an extra point in the first quarter of a preseason game against the Titans on Thursday.

to be the Bears kicker, Pineiro said: "I hope so. It's up to them. It's not up to me."

Nagy didn't say after the game whether Pineiro had won the job.

"We're going to continue to work through it," he said. "But part of that is I like what I've seen."

Pineiro entered the game 5-for-6 on field goals and 3-for-3 on extra points in preseason games, his only miss before Thursday a 48-yarder at Soldier Field in the preseason opener against the Panthers.

After the Bears made him the lone kicker on the roster by cutting Elliott Fry, he made both field-goal attempts in last week's game against the Colts, including a 58-yarder.

But Nagy noted earlier in the week that Pineiro has to show he can kick at home, and Nagy said he wouldn't mind a windy night like Thursday.

"He's going to have however many Bears fans that are there watching him and ... it is outdoors," Nagy said Tuesday. "It's not inside like it was in Indianapolis. But again, every day, every kick that he gets, we're all going to be evaluating him. But from last weekend (in Indy), what he just did, it's

definitely looking good for us. And I hope it stays that way."

The Bears must now decide whether Pineiro has done enough to kick against the Packers in Thursday's opener or whether another kicker is attractive enough that they will roll the dice and add him to the roster with only days to work with him.

They undoubtedly have been watching a handful of backup kickers who will be cut loose Friday and Saturday. Fry was among the reserves kicking Thursday after he signed with the Ravens. He made field goals of 48 and 21 yards and two extra points against the Redskins.

Nagy's approach to preseason games hasn't lightened the scrutiny on Pineiro at all.

As Nagy opted to sit most of his starters in the interest of their health, it has made the kicking competition the only real attraction in the last three games.

Before the game, the Bears announced 32 players who were not expected to play, including quarterback Mitch Trubisky, who finished the preseason having participated in one drive in the Aug. 8 game against the Panthers.

Most of the defensive starters — including Khalil Mack, Akiem Hicks, Kyle Fuller and Eddie Jackson — didn't play a down in a preseason game. Those players instead spent the last week preparing for the opener, as Nagy split his team into two squads for practices.

Even many of the second-string players didn't take the field Thursday. Outside linebacker Aaron Lynch was the most notable player to appear after he was sidelined for much of the preseason with a shoulder injury.

The game instead was about sorting out the final roster spots ahead of the 3 p.m. Saturday deadline.

Nagy will lead his second cuts weekend as a head coach before the Bears open their Week 1 practices Sunday.

"(You) tell them how they can improve and then tell them how you'll help them," Nagy said. "If you truly feel like they can still play for another team, then help them. Give them a chance. You never burn bridges."

"I always tell them, 'You never know when we'll cross paths again.' So I'm just real honest. There are some emotional ones that can be very difficult."

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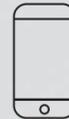
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RANKING THE **BEST BEARS** PLAYERS EVER

#7 Bulldog Turner

Versatile Hall of Famer's intelligence, drive helped put him among best ever

BY WILL LARKIN

Bulldog Turner returned an interception 24 yards for a touchdown, one of 11 trips the Bears took to the end zone in their record-setting 73-0 win against the Redskins in the 1940 NFL championship game.

It was one of four interceptions Turner made in five championship games as the Monsters of the Midway dynasty won titles in 1940, '41, '43 and '46 and lost in the championship game in '42.

None of those plays — or any of the other highlights of his sterling 13-year career — exemplified who Turner was as much as a botched extra point late in that 73-0 rout on Dec. 8, 1940, at Washington's Griffith Stadium.

In the days before netting behind the goal posts, extra points and field goals that were kicked into the stands were lost to the fans. As the Bears kept scoring that afternoon, they ran out of game balls and began using the beaten-up ones they used for practice. Coach George Halas instructed Turner, the team's All-Pro center and linebacker who handled long snaps, to intentionally misfire an extra-point snap so the Bears wouldn't lose another ball.

"I told Halas I wasn't going to make a bad snap, not in no championship game," Turner said in his Texas drawl 47 years later to the Tribune's Sam Smith on June 7, 1987. "Hell, I never made a bad pass in my life."

Rebuffed, Halas instead told his holder to mishandle the snap. After that, the Bears started passing for their extra points, going 1-for-2 on one-point conversions after their final two touchdowns.

Less than his best effort was unacceptable under any circumstances to Turner, one of the best players in football history. Turner was the kind of star who transcended time. Those who watched him play say he could have been a star during any era of the NFL, all the way to the 21st century.

At 6-foot-2 and 240 pounds, Turner was large for his era, when most players watched their weight so they could play a full 60 minutes. He was fast too. It is said that while at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas, Turner once ran a 100-yard dash in 10.8 seconds — in full football gear.

Turner's intelligence set him apart.

The son of a cattle rancher and a school teacher from tiny Dunn, Texas, Turner graduated from Sweetwater High School at 16 and Hardin-Simmons with a journalism degree at 20. He not only memorized all the plays in Halas' playbook and all their variations, he knew what each player was supposed to do in each one, and he was more than willing to share his expertise.

Linebacker Bill George's eight first-team All-Pro selections are ahead of Turner and Mike Singletary's seven for the most in Bears history. George, whose first season, 1952, was Turner's last, told the Tribune's David Condon on Nov. 3, 1965: "I'm telling you, I learned more from Bulldog Turner in a short walk up to the line of scrimmage than I learned in four years of college football."

Halas, one of the hardest-driving coaches of that or any era, found himself constantly being pushed to improve by Turner.

"Let's use this instead of 43, George," Turner suggested to Halas at one practice. "That 43 is old stuff."

Turner's enthusiasm for learning new plays and systems rubbed off on his talented teammates and was one of the major reasons every other team played catch-up to the Bears in the 1940s.

The Tribune's William Fay wrote on Aug. 10, 1946: "Any play the Bears mastered was old stuff. They would urge Halas to modify or discard plays not yet used in a game.

"Why don't you guys work crossword puzzles or learn gin rummy and leave my offense alone," Halas would complain, but never seriously because it was the Bears' enthusiasm for perfecting the T formation that made them champions."

Turner excelled at every aspect of football. He was regarded in his time as the best center in league history. As a linebacker, he led the league with eight interceptions in 1942, when the average team threw 20 passes per game.

When the Bears were running low on running backs because of ejections during a typically nasty game against the Crosstown Cardinals on Dec. 3, 1944, Bears coach Luke Johnsos switched Turner to halfback. On the only carry of his career, Turner burst through the line for a 48-yard touchdown, finishing off a 49-7 win at Comiskey Park.

His favorite play came Oct. 26, 1947. Turner returned an interception 96 yards for a touchdown, showcasing his speed, agility and power as he weaved and plowed his way through the Redskins. For the last few yards he carried on his back Sammy Baugh, whom Turner had intercepted in the 1940 title game and who was a few years ahead of him at Sweetwater High.

Like many Texans of the era, including Baugh, Turner was brash and bold on and off the field. During Bobby Layne's one year as a backup quarterback for the Bears in 1948, before he became an All-Pro and title-winning quarterback with the Lions, Layne and Turner brought a little Texas flair to Chicago.

In Richard Whittingham's 1991 book, "What Bears They Were," teammate Don Kindt recalled: "Bobby got a party going. He got some gals, and he was up on the bar dancing and singing and raising all kinds of hell. He and Bulldog Turner were singing



CHICAGO TRIBUNE HISTORICAL PHOTOS

In 1949, the Bears still had five members from their 1940 championship squad: George McAfee, from left, Ray Bray, Sid Luckman, Bulldog Turner and Ken Kavanaugh.



The Bears' Clyde "Bulldog" Turner, shown here in 1942, played center and linebacker from 1940 to 1952 and was a superb snapper, blocker and defender on four NFL championship teams. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1966.

all these Texas songs. Finally Bobby and Bulldog decided they had to go take a leak, but the men's room was crowded, so they went outside. ... The police caught them and took them over to the station house.

"The next day the Chicago Tribune ran a picture of them in jail. Bulldog had a roll of bills in his hands, which he was waving around. And don't think Halas didn't fine their fannies after he saw that."

Turner was one of Halas' all-time favorites, so the coach reacted with amusement rather than disappointment when a story of Bulldog's misbehavior made it to his desk.

In his 1979 autobiography, "Halas by Halas," the coach wrote: "Bulldog Turner provided so much excitement on and off the field. There is a story that one night Bulldog fell from a third-story window of a hotel. An awning broke the fall. As Bulldog brushed himself off, a policeman ran up. 'What happened?' he asked. 'I don't know,' Bulldog is supposed to have replied. 'I just got here myself.'"

Turner employed the help of defensive end Ed Sprinkle, one of the toughest Bears ever and a fellow graduate of Hardin-Simmons, to keep him out of trouble after hours. In return, Turner taught Sprinkle how to carry himself as an NFL player.

"Bulldog influenced me more than anybody," Sprinkle told Whittingham. "He always tried to impress upon me that we were The World Champion Chicago Bears."

While Halas regretted trading Layne until the day he died, Turner joined his team thanks to some keen sleuthing by Papa Bear.

Even though Turner played at a small college, his talent was no secret by the time of the 1940 draft. In fact, Lions owner George A. Richards, who owned the No. 6 pick, paid Turner between \$100 and \$200 to tell other teams he wasn't planning to play pro football. When Halas received a questionnaire from Turner that said as much, he became suspicious. Why would a player who wasn't interested in continuing his career even send back the form?

The Lions botched the situation all around. Their coach, "Gloomy Gus" Henderson, thinking no lineman would be picked in the 10-player first round, went against Richards' orders and selected USC quarterback Doyle Nave. Halas, picking next, shouted Turner's name before the Lions could reconsider their pick.

Richards fired Henderson for the miscue, and Henderson responded by revealing Richards' pre-draft payment to Turner. The Lions were fined \$5,000 for tampering, and Nave ended up skipping out on the NFL to become a cinematographer.

The Bears' 1965 first-round haul of Dick Butkus and Gale Sayers is well-known, but the team did almost as well in 1940. Besides Turner at No. 7, the Eagles picked halfback George McAfee for the Bears at No. 2 to complete an earlier trade. Turner and McAfee were inducted into the Pro Football

TURNER AS A BEAR

1940-52 | 13 seasons | 138 games

Bears record: 102-41-3 (.709).

Playoff appearances: 6. NFL champion in 1940, 1941, 1943 and 1946.

Acquired: First round (seventh overall), 1940 draft from Hardin-Simmons.

THE LIST

7. Bulldog Turner
8. Doug Atkins
9. Dan Hampton
10. Brian Urlacher
11. Mike Ditka
12. Mike Singletary
13. Danny Fortmann
14. Richard Dent
15. Joe Stydahar
16. George Connor
17. Stan Jones
18. Steve McMichael
19. Devin Hester
20. Red Grange
21. Jimbo Covert
22. George McAfee
23. Jay Hilgenberg
24. Bill Hewitt
25. George Halas
26. Olin Kreutz
27. Joe Fortunato
28. George Trafton
29. Lance Briggs
30. Ed Healey
31. Link Lyman
32. George Musso
33. Ed Sprinkle
34. Paddy Driscoll
35. Harlon Hill
36. Rick Casares
37. Ken Kavanaugh
38. Charles Tillman
39. Gary Fencik
40. Luke Johnsos
41. Richie Petitbon
42. Ray Bray
43. Rosey Taylor
44. Johnny Morris
45. Joe Kopcha
46. Fred Williams
47. Matt Forte
48. Doug Buffone
49. Dave Duerson
50. Larry Morris
51. Dick Barwegan
52. Wally Chambers
53. Otis Wilson
54. Wilber Marshall
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 Famiiglietti
95. Akiem Hicks
96. Joey Sternaman
97. Hugh Gallarneau
98. Tom Thayer
99. William Perry
100. Patrick Mannely

Hall of Fame on the same day in 1966.

Turner was a revelation right away and throughout his career. With all the great players the team had in the 1940s, he was the one against whom they measured themselves.

Joe Osmanski, a fullback like his brother, Bears standout Bill Osmanski, was trying to make the team in 1946. During a practice, Joe was waylaid by a brutal hit from Turner.

In his Sept. 19, 1947, Tribune column, Arch Ward wrote: "Joe started walking away from the huddle, which was the only tipoff that he was on Queer Street. When he returned to the group he asked the quarterback to give him the ball again on the same play."

"I wanted to find out right away if I could make it in the pro game," Osmanski told Ward. "And I knew if I could stand two successive bumps from the Bulldog I'd get along."

"Sure enough," Ward wrote, "they barged into each other again and Joe survived."

Later that year, in a story relayed in his autobiography by Halas — who may or may not have remembered the younger Osmanski's first name — Turner stood up for his new teammate.

"One day a player jumped on Bill Osmanski's brother after he was down, breaking his back," Halas wrote. "Bill told the player he did it deliberately. He replied, 'That's part of football.' Bulldog Turner overheard. On the next punt Bulldog hit the guy so hard he was carried off."

Opponents respected Turner just as much as his teammates did. Gary D'Amato and Cliff Christl's 1997 book, "Mudbaths and Bloodbaths: The Inside Story of the Bears-Packers Rivalry," is filled with Packers and Bears paying homage to one of the

best players either team has employed.

"I think I got hit the hardest in my life by Bulldog up in Green Bay," Packers fullback Don Perkins said. "It was just a dive play. ... He hit me from the blind side; I did not see him. He put me in the nickel seats, I'll tell you."

Dick Schweidler, a Bears halfback in 1946, remembered: "Man, he'd run somebody down on the sideline and it sounded like a horse hitting a wall."

After helping lead the Bears to championships in three of his first four years in the league, Turner, like 19 of the 28 players on the 1943 roster, left for the military the next year during World War II. He joined the Air Force but did not see battle action, instead playing for the service football squad.

Halas, who had enjoyed a similar situation during World War I, reenlisted in the Navy at 48. Feeling like he wasn't really a part of the First World War, Halas requested and received an assignment in the Pacific theater.

When Halas and his full squad returned in 1946, it was the most relaxed environment Halas ever kept as a coach.

"Having been in the service 39 months, I knew my veterans would be fed up with petty regulations," the coach wrote. "When spring camp opened, I announced all rules were scrapped. Bears were men, responsible men, self-disciplined men, and would look after themselves."

Halas knew that, with Bulldog back, he didn't have to be the one to push his players.

The Tribune's Fay wrote of a typical training camp practice on Aug. 10, 1946: "Along about 4:30, when the coaches retired to the beer room, Turner grabbed a football and yelled, 'Let's go.' ... (Quarterback Sid) Luckman ran them through the T repertoire until 5 o'clock."

The reunited Bears won another NFL title, 24-14 against the Giants at the Polo Grounds.

Turner is one of six Bears players to win four championships. He, Luckman, Bill Osmanski, George Wilson and Ray McLean did it in 1940, '41, '43 and '46. Hall of Fame guard George Musso, whom some of the 1940s players mistook for a coach upon meeting him, won titles in 1933, '40, '41 and '43.

During those championship runs, Luckman told D'Amato and Christl, "Whenever we were in trouble and needed 1 yard, I'd give the ball to George McAfee or Hugh Gallarneau and they'd hit right off Bulldog's position, and I don't ever remember him failing."

Turner announced his retirement in 1952, but Halas convinced him to return as an assistant coach who would play only occasionally. That plan went by the wayside when the Bears needed a right tackle; Turner started all 12 games there.

He spent four more seasons with the Bears as an assistant. In 1962 Turner became head coach of the New York Titans of the American Football League. The team was sold the next year, changed its name to the Jets, fired Turner after one season and replaced him with Weeb Ewbank.

Turner retired to his farm in Texas, where he raised racehorses and Hereford cattle. Health problems for Turner and his wife, Gladys, drained their savings, and in the 1980s his condition became a rallying point for players who were active before the NFL pension system was implemented in 1959.

While trying to make a living farming, he told the Tribune's Smith in 1987: "At 68, what else is there to do? Its kind of like riding a tiger. It's not great, but it's a hell of a lot worse if you try to get off."

In 1993, the pre-1959 players finally received their first pension checks from the league. Clyde Douglas Turner, who helped the league grow for 13 years as one of the best players ever to buckle a chinstrap, died of lung cancer at 79 in 1998 in Gatesville, Texas.

"Bulldog Turner is one of the greatest athletes who ever played in the National Football League," Luckman told D'Amato and Christl. "In my honest-to-God opinion, I don't think there ever was a greater football player."

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Kenny Willekes is one of four legit All-American candidates on a Spartans defense that led the nation against the run and ranked in the top 10 in total defense and scoring defense.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

'They're never satisfied'

MSU defense ranked among nation's best in '18, but wants even more

By MATT CHARBONEAU
The Detroit News

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Back when Pat Narduzzi was the defensive coordinator at Michigan State he'd often dust off one of his favorite sports clichés.

"Stats are for losers," he'd say.

He used it during the early days under Mark Dantonio when the Spartans were building the foundation of their defense and giving up their share of points and yards, and he used it later in his tenure in East Lansing when Michigan State had become one of the best defensive teams in the country.

It didn't matter to Narduzzi. All that mattered was the result.

To an extent, he was right. Numbers can be manipulated in all sorts of ways. Look at them one way and a .500 team looks great, maybe just a little unlucky. Look at them another and cracks can be found all around an undefeated team.

But sometimes, the numbers simply become too hard to ignore. Try as you might to discount them, sometimes they're the perfect barometer to how a team is playing.

That might be exactly where Michigan State is now as a defense. While the offense has been stuck in the mud for the better part of the last three seasons, the defense continues to be among the best in all of college football.

The elite-level recruits are rare, yet Michigan State's defensive numbers are just that — elite.

Last season, Michigan State led the nation in rushing defense, allowing just 77.9 yards a game. The Spartans also ranked in the top 10 in total defense and scoring defense, giving up a paltry 172 points a game. It was the sixth time under Dantonio the Spartans were among the top 10 in total and rushing defense and the fourth time they also checked in the top 10 in scoring defense.

Not bad. In fact, some might say great.

Unless you're Joe Bachie.

"Last year we weren't a great defense, we were a good defense in a lot of aspects," the senior middle linebacker said. "We had a chance to be great. If you look at our fourth quarters, we struggled a couple times and two games I know off the top of my head, so there's a lot of improvement for us just like the offense. But if we both pick up our game I think that we can be a championship team."

That last sentence is what matters at Michigan State. It hasn't been a championship team since 2015, a season before Bachie arrived on campus. It's something he and his teammates intend to change in 2019, beginning with the season opener against Tulsa on Friday night.



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"We're motivated to be the most dominant group up front. We need to be dominant and that's the main goal for the season."

— Raequan Williams, Michigan State defensive tackle

To do that, the defense will need to be great. The fourth-quarter touchdowns will have to be stopped. The turnovers will have to increase, and the Spartans will have to pressure the quarterback.

"We're motivated to be the most dominant group up front," defensive tackle Raequan Williams said. "We need to be dominant and that's the main goal for the season."

Be dominant in all aspects and maybe, just maybe, Bachie starts buying this stuff about being great.

"We have to believe it because if we don't believe it, why should anyone else?" Bachie said, almost starting to convince himself. "We're going to come to work every day and we're not going to have 'We're better than everyone else' on our minds. We are just going to go out and play just like we have something to prove every day."

A more Michigan State phrase has rarely been turned. After all, it's the Spartans that have spent decades trying to prove they

belong, and until Dantonio showed up, they rarely did. But once Dantonio took over in 2007, that all changed. It happened gradually, but three Big Ten championships have followed with a trip to the College Football Playoff included along with 10 more trips to bowl games.

Yet, the chip has never disappeared. And why would it? It's proven to be the winning formula for the Spartans, and as it turns out, it's also what drives this defense.

It's a talented group, one that has at least four players — Bachie, Williams, defensive end Kenny Willekes and cornerback Josiah Scott — who are legitimate All-American candidates. Any one of them getting to that point will be an accomplishment as Michigan State hasn't had a consensus All-American on defense since Darqueze Denard in 2013.

But more than one All-American? It's been more than 50 years since that happened. The last time more than one defensive player in a season earned that

honor was 1966 when Bubba Smith, Clinton Jones and George Webster were all consensus All-Americans while Eugene Washington came just short of consensus status.

Could it happen this year? Maybe, but these guys haven't put individual accolades first on the list.

"Success to me is getting to the Big Ten championship and winning it," Bachie said.

To do that, the Spartans defense will need to be at its best, which would mean even better than last season. They've spent their share of time this offseason looking at past Michigan State defenses, namely the 2013 group that was top 10 in the four major defensive categories, produced two first-round picks at cornerback and on one afternoon held Michigan to negative 48 yards rushing.

"That was a focus point for me this summer," Scott said. "Watching that (2013) defense and seeing how they play and comparing it to us and see how we can get back to that caliber defense, a championship type of team."

"They trusted each other each and every single play. Everyone knew their assignments; they knew the play faster so they could (destroy) it. They knew how to get after it. They knew how to make their opponents fear them."

The Spartans have done well at striking that fear in opponents, especially the past two seasons as Bachie, Willekes, Williams and Scott played key roles. They allowed just 12 red-zone touchdowns last season, second-fewest in the nation, and eight starters last year earned All-Big Ten recognition.

But complacency doesn't appear to be a problem.

"That's type of people they are, they're never satisfied," defensive coordinator Mike Tressel said, recalling a practice early in preseason camp. "We had an inside period that didn't start as well as we wanted it to and Mike Panasiuk is (yelling), 'We're live! We're live! There's only one speed at Michigan State on defense, and it's live!' I was like, 'Oh, (shoot)!' I mean, they're those type of guys."

Those types of guys know they can get better, but those types of guys also don't care who's getting the awards. They're driven by a possible championship, something they also know only comes if they're at their best.

"We talk about it each and every day," Willekes said. "We're chasing a championship and we're trying to go back to Indianapolis, but we've got to win the East first obviously. It's a very stacked division. The Big Ten is, I think, one of the best conferences in college football so it's not going to be easy and we know that. We're trying to work each and every day to find the way to get us back to Indy."

The way begins Friday night with a defense ready to be great.

"We know in the back of our head that we have a chance to do something special," Bachie said.

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Aiming high

Ron Prince says he wants to build Howard into the Stanford of the FCS

Howard coach Ron Prince has big plans in his first season at Howard, envisioning the school as an athletic and academic power. Previously, Prince coached at Kansas State, below, before being fired after three seasons.

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By JOHN FEINSTEIN
Special to The Washington Post

Ron Prince's journey to Howard University was lengthy and — almost literally — circular. He grew up in Junction City, Kansas, and was recruited to play football at Dodge City Community College. He was good enough to receive attention from a number of FCS-level programs and wanted to go to Howard as midyear transfer in December 1989.

"Two of the women at our church who were friends with my mom kept telling her when I was younger, 'You need to send that boy to Howard,' he said, smiling at the memory. "I think one of them went to Howard, but a lot of people in the black community knew that Thurgood Marshall went there and knew about his involvement" in the Supreme Court's landmark *Brown v. Board of Education* ruling in 1954.

Sitting in his office as the football program's new head coach shortly before its season opener Saturday at Maryland, Prince has similarly lofty reference points for his players.

"I honestly believe we can build a program here that is the FCS equivalent of what David Shaw has built at Stanford," he said. "A team that consistently wins on the field, but also produces kids who graduate and go on to do important things when they're done playing football.

"When I meet with my players, I tell them, 'At least one member of the Senate should come out of this room — and so should an investigative reporter who will make sure he doesn't abuse the office; that a Goldman-Sachs CEO should come out of this room and so should someone from CNBC who will jump all over him if he doesn't stay on the straight and narrow.'"

Prince smiled. "I wouldn't be here if I didn't think all of that was possible."

The truth is, it took Prince nearly 30 years to get here. He was set to visit the school as a potential transfer student in 1989, but there was a snag with the plane ticket to Washington. "They finally said they wanted me to commit without making a visit," Prince said. "My coach at Dodge City (Jerry Cullen) handed me a plane ticket to go visit Appalachian State. He said, 'If they offer you a scholarship, take it.' That's what happened."

After graduating from Appalachian, Prince took the LSAT



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and thought about applying to law school. But Cullen offered him the chance to come back to Dodge City as a volunteer assistant and he decided to give it a try.

That began a journey during which he worked for 12 teams over more than 25 years. His previous experience as a head coach was the almost impossible job of succeeding Bill Snyder at Kansas State in 2006. The Wild-

Prince took it and, even though he didn't coach on the field during practice, spent hours breaking down film on Michigan's players and their opponents and reporting to Harbaugh on strengths and weaknesses that he saw. He loved it.

"Really reminded me of how much I love coaching," he said. "The thing about Jim is, he's a pure football coach. I mean, he's all-in.

He'll talk to you about football all day long. I had a great time working for him."

And then he got another call from Howard. This time it was from Athletic Director Kery Davis, who needed a coach to replace Mike London after London left last November to take the job at William & Mary. This time, Prince, 49, did get a plane ticket — to Atlanta to meet with Davis and

Howard President Wayne A.I. Frederick.

"If not for what Mike accomplished here in his two years, no way would I have touched the job with a 10-foot pole," Prince said. "It isn't just that they started to have success on the field, it's the improvements he made in terms of academics and organization. We have a young team right now, but we aren't starting on square one."

Howard went 7-4 in London's first season, including a stunning upset of UNLV as a 45-point underdog, and was 4-6 a year ago. That was clear progress after the team had gone 3-19 the previous two seasons. Just as important, the team's GPA improved to 2.79. In Prince's first semester in charge, it was 3.08.

"We haven't played a game yet, but I feel like we've made a lot of progress already," Prince said. "We've got 20 players committed for next year and all of them have GPAs of at least 3.0 entering their senior year of high school. Six were recruited by Ivy League schools and chose Howard. We have an advantage there because we can offer them an athletic scholarship; the Ivies can't."

When Howard takes the field for its season opener at Maryland on Saturday, only six seniors will be on the two-deep depth chart, the most important being quarterback Caylin Newton. Another is Marcellos Allison, who was an all-conference linebacker a year ago. With the defense going from a 3-4 to a 4-3, he'll play defensive end. But he'll also start at tight end.

"He can do it," Prince said. "He'll enjoy playing tight end and not just mucking it up on the D-line. He's got great hands and he's a terrific athlete. So, why not?"

There will also be 15 freshmen on the two deep, one of them Prince's son James III, who will start at center — one of two true freshmen who will start on the offensive line.

Prince is convinced he can run a football program that will make fans proud, as well as a faculty that is often skeptical about athletics. Howard hasn't won a MEAC title since 1993.

"I know what Howard is and what it's not," he said. "I know what it can be and what it can't be. But I think I'm different from a lot of guys who have experience at big-time programs or in the NFL and come to an HBCU school and think they're missionaries, doing everyone a favor by being there.

"I know there's a long way to go here, but I believe we can do great things. I can't wait to see what happens."

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Scarlett Johansson and Adam Driver attend a photocall for the film "Marriage Story" during the 76th Venice Film Festival at Venice Lido.

A bittersweet marvel

Scarlett Johansson and Adam Driver excel in 'Marriage Story,' coming to theaters, Netflix



MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Talking Pictures

VENICE — Here's the awards-season value of the Venice International Film Festival in two easy words: "Marriage Story." Thanks to the festival, now I know the name of one of the year's highlights.

As the end credits rolled on the 8:30 a.m. Thursday world premiere screening of writer-director Noah Baumbach's superb new film, starring Scarlett Johansson and Adam Driver in career-best performances, you could feel it. The movie worked.

The funny parts worked, and the serious parts stuck. Its blend of comedy and drama, of riotously funny segments and lacerating verbal arias, was virtually miraculous. One monologue, delivered by a canny divorce attorney played by Laura

Dern (a cinch for a supporting actress Oscar nomination; Driver and Johansson are cinches in the lead categories) provoked spontaneous applause. This was not the dress-up opening-night crowd; this was the bleary-eyed press and industry crowd.

And now, "Marriage Story" hits every other major stop on the fall festival circuit, en route to the Oscars early next year. Telluride, in Colorado, later this week, then Toronto the week after that and then New York a couple of weeks later.

Following last year's "Roma" strategy, Baumbach's film opens theatrically Nov. 6, with Netflix streaming beginning Dec. 6.

The awards-season value of Venice is simple: If a movie's good, and starts here,

the festival on the Lido across the lagoon from Venice proper looks as if it knows what it's doing.

In the first scene of "Marriage Story" the marriage has already tipped into the red zone. A mediator has instructed LA native Nicole (Johansson) and New York-devoted theater director Charlie (Driver) to write detailed lists of what they love, or used to love, about each other.

We learn a lot about these characters through this common, straightforward device. And through these characters we learn soon enough that this will be a story, involving the couple's 8-year-old son,

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'BRITTANY RUNS A MARATHON' ★★★

Bell excels as train wreck who gets back on the rails

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS
 Chicago Tribune

Eight years ago, Jillian Bell was playing "Girl at Shower" in the hit comedy "Bridesmaids." Now, finally, the "Saturday Night Live" writing alum and familiar supporting actress and voiceover regular has landed a new role: Woman in Title.

Opening wide this week, "Brittany Runs a Marathon" has done well in limited release in LA and New York for a reason. It's an enjoyable mainstream comedy asserting that change is possible, weight can be lost and races can be won, or at least completed: The marathon of the title refers to the New York City Marathon. It's simple stuff in terms of narrative. But it's amplified by a few satisfyingly complicated aspects to Bell's character, who is based on a friend of the first-time feature writer-director Paul Downs Colaizzo. The movie is very hard on its protagonist, and not all the obstacles, humiliations and setbacks escape the realm of cheap pathos. Bell and company keep it honest, though.

The movie version of Brittany ushers at an off-Broadway theater by night



Micah Stock and Jillian Bell star in "Brittany Runs a Marathon," written and directed by Paul Downs Colaizzo.

and often drinks too much later that same night. Her brittle, selfie-driven Astoria roommate (Alice Lee) is developing a career as a social media influencer and likes-collector. There is plainly a friendship more of convenience than true affection.

Brittany's role, as she sees it, is that of the merry wisecracker always up for another round. But at

nearly 200 pounds, she's pushing things with her health. Per doctor's advice, she undertakes a new regimen, and with the moral and training support of a fellow tenant (Michaela Watkins) and her running group, the way forward becomes clear.

This is a running group
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COMMENTARY

Growing up sooner

Middle school is the new high school. Pop culture needs to catch up.

BY MARY MCNAMARA
 Los Angeles Times

It might have been the full-page dress code or the Instagram photos of the already decorated lockers or all the sleek new haircuts framing expressions of careful ennui as they made their way down the early morning sidewalk. Whatever the culture-tipping factor, delivering my third and youngest child to her first day in seventh grade, I realized with a sudden jolt that middle school is the new high school.

And pop culture had best catch the heck up. For years we have labored under the belief that adult life, or at least adult neuroses, began in high school. How else to explain the enormous role those years claim in our storytelling, personal and professional? Oh the pain, ah the pleasure of navigating those scandalous sacred halls. Middle school? That was for kids, and not even real kids. Doughy, ill-defined, in-between kids, who weren't as adorable as they were in elementary school, or as



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"Pen15" is one of the few shows that seems to understand the importance of middle school.

fascinating as they would be in high school.

Yes, the boom in YA fiction created a tween subset where "Are You There God, It's Me, Margaret" once reigned in virtual solitude, and both Nickelodeon and Disney Channel have had a few 12- to 14-year-old leads in their lineups. But most teen-based art, which is to say most adult-skewing examinations of youth, whether it be "The Catcher in the Rye" or "Euphoria," focus on the perils and pleasures of high school.

It is during these years, we tell ourselves repeatedly, that thrilling, chilling

transition between childhood and adulthood occurs.

Except that's not true. My 12-year-old has friends who are gay, bi and trans, and is way more at ease with binary pronouns than many of my adult friends. She and her friends carry reusable straws, know how to edit photos and videos and are trained to respond to active shooters. She knows what it took me years to learn — that it is unacceptable to comment on anyone's body or for anyone to comment on hers and that if she is made to feel physically uncom-

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Brad Pitt poses for photographers at the Venice International Film Festival in Venice, Italy, on Thursday.

Pitt goes deep into space, masculinity

VENICE, Italy — “Ad Astra” looks and sounds like a space epic with a movie star lead in Brad Pitt, but there’s a lot more going on beneath the surface.

Pitt said Thursday at the Venice International Film Festival that he and director James Gray are really digging into the idea of masculinity.

“Having grown up in an era where you’re taught to be strong and not show weakness, there is certain value in that, but there’s also a barrier that’s created denying those pains or those things you feel ashamed to reveal,” Pitt said. “I think we were asking the question: Is a better definition for us actually being more open divining a better relationship with your loved ones, with your parents, with your kids, and with yourself?”

“Ad Astra” follows Pitt’s detached astronaut character Roy McBride on a journey to the outer reaches of space to find his estranged father, a famous astronaut himself who has long been thought dead.

When asked about Oscar prospects, Pitt, who has yet to win an Oscar for acting despite being nominated twice, said: “Every year I see amazing talent getting acknowledged and amazing talent not getting acknowledged. And my feeling is when your number comes up, it’s great fun and when someone else’s number comes up, it’s very fun to see,” Pitt said. “How was that for a dodge?”

“I just want to get this film out,” he continued. “It’s a challenging film. It’s subtle and it’s operating on many cylinders and it has something to say about who we are. ... I’m curious to see where it lands.”

“Ad Astra” opens nationwide Sept. 20.

— Associated Press



VINCENZO PINTO/GETTY-AFF

Art imitates life: When writer-director Noah Baumbach asked Scarlett Johansson to meet about a new film about a divorce, he didn’t know she was going through one in real life. “It felt fated in a way,” Johansson said. “It came somehow at just the right time.” Johansson stars with Adam Driver in “Marriage Story,” about a couple with a young son managing a bicoastal separation and divorce. Johansson divorced French businessman Romain Dauriac in 2017. The film debuts on Netflix on Dec. 6.

Professor McConaughey: Actor Matthew McConaughey will join the University of Texas as a professor who this fall will teach in the Department of Radio-Television-Film. McConaughey has been a visiting instructor at the Austin campus since 2015. The appointment recognizes his “outstanding work as a teacher and mentor,” a university statement said. McConaughey earned a film degree from the school in 1993.

Off to school: Britain’s Princess Charlotte will soon be headed to the classroom. Kensington Palace said the 4-year-old princess will attend her first day of school on Sept. 5, at Thomas’s Battersea school in London, where big brother Prince George is also enrolled.

Aug. 30 birthdays: Actress Elizabeth Ashley is 80. Comedian Lewis Black is 71. Actor Michael Chiklis is 56. Actress Michael Michele is 53. Actress Cameron Diaz is 47. TV personality Lisa Ling is 46. Actor Michael Gladis is 42. Guitarist Ryan Ross is 33.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Luggage snag leads to mystery note

Dear Amy: Recently my daughter and I traveled several thousand miles via major airline, and our luggage did not arrive at our destination at the same time we did. We had conversations with airline representatives at the arrival airport, while we tried to sort out the problem. They said they would deliver the bags.

Later that afternoon, my daughter’s bag arrived, and inside was a handwritten note from someone, presumably one of the baggage claim reps, who said that he found her attractive and enjoyed talking with her. He wrote down his number and asked her to call. I was stunned. She simply dismissed it. I feel it was wrong for them to open her bag in the first place, since there was a tag clearly identifying the bag on the outside. I also felt it was so wrong to put in a personal note of any kind.

My daughter says I’m overreacting, but yuck. What do you think of this?
— *Baggage Handler*

Dear Handler: I have shared your question with media representatives of two major airlines and also the Transport Workers Union, which represents baggage handlers. All have acknowledged receiving your question but have not responded.

I assume this behavior is not sanctioned but happens from time to time.

The note was put into your daughter’s bag by airline or airport personnel after it had been security-screened and flown to its destination. (It’s also possible the note was placed in the bag by a third-party contractor at your destina-

tion airport.) Because the bag was clearly tagged for delivery, I can’t imagine a valid reason to open it. My response would be similar to yours: yuck.

If your daughter is an adult, she has the right to react to it on her own behalf. However, depending on her age (and perhaps depending on who paid for her airline ticket and baggage fee), if you want to complain, you might take a picture of his note and forward it to the airport’s management, asking for a response or explanation.

Dear Amy: Over the past month, one of my closest friends and I have been spending a lot more time talking. I’ve liked this person for several years, but for a while there were some barriers to us being together (they were dating my other close friend). It seems we are finally on a good track, but the problem is we are both headed to college this fall in different regions of the country.

It is exhausting being with this person and not telling them how I feel. I’d kick myself if they found a new partner at school, knowing I never tried. On the other hand, I’m afraid that if I tell them now, I’ll wreck our friendship. Is it worth expressing how I feel? I’m not sure about any romantic future, but I definitely want to continue the friendship.
— *Out of Time*

Dear Out of Time: When it comes to romance, timing really is everything. Using my “mom” voice here, I’ll tell you that it isn’t the best idea to head off to college with a brand-new,

long-distance romance on the burner. Promise yourself that you will approach your college experience with an open mind and heart. I will also suggest that the anxiety and excitement of leaving home might be a factor in the escalation of your romantic feelings for your friend.

Regardless, you don’t really have to make a declaration. You can circle around it and possibly learn something from your friend. You say, “Wow, we’ve really been talking a lot more lately! I’m going to miss that. I’ve been feeling a lot closer to you. Do you think we can keep up our conversation once we start school?”

Listen to the answer, keep in touch with each other, and see where your own life takes you.

Dear Amy: Hello! I happened to see that the same letter you ran (from “Disrespected DIL”) was also published in another advice column.

What’s your problem? Are you running out of material and taking from other columnists? How embarrassed are you?
— *Caught You*

Dear Caught: People occasionally submit questions to multiple columnists at the same time. There is really no way to prevent it. Yes, I do find this embarrassing, but I’m always interested to see how other columnists answer. In this case, our advice was in sync.

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Brittany

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that takes things seriously, even if some members, notably the congenial worrier played by Micah Stock, don’t know if they have the stuff it takes. There’s a lot more going on here in the movie in terms of conflict. Brittany takes a job as a house sitter and dog-walker, and soon learns there’s a third-shift sitter (Utkarsh Ambudkar) of minimal ambition but detectable gallantry. Is there something between these two? Yes. But the romance goes a somewhat different way than the trailers suggest.

The movie thrives in its detours. Brittany’s self-doubt (and full-on destructive self-loathing) makes it a pretty harsh experience. There’s an element (a good, funny, honest element) of Amy Schumer’s showcase feature “Trainwreck” in how “Brittany Runs a Marathon” works. As with that picture, you can feel the gears grinding when it’s uplift time. Yet the uplift is the sell-

MPAA rating: R (for language throughout, sexuality and some drug material)

Running time: 1:43

ing point. For a while Bell and her character find themselves intriguingly at odds with their movie’s inevitable running path. As Brittany’s stock improves in the prying, judgy eyes of the world around her, she’s stuck with a load of defense mechanisms and the rote psychological impulse to push people away, and treat every act of kindness as pity.

There are times when director Colaizzo makes obvious and clunky what screenwriter Colaizzo handles more gracefully. But the movie succeeds because Bell succeeds. It’s gratifying to see a so-called character actress with reliably deadly comic timing loosen up, stretch out and learn what it means to carry a movie.

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‘WHAT YOU GONNA DO WHEN THE WORLD’S ON FIRE’ ★★ 1/2

An unsettling portrait of nation’s racial disparity

By JAY WEISSBERG
Variety

Following his unsettling look at Louisiana down-and-outs in “The Other Side,” Roberto Minervini tackles an easier topic to get audiences behind: a community of African Americans in New Orleans whose stories reflect the toxic effects of centuries-old racism.

“What You Gonna Do When the World’s on Fire?” is a natural direction for the Italian-born director to go. Yet, despite charismatic subjects, the film seems so concerned with aesthetics that it never feels angry enough. Given the state of race relations in the Trump years, any film drawing attention to the country’s obscene disparity is welcome, and Minervini’s underlying theme of fear — the fear instilled in African Americans from the cradle — rarely gets the kind of attention it’s given here. Alas, the sum is curiously underwhelming.

Minervini edits together



A CINETECA DI BOLOGNA

“What You Gonna Do When the World’s on Fire?” takes an extended look at life in New Orleans, and the result is a blistering meditation on the state of race in America.

No MPAA rating
Running time: 2:03

three main strands and a minor fourth, the Mardi Gras Indians, whose occasional appearances preparing for and marching in the parade testify to traditions of celebrating the community’s resilience. Judy Hill is

the film’s clearest subject, a 50-year-old woman of outspoken passion whose background as a victim of sexual abuse and drug addiction has sharpened her understanding of the cruel legacy of discrimination. Having kicked the habit and realized her dream of owning a bar where people socialize and gather to express community concerns, she’s now on the brink of losing the establishment.

Judy’s energy lifts up the film, but it’s half-brothers Ronaldo King, 14, and Titus Turner, 9, who get under the skin. Perhaps it’s their youth, the sense of a lifetime of hopes and hardships ahead, but just as much, it’s their fraternal bond and Ronaldo’s protective attitude. The two are first seen at a fun house that makes Titus frightened; next they’re with their mother, Ashley King, who repeats over and over that they need to be back in the house before the streetlights come on. Her concerns are understandable given frequent neighborhood shootings, but it also furthers the degree of anxiety

under which many African Americans live from the moment they step outside.

Looking to combat that is the New Black Panther Party for Self Defense, whose national chairwoman, Krystal Muhammad, organizes black-power rallies and protests to raise awareness of recent killings not just in Louisiana, where Alton Sterling was shot dead by a cop in Baton Rouge the year before, but also in neighboring Mississippi, where the gruesome deaths of Jeremy Jackson and Phillip Carroll recall KKK lynchings. Notwithstanding Muhammad’s ceaseless energy, the Black Panther scenes are the film’s weakest element.

More background information could have increased the documentary’s punch. Judy’s elderly mother speaks of what a good life she’s had, yet her daughter was sexually abused from childhood, so it’s natural to wonder what mother-daughter issues Judy must feel. In addition, the reasons why Judy loses the bar remain unclear, though press notes talk about gentrification (a word mentioned a few times, though its impact isn’t explored). With a compelling figure like Judy, powerful moments do exist, such as when she tells her cousin Michael Nelson about how the fear of being beaten up at school hindered her ability to learn. Nelson’s own story of childhood abuse and lengthy incarceration is a troubling and all-too-common tale.

Despite such confessional moments, “What You Gonna Do” falls short of making the damning statements the country needs, especially now.

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'DON'T LET GO' ★★

Threads of time

Time-travel thriller works — just don't think too hard

BY MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN
The Washington Post

Letting go of the past and moving on is healthy but hard. "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change," the old prayer goes, "the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference."

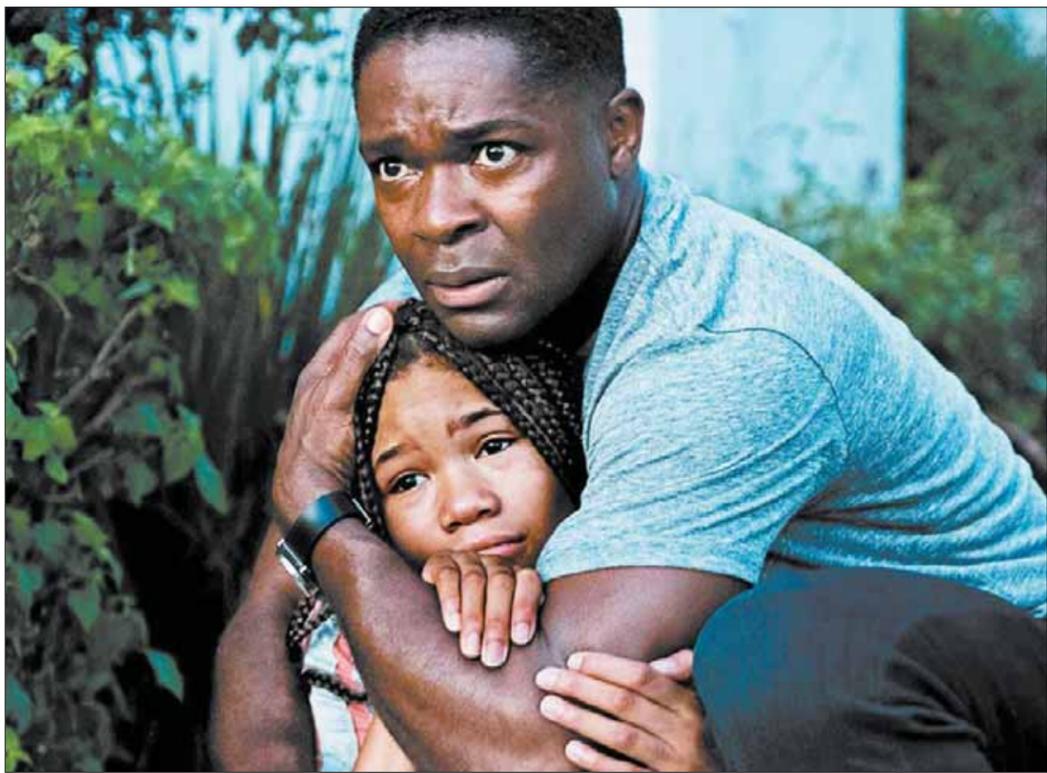
Our very human desire for do-overs has fueled the fantasy underlying countless time-travel movies, including variants like the 2000 film "Frequency" and the 2016 CW series inspired by it. (They're not time travel stories, per se, but they involve people in the present who can communicate with dead people in the past, sticking their fingers where they don't belong: in the flowing waters of the time-space continuum.)

"Don't Let Go" is pretty much exactly that scenario, replacing the magic short-wave radio of "Frequency" with a magic mobile phone.

Talk about your do-overs: As with those earlier entertainments, a character in the new movie suddenly finds himself able to connect with a loved one whose death may be preventable. At least with "Frequency," the glitch was attributed to the aurora borealis; here, it seems to be some kind of unlimited family data plan that your cellular carrier does not offer.

As unoriginal as the premise might be, the movie works well enough, thanks mainly to its two stars: David Oyelowo, portraying an LAPD detective named Jack, and Storm Reid as his teenage niece Ashley, who was murdered two weeks earlier. Their connection and chemistry — which play out over the course of the film in cell-phone conversations wherein Jack tries to prevent her death — is critical to the success of the far-fetched story, as it always is with such things. Sure, it's a sci-fi-tinged mystery thriller, but it's also, at heart, a tale of two people. If we don't care about them, the whole thing falls apart.

Fortunately, we do. Reid (of "A Wrinkle in Time")



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David Oyelowo, left, and Storm Reid in "Don't Let Go."

MPAA rating: R (for violence, bloody images, and strong language)

Running time: 1:43

and Oyelowo (of "Selma") are immensely likable performers, and their on-screen rapport is palpable, even though they are hardly ever in the same place together, let alone the same time, save for a handful of scenes.

One early scene sets up the nature of their bond: Ashley's father, played by

Brian Tyree Henry, has bipolar disorder and is a not-quite-reformed drug dealer, so she's looking for a more reliable father figure. Midway through the film, a shot of Jack and Ashley sharing a diner booth together — as the dead girl talks to her distraught uncle — is a metaphor, not meant to be taken literally. In another scene, a pre-murder Ashley hangs up the phone with future-Jack, only to chew out past-Jack, who has a look of confusion on his face that may mirror the one on yours.

"Don't Let Go" manages, at times, to generate a nicely weird "Twilight Zone" vibe, but fails to sustain it, as it also runs into some of the same problems that plague movies of this ilk: If you tear the fabric of time by altering what has already happened, it can be difficult to sew it back up straight. This makes for a narrative that is occasionally muddy and ambiguous, as Jack issues instructions to Ashley with the benefit of hindsight that isn't quite 20/20. He knows what happened, in other

words, but he can't predict what will happen when he undoes it.

This leads to circumstances that put him — and Ashley — in sometimes violent jeopardy, as he tries to simultaneously save the girl, by selectively plucking out threads of the past, and unravel the whodunit. His efforts make for a watchable movie, if one that's less than deeply satisfying, not to mention observant of the laws of logic.

Emotionally, "Don't Let Go" works like magic. Intellectually, not so much.



A GRASSHOPPER FILM

Chola and Football are the focus of "Los Reyes," set in Chile.

'LOS REYES' ★★★ 1/2

Two dogs steal scene — and hearts — at skate park in Chile

BY PETER DEBRUGE
Variety

In late 1965, Gay Talese set out to profile Frank Sinatra for Esquire magazine. Sinatra refused to be interviewed but allowed the writer to hang around, observing, which he did for three months, racking up almost \$5,000 in expenses. In the end, Talese penned what became one of the most memorable celebrity profiles ever written, "Frank Sinatra Has a Cold," proving in the process that sometimes the indirect approach can be more effective than the ostensibly candid, all-access interview.

A charmingly round-about documentary born of curiosity, patience and no small amount of inventiveness on the part of its authors, "Los Reyes" reminds me of that story. There's no glamorous A-lister at its center. In fact, there are hardly any human characters to speak of. This unconventional nonfiction portrait takes place at the oldest skate park in Santiago, Chile, and was intended to feature the teenagers who congregate there regularly. But over the course of roughly two years hanging around Los Reyes with cameras, co-

MPAA rating: Unrated
Running time: 1:17

directors Bettina Perut and Iván Osnoikovoff discovered that while the skaters came and went — many of them prohibitively shy about being filmed — there were two characters that always seemed to be hanging about. Two dogs. And so they shifted the entire focus of the film such that the inseparable canines became its protagonists.

Suddenly, under the pretense of making a movie about Football and Chola (who are not named until the end credits), the directors found that the adolescent skaters didn't seem to mind being recorded. They even agreed to wear wireless mics, opening up about personal subjects — candid stories about smoking and selling weed, disagreements with their guardians and run-ins with the corrupt local police — while the cameras were trained on the two street dogs.

Football is the older of the two. With a chin frosted white with age and tufts of red in his mane, the friendly black mutt looks like some kind of shepherd mix, almost always chew-

ing on something — plastic bottles, rocks, an abandoned tennis ball — as he surveys the park through bright, bloodshot eyes. A black Lab crossed with who-knows-what, Chola likes to play, chasing after anyone who cycles through her turf, while reserving a special respect for the skaters, whom she treats like old friends. Chola has invented a game where she picks up balls from the nearby sports fields and balances them at the edge of the skate bowl, eventually nudging them over the brink with her nose.

You don't have to be a "dog person" to find these two irresistible, although those with a soft spot for animals may be surprised by how deeply attached they get over the course of the film. One can only imagine what kind of footage Perut and Osnoikovoff captured in the year or so it took them to decide that the dogs would become the film's focus. Once that shift occurred, however, they clearly committed to it.

Like an afternoon spent skating or sunbathing at the park, the film is an escape from outside stresses, a breath of freedom in a busy world.

'AQUARELA' ★★ 1/2

Where the wild thing is (hint: it's everywhere)

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS
Chicago Tribune

Roughly 71% of our planet's surface is covered by water in one overwhelming form or another. The mission accomplished in "Aquarela," from Russian filmmaker Victor Kossakovsky to overwhelm, and to awe-strike the viewer with the irresistible force of it all.

It's a pretty interesting nature documentary as far as it goes. But given its globe-trotting scope and the risky location work involved for the filmmakers, it's a tiny bit strange "Aquarela" goes only so far.

Deliberately, Kossakovsky blurs locales and lets the footage unfurl without the usual identifying locales on screen. In southern Siberia, on Lake Baikal, Russian police officers retrieve cars that have plunged through the surface ice. Some motorists are lucky. "Usually it melts three weeks later than this," as one says to a policeman.

This opening segment contains disturbing elements of a nature-doc snuff film: We watch as the officers' attempts to save another motorist from an icy death prove apparently unsuccessful. From there, Kossakovsky, his crew and his super-high-definition cameras travel to Greenland (we'll buy that thing yet, damn it) for an epic collage of ice chunks rising and falling in open water. Some of the individual shots here are truly poetic, and a reminder that water literally never stops moving.

Then we're suddenly on board a schooner, as its skeletal crew charts a course on the Atlantic Ocean. (You learn the "where" of it from reading about the movie, not from



VICTOR KOSSAKOVSKY AND BEN BERNHARD

Police work to retrieve a car that had fallen through the ice of Lake Baikal in southern Siberia in "Aquarela."

MPAA rating: PG (for some disturbing thematic material)

Running time: 1:30. In Russian, Spanish and English with English subtitles.

watching it.) The waves encountered by the skippers are staggering enough to act as real-world approximations of the rolling titans in the science-fiction saga "Interstellar."

You're always thinking about how many different ways water can kill you in "Aquarela." During Hurricane Irma, with the wind and the rain whipping empty Miami streets with relentless intensity, Kossakovsky's camera glides along the thoroughfare with eerie serenity. (I'd almost rather see a documentary about what was going on behind the camera, to get some of these shots.) With minimal dialogue and maximal sensory wallop, the film rolls along.

You can say this of any movie, of course, but some will find "Aquarela" wondrous and transporting,

while others may simply wonder why they're not feeling as transported as the person in the next seat. The film was shot at 96 frames per second, i.e., an extra-crispy digital format. (No format exists commercially at the moment to exhibit "Aquarela" in that same frame rate; I saw it in the best available projection, 48fps, with Atmos sound for bonus ripples, crunches and aural spray coming at you from every direction.) Throw in composer Eicca Toppinen's "cello-metal" scoring, akin to the sounds of his band Apocalyptica, and "Aquarela" certainly is some kind of experience.

It's a Rorschach test. While you consider the ramifications of living in a world where key world leaders actively encourage global warming, the person on the aisle can simply space out and think: Wow. Lotta water.

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RIOT FEST 2019

Daily schedule released on back of fest's pale ale label

By JESSI ROTI

With just two weeks to go, Riot Fest has announced its daily schedule of performances set to take place at Douglas Park Sept. 13-15.

The news came on the back of a beer label (literally), as the music festival also introduced its "Riot Fest Sucks" pale ale, created in partnership with Goose Island Beer Company. The beer will be sold exclusively on the grounds and include the peel-back schedule sticker. The collaboration with Goose Island is a first for the festival and arrives just in time to celebrate its 15th anniversary.

Headliners Slayer (playing its final Chicago and Milwaukee show), a reunited Bikini Kill, Blink-182, Jawbreaker, Bloc Party and Taking Back Sunday were previously announced in May. The B-52s, playing early Sunday evening, will also deliver their final Chicago performance during Riot Fest.

Among the 88 acts, ten will play their seminal albums in full, including the Flaming Lips ("Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots"), Ween ("The Mollusk"), Bloc Party ("Silent Alarm"), Against Me! ("Transgender Dysphoria Blues" and its 2002 debut, "Against Me! is Reinventing Axl Rose"), Taking Back Sunday ("Tell All Your Friends," "Louder Now") and Senses Fail ("Let It Enfold You," "From The Depths of Dreams"). Speed-metal outfit Anthrax will deliver a "fan request" set list, according to Thursday's announcement.

There aren't too many tough choices due to scheduling conflicts to make over the long weekend — but it's never too early to start planning. And compared to last year's mess of a roll-out, which had fans speculating a



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Members of the audience watch SWMRS perform during the last day of Riot Fest in Douglas Park in 2018.

cancellation, you've got plenty of time.

Friday

■ Pkew Pkew Pkew, 11:55 a.m., Radicals stage
 ■ Can't Swim, Noon, Rebel stage
 ■ The Garden, 12:30 p.m., Roots stage
 ■ No Parents, 12:40 p.m., Rise stage
 ■ Thin Lips, 1 p.m., Rebel stage
 ■ Yours Truly, 1:05 p.m., Riot stage
 ■ Anti-Flag, 1:30 p.m., Radicals stage
 ■ Caroline Rose, 1:40 p.m., Roots stage
 ■ Pink Fly, 2 p.m., Rebel stage
 ■ Hot Water Music, 2:20 p.m., Rise stage
 ■ I Don't Know How But They Found Me, 2:30 p.m., Riot stage
 ■ Mat Kerekes, 3 p.m., Rebel stage
 ■ Senses Fail, 3:10 p.m.,

Radicals stage
 ■ Hot Snakes, 3:20 p.m., Roots stage
 ■ Angel Du\$t, 4 p.m., Rebel stage
 ■ The Get Up Kids, 4:15 p.m., Rise stage
 ■ Neck Deep, 4:25 p.m., Riot stage
 ■ Cock Sparrer, 4:40 p.m., Radicals stage
 ■ Hot Mulligan, 5:10 p.m., Rebel stage
 ■ Violent Femmes, 5:30 p.m., Roots stage
 ■ Lucero, 5:45 p.m., Rise stage
 ■ Pennywise, 6:10 p.m., Radicals stage
 ■ H2O, 6:20 p.m., Rebel stage
 ■ Dashboard Confessional, 6:35 p.m., Riot stage
 ■ Descendents, 7:15 p.m., Rise stage
 ■ Glassjaw, 7:30 p.m., Rebel stage
 ■ Rancid, 7:40 p.m., Radicals stage
 ■ The Flaming Lips, 7:40 p.m., Roots stage

■ Blink 182, 8:45 p.m., Riot stage
 ■ Jawbreaker, 8:45 p.m., Rise stage

Saturday

■ Monarchy Over Monday, Noon, Rebel
 ■ Masked Intruder, 12:15 p.m., Roots
 ■ Cleopatrik, 1 p.m., Rebel
 ■ The Hu, 1:05 p.m., Riot
 ■ Lando Chill, 1:30 p.m., Radicals
 ■ Cherry Glazerr, 1:45 p.m., Rise
 ■ Turnstile, 1:55 p.m., Roots
 ■ Drakulas, 2 p.m., Rebel
 ■ Prof, 2:30 p.m., Radicals
 ■ Surfer Blood, 2:45 p.m., Rise
 ■ Gwar, 2:45 p.m., Riot
 ■ Elder Brother, 3 p.m., Rebel
 ■ The Selector, 3:25 p.m., Radicals
 ■ Avail, 3:35 p.m., Roots
 ■ Cursive, 3:45 p.m., Rise
 ■ The Damned Things,

3:55 p.m., Rebel
 ■ Testament, 4:25 p.m., Riot
 ■ Turnover, 4:45 p.m., Rise
 ■ Grandson, 4:45 p.m., Radicals
 ■ Microwave, 5:05 p.m., Rebel
 ■ The Story So Far, 5:15 p.m., Roots
 ■ The Struts, 6 p.m., Rise
 ■ PVRIS, 6 p.m., Radicals
 ■ Senses Fail, 6:15 p.m., Rebel
 ■ Anthrax, 6:20 p.m., Riot
 ■ Manchester Orchestra, 7:15 p.m., Rise
 ■ Rise Against, 7:25 p.m., Roots
 ■ Wu-Tang Clan, 7:30 p.m., Radicals
 ■ Andrew W.K., 7:30 p.m., Rebel
 ■ Slayer, 8:30 p.m., Riot
 ■ Bloc Party, 8:45 p.m., Rise

Sunday

■ Ultra Q, Noon, Rise
 ■ Ganser, 12:25 p.m., Radi-

cals
 ■ Ramona, 12:30 p.m., Rebel
 ■ Dead Swords, 12:30 p.m., Roots
 ■ Save Ferris, 12:45 p.m., Rise
 ■ Skating Polly, 1 p.m., Riot
 ■ Nick Lowe (with Los Straight Jackets), 1:25 p.m., Radicals
 ■ Kali Masi, 1:30 p.m., Rebel
 ■ White Reaper, 1:40 p.m., Roots
 ■ Frank Iero and the Future Violents, 1:45 p.m., Rise
 ■ The Beaches, 2:25 p.m., Riot
 ■ This Wild Life, 2:30 p.m., Rebel
 ■ Village People, 2:35 p.m., Radicals
 ■ Ride, 3:10 p.m., Roots
 ■ Less Than Jake, 3 p.m., Rise
 ■ Sincere Engineer, 3:40 p.m., Rebel
 ■ Guided by Voices, 3:50 p.m., Radicals
 ■ Against Me!, 3:55 p.m., Riot
 ■ Streetlight Manifesto, 4:15 p.m., Rise
 ■ Dave Hause & The Mermaid, 4:50 p.m., Rebel
 ■ Bob Mould, 5:15 p.m., Roots
 ■ The B-52s (also playing their final Chicago show), 5:15 p.m., Radicals
 ■ American Football, 5:30 p.m., Rise
 ■ Teenage Bottlerocket, 6 p.m., Rebel
 ■ Patti Smith and Her Band, 6:20 p.m., Riot
 ■ The Starting Line, 6:45 p.m., Rise
 ■ Ween, 6:45 p.m., Radicals
 ■ The Raconteurs, 7:25 p.m., Roots
 ■ The Ergs!, 7:30 p.m., Rebel
 ■ Taking Back Sunday, 8:15 p.m., Rise
 ■ Bikini Kill, 8:30 p.m., Riot

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John Travolta, left, and Devon Sawa star in "The Fanatic."

'THE FANATIC' ★ 1/2

As obsessed fan of movie star, Travolta goes all out

By MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN
Washington Post

I'll say one thing for John Travolta's performance in "The Fanatic," a movie about a rabidly movie-obsessed loser who goes off the deep end when he meets — and is rebuffed by — his favorite actor: He's committed.

Adopting an awkward gait, a nervous, grating delivery, nerdy glasses and an unflattering haircut that is one part mullet, one part jarhead and one part Lloyd Christmas in "Dumb and Dumber," the actor invests the kind of intensity in his role that suggests he's angling for an award of some kind. Unfortunately for him, the movie — directed by Limp Bizkit frontman-turned-filmmaker Fred Durst, whose experience with a stalker-like fan is said to have inspired the film — does not live up to the extravagantly wounded ferocity with which Travolta attacks his part.

It doesn't even live up to the haircut. "The Fanatic" is a psychological thriller with no real psychological insights or particular thrills, other than the gratuitous violence with which the story climaxes.

The 65-year-old actor plays Moose, a childlike

MPAA rating: R (Contains some strong violence and crude language throughout)

Running time: 90 minutes

man who appears to eke out a living as a Hollywood street performer, portraying a mustachioed British bobby on the sidewalks of Tinseltown, collecting tips from tourists. (Travolta has described the character as "slightly, maybe, on the special needs spectrum.") His only friend seems to be a papparazza (Ana Golja) who helps him track down the home address of the action star (Devon Sawa) on whom Moose is fixated, after Moose is brushed off by the egotistical actor at an autograph-signing appearance.

Moose then appears at the man's front door, crosses paths with his car, climbs into his backyard (where he is chased off by a housekeeper, played by Marta González Rodin) and inevitably enters his house, where — well, you can probably guess where this goes. It ain't good.

Neither is the movie, which limps along, episodically, until the crescendo — and predictably bloody — denouement.

There's surprising sympathy for Moose, given

Durst's reported history with his own unhinged fan. In fact, Sawa's Hunter Dunbar — a performer who seems to be known for such B movies as the laughably titled "Space Vampires" — is the bad guy here: a jerk with a justifiably angry ex-wife (Jessica Uberuaga) and an unseemly sexual history with his housekeeper. (Hunter loves Limp Bizkit music, in what is either self-deprecation or self-aggrandizement.)

But that sympathy doesn't extend to anything especially perceptive about the symbiotic yet fraught relationship between celebrities and the celebrity-obsessed, except the observation that famous people need their fans. The movie opens with this quote: "You're a fan. Without you, I'm nothing," attributed to Hunter. (The film also is divided into sections by odd drawings that seem to hint at Moose's prickly emotional state.)

Uncovering a wacky, at times uncomfortably hammy portrayal of neediness, Travolta is certainly watchable. But "The Fanatic" is hardly a worthy showcase for such a bold — and, yes, at times brave — piece of acting. It's a schlocky setting for a weird little addition to Travolta's resume.

'THE CASE OF HANA & ALICE' ★★★

Prequel to Japanese hit explores girls' friendship

By PETER DEBRUGE
Variety

An unusual, not-yet-perfected style of rotoscope animation allows two Japanese actresses to play younger, line-drawn versions of the live-action characters that made them both stars in "The Case of Hana & Alice," a gently comedic and all-around upbeat prequel to indie helmer Shunji Iwai's 2004 hit, "Hana and Alice." Whereas the teenage title characters competed for the same guy's affections in the earlier film, here we discover how they first met, once again united over a boy. Only this time, it's the spirit of a classmate who went missing a year earlier, believed to be haunting the middle school they both attend. The film mixes elements of mystery and ghost story into its charmingly detailed account of the two girls' blossoming friendship.

Though some audiences remember the original (which earned more than \$20 million in Japan), foreigners and first-timers should have no trouble connecting with the characters in this standalone story, which opens with the arrival of 14-year-old Tetsuko Arisugawa (voiced by Yu Aoi) — or "Alice" for short — to a small town where everything seems a little eccentric at first, starting with the weird neighbor who watches her move in. Though it will take nearly the film until Alice works up the nerve to introduce herself, the girl next door is none other than Hana (Anne Suzuki), a shut-in who hasn't been back to school since the so-called Judas murder.

While some mysteries can leave audiences impatient for clues that advance



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"The Case of Hana & Alice" focuses on middle schoolers trying to figure out what happened to a classmate.

MPAA rating: Not rated

Running time: 1:40

the plot, in this case, Iwai puts such a compelling (and delicately amusing) emphasis on his characters that we're perfectly content just to hang out with them, whatever they happen to be doing. For Alice, that means getting acquainted with her new environment, whether that's being manipulated by "Moo," a long-haired classmate who orchestrates a spontaneous seance/exorcism, or attending ballet lessons with childhood friend Fuko — the latter laying the groundwork for a solo dance scene fans adore from the earlier film.

Doing her own snooping, Alice manages to learn that Judas — who was really a boy named Yuda — disappeared after it was discovered that he had secretly married four girls in his class, one of whom is rumored to have poisoned him. Poor Alice has the misfortune of being as-

signed to sit in Yuda's old desk (doubly creepy, when you consider she's also living in his old house), potentially disrupting whatever supernatural force Moo's incantations had managed to put to rest. Strong enough to stand her own against school bullies, Alice is right to be skeptical, and even more justified in her curiosity, which leads her back to Hana, the girl she noticed spying from the window of the weird "Flower Folly" house next door.

Things really pick up the moment Hana and Alice connect, especially after the two of them form a pact to figure out what really happened to Yuda. But being mere teenagers (even if both actresses sound adult), their snooping skills leave much to be desired, sparking all sorts of hilarious detours and spontaneous improvisations as their plans go awry — such as the time Alice tails an old man she thinks is Yuda's father, only to end up across town with a lot of explaining to do.

WATCH THIS: FRIDAY



Melissa McCarthy

"Life of the Party" (7 p.m., Cinemax): Much against the wishes of her daughter, Maddie (Molly Gordon), recently divorced mom Deanna Miles (Melissa McCarthy) goes back to college to finish work on her degree at the same Atlanta university Maddie is attending in this good-natured comedy, which McCarthy also co-wrote with her husband and director, Ben Falcone. The strong ensemble also includes Gillian Jacobs and Stephen Root.

"Doctor Strange" (6:30 p.m., TNT): Benedict Cumberbatch already had become a global superstar via his blockbuster TV success with "Sherlock" when he tapped into another huge fan base with this 2016 Marvel Comics-based smash, which casts him as gifted yet arrogant surgeon Stephen Strange, whose career is cut short by a near-fatal car crash. Subsequently, he becomes a master of the mystic arts. Chiwetel Ejiofor, Rachel McAdams, Benedict Wong and Tilda Swinton also star.

"X-Men: Apocalypse" (7 p.m., 11:34 p.m., FX): This ninth entry in this Marvel franchise finds Professor X and Raven (James McAvoy, Jennifer Lawrence) leading a team of young X-Men to stop the immortal mutant Apocalypse (Oscar Isaac) from destroying mankind, an endeavor that will require the current crop of mutants to set aside their differences and pull together in this 2016 action movie. Michael Fassbender, Nicholas Hoult, Rose Byrne and Lucas Till also star.

"Who Stole My Daughter?" (7 p.m., 11 p.m., LIFEMOV): Five years after her 12-year-old daughter Katie vanished from school without a trace, Janet Sullivan is overjoyed when Katie, now 17, reappears, albeit severely traumatized and unable to account for her absence. When strangers begin following the Sullivans around, Janet grows apprehensive that Katie's kidnappers have returned in this thriller.

"Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., Food): In the new episode "Triple D Nation: A Family Affair," host Guy Fieri goes on a quest to find some of the best family-run eateries available, starting in Honolulu, where siblings are preparing to take the best of their mom's Filipino dishes and roll them all over the island. Kansas City, Mo. is home to a brother-and-sister team serving up fantastic Asian food.

"Freaky Friday" (8 p.m., FREE): Jamie Lee Curtis copped a Golden Globe nomination as best actress in a comedy for her hilarious performance as 40-ish psychotherapist Tess Coleman. She switches bodies with her rebellious teenage daughter, Anna (Lindsay Lohan), thanks to a most inconvenient magic spell that hits the pair just a few days before Tess is to marry her handsome fiancé (Mark Harmon).

TALK SHOWS

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actors Millie Bobby Brown, Finn Wolfhard, Gatien Matarazzo, Caleb McLaughlin, Noah Schnapp and Sadie Sink ("Stranger Things"); comic Rami Youssef; actor Ivan Orkin.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Jeff Daniels; journalists Katy Tur and Jacob Soboroff.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.); actor Eugenio Derbez; the Raconteurs perform.*

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	NBC 5	American Ninja Warrior: "Las Vegas National Finals" ©				Dateline NBC (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	American Housewife	Fresh Off the Boat	What Would You Do? (N) ©		20/20 ©		News at 10pm (N) ♦
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	This TV 9.3	Chi. Tonight: "The Great Escape (NR,'63) **** ©				Rob Roy (R,'95) *** Liam Neeson. ♦		
	PBS 11	Chi. Tonight: "Washington Review (N)	Washington Week (N)			Big Family: The Story of Bluegrass Music (N) ©		800 Words © ♦
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	MNT 50	Masters of	Big Stage	Hypnotize Me: "Romance." ©		CSI: Miami: "G.O." ©		Chicago ♦
	UniMas 60	*(6) Tracers (PG-13,'14)		Vecinos	Vecinos	Fútbol Mexicano Primera División (N) ♦		
WJYS 62	Kenneth Cox Ministries		Joyce Meyer	Robison	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Monument	
Univ 66	La reina soy yo (N)		Juntos, el corazón (N)		Sin miedo a la verdad (N)		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	Live PD: Rewind (N) ©		Live PD: "Live PD -- 09.22.18." © ♦				
	AMC	*(6) Lethal Weapon 2 (R,'89) **** ©		Lethal Weapon 3 (R,'92) *** Mel Gibson. © ♦				
	ANIM	Animals (N)	Animals (N)	The Zoo: San Diego ©		Secret Life-Zoo		Wild Bear
	BBCA	*(6) The Da Vinci Code ** ©		The Shawshank Redemption (R,'94) **** Tim Robbins. © ♦				
	BET	black-ish	black-ish	Next Friday (R,'00) ** Ice Cube, Mike Epps.				
	BIGTEN	*(6) College Football: Massachusetts at Rutgers. (N)				Postgame	Postgame	Postgame
	BRAVO	*(6:20) Madae's Witness Protection (PG-13,'12) **				(8:55) Madae's Witness Protection ♦		
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	Chic.Best	Weekend	Politics
	CNBC	American Greed ©		American Greed ©		American Greed ©		Greed ♦
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Sp. Report ♦
	COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Comedy ♦
	DISC	BattleBots: "This Is Gonna Be Huge." (N) ©				Mysteries of the Abandoned (N) © ♦		
	DISN	*(6) Teen Beach 2 (7:45) Teen Beach 2 (NR,'15) ** Ross Lynch. ©				Bunk'd ©		Raven ♦
	E!	Monster-in-Law (PG-13,'05) ** Jennifer Lopez, Jane Fonda. ©				Vacation (R,'15) ** © ♦		
	ESPN	*(6) College Football: Wisconsin at South Florida. (N)				College Football (N) ♦		
	ESPN2	*(6) 2019 U.S. Open Tennis: Third Round. (N) (Live)						SportCtr (N)
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Diners, Drive Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive
	FREE	*(5) The Parent Trap ***		Freaky Friday (PG,'03) *** Jamie Lee Curtis. (SAP)				700 Club ♦
	FX	X-Men: Apocalypse (PG-13,'16) ** James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender. ©						
	HALL	The Most Wonderful Time of the Year (NR,'08) ***				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
	HGTV	Dream	Dream	Dream (N)	Dream	Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters
	HIST	Ancient Aliens (N)		Ancient Aliens (N)		The UnXplained (N)		UnXplain. ♦
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
	LIFE	Two Weeks Notice (PG-13,'02) ** Sandra Bullock.				Miss Congeniality 2 ♦		
	MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. ♦
	NBCSCH	*(6) MLB Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Atlanta Braves. (N)				Postgame	White Sox	Football ♦
	NICK	The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (G,'04) ** ©				Friends ©		Friends ♦
	OVATION	*(6) The Shining (R,'80) **** Jack Nicholson, Shelley Duvall.				Jackie Brown ('97) *** ♦		
	OWN	20/20 on OWN ©		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		20/20 ♦
OXY	Dateline: Secrets (N)		Killer Motive ©		Dahmer: A Serial Killer Speaks ♦			
PARMT	*(6) White House Down (PG-13,'13) ** ©				Raiders of the Lost Ark ('81) **** ♦			
SYFY	*(6:30) Twister (PG-13,'96) *** Helen Hunt. ©				Killjoys (N) ©		Futura	
TBS	Full Frontal	Star Wars: The Phantom Menace (PG,'99) ** Liam Neeson. ©						
TCM	*(6:20) I'll Cry Tomorrow (NR,'55) *** Susan Hayward. ©				(9:15) House of Strangers ('49) *** ♦			
TLC	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days				90 Day: Other		Chantel ♦	
TLN	Answers Creation Hour	Z. Levitt	Let Think		Life Today	Dare	7th Street	
TNT	*(6:30) Doctor Strange (PG-13,'16) *** ©				All Elite Wrestling (N) ©		Law ♦	
TOON	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	Boondocks	Boondocks	Rick, Morty	
TRAV	Ghost Brothers: Haunted		Ghost Brothers (N)		Paranormal Ca. (N)		Haunting ♦	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	*(6:30) Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix ('07) ***				Mod Fam		Mod Fam	
VH1	*(5:25) Good Deeds **		Think Like a Man (PG-13,'12) ** Michael Ealy, Jerry Ferrara. © ♦					
WE	Love After Lockup ©		Love After Lockup (N) ©		(9:05) Love After Lockup		Love- Loc. ♦	
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	
PREMIUM	HBO	Gemstones	Aquaman (PG-13,'18) ** Jason Momoa, Amber Heard. ©				Lady (N)	
	HBO2	Hard Knocks		Gemstones		Gemstones	I, Robot (PG-13,'04) *** ♦	
	MAX	Life of the Party (PG-13,'18) **		(8:45) Due Date (R,'10) ** Robert Downey Jr.				
	SHO	(7:05) Hitsville: The Making of Motown (NR,'19)		God		On Becoming a God ♦		
	STARZ	*(5:56) The Equalizer 2		Power: "Murderers." ©		Slender Man (PG-13,'18) ** Joey King. ♦		
STZNC	*(6) Live Free or Die Hard ***		Tango & Cash (R,'89) ** Sylvester Stallone. ©				Future ♦	

Venice

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Henry (Azhy Robertson), illuminating the riddles of how people fall together as well as fall away.

A full review will come closer to the film's early November release. For now, it's enough to say Baumbach has deftly avoided "Kramer vs. Kramer" deck-stacking (we were never really supposed to care about Meryl Streep's side of the story). He seems newly energized behind the camera, and in the editing room, shaping the scenes with editor Jennifer Lame to surprising rhythms throughout "Marriage Story."

The film's ringer of a scene arrives late in a long legal battle (Dern, Alan Alda and Ray Liotta offer three pricelessly contrasting portrayals of divorce-hardened lawyers) between Nicole and Charlie.

The soon-to-be exes have done pretty well keeping it civil, if cool, up until the scene in question. Then, in the vernal, vitriolic spirit of August Strindberg, things get extraordinarily



Actor Laura Dern, writer-director Noah Baumbach, actor Scarlett Johansson and actor Adam Driver attend a photocall Thursday for "Marriage Story," which made its world premiere at the 76th Venice Film Festival.

ugly.

It's a remarkable scene, taking two days to film, Baumbach acknowledged Thursday in the post-

screening news conference.

"To have these two actors completely lose themselves at the same time they remained in absolute con-

trol — that was such a privilege and so exciting," he said. "It was also harrowing. It was hard. We'd have to stop, they'd go to their

(dressing) rooms, I'd walk around the block ... and when I was in the editing room, Jen (Lame) and I would just have to stop

watching, after take after take after take."

Difficult material, but Baumbach said "in many ways it was the most rewarding experience I've ever had as a director."

Baumbach, whose 2013 divorce from actress Jennifer Jason Leigh surely informed the screenplay every which way, first met with Johansson about the project at a point when Johansson was going through her own divorce. Baumbach had no idea at the time, but as Johansson said Thursday, the project "felt sort of fated, in a way. It was a really cathartic experience. And it came at just the right time."

For his part Driver simply added: "I was lucky I got to say the things I got to say, and that Scarlett was my scene partner."

Phillips is serving on this year's Biennale College Cinema panel at the 76th Venice International Film Festival. Airfare and lodging are covered by the festival.

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School

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fortable by anyone, including a teacher, she has the right to leave. She will, and has, shut down anyone making a comment that seems to her racist or homophobic.

She also spent several days, and many hours on FaceTime, deciding what to wear on her first day of school. Watching the parade of styles and self-expression filing into our local middle school, I knew she was not alone in that either.

For better and worse, the transition to adulthood has already begun.

Yet we still continue to insist that high school is where this starts. There are a few exceptions. Op-

erating in the basic kids-save-the-world universe, "Stranger Things" grants its 1980s-era middle-school-age characters young-adult emotions and abilities, while the just-opened "Good Boys" and Hulu's recent comedy "Pen15" acknowledge the deeply resonant emotions and social forces at work in the years leading up to ninth grade.

"Good Boys" underscores the line between entering the adult world and understanding it, while in "Pen15," co-creators Maya Erskine and Anna Kronkle's jarring yet highly effective decision to also star as 13-year-old versions of themselves underlines the show's revolutionary insistence that all the personality-building discovery and trauma begins long before junior prom.

So we can continue telling ourselves that the struggles depicted in "Glee" or "High School Musical," in "Booksmart" or "Superbad" begin in high school, but we are kidding ourselves. The average age for puberty was declining in girls and boys for years; physically, anyway, middle school is certainly now the beginning of adulthood no matter how many digital controls we install or rules we make.

Tweens are also part of the great social blur created by digital technology and globalization. Even if you choose to keep your off Instagram or Snapchat or Tic Toc altogether, kids are in constant competition in ways far removed from school rankings and peer stylishness. The fact that the U.S. continually lags

behind many other countries in test scores is made clear to every child by the end of elementary school, and even those without a smartphone can recognize young YouTube stars who have become famous through makeup tutorials, life hacks or simply by opening presents.

Never mind the countless stores that cater exclusively to every age group, particularly tweens and teens. When I think of my middle-school clothing, provided mostly via the Sears catalog ... well, never mind. My experience is all but useless as a gauge of my kids' lives.

And that may be the problem. Although the demographics are changing, most cultural gatekeepers are not just white and male, they're way over 30. Their notion of youth

culture is formed, at best, by what "young people tell them" and, at worst, by nostalgia for their own youth.

Our stories need to change. Middle-school students are not high school students; they are closer to children even if we expect them to save the environment, collectively raise American test scores and explain to us how our new phone works. But they deserve books and TV shows and movies that reflect their actual experience, just like the rest of us do; Harry Potter, "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" and, God forbid, "Dance Moms" can't carry that burden alone, and neither can "Pen15."

Watching my daughter make her way into the glorious, intimidating tempest of seventh grade, I

had all the predictable parental emotions. I felt lucky she had let me walk with her but I knew that, as well, as my ability to control her environment was coming to an end.

So while some things about any first day of school will never change — new classes, new people, new schedules are exciting and intimidating — we have to acknowledge that many things have. The best we can do is keep calm and tell the truth, in our homes and in our culture.

It's tough to be in the middle, as any middle child will tell you, but life happens in between. Instead of ignoring middle school or treating it as high school prep, we need to treat it as its own significant experience.

And not just on Instagram.

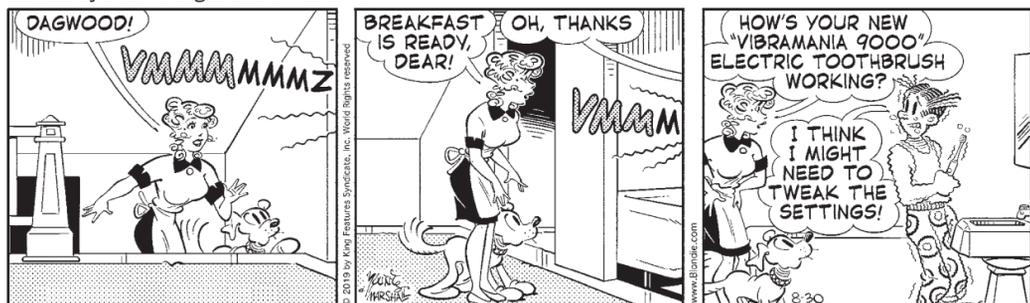
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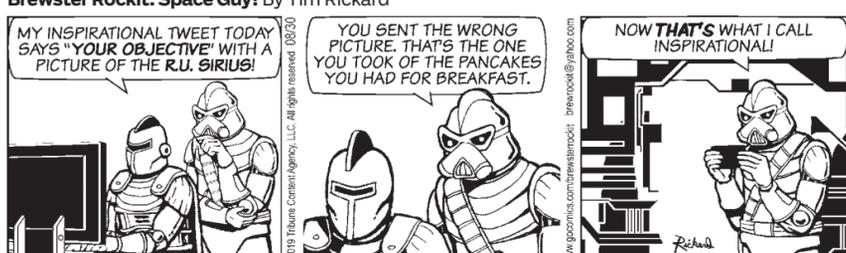
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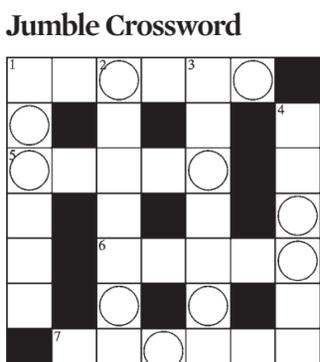
Trivia Bits

A relative of the Canada goose, the nene is most closely associated with which U.S. state?

A) Alaska
B) Florida
C) Hawaii
D) Maine

Thursday's answer: "Good Times," starring Esther Rolle and Jimmie J.J. Walker, was a spinoff of "Maude."

Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS

1. Current, new
5. Long _____
6. _____ bird
7. Wine _____

CLUE DOWN

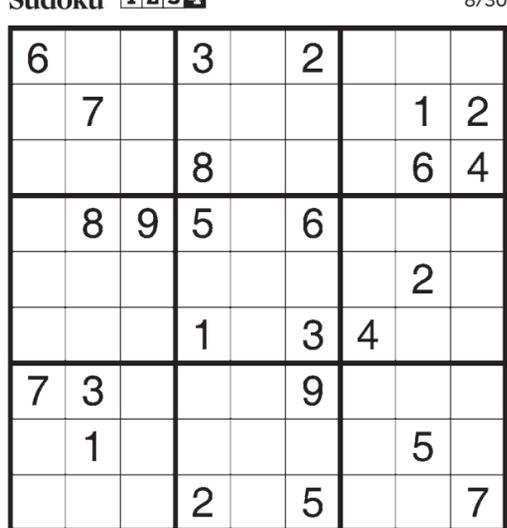
1. Meet _____
2. Meant _____
3. Nose part _____
4. Baseball _____

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS _____

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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3	1	2	6	7	9	8	4	5
8	4	7	3	5	1	2	9	6
9	6	5	2	4	8	1	7	3
7	3	4	1	2	6	9	5	8
6	5	9	7	8	4	3	1	2
2	8	1	5	9	3	4	6	7

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Thursday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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NUHBC

SSMCOO

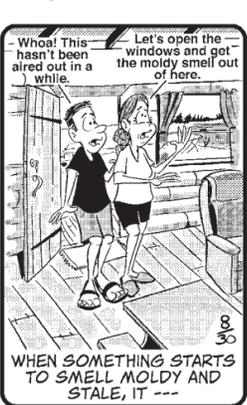
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Answer here

Thursday's answers

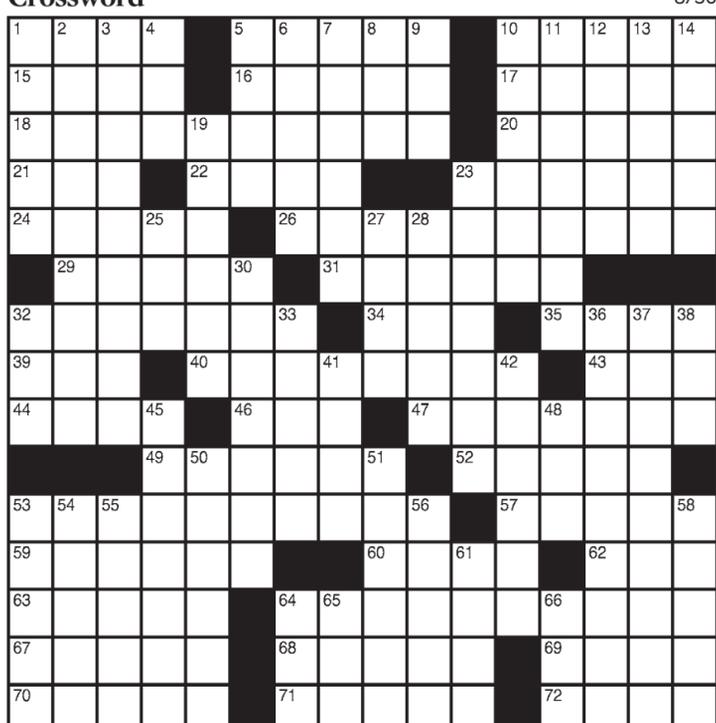
Jumbles: YEAST PLANK GUITAR CEMENT
Answer: She loved all of Jagger's music, so she made a "MICK'S" TAPE

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Crossword

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Across

1 Letters before QIA
5 "Harrumph!"
10 Chance in a box
15 "Small world"
16 Make it right
17 First two-time Nobelist
18 Fat flier?
20 Cuts back
21 Suffix with violin
22 For whom Wednesday is named
23 One of a famous 154
24 Ignite
26 Frozen flier?
29 Unpleasant look
31 Dress down
32 Metaphorical Donne poem
34 Rand who created Howard Roark
35 Old phone part
39 Half a matching set
40 Feeble flier?
43 _____ wrongs ...
44 Bet first

Down

46 Phil's twin on "Rugrats"
47 Eyes slyly
49 Baffler
52 Jet
53 Funny flier?
57 "Creed" actress Thompson
59 Simultaneity
60 Rick's "kid"
62 Comedy club reactions
63 Colorful four-tone toy
64 Frugal flier?
67 Vintner's concern
68 Didn't dine out
69 Latin 101 verb
70 "That's incorrect"
71 "It _____ happened yet"
72 "So Sick" singer

Thursday's solution

CLAP FLITS AHAB
ROVE OAKEN XENA
IRAN RHINO CEROS
SNICKERDOODLE
PALIN NPR YET
LOTTA OZONE
MOB WORD OF MOUTH
ANEW DIODE OGRE
MADE TO ORDER OYE
MISER ESSAY
ARP ETE NOBLE
REVOLVING DOOR
CRISIS MODE UNDO
EONS GOWLS DEED
LEGIO ASSIET ERISE

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FRIDAY, AUG. 30 NORMAL HIGH: 80° NORMAL LOW: 63° RECORD HIGH: 96° (2013) RECORD LOW: 47° (1946)

Nice Friday dawns as most eyes turn to Dorian

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 76 **LOW** 62

■ Mostly sunny, cooler and much less humid after Thursday's cold front passage. High pressure moves into the northern plains. High in the mid 70s but cooler at the lakeshore.

■ Northwest winds turn northeast in the afternoon at 6-10 mph with some gusts to 15 mph.

■ The evening begins partly cloudy then clouds increase overnight with a chance for a shower by daybreak. Pleasant overnight with a seasonable high in the low 60s.

■ Nighttime ENE winds at 5-12 mph.

NATIONAL FORECAST



The Friday lead-in to Labor Day weekend will bring a mostly sunny day with comfortable temperature and humidity. Saturday will be the worst of the three-day holiday weekend with scattered showers possible through most of the day and nighttime hours. Sunday and Monday should be dry with slowly rising temperatures.

As of Thursday afternoon, Hurricane Dorian had wind speeds of 85 mph and was moving NW at 13 mph as it was over 300 miles east of the Bahamas. The National Hurricane Center warns there is an increasing likelihood of life-threatening storm surge along portions of the Florida east coast late this weekend or early next week. A potential exists for a category 4 hurricane to make landfall in Florida with winds exceeding 130 mph which could produce catastrophic damage.

SATURDAY, AUG. 31

HIGH 72 **LOW** 62

Mostly cloudy. Intermittent showers, most likely in the evening and early overnight hours. High in low 70s. Cooler lakeside. East winds 6-10 mph gusting to 15 mph. Overnight showers. Low in low 60s and light E winds.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 1

HIGH 75 **LOW** 62

Breaks in clouds allow for some afternoon sunshine. A below normal high in mid 70s. NE afternoon winds keeping it cooler in the 60s near the lake. Partly cloudy overnight with light NE winds and a low in low 60s.

MONDAY, SEPT. 2

HIGH 81 **LOW** 65

Mostly sunny for Labor Day. Little warmer. High in low 80s. Comfortable humidity. High pressure over central Illinois brings light and variable winds. Warmer overnight as clouds increase. Low in mid 60s.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 3

HIGH 85 **LOW** 62

Increasing clouds, warmer breezy, more humid. Above normal high in mid 80s. SW winds 12-18 mph with gusts to 25 mph. Chance for evening, overnight showers and t-storms. Diminishing W winds. Low in low 60s.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4

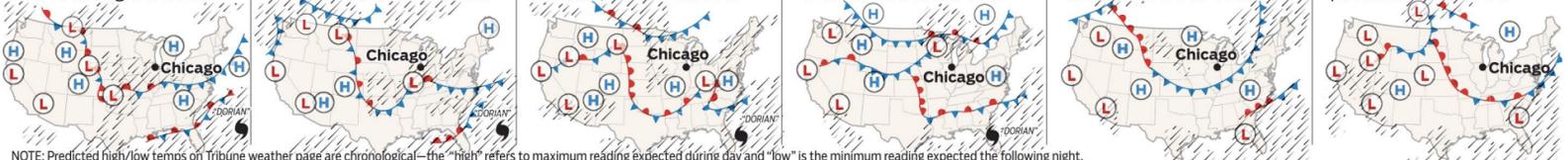
HIGH 75 **LOW** 64

Slight chance of a morning shower then becoming mostly sunny. Windy, cooler, much less humid. NW winds 8-12 mph to 20 mph. High in mid 70s. Chance of isolated overnight shower. Light E winds. Low in mid 60s.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 5

HIGH 77 **LOW** 60

Partly sunny. Increasing afternoon clouds. Seasonable high in the upper 70s. Chance for an afternoon or evening t-storm. SE winds 5-10 mph. Mostly cloudy overnight with showers possible. Low near 60.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
I've noticed on the Tribune weather page daily maps that a low-pressure symbol appears almost daily near the southwest border of AZ and CA. Why is that? Thanks.
Bob Hansen, Lindenhurst

Dear Bob,
The low pressure that shows up over the southwestern deserts in the summer is called a "thermal" low or "heat" low. It is not associated with storms, but rather results from intense heating of the lowest levels of the atmosphere. In summer, the nearly cloudless deserts are characterized by very dry air that rapidly heats up in the strong summer sun. This causes air near the surface to expand and rise, lowering the atmospheric pressure in the process. Heat lows are stationary and weak. Similar heat lows are found in the Sahara and other desert areas worldwide.

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Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Potentially catastrophic Hurricane Dorian takes aim at Florida

HURRICANE DORIAN Bearing down on Florida

SAFFIR-SIMPSON SCALE CATEGORY	WINDS	DAMAGE
CAT 1	74-95 mph	Some
CAT 2	96-110 mph	Extensive damage
CAT 3	111-129 mph	Devastating
CAT 4	130-156 mph	Catastrophic
CAT 5	157+ mph	Catastrophic

FLORIDA HURRICANE LANDFALLS
113
SINCE 1851

NUMBER OF TOP INTENSITY CATEGORY 4 HURRICANES
14
Only 12% of Florida hurricanes since 1852

OFFICIAL NATIONAL HURRICANE DORIAN TRACK

Cone of forecast track uncertainty

2 PM TUE
2 PM MON
2 PM SUN
2 PM SAT
2 AM SAT
2 PM FRI
5 PM THU

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives. TOM SKILLING, MARK CARROLL, BILL SNYDER AND JENNIFER M. KOHNKE / WGN-TV

MIDWEST CITIES				OTHER U.S. CITIES				WORLD CITIES							
FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FRI.	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	cl	87	66	pc	87	66		Albany	pc	83	62	Kingston	pc	88	81
Carbondale	cl	87	66	pc	87	66		Albuquerque	pc	85	67	Lima	pc	65	58
Champaign	cl	78	56	pc	77	61		Albany	pc	83	62	London	pc	75	66
Decatur	cl	77	58	pc	77	61		Amarillo	pc	85	65	Madrid	pc	94	64
Moline	pc	77	57	pc	75	59		Anchorage	cl	68	52	Moscow	pc	75	49
Peoria	cl	77	59	cl	76	63		Asheville	su	84	58	Munich	pc	81	60
Quincy	sh	73	62	ts	76	65		Aspen	pc	79	49	Nairobi	sh	76	59
Rockford	pc	76	65	cl	74	59		Atlanta	su	91	65	Nassau	sh	82	65
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A critical guide to this weekend's Chicago Jazz Festival



HOWARD REICH
On Music

For jazz lovers, it's the greatest weekend of the year: music day and night at Millennium Park and in clubs across the city. The 41st annual Chicago Jazz Festival,

culminating with shows Friday through Sunday, will feature stars and unknowns, singular soloists and brawny ensembles, and more.

What follows is a critical guide to the fest attractions in Millennium Park, on Randolph Street and Michigan Avenue, at the Pritzker Pavilion and two adjacent stages: the Von Freeman Pavilion and the Jazz and Heritage Stage.

As always, the free event is produced by the city's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, and programmed by the nonprofit Jazz Institute of Chicago; for

details, visit www.chicagोजazzfestival.us or www.jazzinchicago.org.

Friday

Metropolitan Jazz Octet with Dee Alexander. Any opportunity to hear Chicago vocalist Alexander is worth seizing, but this one is particularly promising. She'll be collaborating with an ensemble led by reedist Jim Gailloroto, an irrepressibly creative Chicago composer-arranger.

Turn to **Jazz, Page 5**

Take 4

BY ADAM LUKACH

1. Good eating: The Chicago Tribune's Food Bowl event series will join Dining on the Five this weekend. Dining on the Five is a project from the Greater Chatham Initiative in which several South Side favorites offer special deals on food and drink Saturday, all less than \$10. You can find special items at the likes of Harold's No. 24, Brown Sugar Bakery, Lem's Bar-B-Q, Original Soul Vegetarian, 5 Loaves Eatery and more, plus a dinner-and-a-movie deal at Studio Movie Grill. *Select hours Saturday, locations and prices vary, more at foodbowlchicago.com*

2. Things that go 'bump': PSA: If you're in the general vicinity of Northerly Island this weekend, and you hear some wild noises emanating from that direction, do not worry. It's just North Coast Music

Festival, the giant, two-day EDM festival with headliners like Major Lazer, Flux Pavilion and Bassnectar. *2-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Huntington Bank Pavilion at Northerly Island, 1300 S. Linn White Drive, \$38-\$300; northcoastfestival.com*

3. College kickoff: We're still waiting until Thursday for the NFL regular season to begin, but Bar Cargo wants to help you kick off the NCAA football season this weekend with a special buffet, decked out with pub food and drink specials when Wisconsin and South Florida get the season underway. *Buffet 5:30 p.m., kickoff 6 p.m. Friday, Bar Cargo, 605 N. Wells St., \$30 buffet, drink prices vary; barcargo.com*

4. Dance to the music: The Pachanga Block Party brings a dance floor and a full afternoon of reggaeton, cumbia, bachata, salsa and more downtown this weekend, plus Mexican street food, drinks, VIP booths and more. *1-8 p.m. Sunday, 216 W. Ohio St., \$5-\$15; eventbrite.com*

Fest planner

BY NATALIE WADE

The Great American Lobster Fest:

The massive seafood fest is held at Navy Pier this weekend, so to all you crustaceans lovers, make sure you eat all the lobster, lobster rolls and seafood fries you can handle during this three-day festival. Expect tunes every evening from bands like Verzatile (Aug. 30), Rico! (Aug. 31) and Brass Buckle Band (Sept. 1). *Aug. 30-Sept. 1, Near North Side, free to attend, seafood meal packages available, \$34-\$44*

African Festival of the Arts: Spend your Labor Day in a simulated African village and learn about African art and culture. Catch performances by artists like Wale and Chicago's own Rotimi (Aug. 31), as well as Tim Branch and the New Generation Afro Jazz (Sept. 1).

Along with the music and atmosphere will be drum circles, merchants selling textiles and jewelry in the African marketplace, and food. The African Fest hosts interactive spaces too, which include a health and wellness village, film screenings and a children and family area. *Aug. 30-Sept. 2, Washington Park, \$5-\$40*

Taste of Polonia Festival: Make time during your packed Labor Day weekend to celebrate all things Polish at this food, drink and music festival. Each day features a full lineup of bands and a long list of food vendors making some classic Polish dishes, so make sure to try a sausage or two. This kid-friendly event offers a bunch of children's activities like a disco for kids (Sept. 1) and fun with bubbles (Sept. 2), as well as a singing contest, vodka tastings and craft beer (for adults, obvi), a casino and carnival rides and games. *Aug. 30-Sept. 2, Jefferson Park, \$5-\$10; Kids under 12 are free*

TURN IT UP

Angel
Davenport
is back

Rapper realizes going on your own about putting in work

By JESSI ROTI

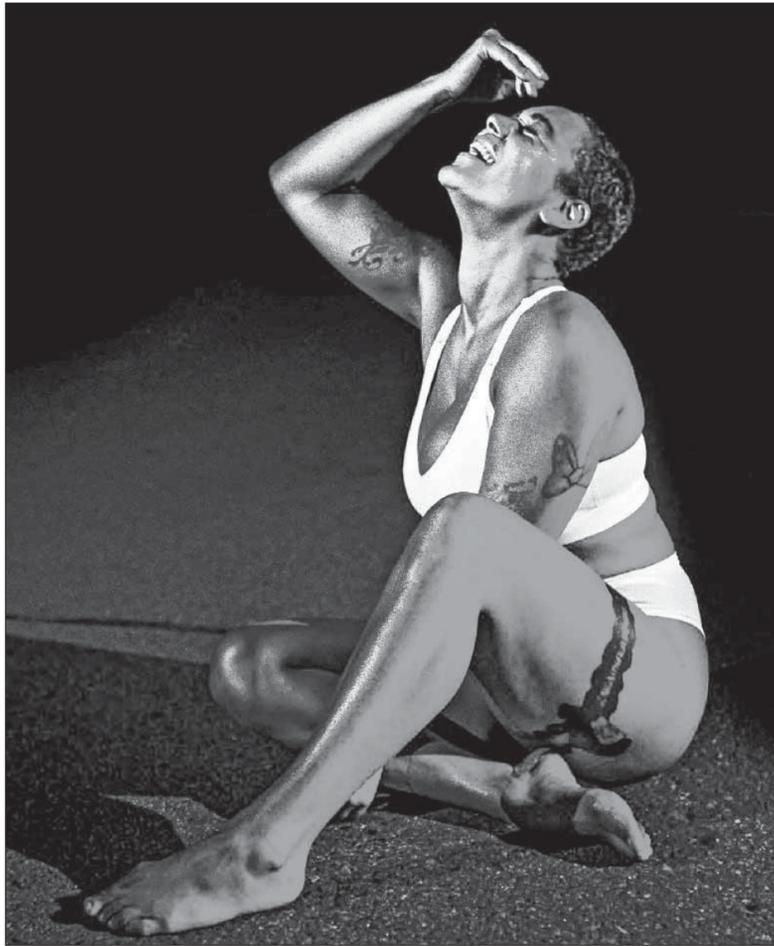
"Imagine a bunch of frat boys in Norway, white frat boys — like bros, in the crowd screaming 'My p—'s Jesus,' laughed rapper/singer Angel Davenport, recalling a moment from a performance of her latest single "Jesus" from her 2018 EP "Sore But Grateful" during last year's European tour (her very first).

"I was like 'Oh my god.' It blew my mind to see the power in that, and for it to mean something different to every person; for women and men, trans people in the audience, and queer people and non-binary people. That just changed the way I looked at all of my writing. And I wasn't even supposed to play, I was there to do merch."

The first time I saw Angel Davenport, then known as Angelenah, she was on stage at North Side venue Schubas with Rapper Chicks — the group she co-founded with the late Henny B (who passed away in March 2018) — alongside fellow member, rapper Psalm One and then-member Fluffy. It was November 2015 and the group was months away from releasing its debut project "S— Punk Album" — a thrilling, three-track collection that came like a foot to the neck on Chicago's male-dominated hip-hop scene.

Sporting a teal wig and menswear-inspired blazer and slacks combo (offset by the peek-a-boo of a lace bustier), Davenport squatted low on the stage, delivering rhymes with full-throated gusto; almost challenging the audience to a staring contest when she'd get close. Not miss a beat and still win? She could. Her performance dripped with equal parts "come hither" and "watch yourself," while her lyrics were riddled with truths about sexual autonomy, the power of unshakable confidence and reclaiming one's power.

Of the three members at the time, it was clear which "role" Angel played. Men in the industry saw her as "The Hot Girl," the down one who flaunted her body as boldly as her rap prowess. For awhile, she bought into it, and the world of clubs, parties,



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Rapper Angel Davenport released her boldest EP "Sore But Grateful" last year — now she's finally ready to go big.

drugs and alcohol blurred the line between real and surreal.

"Just to be completely honest, since that's kind of the mantra I'm living by these days, three years ago I was an addict," the artist said, via telephone. "I was holding onto a lot of anger, I was not working on music the way I should've been. I had all of these distractions and, frankly, I was not in a good space mentally, spiritually, physically — any of that. I was on the run from myself."

While Rapper Chicks toured behind the "Punk" album in 2016, each member had continued to work on her own projects. Before the group, Davenport was featured on the track "Priorities" by rapper Tech N9ne, which also featured The Game; receiving what she believed to be a career-

altering co-sign after he tweeted a cut of one of her early songs "Fameus."

She went on to release the single "Treat 'Em" in 2014, followed by R&B track "Worry" the year after, before her solo efforts took a back seat. By early January of 2017, she knew she had to leave Chicago.

"As far as music, I wasn't putting anything out," Davenport continued, speaking of the time between. "I was working on a bunch of stuff with a lot of different producers that I wasn't necessarily clicking with, who didn't really wanna share creative control, and I felt like I was stuck."

Bad managers soured promising work connections, disingenuous players magnified the predatory behaviors and toxicity of the industry, as well as double standards faced by female artists. Rapper Chicks —

When: 8 p.m. Wednesday

Where: Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave.

Tickets: \$15; www.subt.net; 21 and older

having parted ways with Fluffy — took a break. Moving to Minneapolis to get clean and find personal and spiritual clarity, Davenport realized she needed to take control.

"I had the thought in my head that I was gonna come up here and work on an album with P.O.S. (founding member of alternative hip-hop collective Doomtree and whose 2017 song "Gravedigger" she appears on). He was like 'Come up, we're gonna work, we're gonna make this happen,'" she recounted. "When I got there, I got back into working a regular job — which I hadn't had in about two years. I was like 'I've got a regular job, I'm not gonna be broke, I'm gonna pick myself up. I moved in with my partner and a friend and just started over.'"

Starting over included learning how to record and produce her own songs, and getting a piano — but also the daunting task of doing the necessary emotional, mental and spiritual work on herself. She traded drinking and Marlboro 100s ("Cowboy Killers," she calls her past cigarettes of choice) for therapy, journaling, "womb wellness" workshops hosted by local Chicago-based artists like Freddie Old Soul, and of course, the music.

"The music I'm making now and started making then really opened me up," Davenport said. "I had a lot of trauma I wasn't addressing, I had a lot of demons I was pushing down and hiding, and I started struggling. When I started doing that and pulling those layers back, I was able to get to these more beautiful and open, and forgiving and compassionate parts of myself that I didn't even realize were there. They were always there, I was just being tough and cold and hard on myself."

She's also reconciled her past identity, one defined by the male gaze and patriarchal standards of possession when it comes to feminine sexual expression. Davenport sees herself in the realm of others like hometown hero Cupcakke, whose focus on female pleasure shifts the gaze to make room for queer and non-binary exploration, as well as body positivity and a sense of community.

"She gets up there hella naked and I love every minute of it. This girl can rap circles around a lot of these boys, so anybody telling me anything about any woman's body can be silenced first and foremost right there," she says.

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LOCAL SOUNDS

Acting, honesty and a few detours led her to music

By BRITT JULIOUS

"If we have more forces for truth and honesty, we can become closer to each other," says Maria Jacobson, the singer-songwriter behind the band Fran.

For Jacobson, honesty is the best policy, at least when it comes to making music, but things weren't always like that for the artist. In fact, finding her own musical voice took a few creative detours.

Jacobson grew up as more of an actor than a musician, with her earliest years spent in musical theater. It wasn't until she entered high school and college that she began to find greater footing in the music world. She was, as she says, "music scene adjacent," singing in different bands but never considering herself a songwriter or a musician.

All of that changed when, four years ago, Jacobson taught herself guitar. She began writing songs soon after and hasn't looked back since then. It was a natural progression.

She feels songwriting provides a level of creative freedom and emotional honesty missing from the acting world.

"I felt I kind of lacked that when I was acting, or lacked the autonomy to create my own work," Jacobson said. "I found writing songs opened up that side of me."

Songwriting came at an important time in Jacobson's life. Writing is a therapeutic process for her, helping process what is going on in her life as well as what is going on in the world on a larger scale.

"I feel like when I first started writing, it was more of a visceral reaction to what was going on in my life," she began. "It was much more of an emotional labor and a therapeutic type of thing. And it still is to an extent, but my life has stabilized a bit."

That stability means taking in more from the world, not immediately putting pen to page and processing her feelings in a way where she can write "songs as questions instead of just pure reaction to how I'm feeling."

Listeners old and new can hear the results of these efforts on a new album Jacobson plans to release with her band this fall. She completed the record earlier this year after spending more than a year-and-a-half working on it.

"This time, I feel like I kind of found my voice in the studio, which was really good," she said. "My (singing) voice is at the center of my artistic voice. I am constantly changing or seeking to experiment and figure out what I'm trying to say."

Finding her voice also meant Jacobson was able to take ownership of her songs in



ELIZABETH SMARZ

Maria Jacobson is the singer-songwriter behind the band Fran.

When: 7 p.m. Friday

Where: Thalia Hall, 1807 S. Allport St.

Tickets: \$15 (21+); eventbrite.com

a way that gives them more power, both in clarity and intonation as well as in their messaging.

"I felt empowered to give the songs their full life and give them what they deserved," she said. "I hope that if I'm honest about my experience, then other people will maybe not be afraid to be honest. The more we're honest with ourselves about what we're experiencing and how we feel, I feel like we can get closer to each other. We can connect more. We can get to the root of real problems."

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Your guide to the shimmy at North Coast Music Festival

BY ALLISON STEWART

Although there are few species in nature more outwardly confident than the EDM artist, many of them began making music in the same state of anxiety and confusion as everybody else.

When she was a young woman first making beats in her native Australia, DJ Anna Lunoe was afraid everyone would laugh at her. Jai Wolf became an electronic artist in part because he couldn't get a band together. French producer Tchami admits to his own insecurities: "If you know what you're doing, you're a genius," he says. "But I don't think I am."

All three artists, who play the North Coast festival at Northerly Island this weekend, are among the genre's brightest lights. Tchami (born Martin Bresso) is a future house forerunner who collaborated with Malaa on the now-iconic "No Redemption" project, and runs his own label, Confession. Lunoe, who has since emigrated to Los Angeles, has a weekly show, Dance Chart, on Apple's Beats 1, a curation platform, HYPERHOUSE, and a tireless festival schedule. Wolf, born Sajeeb Saha in Bangladesh and raised partly in Carbondale, released his EDM-meets-indie debut, "The Cure to Loneliness," last spring.

In separate phone interviews, Tchami, Lunoe, and Wolf discussed insecurity, inspiration, and the exhausting but not entirely unpleasant lives of EDM stars. The following are excerpts from those conversations:

On their early inspirations

Lunoe: There've always been female DJs, but the problem is the representation isn't quite there. I really loved M.I.A. — she wasn't a DJ, but I loved her spirit, her energy. I loved women who have a freedom in what they're doing. To me, music is freedom, and if you have the freedom to get out of your own way, and you're capturing that in a way that makes sense, (that's the) whole trick.

Wolf: My first concert was actually Fall Out Boy in 2007. They played a massive part in my wanting to pursue being a musician. I definitely fantasized about that a lot. When you see someone on stage, there's sort of that natural feeling of, "Oh, I hope that's me one day." That was definitely the dream for a really long time. ... I come from that world. The reason I got into electronic music was, I couldn't find band mates, so I had to produce everything by myself.

Overcoming their own creative doubts still isn't easy

Tchami: Putting out music is about having a conversation with trusted people. I always needed some friends around that I really trust to tell me if they feel it or not. Because when you're making it, you don't have the step back to have a good sight on what you're creating, so it's a conversation. I need to have that conversation to really identify (what works).

Wolf: With electronic music there's a lot of expectations placed, and that can harden into predictable



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Tchami, above, Anna Lunoe and Jai Wolf are among the EDM stars playing North Coast Music Festival this weekend.



ELIZABETH DE LA PIEDRA

Lunoe started making beats at a young age.

music. I wanted them to feel a little surprised, but at the same time I wanted it to feel really genuine. ... It's music I would listen to on my own, which as a creator you should always strive for. It's my personal truth. As an artist, it's your responsibility to talk about honest and true feelings that you're going through.

Lunoe: The creative struggle is real, no matter who you are. ... The voices in my head are quieter now, because I've released a lot of music and I trust my ideas a lot more, but in the beginning I didn't know if

what I was making was music. I didn't even know if I would play it for someone and they would laugh at me. Overcoming all those fears took time, it took standing up for myself and building up the courage to sit at the desk every day.

Festivals are a form of conquest

Wolf: If it's your own show, it's all your own fans who know every single song front to back, and they're there for you. At a festival the trade off is you get to play for a bigger crowd, but everyone might

When: 2 p.m. Friday-Saturday

Where: Huntington Bank Pavilion at Northerly Island, 1300 S. Linn White Drive

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little bit, to see the power that I have onstage, and I like seeing that power.

Being an EDM artist is mostly hard work

Wolf: In 2017, we did our first solid international run. It was grueling on the road, being alone in a hotel room. It's crazy going from playing to a crowd of thousands of people to being absolutely by yourself in a hotel room.

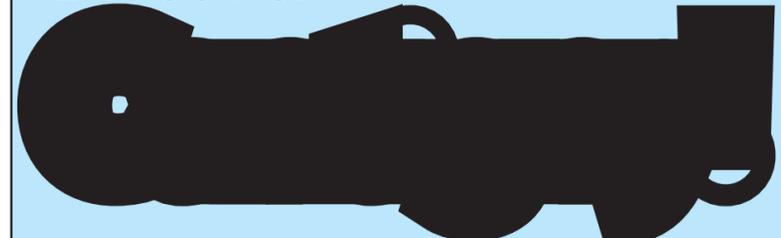
Lunoe: I thought my job was hard, and then I had a baby. My job is the funny part of my life now. Making music seems so much easier to me now. Making an EP in the past was so hard, but making an EP after having a baby is really easy, because I'm so much more hardcore now. I'm 10 times more tough. You can't (mess) with me.

Tchami: Every artist wants to project to the world that they're always working. But I'm not always working, to be honest.

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Jazz

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They'll perform songs associated with Billie Holiday from their forthcoming album on Delmark Records, "It's Too Hot for Words." 12:40 p.m. at the Von Freeman Pavilion.

Rob Mazurek's "Desert Encrypts: Volume 1." As much conceptualist as cornetist, former Chicagoan Mazurek tends to dream big, creating unconventional ensembles exploring unexpected themes (remember his spectacular Exploding Star Orchestra, which played the long-gone, much-missed "Made in Chicago" series at the Pritzker Pavilion?). This time Mazurek brings music from his new album, featuring a sprawling composition he'll perform with pianist Kris Davis, bassist Ingebrigt Haker Flaten and drummer Chad Taylor. 3 p.m., Von Freeman Pavilion.

Joel Ross' Good Vibes. When he lived in Chicago, Ross gained attention for a fluid, inventive approach to the vibraphone. His prodigious work won him a Blue Note Records debut, "KingMaker," its compositions sure to surface here. Ross' Good Vibes band will be staffed by saxophonist Emmanuel Wilkins, pianist Jeremy Corren, drummer Jeremy Dutton and bassist Kanoa Mendenhall. 5:25 p.m., Pritzker Pavilion.

Ambrose Akinmusire Quartet. At his best, trumpeter Akinmusire communicates via an unmistakable lyrical core, considerable technical acuity and a keen sensitivity to color — expressed both through his horn and his pen. His works are mercurial, ever-shifting soundscapes that defy categorization. He'll collaborate with pianist Sam Harris, bassist Harish Raghavan and drummer Justin Brown. 6:25 p.m., Pritzker Pavilion.

Art Ensemble of Chicago. Yes, the names of the personnel have changed, though multi-instrumentalist Roscoe Mitchell and percussionist Famoudou Don Moye remain as original Art Ensemble members. But in marking its golden anniversary as well as a new album ("We Are on the Edge: A 50th Anniversary Celebration"), the Art Ensemble has extended its expressive and sonic reach via the contributions of flutist Nicole Mitchell, cellist Tomeka Reid, trumpeter Hugh Ragin, bassist Silva Bolognesi and others, making this an important homecoming. 7:45 p.m., Pritzker Pavilion.

Saturday

Andy Brown Quartet. It may not be fashionable these days to build your jazz identity on pre-bebop swing traditions, but for years Chicago guitarist Brown has been unstoppable in championing the mid-20th-century mainstream with poetic grace. He'll explore that vocabulary once again with several like-minded colleagues: pianist Jeremy Kahn, bassist Joe Policastro and drummer Phil Gratteau. 12:40 p.m., Von Freeman Pavilion.

Whitney Young Magnet High School Jazz Band. Bravo to the Chicago Jazz Festival for continuing to spotlight high school jazz ensembles during the big event. In recent years, the artistic standard for these ensembles has been high, though the setting — the Young Jazz Lions stage at the Harris Theater Rooftop Terrace, often has been overamplified. Here's hoping the sound board operators turn down the dial — and that someone does something to soften the venue's harsh acoustic. 3:05 p.m., Young Jazz Lions stage at Harris Theater Rooftop Terrace.

Christian McBride's New Jawn. A couple of decades ago, McBride was a prodigy whose seemingly nonchalant virtuosity was matched by a deep-seated musicality. Today he reigns as a master of his instrument, host of NPR's "Jazz Night in America" and leader of various ensembles, most recently New Jawn, with saxophonist Marcus Strickland, trumpeter Josh Evans



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Ben LaMar Gay is an experimenter who works an extraordinarily wide sonic canvas.



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Dee Alexander will be collaborating with an ensemble led by reedist Jim Gaillorito.

and drummer Nasheet Waits. 6:25 p.m., Pritzker Pavilion.

Cecile McLorn Salvant. A case can be made that Salvant stands as the world's leading jazz vocalist today, with only Gregory Porter as a possible rival (or perhaps it would be fairer simply to call him a comparably admired colleague). In small rooms, Salvant's tendency to dramatize practically everything she sings — vocally, facially and gesturally — can seem a bit much. In the vast outdoors of Millennium Park, however, she may have found a space big enough for her talent. 7:45 p.m., Pritzker Pavilion.

Sunday

Paulinho Garcia. His delicate guitar work and soft-spoken vocals were a balm in a too-noisy world when Garcia lived here, offering his beguiling music in clubs, restaurants and other intimate venues. When he moved to the West Coast four years ago, no one was able to fill that void. So Garcia's return, though too brief, comes

Wood play baritone saxophone? Hearing her alongside another mighty baritone sax — one played by Rajiv Halim. That's a lot of sound and power, the music to be propelled by Mike Allemana's guitar, Joshua Ramos' bass and Samuel Jewell's drums. 1:30 p.m., Jazz and Heritage Pavilion.

Ben Lamar Gay. An experimenter who works an extraordinarily wide sonic canvas, Gay brings silvery eloquence to cornet and stretches out on other instruments as well while freely spanning genres. Is his work jazz? Avant-garde? Ethnocentric? Take your pick. He'll be joined by guitarist Will Faber, tubist Joshua Sirotiak and drummer Tommaso Moretti. 3 p.m., Von Freeman Pavilion.

Rempis/Flaten/Ra and Baker Quartet. How many major festivals would present experimenters and iconoclasts as prominently, prolifically and fearlessly as the Chicago event? Here's the latest case in point, reedist Dave Rempis sharing the stage with bassist Ingebrigt Haker Flaten, drummer Avreeayl Ra and keyboard iconoclast Jim Baker. 4:15 p.m., Pritzker Pavilion.

Camila Meza and the Nectar Orchestra. Singer-guitarist Meza launches what amounts to a fest-within-the-fest featuring various facets of Latin jazz. Strains of jazz, classical, folkloric and pop intermingle in her work. 5:25 p.m., Pritzker Pavilion.

Latino-America Unida. In one of the most eagerly anticipated performances of the festival, four leading musicians will launch this ensemble. Though they haven't performed together in this setting, the all-star lineup piques interest in what they'll invent. The roster features alto saxophonists Miguel Zenon and Melissa Aldana, pianist David Virelles, drummer Antonio Sanchez and bassist Ricky Rodriguez.

Will these musicians — each representing a distinct strand of Latin or south-of-the-border music-making — find a common musical language? Only one way to find out. 6:25 p.m., Pritzker Pavilion.

Eddie Palmieri Sextet. The festival's grand finale features the ebullient, legendary pianist-bandleader, who shows no signs of slowing down at 82. Expect an extroverted set rich in dance rhythm and free-wheeling improvisation. 7:45 p.m., Pritzker Pavilion.

After Fest

If you haven't quite heard enough after the music ends each night in Millennium Park, there's plenty more to hear in the city's clubs. Among the highlights:

Jazz Showcase. At 88, multi-instrumentalist Sullivan can coax more music out of a horn than most. He makes his annual return to his hometown to lead post-fest jam sessions. 9 p.m. Friday through Sunday. 806 S. Plymouth Court; \$20-\$35; 312-360-0234.

Constellation. The Mazzarella/Haker Flaten/Ra Trio, 9:30 p.m. Friday; free. Kidd Jordan, Douglas Ewart, Jim Baker, Kent Kessler and Mike Reed, 9 p.m. Saturday; \$12-\$15. 3111 N. Western Ave.; www.constellation-chicago.com.

Winter's Jazz Club. Johnny O'Neal Trio, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday; \$25-\$30. Johnny O'Neal Trio with Denise Thimes, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Sunday; \$35-\$40. 465 N. McClurg Court (promenade); 312-344-1270 or www.wintersjazzclub.com.

Andy's Jazz Club. Sax to the Bone, featuring Mike Smith and Tom Garling; 9:30 and 11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; \$15. 11 E. Hubbard St.; 312-642-6805 or www.andys-jazzclub.com.

Green Mill Jazz Club. Ben Sidran; 9 p.m. Friday and 8 p.m. Saturday; \$15. 4802 N. Broadway; 773-878-5552 or www.greenmilljazz.com.

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as a welcome moment. Still, one wishes he had a later time slot and would be featured on the Pritzker Pavilion stage, where more listeners could savor his art and more Chicagoans could applaud the homecoming.

Garcia will be joined by saxophonists Greg Fishman and Steve Eisen, bassist Marcel Bonfim, and percussionists Geraldo de Oliveira and Heitor Garcia (the guitarist's brother). Noon, Jazz and Heritage Pavilion.

Sharel Cassity Quartet. Remarkably, jazz — a music of liberation that's predicated on innovation — stubbornly remains a male-dominated world. Accomplished bandleaders such as saxophonist Cassity remind us of how unacceptable that situation remains. Cassity will lead a quartet staffed by pianist Richard Johnson, her husband, bassist Christian Dillingham and drummer Neil Hemphill. 12:40 p.m., Von Freeman Pavilion.

Juli Wood's Big Bari Band. What could be more satisfying than hearing Chicagoan

WEEKEND DINING

JUST OPENED



JACQUELYN TREZZO

Good Fortune features dishes out of a wood-fired oven, like the corn ice cream on the Castella cake, which is made with charred corn.

A wood fired-cooking focus

BY GRACE WONG

Andrew Miller believes good things come to those who wait. A year has passed since he and Charles Welch, partners in Out to Lunch hospitality group, announced Good Fortune, a Mediterranean-meets-Midwest neighborhood restaurant. But earlier this month, it opened.

Although Miller and Welch originally wanted Good Fortune to expand on the four-month pop-up of the same name, the vision for the menu has evolved. Together, they decided that their first Out to Lunch restaurant would move away from a seafood focus and instead shift emphasis to the wood-burning oven at the heart of the open kitchen. You'll find smoky elements throughout the menu, from the first course to the last, and even in the cocktails.

The spotlight on the wood-



Martini with gin, dry vermouth, fino sherry, amontillado sherry and orange saffron.

burning oven is a return to Welch and Miller's roots in some ways — when the two of them were entering the restaurant industry, both worked in restaurants where a wood-burning oven took center stage. “This was a time in my life

when I was falling in love with the industry,” Miller said. “It left an indelible impact on my food memory and to come full circle, Good Fortune is a restaurant that's representative of my soul. It's amazing to me to come into a space and smell the wood

burning and see things sizzling and bubbling as they come out. It's taking me back and it's also looking to the future.”

As for Welch, the wood-burning oven terrified him as a young chef, but the more he worked with it, the more fun he had. As a technique-driven chef, he said a wood-fired oven forces him to take the long way and drive flavors into dishes while adjusting them on the fly.

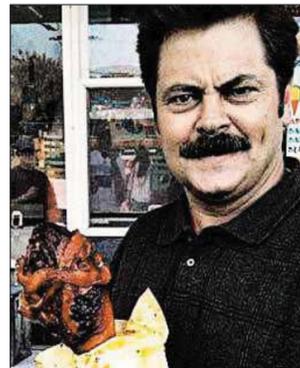
“You have to give it attention and love and care. You can't just leave it; it has a mind of its own,” Welch said. “It's a relationship you have with the oven — figuring out the best way to cook things and where to cook them. You allow yourself and the team to think and act on their feet and trust your instincts.”

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EAT

Get ready for some football on Milwaukee, and I don't mean the city across the border. The Chicago Bears will gear up for the season opener with their fourth annual Miller Lite Block Party in the Logan Square neighborhood this weekend, setting up shop with tons of tailgate-style fare and beverages, plus Miller's bar and food truck. The event is also family friendly, with plenty of activities and photo opportunities for the kids. Plus, the live music lineup includes Chicago 6, which features former Bears stars Dan Hampton, Otis Wilson and Steve McMichael. Noon-10 p.m. Saturday, Milwaukee Avenue between North Spaulding and Kedzie avenues, free; chicagobears.com



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Nick Offerman as Ron Swanson in 'Parks and Recreation.'

DRINK

In the famous phrase from two favorite “Parks and Recreation” characters, it's time to “treat yo' self” — to a “Parks and Rec”-themed bar, that is, beginning this weekend. Replay Lincoln Park will put on its best Pawnee impression, bringing to life fictional locales like the Department of Parks and Rec building, the Pit, World's Smallest Park and more. There will be themed drinks throughout the event — like an Old-Fashioned made with bacon-infused bourbon and maple syrup — as well as themed events that include a special “P&R” buffet, concerts from MouseRat and The Duke Silver, and even a Li'l Sebastian appearance. Daily beginning Friday, end date TBD, Replay Lincoln Park, 2833 N. Sheffield Ave., free; replaylincolnpark.com

WHERE TO EAT NOW

Restaurant reviews and profiles from Tribune food critic Phil Vettel, staff reporters and freelance writers. Reviewers make every effort to remain anonymous. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

mfk With just 28 seats, mfk is tough to get into but worth the effort. Boquerones with shaved fennel should be part of any meal you assemble, and the platters are superb. Open: Dinner daily, lunch Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$20-\$24. 432 W. Diversey Parkway, 773-857-2540. — Phil Vettel

Momotaro Executive chef Gene Kato has ramped up the robata-yaki (Japanese grill) component of the Momotaro menu. The safe and popular choices include the juicy tsukune, shiso-marinated chicken thighs and chicken “oysters.” But expand your horizons to include gyutan and octopus, the latter sprinkled with black pepper and lime. The robata-grilled quail is particularly flavorful. For those who'd like to try a little robata DIY, there's the yakiniku, a selection of raw wagyu accompanied by a tabletop robata grill. Cold dishes include a beautifully presented oyster, surrounded by a dashi and vinegar jelly, cucumber slices (resembling fish scales) and a bit of Calvisius caviar. On the hot side, there are steamed chicken dumplings with a soft-poached egg and black truffle, and a fine scallop motoyaki placed over dashi-poached daikon. And then there are the sushi offerings, overseen by chef Shigeru Kitano. There are 20 or so fish available daily, in nigiri or sashimi form, and when there's a special available, it's usually a good strategy to order it. Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Hot and cold dishes \$8-\$26. 820 W. Lake St., 312-733-4818. — Phil Vettel

Monteverde “Top Chef” alum Sarah Grueneberg's restaurant is all about pasta. Sit at the bar, where you can glimpse workers rolling, shaping and filling dough, then dive into one of the pastas

tipica (traditional) or atipica (creative). There are no bad choices. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Main courses \$10-\$26. 1020 W. Madison St., 312-888-3041. — Phil Vettel

Monnie Burke's Anan Abutaleb, a restaurateur who also happens to be the mayor of Oak Park, put up a paradise with Monnie Burke's, a Pilsen destination for American dining with Mediterranean influences. The menu, by culinary director Michael Shrader (previously of Matthias Merges' Folkart group) isn't exciting at first, but the execution is impressive, bordering on thrilling. He ups the ante on otherwise ubiquitous starters such as octopus and avocado toast, and entrees don't miss a beat, like the prettily presented Faroe Island salmon. Desserts, also by Shrader, represent a stroll through the chef's childhood. A landscaped patio with radiant heating ensures a longer al fresco season. Dinner Tuesday-Sunday, brunch Saturday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$15-\$34. 1163 W. 18th St., 312-243-2410. — Phil Vettel

Naoki Sushi Chef Naoki Nakashima, who for years has overseen the sushi at Shaw's Crab House, is helming a small spot that shares kitchen space with Intro. The menu provides the sushi basics, all well-executed, but the specials, often including a whole-fish presentation, are where you'll get the true measure of the chef's talent. Dinner Wednesday-Sunday. Prices: Main dishes \$16-\$29. 2300 N. Lincoln Park West, 773-868-0002. — Phil Vettel

Niche One of the best restaurants in the western suburbs is looking pretty spiffy these days, thanks to a quickie remodeling that managed to make the dining room more sophisticated yet less formal. It's a fine backdrop for executive chef Chris Ayukawa, whose creative-American menu abounds with global touches. On-the-ball service is a plus, and



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A traditional Pugliese dish known as tiella barese at Osteria Trulli.

Osteria Trulli Fans of Lincoln Square's Trattoria Trullo (now closed) and the original Macello's (now under new owners) in the Market District will be happy to know that chef Giovanni DeNegrìs has set up shop in Arlington Heights, cooking the masterful cucina povera of his native Puglia. Don't skip the excellent wood-oven pizzas, or whatever whole fish DeNegrìs is roasting that day. Open: Lunch and dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$20-\$34. 1510 E. Hintz Road, Arlington Heights, 224-347-1010. — Phil Vettel

while the impressive wine list is pricey, the libations from the recently expanded bar are quite good. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: Entrees \$24-\$32. 14 S. Third St., Geneva, 630-262-1000. — Phil Vettel

Ocean Prime The newest entry in Chicago's steak-and-seafood derby, Ocean Prime has a Michigan Avenue location, views of the Chicago River and a by-the-numbers menu that succeeds on quality and execution. The menu touches all the expected bases. Fried calamari rings (very good, abetted by a lively sweet-chile sauce), check. Lobster bisque, check. Shrimp cocktail, Caesar salad, iceberg wedge — check, check, check. This is not necessarily a bad thing; the massive crab cake (check), with horseradish-mustard aioli and a tangle of dressed kale greens, is as good a crab cake as you'll find anywhere.

Main courses are pricey. Fish are in the \$40s, shellfish \$52 and \$65 (not counting the market-price shellfish tower, which is custom-assembled). But they're not lonesome on the plate; there's nearly always a vegetable or two along for the ride. On the land-lubber side, there are six “Prime Steaks and a couple-three chops and chicken options. The New York strip I ordered was flawless. Service is terrific — smart, personable, prompt and knowing. Cocktails are a strength; the show-stopper is the Berries & Bubbles, a vodka and sparkling wine drink with marinated berries and enough dry ice to keep the cocktail smoldering for 10 minutes or more. Dinner daily; lunch Monday-Friday. Prices: Seafood entrees \$32-\$65. 87 E. Wacker Drive, 312-428-4344. — Phil Vettel

Omakase Takeya Dining at this hidden treasure is like visiting a

speak-easy; you enter Ramen Takeya and take a perilous-looking flight of stairs down to a pretty, seven-seat basement bar (reservations are required). Seasonality and market availability greatly influence in your experience, but chances are good that Tokyo-trained chef Hiromichi Sasaki will offer a tuna progression, from bright-red akami to otoro, glazed ever so slightly with soy. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. 16-course tasting menu \$130; optional courses \$6-\$12. 819 W. Fulton Market, 312-666-7710. — Phil Vettel

Omakase Yume After logging time at two of Chicago's best Japanese restaurants (Japonais, Mirai), Sangtae Park opened a so-small-you-could-miss-it spot in the West Loop that offers quality, complexity and innovation at an irresistible price. The dining room is pretty and minimalist, with an L-shaped bar that accommodates eight guests (seats are available by reservation only). One might expect an omakase to start slowly, with simple tastes teasing of the complexity to come; Park, however, has different ideas, offering opening courses that tell the guests: Buckle in. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. 15- to 17-course tasting menu \$125. 651 W. Washington Blvd., 312-265-1610. — Phil Vettel

Oriole Oriole will dazzle any diner who can find its gritty location. There's a set menu of 15 to 20 courses each night, with optional drink pairings. Service is superb, but the focus belongs on Noah Sandoval's simple-looking but complex plates. Extraordinary. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Prices: \$175. 661 W. Walnut St., 312-877-5339. — Phil Vettel

Osteria Langhe This cheerfully minimalist restaurant focuses on the food and wine of the Piemonte. Menu highlights include flawless risotto and beautiful prosciutto-wrapped rabbit. Open: Dinner Monday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$17-\$25. 2824 W. Armitage Ave., 773-661-1582. — Phil Vettel

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The End and the Beginning

After every war
someone has to clean up.
Things won't
straighten themselves up, after all.

Someone has to push the rubble
to the side of the road,
so the corpse-filled wagons
can pass.

Someone has to get mired
in scum and ashes,
sofa springs,
splintered glass,
and bloody rags.

Someone has to drag in a girder
to prop up a wall,
Someone has to glaze a window,
rehang a door.

Photogenic it's not,
and takes years.
All the cameras have left
for another war.

We'll need the bridges back,
and new railway stations.
Sleeves will go ragged
from rolling them up.

Someone, broom in hand,
still recalls the way it was.
Someone else listens
and nods with unsevered head.
But already there are those nearby
starting to mill about
who will find it dull.

From out of the bushes
sometimes someone still unearths
rusted-out arguments
and carries them to the garbage pile.

Those who knew
what was going on here
must make way for
those who know little.
And less than little.
And finally as little as nothing.

In the grass that has overgrown
causes and effects,
someone must be stretched out
blade of grass in his mouth
gazing at the clouds.

— Wisława Szymborska
1996 Nobel Prize in Literature

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THE THEATER LOOP

By CHRIS JONES



'Hamilton the Exhibition' exits

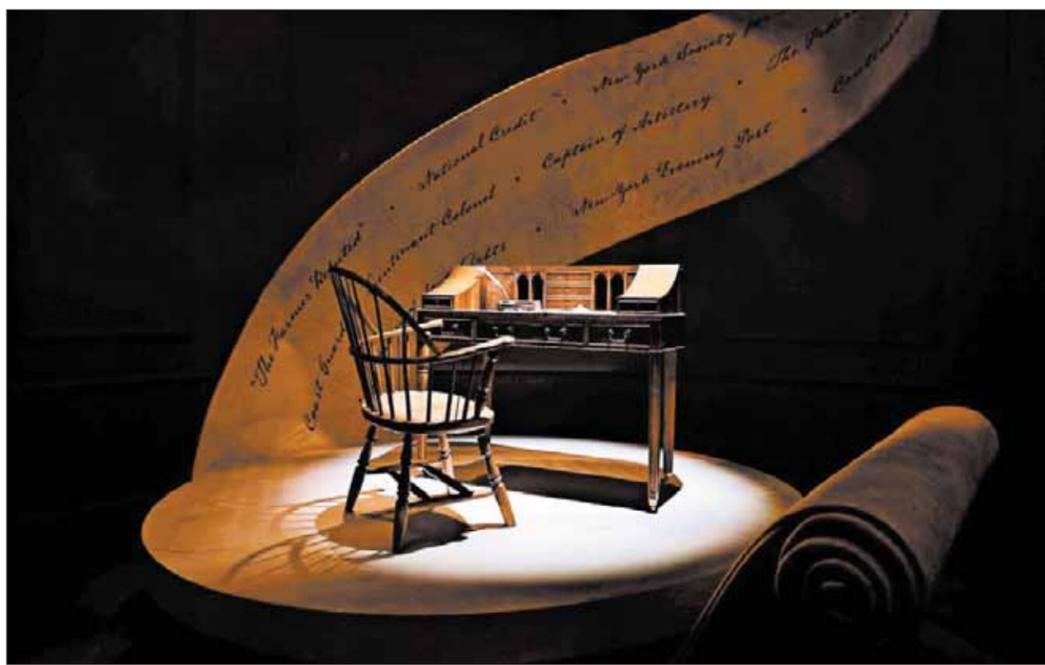
If you had been planning to see "Hamilton: The Exhibition" before it closed down, you're already too late. Your last chance was Sunday. It's done. Over. Gone.

It had its shot. And it missed.

Felled by a combination of ticket prices perceived to be too high and a tough-to-reach location, the high-quality attraction proved to be one of the economic disappointments of the cultural Chicago summer. Whatever issues this spin-off from "Hamilton," the Broadway musical, faced — and my inbox has been filled with reader opinions these last few weeks — its premature exit from North-erly Island still represents a significant loss to the suite of cultural attractions in Chicago this fall. This was, of course, a for-profit enterprise and risk is a constituent part of that business. But I'd still argue that the city did not, in the end, offer enough help to keep it going.

If you care about arts education, there is nothing whatsoever to cheer here.

Consider. Teachers from the Chicago Public Schools, which starts the new school year on Tuesday, could over the next few weeks have been taking their students — for whom entry was to have been free — to learn about early American history in a diverse, progressive, interactive, fun environment that emphasized how this nation was created by the young and the radical and explored historiography rather than regurgitating



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A section of "Hamilton the Exhibition" on Northerly Island in Chicago in April.

facts. It told the story of America as theater artists do best. It was devoted to critical thinking. It emphasized the point that America belongs to everybody. In an ideal world, some philanthropist would have bought the exhibition out for a few more weeks this fall, until every CPS student had the chance to go through. That probably would not have cost all that much money, either.

And there's another thing. Had the exhibition been more successful, it likely would have attracted the kinds of tourists who would have visited many of

Chicago's other fine cultural attractions, including its theaters, on the same trip. People in the arts often forget that audiences often like to plan far in advance — if they cannot be sure what will be playing when they arrive, they might choose not to come at all. This is especially true of groups, which at least partially explains why Blue Man Group remains so successful in Chicago. You can plan right now for spring break of next year. Blue Man Group has this market almost entirely to itself, although the fun new drag club Lips, which just

opened last weekend, has created an entire business plan based on group bookings.

But let's turn to things you didn't yet miss. What summer-style experiences have not yet closed their tent?

I am still hoping to get up to American Players Theatre in Spring Green, Wisconsin, where shows run into November. You can see August Wilson's "Fences," among many other productions, as directed by Ron OJ Parson, a Chicago-based director who will by this fall have directed all 10 of the works in Wilson's famous

cycle. Closer to home is the 68-year-old but newly reinvigorated Dunes Summer Theatre in Michigan City, Indiana. The final show of the summer, Studs Terkel's "Working," just opened under the direction of Steve Scott and runs for two more weekends (interestingly, Terkel himself once actually performed at the Dunes Summer Theatre, back in 1952). According to artistic director Jeffrey Baumgartner, the non-Equity company is seeing considerable growth and plans to assert itself as another destination for Chicago artists and audi-

ences, modeling itself on the long-established Peninsula Players in Door County, Wisconsin. They're going strong into the fall there, too. Lovely spot.

There have been no big extensions of summer musicals into the fall in Chicago. But if you're a Cubs fans, you can still see "Miracle" at the Royal George Theatre, an emotional musical comedy all about the 2016 World Champion Chicago Cubs. How long that show, another for-profit attraction, will play remains to be seen. I suspect that if the Cubs flame out and don't make the playoffs, the show will likely close next month as planned. But if another miracle happens and fall baseball turns out to be a thing at Wrigley Field, "Miracle" may well ride that wave until Thanksgiving or Christmas.

This summer also birthed a Chicago outpost for the Seattle-based Teatro ZinZanni in a cool historic space in Chicago's Loop; if you're looking for something to do for a wide variety of family members over Labor Day weekend, that's a pretty good bet. And last week, a stellar new production of "Into the Woods" opened at Writers Theatre in Glencoe. That's a show that always feels like summer, even if its implications always transport me to the deepest winter.

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CHRIS JONES RECOMMENDS

"And Then There Were None" ★★★

"And Then There Were None" is the best-selling crime novel of all time. Agatha Christie fans tend to regard it as their beloved author's masterpiece, a murder mystery set on an island just off the coast off Devon, England, where 10 strangers arrive as guests to a party. The appetite for a good scare remains, and happy to say that director Jessica Fisch has a real taste for the genre. She plunges us into the dark on several occasions, and one of the more crucial gunshots in the piece scared someone in my row so much that her glasses bobbed up and down on her nose. *Through Sept. 1 at Drury Lane Theatre, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace; \$40-\$85 at 800-745-3000 or www.drurylane.theatre.com*

"Blue Man Group" ★★★ 1/2

"Blue Man Group" has been playing at Briar Street since 1997, a remarkable run of 20-plus years. *Open run at the Briar Street Theatre, 3133 N. Halsted St.; \$49-\$69 at www.ticketmaster.com*

"Grinning From Fear to Fear" ★★★ 1/2

Despite the title — or maybe because of the title — there's a real warmth to "Grinning From Fear to Fear," the revue from Second City's e.t.c. company and director Anneliese Toft. This show is both funny and forgiving; it understands the delicate art of optimistic comedy and the political power of empathy. *Open run at Second City e.t.c. Stage, 1608 N. Wells St. in Piper's Alley; \$21-\$58 at 312-337-3992 and www.secondcity.com*

"Hamilton" ★★★★★

This heartland "Hamilton" is more in touch with the fundamental scrappiness of the early years of a rebel colony turned into a spectacular democratic experiment. *Through Jan. 5, 2020 at CIBC Theatre, 18 W. Monroe St.; \$65-\$400 at 800-775-2000 or www.broadwayinchicago.com*

"Love, Chaos and Dinner" ★★★

Teatro ZinZanni has opened "Love, Chaos and Dinner" in the heart of Chicago's theater district, delivering an inclusive, approachable, PG-13 rated Big Loop Night Out as it has been understood for decades by suburbanites and tourists. You eat a bit, talk a bit, eat a bit more, watch some circus acts up-close. And when it comes to putting an audience volunteer at ease, no one is better than Frank Ferrante as the incomparable Caesar. *Open run at the Cambria Hotel, 32 W. Randolph St.; \$99-\$189 (includes dinner) at 312-488-0900 or www.zinzanni.com/chicago*

"Mary Shelley's Frankenstein" ★★★ 1/2

So what, exactly, were Mary Godwin and friends really doing in Switzerland in the rainy summer of 1816? At Lord Byron's admonition, everyone was obliged to come up with a ghost story, which ended up producing the most famous horror story ever written. "Frankenstein" is the summer offering at Lookingglass Theatre, where David Catlin has billed his evening "Mary Shelley's Frankenstein." Catlin's premise is that you can't understand "Frankenstein" without looking hard at what Mary was doing, and feeling. The monster is a shape-shifter capable of reflecting the desires of the viewer. *Through Sept. 1 at Lookingglass Theatre at Water Tower Water Works, 821 N. Michigan Ave.; \$45-\$86 at 312-337-0665 or www.lookingglass.org*

"Miracle" ★★★

Now at the Royal George, "Miracle" is a musical with a score by Michael Mahler and book by Jason Brett, officially blessed by the Chicago Cubs. Set during the 2016 season, it's about a bar-owning, Cubs loving family in Wrigleyville trying to hold on to their place before the World Series. *Through Sept. 29 at the Royal George Theatre, 1641 N. Halsted St.; \$59-\$79 at www.miracletheatremusical.com*



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Michael Mahler, Brianna Borger and Bethany Thomas appear in "Into the Woods."

HOT TICKET

"Into the Woods" ★★★ 1/2

"Into the Woods" is the Stephen Sondheim musical that seems to be a mash-up of fairy tales, only to reveal itself as a collection of songs about fear, hope, longing and lyrical truths for living, of which "be careful the things you do, children will listen" merely is the most famous. At Writers Theatre in Glencoe, longtime Chicago director Gary Griffin makes it all work well on both levels. There is a profound emotional commitment from his cast, most notably from Michael Mahler, who plays the Baker, and McKinley Carter, who plays the mother of Jack. And Bethany Thomas, who plays the witch, sings "Children Will Listen" as beautifully and as richly as you would hear anywhere. *Through Sept. 22 at Writers Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe; \$35-\$80 at 847-242-6000 or www.writers theatre.org*

"Out of Love" ★★★

If you have ever been jealous of a more successful friend, you'll likely identify with Elinor Cook's "Out of Love," a wise, small and moving three-actor play that looks at three decades' worth of friendship between two girls, and then two women, raised in a terminally dull English town. Interrobang Theatre has the U.S. premiere under the direction of the very capable Georgette Verdin. The writing here is uncommonly generous and forgiving; you feel like the playwright understands what we all go through. Sarah Gise and Laura Berner Taylor star as the friends in the story and help make "Out of Love" an experience likely to linger. *Through Sept. 14 by Interrobang Theatre at Rivendell Theatre, 5779 N. Ridge Ave.; \$32 at 312-219-4140 and www.interbangtheatreproject.org*

"Pomona" ★★★

Alistair McDowall's riveting "Pomona," the stuff of nightmares, is directed by Robin Witt at Steep Theatre, the most fearless theater in town. There is a man and a woman in a car in Manchester, England. The desperate Ollie (Amber Sallis) is trying to find her missing sister and senses that this man (Peter Moore) might know something about her twin's fate. But first he wants to talk about chicken nuggets — and there is an alien in the back seat. *Through Sept. 14 at Steep Theatre, 115 W. Berwyn Ave.; \$10-\$38 at www.steeptheatre.com*

"Southern Gothic" ★★★★★

A house has been built inside the Windy City Playhouse for a summer run of "Southern Gothic" at its Playhouse South location. You and your fellow audience members join four couples, variously loving,

scheming, cheating and feuding, whose travails make up a play set during a dinner party in Ashford, Ga., in 1961. *Through Oct. 27 at Windy City Playhouse South, 2229 S. Michigan Ave.; \$65-\$85 at 773-891-8985 and www.windycityplayhouse.com*

"You Can't Fake the Funk" ★★★

Writer and director Daryl D. Brooks is all about funk in his exuberantly entertaining new revue at Black Ensemble Theater. Through one jukebox hit after another, his show argues that funk was born of rebellion, single-parented by James Brown and became a long-lived genre that could encompass everything from the Commodores' "Brick House" to the Gap Band's "You Dropped the Bomb on Me." *Through Sept. 23 at Black Ensemble Theater, 4450 N. Clark St.; \$55-\$65 at www.blackensemble.org*

OPENING NIGHTS

Sunday

"**Howards End**": Based on the 1910 novel of the same name by E.M. Forster, this play tracks the lives and intersections of three different families in the early 20th century. *Through Oct. 5 by Remy Bumppo Theatre at Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave.; 773-975-8150 and www.remybumppo.org*

Tuesday

"**The Band's Visit**": In 1996, a miscommunication at a bus station in Israel sends an Egyptian police band to small-town Petah Tikva. *Through Sept. 22 at Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph St.; 800-775-2000 and www.broadwayinchicago.com*

Wednesday

"**Something Rotten!**": Set in 1595, this musical follows the Bottom brothers as they try to find professional success in the theater world. *Through Oct. 20 at Marriott Theatre, 10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire; 847-634-0200 and www.marriotttheatre.com*

"**Midsummer (A Play with Songs)**": This Midwest premiere tells the story of a mismatched couple's weekend in Edinburgh. *Through Oct. 6 by Greenhouse Theater and Proxy Theatre at Greenhouse Theater, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave.; 773-404-7336 and www.greenhousetheater.org*

Thursday

"**Horse Girls**": This dark comedy centers on the Lady Jean Ladies, South Florida's exclusive 'tween horse club. *Through Sept. 22 by Exit 63 Theatre at Greenhouse Theater, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave.; 773-404-7336 and www.exit63theatre.com*

"**Be Here on a Journey**": Bari finds herself on a journey to happiness after she loses her job in New York City and heads back to her small hometown. *Through Oct. 19 by Shattered Globe at Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave.; 773-975-8150 and www.sgtheatre.org*

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Reality: Not bad on all counts.

What's new? The whole hybrid system. The company that brought us standard all-wheel drive across its lineup is finally venturing into plug-in hybrid power. The plug-in Crosstrek adds 17 miles of electric range before the gasoline engine will kick in.

- The Crosstrek has two electric motors, one to start the engine and function as a generator for the hybrid battery, the second to power the vehicle for hybrid and electric driving modes and charge the hybrid battery during regenerative braking.
- Seventeen miles might not seem like a long range, but it adds the kind of efficiency a straight, non-plug-in hybrid might add, and also improves acceleration. But owners can make even more of that if they happen to live close to work, the store, the schools — wherever they need to travel.

Fuel economy: I averaged about 37 mpg in a highway-heavy, hard-driving weeklong test. I travel between 25 to 40 miles depending on where I'm working on a given day and don't have a place to plug in at work, so owners with a better setup could get far higher efficiency.

- But the number is awesome for an all-wheel-drive vehicle, even a small one.

Up to speed, but shiftless: Whether or not it's a rocket — it's not — the Crosstrek Hybrid is notable for providing about the smoothest power delivery I've found from a Subaru. Their CVTs often feel a touch surge-y, but this model's hybrid drivetrain was just smooth. It doesn't feel fast, but the 148 horses take only 8.3 seconds to reach 60 mph, according to Motor Trend.

Back down again: Most hybrids enjoy excellent braking — thanks to regenerative motors that help build up the battery power — but the Crosstrek Hybrid seemed to frighteningly skip a beat before the brakes first engaged.

Driver's seat: Subaru media info makes note of its hybrid's "exclusive new high-contrast Gray and Navy-Blue leather seats." On the plus side, the heated, leather-covered seat was delightfully comfortable, despite lacking a lumbar adjustment. On the down side, it's slippery and slidy, and handling tests led to my seat sliding left and right.

On the road: Steering is as loose as the latest generation of the Crosstrek has become. Not terrible, just disappointing, when one tries a 2017 or thereabouts.

Friends and stuff: The Crosstrek rear seat is quite tight. Foot room is good thanks to the raised front seat, but legroom is fair, and headroom is really tight.

- The Crosstrek offers 15.9 cubic feet behind the rear seats and 43.1 with the seats folded.

Night shift: The headlights shine in just the right spot, but interior lights are too bright and diffuse to work well while in motion.

Where it's built: Gunma, Japan.

— Scott Sturgis, Philadelphia Inquirer

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IN THE INTEREST OF
Nasir Coleman

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Ariel Johnson (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00221

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NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Dante Coleman (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers Any**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **March 13, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Andrea Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, **ON 09/20/2019, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 4 COURTROOM D, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
AUGUST 30, 2019

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Skyler Moore

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Rianna Garcia (Mother)

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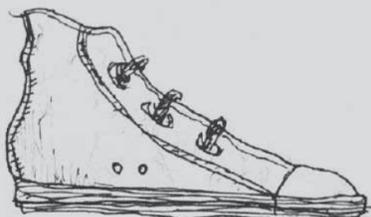
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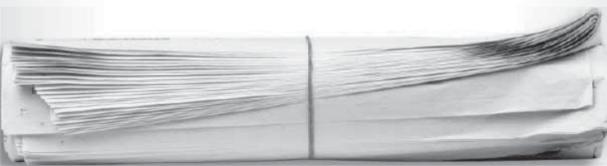
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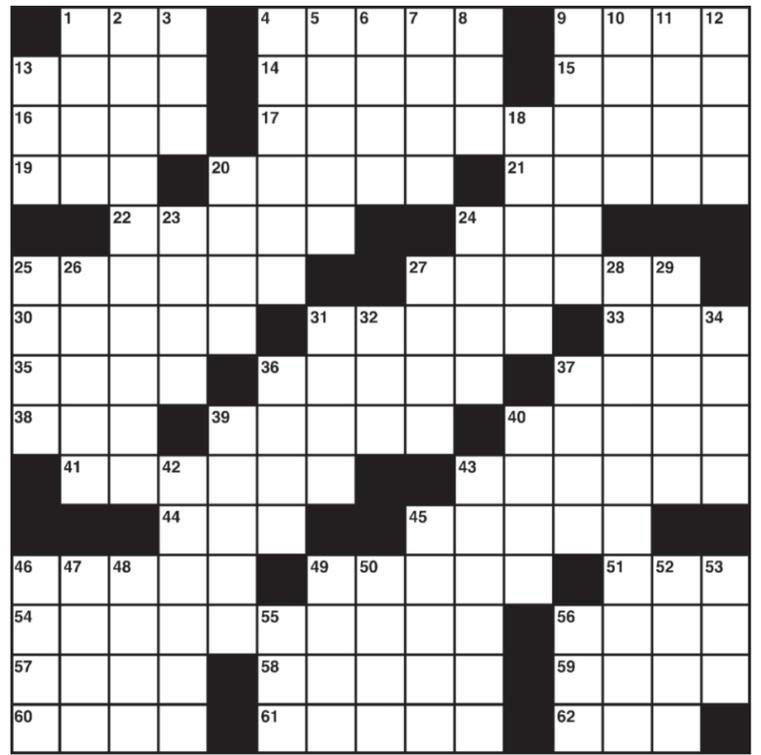
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ACROSS

- 1 Devotee
- 4 South American range
- 9 Talk big
- 13 "Or ___!"; ultimatum words
- 14 ___ ends; unfinished business
- 15 Warren or Holliman
- 16 Actor Brad
- 17 Ability
- 19 Tax mo.
- 20 Walk leisurely
- 21 "___ Movies"; Siskel & Ebert series
- 22 Pimiento-stuffed fruit
- 24 Actor Brynner
- 25 Pug or poodle
- 27 Rejuvenates
- 30 Embrace as one's own
- 31 Become swollen
- 33 Is ___ to; probably will
- 35 Delaney & Kardashian
- 36 Work
- 37 Soft cheese
- 38 Shoe spec
- 39 Holdup
- 40 "A Boy ___ Sue"; Johnny Cash song

DOWN

- 1 Turn over
- 2 Stargazer
- 3 Ping-Pong table divider
- 4 Room recess
- 5 Western prop
- 6 Capitol's roof
- 7 Notice
- 8 5th word in the U.S. anthem
- 9 Hard-shelled insect
- 10 Sound off
- 11 Prefix for bishop or angel
- 12 Delight
- 13 Agcy. concerned with pollution
- 41 Requiring immediate action
- 43 Can wrappers
- 44 Wine choice
- 45 ___ over; studied intently
- 46 Biblical tower
- 49 Assuage
- 51 Bizarre
- 54 Horseback rider
- 56 Staunch
- 57 lt. neighbor
- 58 Shed crocodile tears
- 59 Part of the eye
- 60 Starr & Panabaker
- 61 Actor Ed
- 62 "___ we having fun yet?"

Solutions



- 18 Bait
- 20 Gum flavor
- 23 Facial features
- 24 Calendar span
- 25 Sweet dessert
- 26 "Bye, Jacques!"
- 27 Tooth part
- 28 Reheated
- 29 Patter
- 31 Fishing worms, e.g.
- 32 Dieter's concern: abbr.
- 34 Kennedy & Koppel
- 36 ___ a hand; help out
- 37 Baseball's ___ Ruth
- 39 Scumbags
- 40 ___ a soul; no one
- 42 Says hi to
- 43 Car to use temporarily
- 45 Piece of china
- 46 Bird's bill
- 47 Greenish-blue
- 48 Tied-up
- 49 Gives a gun to
- 50 Jungle beast
- 52 Have supper
- 53 Dentist's letters
- 55 Drink served hot or cold
- 56 Chicken ___ king

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