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Adam Hergenreder, 18, sleeps in his room Wednesday in the intensive care unit of Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville.

## 'It's going to attack your lungs'

Gurnee teenager hospitalized for vaping has dire warning for his peers

BY KATE THAYER

Adam Hergenreder started vaping about two years ago at age 16. The mint and mango flavors were his favorites.

Now Hergenreder, of Gurnee, is hospitalized and unable to breathe without a steady flow of oxygen through tubes affixed to his nostrils. Doctors have told the 18-year-old that images of his lungs from a chest X-ray look like those of a man in his 70s. His lungs may never be the same again, and vaping is likely to blame.

Hergenreder is one of at least 27 patients with a history of vaping who have been hospitalized in recent weeks in Illinois

for an unknown respiratory illness. Last month, one of those patients died, and more than 200 other cases have been reported

in 24 other states as of late last week, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The agency is assisting the Illinois Department of Public Health in investigating the cases, along with the Food and Drug Administration.

Public health officials are warning people to stop vaping as they try to determine what is causing the severe respiratory illness, what kinds of products patients used and whether they contained nicotine or THC — the main psychoactive com-

pound in marijuana that creates a high.

Hergenreder said he started off using nicotine vapes and bought them in convenience stores, even though he was underage. But last year he also began buying THC-filled devices, called dab sticks, off the street. These products are often altered by those who sell them illegally. Those in the vaping industry have blamed homemade, illegal devices for the

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## Ricketts assessment appeal to Foxx office

Panel: Cubs co-owner, attorney lowered taxes via 'misrepresentations'

BY HAL DARDICK

The Cook County Board of Review has referred to the state's attorney its investigation of Cubs co-owner Todd Ricketts' property tax appeal on his designer Wilmette home after concluding that Ricketts and his real estate lawyer made "misrepresentations" that lowered tax bills by tens of thousands of dollars.

The tax appeals panel concluded that it "does not have sufficient evidence to establish" that either Ricketts or attorney James FortCamp "knowingly misled" officials. But the board also noted it does not have the authority to compel those involved to testify under oath.

The state's attorney's office does have such power. The tax board, which took a look at Ricketts' appeal following a Trib-

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## Dorian lays waste to homes in Bahamas

As storm skirts Georgia, N. Carolina could see landfall early Friday

BY MARKO ALVAREZ, DANICA COTO AND MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN  
 Associated Press

FREEMPORT, Bahamas — The ground crunched under Greg Alem's feet Wednesday as he walked over the ruins of his home, laid waste by Hurricane Dorian. He touched a splintered beam of wood and pointed to the fallen trees, overcome by memories.

"We planted those trees ourselves. Everything has a memory, you know," he said. "It's so, so sad. In the Bible there is a person called Job, and I feel like Job right now. He's lost everything, but his faith kept him strong."

The devastation wrought by Dorian — and the terror it inflicted during its day-and-a-half mauling of the Bahamas — came into focus Wednesday as the passing of the

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## Mayor faces public now privy to \$838M shortfall

Suggestions, concerns numerous at her first budget town hall

BY GREGORY PRATT AND JOHN BYRNE

Tax visiting suburbanites. Stop offering pensions. Collect spare change.

Perhaps the only suggestion Chicago residents didn't make to Mayor Lori Lightfoot at her first budget town hall was to hold a massive citywide garage sale.

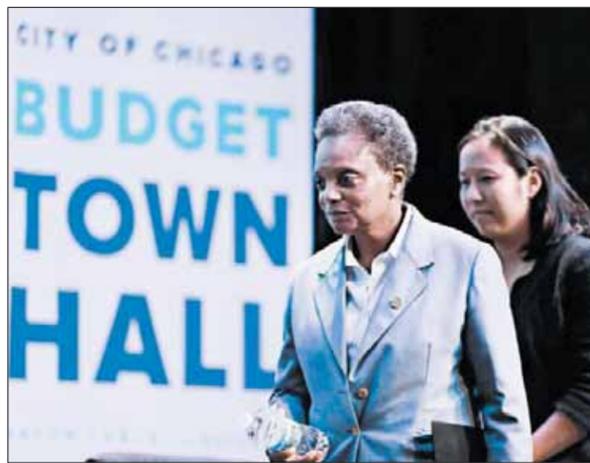
One after another, citizens approached the microphone at

the Copernicus Center in Jefferson Park on Wednesday evening to give Lightfoot their ideas on how to close the city's \$838 million budget shortfall.

While many speakers focused on big-ticket items, like casinos and cutting controversial tax subsidies for developers, others expressed concern about the little things during Lightfoot's first town hall.

Therese Stasik, of the Far Northwest Side Dunning neighborhood, called on the city to do more to make sure streetlights

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JOHN J. KIM / CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Chicago Public Schools CFO Jennie Bennett take the stage before a budget town hall meeting Wednesday.

### Parliament blocks Johnson's plan

Scarcely six weeks after taking office with a vow to break Britain's Brexit deadlock, Prime Minister Boris Johnson's plans are in crisis. **Nation & World**, Page 11

### Naperville decides to just say no

One of the first recreational pot licenses awarded by the state hit a road block as Naperville's City Council voted on Tuesday to opt out of such sales. **Business**

### Schock officially cleared of charges

Six months after striking a deal with prosecutors, charges were officially dropped against ex-U.S. Rep. Aaron Schock on Wednesday. **Chicagoland**, Page 4

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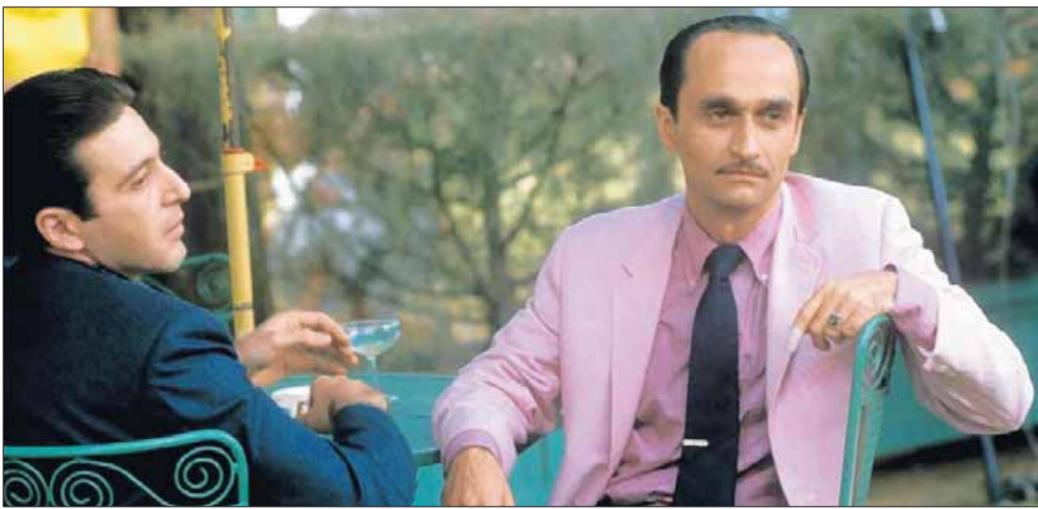
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John Cazale as Fredo in "The Godfather Part II."



## JOHN KASS

# Who wins Golden Moutza for August? It has to be 'Fredo'

"The moutza pops up more and more quickly," lamented Barb Bruce Baroni on Facebook. "And, the candidate list for the award grows by the month!"

Indeed, from the bitter seeds of stupidity, a teeming vine of idiots grows across the land, giving us a bumper crop of morons worthy of the Golden Moutza of August.

So, who wins the Moutza of the Month?

Readers find me on social media and nominate their moutza-worthy candidate. Just point an open palm at some nincompoop — as did my ancient Greek ancestors — thrust it at the deserving jamoke, give out a hearty "Nah!" (here take it) or a "Feesa Etho" (blow on it).

And there you go.

For example, David Mansfield offers Chris "Fredo" Cuomo, the CNN anchor who threatened physical violence against a man who dared call him "Fredo," after the sniveling brother in "The Godfather."

"Cuomo insulted all Italians, blacks and anybody named Fredo by equating the name with the 'N-word,'" writes Mansfield. "He also insulted anybody with an ounce of intelligence. Here's to you, 'Fredo' Cuomo. Nah!"

See how easy?

"With so many legitimate nominees and good arguments for them, all the good ones are taken up," cried Kevin Colgan who was late to the nominating process. "Therefore, I nominate myself and give myself a NAH! and a Feesah Etho for not planting any tomato plants (or any other plant) this year."

Sorry, Kev my man. I, too, am consumed with self-loathing and garden envy. But enough about you.

What about those morons at American Airlines who think it's a good idea to allow "therapy" horses on planes, so they might drop their stinking "air apples" on your shoes? Nah!

Many readers, including teachers, nominated the Chicago Teachers Union for turning down a 14% raise. And also for that CTU delegation that visited the socialist paradise of Venezuela and praised the government, though the people starve and profes-

sional women have turned to prostituting themselves in Colombia to feed their children.

"The Chicago Teachers Union is bent out of shape because the Radical Educator Collective hijacked the CTU's identity when it visited and lauded that lunatic dictator Nicolás Maduro's progressive, socialist dreamland in Venezuela," offers long-time Chicago pundit Dennis Byrne.

Byrne notes that the CTU's House of Delegates "passed a resolution scolding the U.S. for its sanctions against Maduro's long list of human rights violations, something that the delegation failed to notice in its visit there."

"This is a multiple nomination for the Moutza of the Month: To the CTU for its blindly ideological resolution; to the Chicago Public Schools for hiring socialist ideologues to teach Chicago schoolchildren, and and to the (group that went to Venezuela) for their brazen stupidity. NAH! and NAH! and NAH!"

Ah, the beauty of socialism. First you run out of other people's money, then the toilet paper disappears and you eat the zoo animals. And your mom becomes a streetwalker.

"Just when you think the franchise chicken sandwich debate can't get any more ridiculous," writes Ann MacIntosh Baker, "customer Craig Barr is suing Popeye's for \$5,000 for the 'humiliation' he suffered trying to get his hand on one of their sandwiches."

"I can't get happy," the sandwichless Barr told the Chattanooga Times Free Press. "I have this sandwich on my mind. I can't think straight. It just consumes you."

Says Baker: "Really Craig? Really Popeye's? What the cluck is this world coming to you? NAH to you and to the general absurdity of it all."

Stupid chicken.

"How about the entire night shift crew at the New York Metropolitan Correctional Center for allowing Jeffrey Epstein the easy path to justice," says Scott Schulz. "Cameras not working, guards sleeping. NAH! Blow on it."

What? You don't believe in coincidences?

"Are there (Moutza) categories?"

asks Jim Bloom. "If so, we have a winner for hard-hearted ... this 911 dispatcher. Nah!"

Bloom refers to Fort Smith (Arkansas) police dispatcher Donna Reneau. A newspaper deliverer, Debra Stevens, was frantic in her car, being swept away in a flash flood and called 911.

Reneau repeatedly mocked the woman, according to the 911 recording released by the police.

"I'm scared," Stevens said.

"Well, this will teach you next time don't drive in the water," said Reneau.

An hour later, when police found Stevens, she had drowned.

"Nah! Moutza to the Mummy Man's public defender," said Tom Winike. "She argued for ankle monitoring though he decorated his place with a corpse in a sports coat & tie." Consider the Mummy Man of Newark, New Jersey.

Robert Williams pleaded not guilty to desecrating human remains, though The Associated Press reported police found human pieces in a closet, "including a head, part of an arm, and a torso dressed in a necktie and suit jacket."

But that's not the weird part. The weird part is public defender Susan Friedman arguing that Williams be released on home confinement because he wasn't much of a danger.

Who knows? Friedman might seek a new gig here with Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx and Chief Judge Tim Evans.

There were many other worthies, but we can't have them outshine Chris "Fredo" Cuomo who won the day.

Bravo Fredo. Bravissimo. You win the Golden Moutza of August. Henceforth, everyone will refer to you as Fredo under penalty of moutza.

"Blow on it Fredo," said Danny Carlino. "And say a few Hail Marys as penance and to catch some fish."

Fredo? Nah!

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# Our Bears will have Green Bay baying in pain



REX W. HUPPKE

Like a gross glob of melted cheddar oozing down the side of an arterially offensive Wisconsin butter burger, the Green Bay Packers are heading south toward Soldier Field to lose to the Chicago Bears in Thursday night's NFL season opener.

For those who, understandably, have forgotten Wisconsin exists — it's kind of the Tiffany Trump of the Midwest — let me refresh your memory. Due north of us is a state populated mainly by cheese curds and disappointment, a plump chunk of inhospitable land called Wisconsin, a name that originated from a Native American word meaning "Are we to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan yet? Seriously, this is taking FOREVER and if I see another Culver's I'm going to lose it."

Tucked inconveniently in the dingier northeast region of Wisconsin is a city called Green Bay. A French explorer originally named the area "La Baie des Puants," which means "The Bay of the Stinks." (I wish I was making that part up, but it's true.)

Because the name was a bit too on the nose, the settlement was renamed "Baie Verte," which ended up anglicized to "Green Bay." All the French people soon died of boredom and heart disease and Green Bay became known for football and nothing else.

That's enough backstory, so let's move forward to Thursday's epic clash between the Bears and The Bay of the Stinks Packers.

The Wisconsin team rolls into town led by quarterback Aaron Rodgers, one of the NFL's all-time leaders in having a name spelling that seems unnecessarily complicated. I would criticize Rodgers or sling a clever insult or nine in his direction, but my mother taught me to never make fun of senior citizens. So I'll refrain.

What's important is the Packers were bad last year, finishing third in the division, while the Bears were magnificent and made it to the playoffs where they were swiftly eliminated by gravity. More on that in a minute.

The Packers will be breaking in



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE  
Bears head coach Matt Nagy hugs Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers after the Bears beat the Packers at Soldier Field in 2018.

## *Khalil Mack, the devourer of quarterbacks, has an Aaron-Rodgers-shaped hole in his stomach waiting to be filled.*

a new head coach, former Tennessee Titans offensive coordinator Matt LaFleur, whose last name is a French word for "nervous around bears." So the team starts at a disadvantage, with players distracted by the possibility their coach will see Bears linebacker Khalil Mack and immediately oui-oui his pantalon.

Mack, the devourer of quarterbacks, has an Aaron-Rodgers-shaped hole in his stomach waiting

to be filled. While he alone is intimidating, the entire Bears defense, which was rated No. 1 last season, should be enough to make LaFleur wish he never left Tennessee to move to a state that is Flyover Country even for the people who live in Flyover Country.

Of course defense isn't all this year's Bears have to offer. Following the end of a decadeslong Illinois moratorium on decent quarterbacks, the Bears offense now has young QB Mitch Trubisky entering his third year. Expectations are high that he'll be good at throwing the ball to people who will catch it and score points, preferably people who are on his team, which would be a notable departure from the behavior of his predecessors.

Add in last year's NFL coach of the year Matt Nagy and the Bears are primed to make the playoffs two seasons in a row for the first

time since the mid-2000s.

Perhaps the only X-factor for the team is Eddy Pinieiro, the kicker. For those who haven't had this memory surgically removed from their brain tissue, last season ended swiftly and shockingly when Bears kicker Cody Parkey missed a field goal, the ball doinking off the upright then re-doinking off the crossbar before dropping to the ground.

It was immediately branded "the Double Doink," and it led the Bears to send Parkey packing in the offseason.

Following an intense search for a doink-averse kicker, the Bears brass decided to enter the season with Pinieiro as the starter. The second-year pro celebrated by missing an extra point in a pre-season game, appearing to briefly forget that the big yellow goal post things are at the end of the field and not along the sideline. The

good news was the ball didn't doink; the bad news was the ball wasn't even in doinking range.

My prediction, based on my many sources in the football world, of whom I have none, is that Pinieiro will be just fine and will likely win Thursday night's game against the Packers on a "quintuple doink." That's when the ball hits the upright, then the crossbar, then bounces off Aaron Rodgers' helmet on the sideline, then ricochets off a fan's "Green Bay Sucks!" sign, then gently hits coach LaFleur (who has just changed his pants for the fifth time) before sailing through the uprights.

The Packers will leave Soldier Field disconsolate and face the long (approximately 37 hours) drive back to their homes along the foul-smelling bay.

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# CHICAGOLAND



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

With charges against him now dropped, former U.S. Rep. Aaron Schock, of Peoria, is free to run for public office if he should choose to do so.

## Charges dropped as Schock strikes unusual deal with feds

Ex-US representative officially cleared of campaign cash misuse

BY JASON MEISNER

Six months after striking a rare deal with prosecutors, former U.S. Rep. Aaron Schock on Wednesday was officially cleared of criminal charges alleging he used his campaign funds as a private piggy bank.

Completing what's known as a deferred prosecution, federal prosecutors in Chicago dropped all charges against Schock after he completed a probationary period where he stayed out of trouble and paid back \$68,000 to his congressional campaign funds that he'd used for personal expenses.

Schock, of Peoria, was also required to work out a plan to pay back taxes to the IRS.

The brief hearing before U.S. District Judge Matthew Kennelly completed a stunning turn of events for Schock and cemented a deal virtually unheard of in a high-profile corruption

case. Schock, who was not required to be in court and indeed did not show, officially has a clean record, meaning he would be free to run for public office again if he chose to do so.

Schock's attorney, George Terwilliger III, said after the hearing, "A just result was achieved when this case was reviewed objectively by seasoned prosecutors committed to justice rather than the prior making of untoward and outlandish allegations."

Once a rising Republican political star, Schock's fall from grace began with stories of his lavish tastes, including the extravagant remodeling of his Washington office inspired by the British television series "Downton Abbey."

After he resigned in 2015 amid a federal investigation, Schock was hit with a sweeping criminal indictment in Springfield alleging he used his government and campaign funds to pay for personal luxuries, including private jets, skybox tickets at Soldier Field, and paying for travel to get

a haircut.

Schock denied the allegations and his legal team accused the lead prosecutor in Springfield of pursuing the high-profile case to advance his own career.

In a stroke of luck, the case was transferred last year to Chicago because the judge overseeing the matter was accused of having improper contact with the prosecutors' office in an unrelated case.

In announcing the deferred prosecution deal in March, the U.S. attorney's office in Chicago said it had taken a fresh look at the charges and decided it would be a "fair and just" outcome, especially given that Schock has no criminal record and resigned from public office.

In his six-page agreement with prosecutors, Schock acknowledged he had a "regular practice as a public officeholder" of obtaining event tickets at face value and later selling them for a big profit.

He admitted that through this side practice, he failed to report \$42,375 in income to the IRS over his six years in office.

Schock also admitted overbilling the House of Representatives for mileage as he drove around his district for both official and campaign purposes.

As part of the deal, Schock's campaign committee, Schock for Congress, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor count of failing to properly report expenses.

Schock first entered public life at 19 when he won a write-in campaign for the Peoria school board. Elected to Congress in 2009 at age 27, he was seen as a darling of the Republican Party and had taken on crucial political fundraising roles when federal investigators began to look into his use of his campaign funds and House allowance to pay personal expenses.

He was charged in a 24-count indictment in November 2016 with wire fraud, mail fraud, theft of government funds, making false statements, filing false reports with federal election officials and filing false tax returns. A judge later dismissed two of those counts.

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## Deported vet hopeful of return to Chicago

Miguel Perez Jr. still in shock after Pritzker granted him clemency

BY ELVIA MALAGÓN

Miguel Perez Jr. was still in shock days after Gov. J.B. Pritzker granted him clemency, opening the door for the deported U.S. Army veteran's possible return to Chicago.

"I'm still ... like, wow, this really happened," Perez said Tuesday by phone from Mexico.

Also Tuesday, Perez's Chicago-based attorney, Chris Bergin, went to the local office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to appeal its denial of Perez's citizenship application. The lawyer is arguing the recent clemency bolsters the case that Perez has good moral character and should be allowed back into the country.

Perez was deported in 2018 after serving a 7½-year prison sentence for a felony drug conviction. A native of Mexico, Perez had lived in Chicago since he was a child and was a legal resident. He joined the U.S. Army just before 9/11 — serving with a Special Forces unit in Afghanistan — and mistakenly thought he became a U.S. citizen when his military service started.

He fought his deportation order and petitioned for citizenship, retroactive to when he joined the military in 2001. But the petition was denied just before Perez was deported, Bergin said.

Bergin filed an appeal with USCIS, a federal agency under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Bergin had an appointment with the agency for Tuesday long before they found out about Pritzker's decision to grant Perez clemency.

"Then right before, we got the pardon," Bergin said by phone Tuesday afternoon. "So that was new information that I could bring to them."

He argues that the agency should use its discretion to grant Perez citizenship because his military service demonstrates good moral character.

"He's very upbeat and hopeful," Bergin said about Perez. "But he also, you know, is realistic. It's not guaranteed by any means. We are just hoping, though, that they will see this as an opportunity to do the right thing."

A spokesperson in Chicago for USCIS declined to comment on Perez's case, citing privacy concerns. "Immigration benefits are granted on a case-by-case basis after a rigorous evaluation, which includes criminal record checks. While the agency cannot comment on specific cases, USCIS adheres to immigration law in its adjudications," the spokesperson said by email.

As Bergin met with federal officials, Perez remained in the Mexican border city of Tijuana, where he awaited word on whether he can return to Chicago.

For Perez, word of the clemency already feels like the best news he could have received. Now, he just has to wait for news of his citizenship case.

He has two children — a 22-year-old daughter and a 12-year-old son — who still live in Chicago. He's been able to talk to his family here and there since his deportation to Mexico, but he said it doesn't feel the same.

Agency officials told Bergin they would respond in 30 days to his appeal. Even if the federal agency again denies Perez's application for citizenship, he still has another legal avenue to appeal that decision, Bergin said.

Pritzker's clemency also means Perez could petition to get his conviction vacated from the Cook County state's attorney's office, Bergin said.

Perez, now 41, was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder at the Department of Veterans Affairs hospital near Maywood after he left the military. In 2008, he was arrested after handing a laptop case containing cocaine to an undercover police officer. He pleaded guilty to possessing less than 100 grams of cocaine and was sentenced to 15 years in prison. He had been given a general discharge from the Army because of an earlier drug infraction.



Perez

## Law barring rejection of certain renters hits barrier

Cook County rule may be delayed amid controversy

BY JUAN PEREZ JR.

Four months after Cook County commissioners passed a measure to bar landlords from turning away renters with certain criminal backgrounds, the new law is mired in debate over how it will actually work in real life.

Now, the county's "Just Housing" ordinance amendment may be delayed from taking effect until the end of the year, as officials finalize critical rules that dictate how landlords can treat renters with past convictions for certain crimes. Skeptical property owners and ordinance supporters crowded the county board room Wednesday to demand changes to those draft regulations, which are scheduled for another vote later this month.

The tangle over fine print has renewed debate over the law, and carries significant potential consequences for a measure intended to address the damage of Jim Crow-era policies and offer ex-offenders a path to rehabilitation.

"Now it's going to be a matter of debating and figuring out how to settle on rules that we all can live with," county Commissioner Brandon Johnson said. Johnson was the ordinance's chief sponsor when it was approved in April, and has introduced a measure to delay its implemen-

tation until Dec. 31.

"Look, you've got to come to some agreement," Johnson said. "Where there clearly is agreement is that individuals who have backgrounds should not be scarred for the rest of their lives. Everybody agrees with that."

The rest is a matter of debate, like Johnson said.

"This is complicated stuff, guys," Michael Glasser, of the Neighborhood Building Owners Alliance, told commissioners on Wednesday. "What kind of guidance and help will we have?"

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The amended county human rights law, when it takes effect, will prohibit landlords from asking potential tenants about certain aspects of their criminal background until after they have been deemed qualified to rent, or continue to live in, a property.

The law doesn't apply to sex offenders or people who have a criminal conviction that, after an "individualized assessment," shows that denial of housing based on the conviction "is necessary to protect against a demonstrable risk to personal safety and/or property of others affected by the transaction."

That's where things get more complicated. The Cook County Commission on Human Rights

had to develop rules that, among other things, set out the process for the "individualized assessment." The proposed rules then needed to go before commissioners for approval.

Both sides, including landlords and criminal justice reform advocates, aren't happy. There are three primary points of debate.

■ The definition of "demonstrable risk." The proposed rules say landlords may only consider criminal convictions that have occurred within the last five

years, and then only crimes that present a "demonstrable risk" to safety and property. Those are defined to include some felony drug activity, plus violent crimes and criminal sexual conduct.

Some landlords want the definition of crimes to be broader, while some advocates don't want any crimes to be suggested in the rules at all. Others say the five-year review period runs counter to state law that allows certain misdemeanor offenders to ask for their records to be sealed if the crimes occurred more than three years ago. Of course, others have suggested the review period should be longer.

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say tenants can be asked to submit to a background check if they are pre-qualified for housing. If they're denied because of their criminal history, tenants have 10 business days to contest or dispute the decision. After an applicant presents a dispute, a housing provider must conduct an "individualized assessment" to determine if a denial is necessary to protect safety and property.

Landlords feel some of those provisions would be too costly, because the dispute process would keep rental units off the market for a burdensome amount of time.

■ Public housing. The draft rules don't apply to entities who develop or operate low-income housing under federal law.

Advocates fear that exception will cut off a critical sector of the market to ex-offenders who may need access to affordable housing.

"Housing is a human right. Housing is a critical determinant to healthy communities," said Michael Rabbitt of the Neighbors for Affordable Housing group. "Housing is one of the greatest challenges faced by people returning from prison or jail."

Landlords may have to comply with the ordinance in 2020. Johnson doesn't think another extension beyond Dec. 31 will be necessary.

"I think we'll get to the bottom of it," he said.

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# Vaping

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recent rash of hospitalizations, though public health experts have said they can't confirm that.

Even before the hospitalizations, physicians and addiction experts warned of the danger of vapes, or e-cigarettes, popular among young people. Besides the addictive properties of nicotine, they also contain chemicals used for flavoring that can cause harm to the lungs.

But as reports surface of more and more young people turning up in emergency rooms, struggling to breathe, officials are strengthening their public warnings, and placing new restrictions on e-cigarettes. Michigan on Wednesday became the first state to ban all flavored e-cigarettes.

Hergenreder said he and his peers heard the warnings from teachers and parents, but didn't believe "how dangerous it is." He continued to vape — up to one and a half pods a day.

"People just see that little (vape) pod and think, how could that do anything to my body?" Hergenreder said Tuesday from his hospital bed at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, where his mother took him late Saturday after he spent days throwing up violently. "I'm glad I could be an example and show people that (vaping products) aren't good at all. They will mess up your lungs."

Hergenreder said he started feeling as if he had the flu late Thursday and started vomiting. When he couldn't stop, he woke his mother Friday morning, but after a trip to the emergency room and anti-nausea medication, he seemed better, said his mom, Polly Hergenreder. Public health officials have said some of those with the unknown illness report vomiting or diarrhea, as well as gradual breathing difficulty, shortness of breath or chest pain.

When Hergenreder began throwing up again, Polly Hergenreder brought her son to a different, closer emergency room (Condell), where a doctor ordered a scan of his stomach. That scan picked up the bottom of his lungs, revealing "something wasn't right," Polly Hergenreder said. Adam was then hospitalized and put on oxygen because



Adam Hergenreder, 18, sleeps in his room in the intensive care unit while his mom, Polly Hergenreder, works on her computer Wednesday.



A chest X-ray of Adam Hergenreder's lungs revealed inflammation, likely from vaping, according to doctors.

he was struggling to breathe.

"That doctor saved my kid's life," she said.

With the help of oxygen,

steroids and antibiotics, Adam Hergenreder's condition has improved, said Dr. Stephen Amesbury, one of his pulmonologists. If that

continues, he'll be able to go home in a few days.

But his lungs will take weeks or months to recover, Amesbury said, and scarring from the inflammation could cause permanent damage.

"Only time and further pulmonary testing will determine if he'll return to normal," added Amesbury, who said he's treated other young people with vaping-related lung illness.

Amesbury said it's hard to tell exactly which vaping product or ingredient damaged Hergenreder's lungs.

"I don't think anyone knows for sure the exact mechanism of the injury or what ingredient or contaminant in the (vaping) product is causing this somewhat epidemic of young people being hospitalized with these severe lung injuries," he said. "But clearly (vaping) ... is going to lead to more and more health consequences and a whole new generation of nicotine users."

Polly Hergenreder said she and her husband had

warned all four of their sons about vaping, including telling them about the mystery respiratory illness and the recent death. If she found an e-cigarette in her home, she'd throw it out.

"My kids knew I was against it and my husband was against it," she said. "But they're going to do their own thing. It's addictive."

She said she was surprised her son wanted to vape, given his disgust for tobacco cigarettes. Adam Hergenreder said he never smoked cigarettes or used other drugs, but he couldn't stop vaping.

"I would hit it more and more," he said. "I'd cough right after."

The family said they want to share their story in hopes that others will stay away from e-cigarettes, which experts say are appealing to teens because the slim, rectangular devices are easy to hide and don't have the smell of traditional tobacco cigarettes. The devices heat up a pod filled with a flavored liquid that

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can contain nicotine or THC, which creates an aerosol to inhale.

"I feel stupid," Adam Hergenreder said. "I want other people to stop (vaping). It's going to attack your lungs."

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# Ricketts

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une report, did not specify whether it's seeking a criminal or civil review. A spokeswoman for Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx declined to say, issuing a statement that said the office was "reviewing the matter at this time to determine the appropriate next steps."

Ricketts' attorney, former federal prosecutor Patrick Collins, wrote a four-page letter to the tax board that described the appeal as "a series of good faith miscommunications."

"While Mr. Ricketts takes responsibility for the errors, there was no intent to deceive anyone," the letter read.

Ricketts, who is finance chairman of the Republican National Committee and the Trump Victory Committee, issued a statement through a spokesman that noted Ricketts has paid back taxes and "regrets the mistakes" that he contended led the assessor's office to miscalculate his property taxes.

The tax appeals board also referred the matter to the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, which investigates misconduct allegations against lawyers. A spokesman said the agency does not confirm or deny investigations unless it determines formal charges are warranted.

FortCamp is a partner at Seyfarth Shaw, which issued a statement saying the law firm "voluntarily cooperated" with the tax appeals board and "believes that it acted diligently with no intent to mislead."

The Tuesday referrals by the county panel came after the Tribune first reported in

July that for close to a decade, Ricketts had been paying property taxes based on the value of the much older and smaller house that he tore down in 2007 instead of the new one that was completed a few years later.

The error lingered for so long because the county assessor's office said it never received notice the new home had been built and failed to detect the discrepancy during subsequent assessments. And when FortCamp had a chance to tell officials about the new home during a 2013 tax appeal, he filed an appeal based on the old home.

As part of that paperwork, FortCamp submitted a 2007 photo of Ricketts' old house pulled from the assessor's website. While the website listed the date of the photo, the photo FortCamp filed omitted it. The tax appeals board said it "finds troubling the elimination of the date stamp."

The board also noted that six months before the tax appeal was filed, a reassessment notice was mailed to Ricketts that "plainly shows a photo of the old house and states outdated property information." Ricketts was mailed similar reassessment notices twice more after that — "official government correspondence that (Ricketts) knew to be untrue," the tax appeals board wrote.

After the Tribune's report, the county assessor revalued Ricketts' home. The second look will more than double Ricketts' property tax bill next year and triggered payments of more than \$60,000 in back taxes and interest for the previous three years.

The back taxes were not due until next year, but Ricketts paid them in late July based on calculations by the county treasurer's

office of what he will owe, according to county documents and Collins' letter.

Ricketts is still coming out ahead because his property was assessed as though his old home were still standing for nine years — not the three years he was dinged for. State law only allows him to be billed for back taxes for three years.

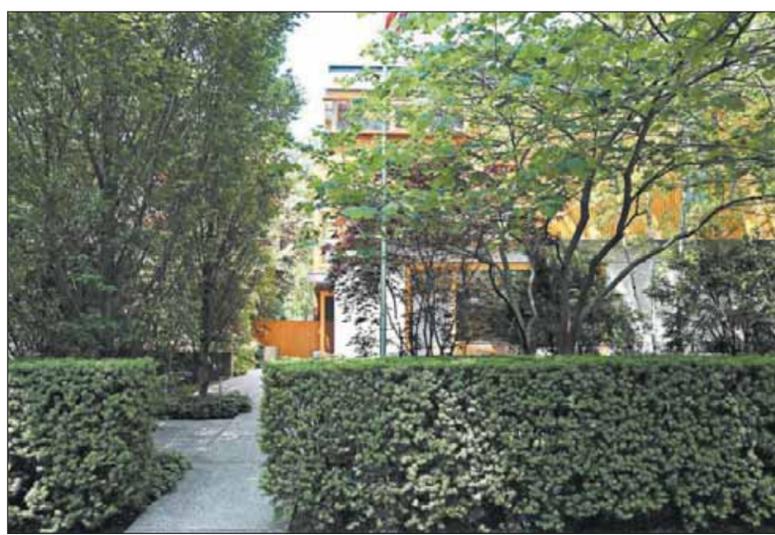
Ricketts still could appeal his revised 2019 assessment that will determine next year's tax bill, but Collins' letter indicated Ricketts will not do so. Ricketts' assessment increased from \$828,000 to \$1.96 million.

The tax saga began after Todd Ricketts and wife Sylvie Légère, an anti-tax and free market advocate, bought two houses along a leafy Wilmette street within walking distance of Lake Michigan in 2006 and 2007. The couple tore down both homes to make way for their new dwelling, which was designed by noted architect Dirk Denison and constructed by high-end custom home builder Altounian Construction.

Plans submitted to Wilmette officials show the couple was building a contemporary two-story house of about 5,000 square feet. The plans also included an 800-square-foot garage and extra outdoor parking spaces on a manicured lot with outdoor patios and a koi pond. The house was completed in February 2010, village records show.

The property, however, continued to be taxed as if the 2,534-square-foot old home hadn't been torn down.

State law required Ricketts to notify the assessor's office when the home was issued an occupancy permit, but a spokesman for the office said there are no records to indicate he did. And the assessor's office never detected the change



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An existing home was torn down to make room for Todd Ricketts' home in Wilmette, but the property was still taxed as if the 2,534-square-foot old home hadn't been torn down.



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Todd Ricketts is one of four siblings in a billionaire family that owns the Cubs.

on its own — an omission local property tax experts say is not uncommon in the county's vast system.

"It never occurred to Mr. Ricketts that the county would not have up-to-date property records," Ricketts' spokesman Brian Baker said.

Collins said in his letter that FortCamp, the tax attorney, was not aware that Ricketts had built a new home, and that Ricketts

signed the tax appeal paperwork without seeing the photographs that were submitted. Ricketts believed that his business manager — who Collins did not name in his letter — would work with FortCamp to get the proper photos, according to the letter.

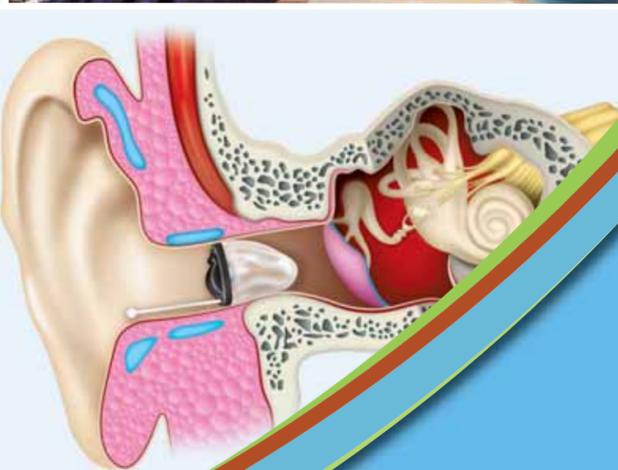
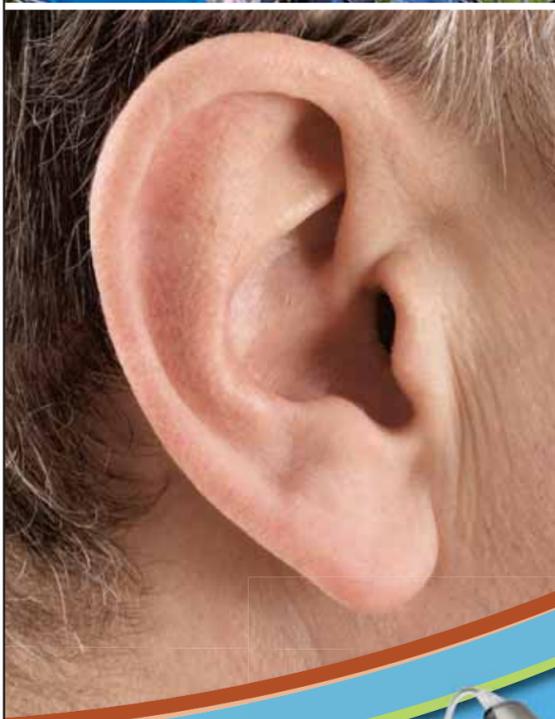
Collins also noted that FortCamp included in the tax appeal a photograph of the vacant side yard that showed Ricketts' new house

in the background. And during a subsequent tax appeal the following year, FortCamp requested that the assessor's office come take a look, Collins wrote.

"(FortCamp's) 2014 tax appeal regarding the vacant yard repeatedly asked for field inspections of the property, any one of which would have revealed the true state of affairs," the letter states. "These facts alone demonstrate the lack of any intent to deceive on Mr. Ricketts' or Mr. FortCamp's part."

Ricketts is one of four siblings in a billionaire family that owns the Cubs. He is on the Cubs board of directors, which is chaired by his brother, Tom Ricketts. The family secured an \$8.5 million county historic renovation property tax break for its rehab of Wrigley Field. That project also is in line to receive more than \$100 million in federal tax credits.

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Garbage outside a trash can near the Lollapalooza Music Festival in August. Streets and Sanitation inspectors are getting new digital technology to register complaints.

## Report: City slow to send out sanitation violation citations

Averages nearly a year to notify property owners

BY JOHN BYRNE

The Chicago Law Department has averaged more than nine months to notify property owners about sanitation violations such as overflowing garbage cans or uncut weeds, the city inspector general found.

The Law Department told auditors it took so long to issue such sanitation code violations because the department was looking to make sure it built a strong case against offenders and sends the notices to the correct property owners, according to the report from Inspector General Joseph Ferguson's office, which covered the years 2016 and 2017.

In response to the report released Wednesday, Law Department spokesman Bill McCaffrey released a statement saying the backlog was due to Streets and Sanitation inspectors getting new digital technology to register complaints, leading to

greater efficiency and a bigger backlog. McCaffrey said the department is now taking about two months to issue citations and that the problem "had already been addressed before the Inspector General started its inquiry and research."

"The backlog in 2016 and 2017 was unfortunate, but was addressed quickly through a combination of a revised staffing model and technological enhancements, rendering this audit unnecessary," McCaffrey said.

Nevertheless, Ferguson's audit found that notices for 87% of the 101,729 alleged sanitation code violations issued in 2016 and 2017 were sent at least six months after the violation occurred, while 23.8% of notices took a year or more. Fewer than 2% of notifications were sent within one month of a violation.

While there are 76 possible sanitation violations in the Chicago code, the report said that in 2016 and 2017, 85% of the notices issued fell into six categories: uncut weeds, dumping of garbage on a property, accumulation of junk,

overflowing trash cans or dumpsters, no fence around an open lot, and open lot nuisance.

When the city issues a notice of a sanitation violation, the owner of the property either has to pay a fine or has a set amount of time to fix the situation. Failing to do so can result in daily fines of hundreds or thousands of dollars, depending on the violation and the number of days the owner doesn't deal with it. That clock doesn't start ticking until the owner gets the notice, so neighbors of problem owners have reason to want to see the process move quickly.

Aldermen routinely complain that their constituents want the city to act quicker to deal with such problems.

And the owners themselves may be caught by surprise if they don't get notice from the city until many months after someone reported the problem, the inspector general noted.

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## Departing FBI Chicago boss has parting words on graft

Expect more action against public corruption, he says

BY JASON MEISNER

When Jeffrey Sallet took over as boss of the Chicago FBI in late 2017, one of the biggest political corruption investigations in the city's history was quietly simmering.

A year later, it boiled over with the FBI's public raid on the City Hall offices of powerful Ald. Edward Burke, touching off a seemingly never-ending series of bombshell developments, from a sweeping indictment against Burke to the revelation that his longtime colleague, Ald. Daniel Solis, had been secretly wearing a wire.

As Sallet prepares to depart later this month for an executive position at FBI headquarters in Washington, he says there is still a lot more still to be revealed about the ongoing corruption probe. And while he won't be here to see it, Sallet said he's proud to have helped send a message to politicians "that it is not business as usual."

"Our corruption program is extremely busy," Sallet said in an interview Tuesday from the FBI offices on the West Side. "While there have been plenty of overt actions that have occurred, the city of Chicago should expect more to come."

After two years overseeing one of the FBI's busiest field offices, Sallet, who turns 49 this week, has been tapped by FBI Director Christopher Wray to serve as the bureau's chief financial officer and chief property officer — a top level position that will not only highlight his accounting background, but also give him a seat at the table in discussing major operational decisions.

Sallet said he was "honored" by the new assignment. But it was clear that he also would have loved to remain in Chicago, a city that he and his family adore and hope to come back to when his FBI career is over.

Asked what he'll miss most about the city, Sallet responded without hesitation, "Everything."

"I will say that Chicago has become home," he said. "This city has passion, it has culture, the people are nice, good food, good sports. ... My family and I really love it here."

Sallet, a native Bostonian who has spent parts of his career in New York, Washington and New Orleans, said even Chicago's winters didn't bother him.

"Being a New Englander, there's less snow here, it's just a more sustained cold," he said. "But it's a very, very big improvement from the heat of New Orleans."

Sallet becomes the latest in a string of short-term leaders of the Chicago FBI. Three agents have occupied the top chair here since Robert Grant stepped down in 2012 after an almost eight-year run.

Sallet said his successor has already been selected and is slated to start in



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Jeffrey Sallet, head of the FBI in Chicago, is leaving this month for a new position at the Washington headquarters.

mid-October. An FBI spokeswoman said announcement will be made in the coming weeks.

A self-described "field guy," Sallet came to Chicago when the city's epidemic of gun violence continued to make national headlines and draw the attention of President Donald Trump. Sallet said he knew the city's entrenched gang culture was big part of the problem, but even he was surprised at the scale of it.

"There are 115,000 self-admitted adult street gang members in the city of Chicago," he said. "That doesn't include the juveniles. That is major challenge for law enforcement and society, and we're not going to police our way out of it."

With limited resources, Sallet said he tried to focus FBI efforts on "enterprise" cases, focusing on the most violent offenders "that are really terrorizing neighborhoods and controlling the violence."

A number of major gang cases were brought during Sallet's tenure, including several charging alleged members of various gang factions with committing murder and other violence to boost their gang's status — charges that could bring the death penalty.

He said he also redoubled the agency's intelligence-based efforts, embedding agents with the Chicago Police Department to collect and analyze information and identify "targets of priority" rather than simply targets of opportunity.

While violence has dropped some during Sallet's tenure, he said the root problems are "multi-generational" and solving them is going to require more than just proactive law enforcement. At the top of the list is economic opportunity — and hope for the future, he said.

"We have to change the dynamics of the city," Sallet said. "When a kid is in a neighborhood where they are constantly hearing shots being fired and they're constantly worried where their next meal is coming from, that's PTSD for those kids. ... That is where they become very jaded in terms of their future."

Sallet said he had almost 200 agents and support staff working violent crime at any given time — nearly 20% of the office's resources — and he "could have another 500 people working on it and keep them all busy."

But the FBI has other

priorities as well — including terrorism, cyber investigations and, increasingly, preventing mass shootings that he says are largely fueled by hate.

In response to the mass shooting last year at a high school in Parkland, Florida, the Chicago FBI formed a task force of more than three dozen law enforcement personnel from 17 agencies that is viewed as a national model in how to investigate tips on potential shooters, according to Sallet.

Meanwhile, the FBI-led Joint Terrorism Task Force has also expanded to more than 120 executive board members, he said.

With his move to Washington, Sallet for the first time in his 22-year career will be away from the day-to-day field work that has put him at the center of some of the agency's biggest investigations, from tracing the complex tentacles of al-Qaida funding after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks to supervising the intense manhunt after the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings that led to the capture of the surviving bomber.

His time in Chicago will likely always be remembered for the investigation that led to the charges against Burke — at the time one of the city's most powerful figures who had managed to sidestep previous corruption investigations.

Since Burke was charged in early January, Sallet's political corruption squad has carried out raids on the ward office of Ald. Carrie Austin and at the homes of several allies and supporters of House Speaker Michael Madigan, the Tribune has reported.

A sitting state senator, Thomas E. Cullerton, was charged in a ghost pay-rolling scheme last month.

Sallet declined to talk about any specific ongoing probes. But he said he leaves Chicago with the same feeling he had when he came here — that the city's entrenched culture of public corruption will only end when the people say they've had enough.

"How can we end the cycle of corruption? When everybody stops tolerating it or when the people who are paying to play stop tolerating it," Sallet said. "It takes courage from the people who are either the victims or the complacent victims. ... We need everybody in an all-hands-on-deck approach."

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YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN IT'S UNSCRIPTED

# Smollett lawyers fight bill for hoax probe

They say actor not responsible for city spending \$130K

BY JASON MEISNER

Lawyers for Jussie Smollett say the former "Empire" actor could never have foreseen that Chicago police would investigate his claims of a brutal hate crime attack so thoroughly — and therefore he shouldn't be stuck with the bill.

The unusual argument was made in a court filing late Tuesday explaining why a federal judge should dismiss a lawsuit filed by the city to recoup \$130,000 in police overtime costs spent investigating Smollett's claim he was attacked on a frigid January night in Chicago.

In the 12-page motion, Smollett's attorneys said police investigations are a



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Jussie Smollett speaks to media after charges against him were dropped earlier this year.

"discretionary function" of law enforcement, and there was no proof the damages allegedly incurred by the city were directly related to Smollett's report — which was later determined by police to be a hoax.

"The filing of a police report, in and of itself, does

not necessitate a sprawling investigation nor does it, as a practical matter, usually result in an investigation as extensive as the one CPD chose to undertake in this case," Smollett attorney William Quinlan wrote.

Quinlan said Smollett's report merely enabled "po-

lice and prosecutors to decide whether and how to investigate."

The motion was the latest in a series of legal volleys as U.S. District Judge Virginia Kendall weighs whether to dismiss the suit or allow it to go to trial. A status hearing in the case is set for Oct. 22.

It's also one of many legal fronts in Smollett's case, which has made international news ever since Smollett claimed he was the victim of a racist and homophobic attack near his Streeter home on Jan. 29. Smollett was eventually charged with disorderly conduct for allegedly lying to police.

Last month, powerhouse attorney Dan Webb was appointed as a special prosecutor to look into the case, including what led to the stunning dismissal of the 16-count indictment against

Smollett and whether any further criminal charges were warranted.

A separate investigation by the Cook County inspector general is also pending.

Smollett — who is black and openly gay — told police that two people attacked him while he was walking back from a sandwich shop, shouted slurs, poured bleach on him and put a noose around his neck.

In the ensuing days, police reconstructed a timeline of events based on dozens of surveillance cameras, ride share and taxi records, social media posts, interviews and other investigative techniques.

Police were able to identify two brothers, Abimbola and Olabinjo Osundairo, as the perpetrators, but after arresting and interrogating them, it was determined that Smollett had allegedly paid the brothers \$3,500 to

stage the attack and advance his own career, according to court records.

The case erupted in scandal weeks later after Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx's office abruptly dropped charges in exchange for some minor community service and the forfeiture of his \$10,000 bond — a move that drew calls for Foxx's resignation.

In deciding to appoint a special prosecutor, Cook County Judge Michael Toomin asserted that Foxx overstepped her authority when she recused herself and put her top deputy in charge of the prosecution.

The city's lawsuit, filed under then-Mayor Rahm Emanuel, claims the Police Department racked up 1,836 hours to investigate Smollett's false statements.

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## Mayor

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are turned off during the day. She also proposed a "Chicago is Worth Every Penny" drive, urging citizens to contribute pennies they might have in drawers and jars at home to help fill the budget hole.

Throughout the evening, Lightfoot listened, took notes and made a point of insisting that the town hall was for more than show.

"We're asking people what you want to see because we actually value your opinion," the mayor told a woman who had expressed doubts about her sincerity.

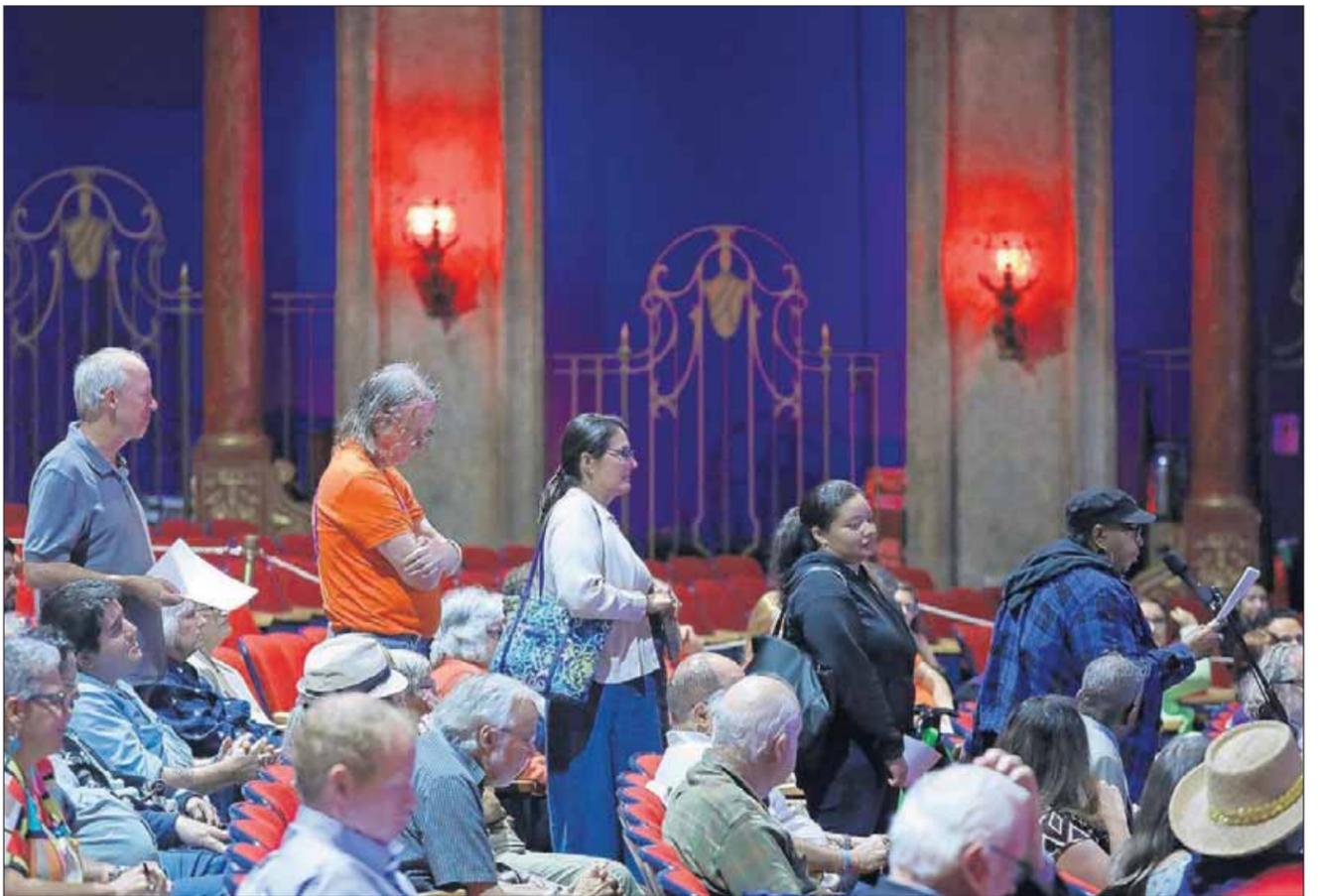
Wednesday's town hall was the first of four community meetings the Lightfoot administration plans to hold around the city over the next month, where she will be seeking budget ideas from regular residents.

The public town halls follow in the footsteps of similar neighborhood budget sessions by her predecessors, Richard M. Daley and Rahm Emanuel, that critics derided as shams used as cover for spending plans they already had concocted. Lightfoot, however, has promised hers will be different.

"We're not going to just sit there and listen to them talk," she previously said. "We're actually going to also talk. And then we've got a moderator who will help us have a structured conversation so it will actually be a dialogue. And we're doing everything we can ahead of time to provide people with substantive, understandable information about the budget and how we propose to spend their tax dollars."

Daley famously would surround himself at his annual community budget hearings with a phalanx of department heads who would field complaints big and small from residents who lined up for hours to recommend budget fixes or perhaps demand a catch basin or pothole get repaired on their block.

Emanuel only made the rounds for community budget hearings twice in two terms. He held a couple in 2011, his first year in office. And he went out again in 2015, after he won his second term and sought to mend his relationship



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People form a line behind a microphone to address their concerns about the city during the budget town hall meeting with Mayor Lori Lightfoot.

with voters angry over some of his policies.

Two of the three 2015 events got disrupted by attendees who wanted the mayor to take a position on the planned closure of Dyett High School in Bronzeville. Emanuel's security detail had to usher him out of one of those meetings after protesters came on stage.

Hardly three months into her term, Lightfoot doesn't have the public baggage of the two men who spent a combined three decades in the mayor's office using their immense political and financial powers to get the City Council to approve their annual spending packages.

But, coming off a landslide election win that she argues gives her a citywide mandate to push for change, Lightfoot is facing a financial situation as ugly or uglier than any they had to battle.

Though residents lined up to give Lightfoot their opinions, it's not yet clear what options the mayor favors for shoring up city finances.

Lightfoot is hoping the General Assembly revises the state law passed this spring that allows for a Chicago casino to make the tax structure less onerous for potential investors, and will ask the legislature to hike the real estate transfer tax on high-end sales.

A tax on ride-share services, such as Uber and Lyft drivers who come into the Loop, could be part of trying to combat both budget problems and heavy traffic, she said.

But Lightfoot has also hinted that, without help from the state, the city could look at other revenue-generating options such as property tax hikes.

Lightfoot previously said she has not told city department heads to prepare for a significant number of layoffs in case the help from Springfield isn't forthcoming.

Whatever Lightfoot does could prove politically unpopular. Raising taxes is a delicate dance anywhere, but particularly in Chicago, where even Lightfoot as a candidate said the tax bur-

den is forcing residents out of the city.

But kicking off the town halls in Jefferson Park was a shrewd way for Lightfoot to open these events on a positive note, since the community is packed with city workers and retirees who favor fully funding city pensions even if it means some budget pain.

One speaker's suggestion to convert pensions to 401(k) retirement plans was met with a smattering of boos from the crowd.

Some protesters attended the town hall to pressure Lightfoot into keeping progressive promises.

Estela Diaz said she attended Wednesday's meeting with other members of the Brighton Park Neighborhood Council to let Lightfoot know they want her to be the change agent she ran as.

In particular, Diaz wants the mayor to put the brakes on \$1.3 billion in taxpayer subsidies for the Lincoln Yards megadevelopment and instead put the money into mental health services

and schools. If the city has money for Lincoln Yards, Diaz argued, it's hard to believe arguments crying poor about the budget hole.

"It's important to see Lori today to remind her that people outside the government, like me, are waiting for answers and to see if she will keep her promises or not," Diaz said.

Lightfoot has promised to make sure developer Sterling Bay lives up to its obligations at Lincoln Yards but has not publicly entertained trying to reopen the deal.

Some speakers expressed support for the Chicago Teachers Union, which continues threatening a strike, while others criticized the powerful CTU.

Citlali Soto of Service Employees International Union Local 73 stood up to criticize the administration for not making a deal with school janitorial staff who are preparing for a potential strike.

"Talk to your union leadership," Lightfoot responded. "We are ready to get a deal done."

"Local 73 is ready," Soto shouted back after her microphone got cut off.

One woman cried as she talked about "the disconnect" between public unions asking for bigger raises than she gets in the private sector while her property taxes go up.

"Nobody wants to leave their homes," she said.

At other times, the meeting sprawled. One woman warned that smoking marijuana "will burn your brain out," leading the audience to laugh.

Another man who identified himself as a retired pensioner rose to give what he called a "brief history" of the city's finances.

But he quickly ran out of time as he started talking about the election of Richard J. Daley.

The mayor ended the night by thanking the audience.

"This has to be a participatory process," Lightfoot said.

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## Man gets life in prison for rape, murder of Schaumburg woman

BY GEORGE HOUDE

At a hearing filled with the tears and emotional pain of family members, a Cook County judge Wednesday sentenced a 32-year-old laborer to natural life in prison for raping and murdering a Schaumburg woman.

Bulmaro Mejia-Maya, listening through a Spanish interpreter, showed no emotion as Judge Steven Goebel delivered the sentence at the Rolling Meadows courthouse.

"I sentence you to natural life based on your brutal and heinous behavior," Goebel said. "I do believe you would kill again if you were out of prison."

A natural life sentence allows for no chance of being released from prison.

Mejia-Maya was con-

victed in May of murder, aggravated criminal sexual assault, home invasion and burglary in the rape and strangulation of Tiffany Thrasher. The 33-year-old woman was found in her Schaumburg apartment beaten and lifeless on April 15, 2017.

Six of Thrasher's family members read emotional impact statements from the witness stand, including her mother, Karen Thrasher. Some forgave Mejia-Maya, saying that would have been what Tiffany Thrasher wanted as a religious person. But Karen Thrasher looked at Mejia-Maya and said he had no remorse.

"The grief of losing a child is something a parent should never go through,



Mejia-Maya

especially in such a brutal, savage and violent way," she said, weeping at times. "You have no remorse. ... I can see you don't. I can't forgive you. I really hope you have a miserable life. I hope it is hell on earth for you."

Wearing a T-shirt with her daughter's picture imprinted on it, Thrasher stood up and said, "I want you to look at my shirt. That is all I have left to hug and to look at and say, 'I love you Tiffany.'"

Assistant State's Attorney Denise Loiterstein argued for a life sentence, saying the defendant killed Thrasher in a "violent, sadistic way."

"The defendant is a very violent person who would commit these crimes again,"

Loiterstein said.

Mejia-Maya's defense attorney, assistant public defender Caroline Glennon, said her client suffered from alcohol abuse and was "very, very drunk" at the time of the attack. Though not a legal defense, his alcoholism should be considered as a mitigating factor in sentencing, she said.

Glennon also introduced letters from Mejia-Maya's relatives in Chiapas, Mexico, which were summarized by an interpreter. They included statements from his mother and grandmother that Mejia-Maya was a good person and a hard worker who sent money home to help his family.

Glennon argued for a sentence of decades instead of life.

"Mr. Mejia-Maya left his

country to better the life of his siblings. He worked six days a week. That money was sent home to Mexico," she said in trying to obtain a lesser sentence.

Mejia-Maya arrived in the U.S. in 2011 to find work and eventually ended up working for a drywall company and moving to Schaumburg, where he was a neighbor of Thrasher. The two did not know each other, but Mejia-Maya watched Thrasher come and go to her apartment on Clipper Drive, authorities said.

On the night before Easter in 2017, he entered her apartment, demanded sex and attacked her when she refused and tried to call police, authorities said. She fought back and suffered lacerations to her face and

public area, bruising to her throat and other injuries, authorities said.

Mejia-Maya escaped through a window, leaving behind fingerprints and DNA evidence, authorities said. He fled and was arrested days later in Florida.

Karen and Thomas Thrasher, Tiffany's parents, said they were satisfied with the sentence. The couple lives in Houston, where Tiffany went to high school.

"He got what he deserved," Thomas Thrasher said.

Karen Thrasher said she and her daughter were estranged at the time of her death. They were on their way to reconciliation, she said.

George Houde is a freelance reporter.



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Former Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke listens to the judge describe how he'll be sentenced with attorney Daniel Herbert at Van Dyke's sentencing hearing in January.

## Judge orders more Jason Van Dyke case documents unsealed — with redactions

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

Nearly a year after the landmark trial of ex-Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke, a Cook County judge on Wednesday lifted a “decorum order” that had prohibited the release of several key documents and largely shrouded the high-profile case in secrecy.

The nearly 20 court documents that were released largely cover topics that were aired in open court, during pretrial hearings or during the trial for the shooting death of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald. Many of the released documents are heavily blacked out, including some dealing with McDonald's troubled history that are almost completely redacted.

One newly released document sheds light on a particularly intriguing aspect of pretrial proceedings: a defense effort to put McDonald's mother, Tina Hunter, on the stand. Under Illinois law, defendants can attempt to admit evidence of a victim's alleged violent character, a tactic that has been criticized as smearing the victim.

Van Dyke's attorneys said in a filing that they wanted to put Hunter on the stand to testify about McDonald's drug use and about a 2013 incident during which he allegedly “grabbed

Hunter aggressively.” Hunter did not testify at trial, and it is unclear whether Judge Vincent Gaughan declined to allow her testimony or if Van Dyke's defense ultimately decided against putting her on the stand.

Gaughan, who imposed the decorum order in January 2016, entered a new order Wednesday granting special prosecutor Joseph McMahon's request to lift the restrictions. This means government agencies may no longer cite those restrictions when denying the release of reports related to the Van Dyke case.

Attorneys for the Tribune and other media outlets had fought against the “gag order” and, after the trial, were largely successful. By this spring, they were in court arguing for access to the last 18 documents that remained under seal. Gaughan denied them at the time, but McMahon argued in a motion this summer that those records could easily be released with redactions.

Many documents that had been sealed dealt with the defense allegation that prosecutors acted unethically before grand jurors. Others, like the records regarding Hunter, had to do with McDonald's troubled past.

But at this point, McMahon wrote, there is no benefit to keeping the documents secret as long as the sensitive information

is blacked out.

The so-called gag order was part of Gaughan's widespread habit of secrecy in Van Dyke's case. All court documents were filed privately to his chambers until the state Supreme Court directed him to stop the practice. He repeatedly held lengthy off-the-record conversations with attorneys in the case behind closed doors. And for a handful of hearings, he cleared his courtroom of reporters and spectators and held court in private.

Other judges at the Leighton Criminal Court Building appear to have followed in Gaughan's footsteps, imposing gag orders on high-profile cases such as the racketeering prosecution of a West Side gang and a gruesome stabbing in which a former Northwestern University professor is charged with murder.

Van Dyke, 41, was convicted in October of second-degree murder and 16 counts of aggravated battery — one for each bullet that struck McDonald. He was sentenced to less than seven years in prison, which he is serving at a federal facility in New York state. With automatic credit for good behavior, he is expected to be released in early 2022. His attorneys have filed notice of their intention to appeal.

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## R. Kelly's Chicago trial tentatively set for April

Date could be moved as singer faces 3 other cases tied to sex abuse

BY JASON MEISNER

R. Kelly now has a trial date — at least a tentative one.

A federal judge in Chicago on Wednesday set April 27, as the kickoff for the embattled R&B singer's trial on charges he sexually abused minors and conspired with two associates to pay off and intimidate witnesses against him.

In setting the date, however, U.S. District Judge Harry Leinenweber acknowledged that it could be moved, pending the status of Kelly's three other criminal cases and the status of any pretrial motions that need to be argued before a jury can be selected.

Prosecutors estimated the trial would last about three weeks.

Kelly's attorneys objected to the setting of a trial date, telling the judge during a brief hearing they've just begun reviewing boxes of materials and dozens of discs containing electronic evidence turned over by prosecutors last month.

Kelly, whose full name is Robert Sylvester Kelly, is also facing federal racketeering charges brought in New York in July, four separate indictments alleging the sexual abuse of girls and women filed in Cook County in February, and additional sex charges brought in Minnesota last month.

“We have limited resources, and Mr. Kelly has been charged in multiple jurisdictions, which is rather unprecedented,” his lead attorney, Steve Greenberg, told the judge, adding that one disc turned over by New York prosecutors contained at least “9,000 subfolders.”

Trial dates for the other three cases have not been set.

Dressed in an orange jail jumpsuit, Kelly, who is being held without bond, did not speak during the 15-minute hearing in Leinenweber's courtroom.

After weeks of griping about the circumstances of his incarceration, Kelly was moved Tuesday to the general population of the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Chicago, where he had been held in the Special Housing Unit away from most other pris-

oners. Defense attorney Michael Leonard, who also represents Kelly, told reporters in the lobby of the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse that Kelly seemed to be in much better spirits.

“If you saw Robert today, he's looks probably the best he's looked since this ordeal began,” Leonard said. “When you're in solitary confinement ... it takes a huge psychological toll on you. You can see kind of an unburdening of his spirit now that he's in general population.”

Also Wednesday, Leinenweber set a hearing for Sept. 18 for a motion filed by Kelly's team asking him to reconsider bond for the singer.

Greenberg said Kelly's two girlfriends who had been living with him at the Trump Tower, Joycelyn Savage and Azriel Clary, are currently trying to secure a new home and have agreed to be custodians for Kelly if he is indeed released.

The chances of that are clearly remote, however. Leinenweber ruled in July that Kelly was a flight risk and a danger to the community, and even if he were to change his mind, the judge overseeing Kelly's case in New York has also ordered him held no-bail.

Savage and Clary are also potential witnesses in the case.

Kelly, 52, was accused in a 13-count federal indictment brought in Chicago of conspiring with two former employees to rig his 2008 child pornography trial in Cook County by paying off witnesses and victims to change their stories.

The indictment also alleged Kelly, former manager Derrel McDavid and onetime employee Milton “June” Brown paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to recover child sex tapes before they fell into the hands of prosecutors.

In New York, Kelly alone was indicted on a charge of racketeering conspiracy, alleging he identified underage girls attending his concerts and groomed them for later sexual abuse.

Kelly is also charged in four separate indictments in Cook County alleging he sexually assaulted one woman and sexually abused three minor girls.

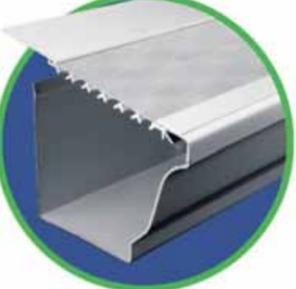
Kelly has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

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# Pentagon lists cuts for border wall

Dems vow not to replace \$3.6B for defunded projects

By **ANDREW TAYLOR**  
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WASHINGTON — The Pentagon will cut funding from military projects like schools, target ranges and maintenance facilities to pay for the construction of 175 miles of fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border, diverting a total \$3.6 billion to President Donald Trump's long-promised barrier.

Projects in 23 states, 19 countries and three U.S. territories would be stalled or killed by the move, though just \$1.1 billion in cuts would strike the continental U.S., according to a list released Wednesday by the Pentagon. Almost \$700 million would come from projects in U.S. territories, with \$1.8 billion more coming from projects on overseas bases.

Trump's move would take the biggest step yet in delivering on his long-standing promise to build a wall to block immigrants from entering the country illegally. But that may come at the expense of projects that the Pentagon acknowledged may be difficult to fund anew.

A senior defense official told reporters the Pentagon is having conversations with members of Congress to urge them to restore the funding. The official agreed that the department has "a lot of work ahead of us," considering that Congress has given no guarantee it will provide money for the defunded projects. The official spoke on condition of



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The Pentagon's \$3.6 billion funding shift will allow for about 115 miles of new fencing in areas where there isn't any now.

anonymity.

In addition, new stretches of fencing proposed along the Rio Grande and through a wildlife refuge in Arizona promise to ignite legal battles that could delay the wall projects as well.

The military base projects facing the chopping block tend to address less urgent needs like new parking at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, and a variety of small-arms ranges at bases in Wisconsin and Oklahoma. But a "cyber ops facility" in Hampton, Virginia, and the expansion of a missile defense field at Fort Greeley, Alaska, also face the ax.

Trump has succeeded in building replacement barriers within the 654 miles of fencing built during the

Obama and Bush administrations. The funding shift will allow for about 115 miles of new pedestrian fencing in areas where there isn't any now.

"The wall is being built. It's going up rapidly," Trump said Wednesday.

New stretches of fencing are sure to spark legal battles with landowners and environmentalists. The Pentagon plan also fuels the controversy between the Trump administration and Congress over immigration policies and the funding of the wall.

"It doesn't take any input from the local communities. It will take away from the private property rights," said Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Texas. "We are going to do everything we can to stop the president."

Cuellar suggested Demo-

crats will look at a must-pass funding bill this month — required to prevent a government shutdown Oct. 1 — to try to take on Trump. But a more likely venue for the battle could be ongoing House-Senate negotiations over the annual Pentagon policy measure.

Lawmakers who refused earlier this year to approve nearly \$6 billion for the wall must now decide if they will restore the projects that are being used to provide the money.

"To pay for his xenophobic border wall boondoggle, President Trump is about to weaken our national security by stealing billions of dollars from our military," said Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla., who chairs a key military construction panel.

One of the Senate's most

endangered Republicans in the 2020 election, Arizona Sen. Martha McSally, reported that her state is getting nicked for just \$30 million from a project that was being delayed anyway. Georgia, where two potentially competitive Senate races loom next year, would be spared, though Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., himself facing reelection, would lose a \$63 million middle school at Fort Campbell.

"We need to secure our border and protect our military; we can and should do both," McSally said.

Elaine McCusker, the Pentagon comptroller, said the now-unfunded projects are not being canceled. Instead, the Pentagon is saying the military projects are being "deferred."

Congress approved

# Parliament delivers Johnson another loss

PM's call for Oct. 15 national vote loses amid Brexit impasse

By **JILL LAWLESS**  
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Associated Press

LONDON — Prime Minister Boris Johnson called Wednesday for a national election Oct. 15, saying it was the only way out of Britain's Brexit impasse after lawmakers moved to block his plan to leave the European Union next month without a divorce deal.

But Parliament delivered Johnson his third defeat in two days and turned down a motion triggering a vote. Johnson indicated he would try again, saying an election was the only way forward for the country, and accusing opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn of being afraid of the public's judgment.

"The obvious conclusion, I'm afraid, is that he does not think he will win," Johnson said.

Scarcely six weeks after taking office with a vow to break Britain's Brexit deadlock — which entrapped and finally defeated his



Corbyn

Johnson

predecessor, Theresa May — Johnson's own plans to lead the U.K. out of the EU are in crisis.

Johnson insists Britain must leave the bloc on the scheduled date of Oct. 31, with or without a divorce deal, but many lawmakers, including several from Johnson's Conservative Party, are determined to thwart him. On Wednesday, the House of Commons approved an opposition bill designed to halt a no-deal Brexit.

Johnson accused the opposition of trying to "overturn the biggest democratic vote in our history," referring to the outcome of the 2016 referendum to leave the EU.

His solution, a risky one, is an election that could shake up Parliament and produce a less obstructive crop of lawmakers. But opinion polls do not point to a certain majority for Johnson's Conservatives, and on

Wednesday Johnson did not get the general election he craves — at least not yet. Opposition parties refused to back a new election until the anti-no deal bill becomes law.

"Let the bill pass and have Royal Assent and then we can have a general election," Corbyn said.

Johnson needed the support of two-thirds of the 650 lawmakers in the House of Commons to trigger an election — a total of 434 — but got just 298, with 56 voting no and the rest abstaining.

Johnson signaled that he would try again to trigger a snap election, urging opposition lawmakers to "reflect overnight and in the course of the next few days."

The maneuvers are part of a showdown between Johnson's Brexit-at-all-costs administration and a Parliament worried about the economic and social damage that could be wrought by a messy divorce.

Opposition lawmakers, supported by rebels in Johnson's Conservative Party, warn that crashing out of the bloc without a deal would cause irreparable economic harm.

In a second straight day



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Anti-Brexit supporters voice their opposition to leaving the EU on Wednesday in London.

of parliamentary turmoil, the House of Commons voted by 327-299 in favor of an opposition bill to block a no-deal Brexit, sending it to Parliament's upper chamber, the House of Lords. Even so, the bill's fate is unsure. With Johnson set to suspend Parliament for several weeks starting next week, pro-Brexit peers in the Lords are threatening to try to stop it by filibustering until time runs out.

"There is very little time left," said Labour Party lawmaker Hilary Benn as he introduced the opposition bill. "The purpose of the bill is very simple: to ensure that the United Kingdom

does not leave the European Union on the 31st of October without an agreement."

The bill would require the government to ask the EU to delay Brexit until Jan. 31, 2020, if it can't secure a deal with the bloc by late October.

The lawmakers hope to pass the bill into law — a process that can take months — by the end of the week, because Johnson plans to suspend Parliament at some point next week until Oct. 14.

Johnson became prime minister in July by promising to lead Britain out of the EU, breaking the impasse that has paralyzed the

country's politics since voters decided in June 2016 to leave the bloc. But he is caught between the EU, which refuses to renegotiate the deal it stuck with May, and a majority of British lawmakers opposed to leaving without an agreement.

Johnson insisted Wednesday that talks with the EU on a revised deal were "making substantial progress."

But the bloc says the U.K. has not submitted any substantial new proposals. European Commission spokeswoman Mina Andreva said "there is nothing new" from London.



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Greg Craig, former White House counsel to President Barack Obama, arrives at court Tuesday.

# Prominent DC lawyer acquitted in foreign lobbying case

By **ERIC TUCKER**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Prominent Washington lawyer Greg Craig was found not guilty Wednesday of lying to the Justice Department about work he did for the government of Ukraine in a case that arose from the special counsel's Russia investigation and that centered on the lucrative world of foreign lobbying.

The jury deliberated for less than a day before clear-

ing Craig, a White House counsel in the Obama administration, of a single count of making false statements to federal investigators.

The swift verdict was a setback to the Justice Department's crackdown on lobbyists who do unregistered work for foreign governments and came as prosecutors have been ramping up enforcement of a decades-old law meant to police foreign influence and promote transparency. U.S. officials hoped a conviction

would demonstrate an aggressive approach to lobbyists who fail to register their foreign work or who give false information to the Justice Department to avoid identifying themselves as a foreign agent, as Craig was alleged to have done.

But the jury rejected the theory of the case in a matter of hours. One juror told reporters that while some members found some of Craig's actions unseemly, all agreed he hadn't broken the law.

Craig hugged his attorneys after the verdict was read and, outside the courthouse, thanked the jury for "doing justice in this case."

His attorney, William Taylor, said the jury reached the only possible verdict it could have reached and called the case a tragedy and a disgrace.

"The question that you need to ask isn't why this jury acquitted Greg Craig, but why the Department of Justice brought this case against an innocent man in the first place," Taylor said.

Craig, now retired, has represented many political figures in his decadeslong career. He worked on President Bill Clinton's impeachment defense, and represented former U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan, former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, and James Cartwright, a retired general and former vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Craig also served as an adviser to the late Sen. Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts and former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

# In GOP ads, women fill bad-guy role

Taking Trump cue, attacks frame 'the squad' as villains

BY LISA MASCARO  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Move over, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and “the squad” of freshmen women of color are emerging as new stars of Republican attacks against Democrats running for Congress.

The tone is being set from the top as President Donald Trump bashes the four squad members with a strategy Republicans are quick to mimic, modeled on his own rise to the White House. Trump set a new standard in 2016, making some Republicans uneasy, by taunting rivals and branding them with exaggerated nicknames intended to make them unelectable.

The GOP is embracing the tactic for 2020.

A first test will be a Sept. 10 special election in North Carolina, the state where Trump sparked the “send her back!” rally chant. The Trump-endorsed Republican, Dan Bishop, is portraying Marine veteran Dan McCready and other Democrats as “crazies,” “clowns” and “socialist.”

“These crazy liberal clowns ... They’re not funny,” Bishop says in one ad that features images of McCready, Pelosi and squad members to a soundtrack of circus music. “They’re downright scary.”

Yet it remains to be seen whether this line of attack will work. For years, Republicans relied on attacks depicting Pelosi, the House speaker, as an out-of-touch San Francisco liberal as they tried to snap GOP voters to attention.

But singling out a new generation of female leaders is risky when Republicans are trying to prevent an exodus of suburban women and independent



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Freshman Democratic Reps. Rashida Tlaib, left, Ilhan Omar, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Ayanna Pressley are pictured.

voters.

The attacks are especially fraught because two of the women — Reps. Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich., and Ilhan Omar, D-Minn. — are the first Muslim women elected to Congress, part of the historic freshman class with more women and minorities than ever. The other two members of the self-described squad are Ocasio-Cortez, of New York, and Rep. Ayanna Pressley, D-Mass.

Michael Fauntroy, an associate professor of political science at Howard University, said Republicans down the ballot are taking Trump’s cue with thinly veiled attacks on race and religion.

“Beating up on Pelosi isn’t such a big deal because she’s been around forever,” he said. “This ‘squad’ is perceived as a new threat and it’s this perfect collection of religion, race and policy position, all tied up in a neat little bow, if you will.”

It’s not just the North Carolina election where Republican candidates are running against the squad.

A Minnesota Republican warned voters of the squad and its home-state representative, Omar, who wears a headscarf, as he launched his campaign to unseat Democratic Sen. Tina Smith. And Republican strategists are trying to link other Democrats to the group’s liberal agenda by branding it “socialist,” even if the candidates have not signed on to the Green New Deal, Medicare for All and other liberal proposals favored by the four freshmen lawmakers.

“We will make every Democrat own de facto Speaker Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez’s socialist agenda,” said Bob Salera, a spokesman for the National Republican Congressional Committee. “And if a member isn’t for it, what are they doing to stop it?”

Republican strategists

believe the squad, like Pelosi, will provide a powerful focal point for attacks. Ocasio-Cortez is a recognizable name among voters — higher than some presidential candidates — and not all favorable, they say. The Congressional Leadership Fund, the main outside group aligned with House Republicans, is calling out freshmen Democratic lawmakers they say are “as woke” as Ocasio-Cortez and “palling around” with the New Yorker widely known as AOC. The NRCC routinely assigns Democratic candidates Trump-style nicknames.

What Republicans don’t want is a repeat of the Trump rally in Greenville, North Carolina in July, when the president endorsed Bishop on stage but also went after the women one by one, sparking chants of “send her back!” when he got to Omar, who is a Somali refugee. All are U.S. citizens.

“It’s no longer a dog

whistle, it’s a bullhorn,” said Waleed Shahid, a spokesman for Justice Democrats, a group backing the squad.

Republicans acknowledge the risk of taking the rhetoric too far and are trying to keep the barbs focused on policy rather than personalities. They target their liberal policies and criticism of Israel, particularly its treatment of Palestinians.

One Republican strategist said the GOP only expects to use the message in about 13 key House districts where Trump easily won in 2016, rather than more competitive suburban districts that have been trending toward Democrats in recent elections. The strategist was granted anonymity to discuss the internal deliberations.

Ann Gibson, 74-year-old retiree from suburban Charlotte, said Trump’s focus on the first-year Democratic women is part of a larger tendency of con-

stantly looking for enemies.

“I think he’s a sexist and racist and I think he needs somebody to rage at and that’s this squad,” said Gibson, a registered Democrat who voted early for McCready. “Everything that he stands for is just, I’m tired. I’m tired of him, I’m tired of the stuff that goes on every day. ... Just the whole thing.”

But Republican Denise Shirhall, 65, said she didn’t like the squad’s directness or the Democratic establishment’s tolerance of the women, which she attributed to their being members of minority groups — “because they’re Muslim, this and that.”

“They’re running amok,” Shirhall said outside an early voting site in the Charlotte suburb of Matthews. “If they were my kids, I’d pop their hand.”

Both parties now say the North Carolina contest is a toss-up. In a district Trump swept in 2016, the tight race is raising questions about whether the attacks will resonate during the 2020 presidential campaign.

Trump, who’s making a return visit to North Carolina on the eve of the election, shows few signs of changing course, tweeting that McCready “likes the ‘Squad’ more than North Carolina.”

Pelosi, who appears with cameos in the GOP ads, frequently expresses pride at the more than 130,000 attack ads run against her in 2018. Despite those ads, Democrats won control of the House and she regained the speaker’s gavel after six years of GOP rule.

Ocasio-Cortez appears to be taking a similar approach, finding humor in the broadsides against her.

“I love everything about this GOP attack ad,” she tweeted about one ad labeled “shallow thoughts” that shows her discussing climate change.

Republicans, she ribbed, are “paying for ads that spread & explain our policy positions.”

## 2020 Dems propose spending trillions to fight climate change

BY JUANA SUMMERS AND ELLEN KNICKMEYER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the span of 24 hours, five Democratic presidential candidates released sweeping plans to address climate change.

On Wednesday, California Sen. Kamala Harris and South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg each unveiled their climate plans. New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren and former Obama cabinet member Julian Castro each laid out theirs Tuesday.

The flurry of plans came ahead of a CNN town hall event Wednesday night on global warming, which 10 Democrats seeking the White House attended. The forums occurred after liberals had demanded that the Democratic Party focus at least one debate on climate change, but a climate debate resolution was defeated at the Democratic National Committee’s summer meeting last month.

Many Democrats see climate change as an urgent crisis. The issue is so urgent among Democratic voters that Washington Gov. Jay Inslee made action to limit the worst extremes of climate change the core of his presidential bid. But Inslee dropped out of the presidential race in August after failing to earn a spot in the September primary debate.

Since he abandoned his presidential bid, a number of candidates have embraced parts of the agenda he championed. Harris is embracing a “climate pollution fee,” designed to drive down pollution while increasing government revenue. Her \$10 trillion plan includes proposals supported by her Democratic rivals. Harris also calls for the passage of the Climate Equity Act, a bill she introduced with New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, which would require Congress to



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

Sen. Elizabeth Warren wears a cap with the message “Make Earth Cool Again” this week in Hampton Falls, N.H.

measure how potential environmental legislation would impact poorer communities.

Warren’s plan, which she released Tuesday night, embraces the 10-year clean energy plan that Inslee ran on. Warren said Inslee’s ideas “should remain at the center of the agenda.”

She says she will increase her planned spending on research and investment to cut carbon emissions to \$3 trillion. She embraces tough deadlines for sharply cutting or eliminating the use of fossil fuels by the U.S. electrical grid, highways and air transit systems and by cities and towns. That includes making sure that new cars, buses and many trucks run on clean energy — instead of gasoline or diesel — by 2030 and that all the country’s electricity comes from solar, wind and other renewable, carbon-free sources by 2035.

Buttigieg’s \$1.1 trillion climate change plan has a goal of reaching net-zero emissions by 2050 and creating more than 3 million clean infrastructure jobs in the next decade. He also is calling for ending subsidies to the fossil fuel industry and closing public lands to new fossil leases.

Booker’s \$3 trillion plan calls for getting the U.S.

economy to carbon neutral no later than 2045. He also is calling for the creation of a “United States Environmental Justice Fund,” which, among its areas of focus, would replace all home, school and day care drinking water lines by the end of his second term.

Castro’s \$10 trillion plan aims to have all electricity in the country be clean and renewable by 2035. He wants to achieve net-zero emissions by 2045 and at least a 50% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

Nationally, 72% of Democratic midterm voters said they were concerned about the effects of climate change, and 20% were somewhat concerned. That’s according to AP VoteCast, a survey of more than 115,000 midterm voters nationwide.

Last month, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders released his \$16 trillion plan to fight global warming, the costliest among the Democratic field. His plan declares climate change a national emergency.

Former Vice President Joe Biden has proposed \$1.7 trillion in spending over 10 years, on clean energy and other initiatives with the goal of eliminating the country’s net carbon emissions by 2050.

## Rising seas threaten Egypt’s fabled port city

BY SAMY MAGDY  
Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt — Egypt’s coastal city of Alexandria, which has survived invasions, fires and earthquakes since it was founded by Alexander the Great more than 2,000 years ago, now faces a new menace in the form of climate change.

Rising sea levels threaten to inundate poorer neighborhoods and archaeological sites, prompting authorities to erect concrete barriers out at sea to break the tide. A severe storm in 2015 flooded large parts of the city, causing at least six deaths and the collapse of some two dozen homes, exposing weaknesses in the local infrastructure.

Alexandria is surrounded on three sides by the Mediterranean Sea and backs up to a lake, making it uniquely susceptible to the rise in sea levels caused by global warming and the melting of the polar ice caps.

Back in the late 1940s and 1950s, it was a haven for writers and artists that drew both Egypt’s well-heeled and foreign tourists for its beauty and charm. Today, more than 40 miles of waterfront make it a prime summer destination for Egyptians, but many of its most famous beaches already show signs of erosion.

The U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has warned that global sea levels could rise by 1-3 feet by 2100, with “serious implications for coastal cities, deltas and low-lying states.”

Experts acknowledge that regional variations in sea level rise and its effects are still not well understood. But in Alexandria, a port city home to more than 5 million people and 40% of Egypt’s industrial capacity, there are already signs of change.

Egypt’s Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation says the sea level rose by an average of 1.8 millimeters annually until 1993. Over the following two



HEBA KHAMIS/AP

A motorcyclist rides through floodwater from a severe storm in the coastal city of Alexandria, Egypt, in 2015.

decades that rose to 2.1 millimeters a year, and since 2012 it has reached as high as 3.2 millimeters per year, enough to threaten building foundations.

The land on which Alexandria is built, along with the surrounding Nile Delta, is sinking at roughly the same rate, due in part to upstream dams that prevent the replenishment of silt and to natural gas extraction. That is expected to exacerbate the effects of the rise in sea level, with potentially catastrophic consequences.

A 2018 study predicted that more than 280 square miles of the Nile Delta could be inundated by 2050 and more than 1,000 square miles by the end of the century, affecting 5.7 million people.

Residents living in low-lying areas are already coping with the consequences.

A resident of the Shatby neighborhood, who goes by Abu Randa, 52, said he has repaired his three-story home twice since the 2015 floods.

“We know it is risky. We know that the entire area will be underwater, but we have no alternative,” he said.

In the el-Max neighborhood, hundreds of people were forced to leave their homes after flooding in 2015. The Housing Ministry built nine apartment blocks to house them after declaring the area unsafe.

Authorities installed sea defenses to protect the

neighborhood, which is home to an oil refinery, a cement plant and tanneries, but residents say it hasn’t made much of a difference.

The city’s antiquities sites — those that survived its tumultuous history — are also under threat.

The Pharos Lighthouse, once among the tallest manmade structures and one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, was toppled by an earthquake in the 14th century. The famed Alexandria Library burned to the ground when Julius Caesar set fire to an enemy fleet in 48 B.C.

But the citadel of Qaitbay, a medieval fortress built on the ruins of the lighthouse at the end of a narrow peninsula jutting into the sea, still looms over the city’s sprawling central harbor, just across from the modern Library of Alexandria, a research center inaugurated in 2002.

Ashour Abdel-Karim, head of Egyptian General Authority for Shores Protection, said the citadel is vulnerable. He said waves and currents had pushed into the foundations, forcing authorities to install a long line of concrete sea barriers visible from the built-up downtown waterfront, known as the Corniche.

The Egyptian government has allocated more than \$120 million for the barriers and other protective measures along the shore, Abdel-Karim said.

# Dorian

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storm revealed a muddy, debris-strewn landscape of smashed and flooded-out homes on Abaco and Grand Bahama islands. Officially the death toll from the strongest hurricane on record ever to hit the country climbed to 20, but there was little doubt it would rise.

With a now-distant Dorian pushing its way up the Southeastern U.S. coast, menacing Georgia and the Carolinas, many people living in the Bahamas were in shock as they slowly came out of shelters and checked on their homes.

In one community, George Bolter surveyed the ruins of what was once his home. He picked at the debris, trying to find anything salvageable. A couple of walls were the only thing left.

"I have lost everything," he said. "I have lost all my baby's clothes, my son's clothes. We have nowhere to stay, nowhere to live. Everything is gone."

The Bahamian government sent hundreds of police officers and marines into the islands, along with doctors, nurses and other health care workers, in an effort to reach victims and take the full measure of the disaster.

"Right now there are just a lot of unknowns," Parliament member Iram Lewis said. "We need help."

The U.S. Coast Guard, Britain's Royal Navy and relief organizations including the United Nations and the Red Cross joined the burgeoning effort to rush food and medicine to survivors and lift the most desperate people to safety by helicopter. The U.S. government also dispatched urban search-and-rescue teams.

Londa Sawyer stepped off a helicopter in Nassau, the capital, with her two children and two dogs after being rescued from Marsh Harbor in the Abaco islands.

"I'm just thankful I'm alive," she said. "The Lord saved me."



George Bolter, left, and his parents walk through the remains of his home destroyed by Dorian, in Freeport, Bahamas.

RAMON ESPINOSA/AP

## Trump clings to idea Ala. faced storm threat

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump isn't giving up on the idea that Alabama faced a serious threat from Hurricane Dorian.

During an Oval Office briefing Wednesday, Trump displayed a map of the National Hurricane Center forecast last week that showed Dorian could track over Florida. The map he displayed included what appeared to be a hand-drawn half-circle that extended the cone of uncertainty over a swath of Alabama.

Trump had drawn an emphatic fact check from the National Weather Service on Sunday when he tweeted that Alabama, along with the Carolinas and Georgia, "will most



CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY

President Trump shows a map with what appears to be a hand-drawn half-circle extending over a part of Alabama.

likely be hit (much) harder than anticipated."

The National Weather Service in Birmingham, Alabama, tweeted in response: "Alabama will NOT see any impacts from #Dorian. We repeat, no impacts from

Hurricane #Dorian will be felt across Alabama. The system will remain too far east."

On Monday, Trump pushed back by insisting that "under certain original scenarios, it was in fact

correct that Alabama could have received some 'hurt.'"

And then, on Wednesday, Trump displayed the graphic with the alteration that showed the storm could have tracked over Alabama. Trump had no explanation for the altered map. "I know that Alabama was in the original forecast," he said.

He added: "Actually, we have a better map than that which is going to be presented."

Forecasts from overnight last Friday showed a sliver of Alabama at the edge of the five-day cone of uncertainty. But by Saturday morning — more than 24 hours before Trump's warning about Alabama — the storm was predicted to pose no threat to the state.

Trump later tweeted a map from Aug. 28.

Sawyer said that her home was completely flooded and that she and her family fled to a friend's home, where the water came up to the second floor and carried them up to within a few feet of the roof.

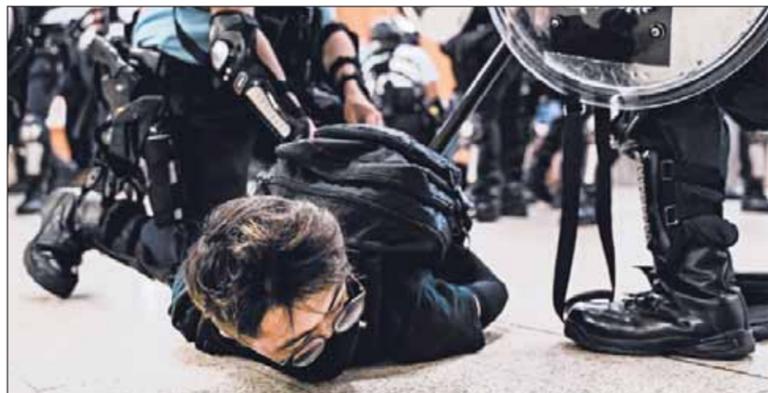
She said she and her children and the dogs were floating on a mattress for about half an hour until the water began receding.

The storm pounded the Bahamas with Category 5 winds up to 185 mph and

torrential rains, swamping neighborhoods in brown floodwaters and destroying or severely damaging, by one estimate, nearly half the homes in Abaco and Grand Bahama, which have 70,000 residents and are known for

their marinas, golf courses and all-inclusive resorts.

By Wednesday, Dorian was pushing northward a relatively safe distance off the Florida coastline with reduced but still-dangerous winds. An estimated 3 mil-



ANTHONY KWAN/GETTY

Police detain a protester Thursday in Hong Kong as activists vow not to back down.

## Hong Kong pulls extradition measure that ignited protests

BY KATIE TAM  
Associated Press

HONG KONG — Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam announced Wednesday the withdrawal of an extradition bill that sparked months of demonstrations, bowing to one of the protesters' demands in the hope of ending the increasingly violent unrest.

But activists rejected the decision as insufficient and vowed not to yield until the government accepts other demands, including an independent investigation into alleged police brutality against protesters, the unconditional release of those detained and greater democracy.

The bill would have allowed Hong Kong residents to be sent to mainland China for trials. It has prompted massive protests since June that disrupted transport links and caused the airport to shut down earlier this month.

Lam said the government would not accept other demands, and instead named two new members to a police watchdog agency investigating police misconduct.

"The government will formally withdraw the bill

in order to fully allay public concerns," she said in a recorded television message.

Lam said the violence is damaging the rule of law and challenges the "one country, two systems" framework under which the former British colony returned to Chinese control in 1997.

"Our foremost priority now is to end violence, to safeguard the rule of law and to restore order and safety in society," she said.

Lam said it was clear that public frustration has gone far beyond the bill and that her government will seek a dialogue with aggrieved groups to address their discontent.

She said she will also invite community leaders, professionals and academics to examine and advise the government on how to resolve deep-seated problems in the society.

"Let's replace conflicts with conversations, and let's look for solutions," she said.

Some lawmakers and activists said the move was too little, too late.

A youth activist who identified herself only as Chan and wore a helmet and scarf to shield her

identity told a news conference that protesters "would not back down, not even one step" until their other demands are met.

"If Carrie Lam had withdrawn the bill two months ago, that would have been a quick fix but to apply a bandage onto rotten flesh, that simply won't cut it," she said.

Youth activist Joshua Wong said the government in Beijing hopes to cool down the protests ahead of the country's National Day on Oct. 1.

"I hope the people in China can understand that democracy, freedom and human rights are universal values that Hong Kong people are fighting for," he told journalists before a forum in Taipei, Taiwan, where he is visiting. "We will continue to fight for it."

Pro-democracy lawmaker Claudia Mo mocked Lam's bid to seek dialogue to address public grievances.

Lam, who was elected as Hong Kong's chief executive by a pro-Beijing committee of Hong Kong elites, has come under withering criticism for pushing the extradition bill. Many in Hong Kong see it as an example of the city's eroding autonomy since the former British colony returned to Chinese control in 1997.

## Burning dive boat takes fatal fire clues to a watery grave

BY BRIAN MELEY  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Officials have vowed to find what sparked the inferno aboard the dive boat Conception that killed 34 people off Southern California, but vital evidence may have gone down with the ship or drifted out to sea.

The main piece of evidence, the charred remains of the boat, rests on the sea floor in 60 feet of water. Other items that could provide valuable clues could have been carried away by tides or destroyed in the blaze that burned so hot DNA is needed to identify the dead.

"All of that will be a very large hurdle to overcome," said George Zeidler, a former Coast Guard inspector who runs his own marine investigation firm. "It will definitely make for a complex investigation."

Investigators will want to craft a timeline of the ship's final voyage from the moment it pulled away from a Santa Barbara dock early Saturday morning until dispatchers received the frantic mayday call of the captain overwhelmed by smoke, experts said.

They will look at the ship's layout and whether the bunk room below deck was too cramped and had enough exits, review maintenance records and even study photos and videos from people who have been on the boat to look for valuable evidence.

As the investigation into the Labor Day tragedy expands on land and sea, federal and local authorities will look not only at determining what went wrong but also seek lessons that could lead to changes in commercial vessel regulations.

"Our mission here while we're on scene is to determine how this happened, why it happened and what safety improvements are needed to prevent it from



CHRISTIAN MONTERROSA/AP

Authorities and FBI investigators cart away evidence taken from the Conception after Tuesday's search.

ever happening again," said Jennifer Homendy of the National Transportation Safety Board.

The fire, investigated with help from the FBI and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, is being treated as an accident and there's nothing to suggest anything "nefarious," said Santa Barbara County Sheriff Lt. Erik Raney.

The Conception, owned by Truth Aquatics, had been chartered for three days by a commercial dive outfit based in Santa Cruz to explore the rugged Channel Islands, sometimes referred to as the Galapagos of North America, about 20 miles south of Santa Barbara.

The mayday call came at 3:15 a.m. Monday as passengers would have been sleeping while the boat was anchored just off Santa Cruz Island.

While initial details were limited, Santa Barbara County Sheriff Bill Brown said fire above deck blocked the one stairway and an emergency exit hatch where 33 passengers and one crew member were sleeping in their bunks.

"If an emergency exit is blocked due to fire and prevents one from escaping, it's a horrific situation,"

lion people in Florida, Georgia and North and South Carolina were warned to clear out, and highways leading inland were turned into one-way evacuation routes.

Forecasters say at 8 p.m. EDT Wednesday the Category 2 hurricane was centered about 130 miles south of Charleston. It has top sustained winds of 110 mph and is moving to the north-northwest at 8 mph.

Dorian was expected to pass dangerously close to Georgia and scrape the Carolinas on Thursday and Friday with the potential for over a foot of rain in some spots and life-threatening storm surge.

"Hurricane Dorian has its sights set on North Carolina," Gov. Roy Cooper said. "We will be ready."

As the threat to Florida eased and the danger shifted farther up the coast, Orlando's airport reopened, along with Walt Disney World and Universal.

To the north, ships at the big Norfolk, Virginia, naval base were ordered to head out to sea for safety, and warplanes at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia were sent inland.

The U.S. mainland recorded its first death in connection with the hurricane, that of an 85-year-old man in North Carolina who fell off a ladder while preparing his home for the storm.

Dorian was also blamed for one death in Puerto Rico.

On Tybee Island, Georgia, Debbie and Tony Pagan stacked their beds and couches atop other furniture and covered their doors with plastic wrap and sandbags before evacuating. Their home flooded during both Hurricane Matthew in 2016 and Irma in 2017.

"It's a terrible way to live," Debbie Pagan said. "We have the whole month of September and October to go. How would you like to be living on pins and needles?"

Another Tybee islander, Sandy Cason, said: "The uncertainty and the unknown are the worst part. Just not knowing what's going to be here when you get back."

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## White House announces nearly \$2B in grants to fight opioids

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration is awarding nearly \$2 billion in grants to states and local governments to help fight the opioid crisis.

Health and Human Services Secretary Alexander Azar said the grants come from money that President Donald Trump secured from Congress last year.

The Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration is awarding \$932 million to every

state and some U.S. territories to help provide treatment and recovery services that meet local needs.

Separately, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is getting \$900 million under a new, three-year program to help state and local governments better track overdose data. Forty-seven states and the District of Columbia are among jurisdictions sharing \$301 million in the first year.

## Philippines police: Woman tried to fly out with baby in carry-on

Security officials at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport in Manila discovered a real surprise in an American woman's carry-on Wednesday morning: a 6-day-old infant, whom authorities say she was trying to fly out of the country without the proper documentation.

The child was found at the airport around 6:20 a.m. as Jennifer Talbot, 43, tried to leave the country, Philippines Bureau of Im-

migration spokesman Melvin Mabulac said.

He said she had not presented the baby for declaration to immigration officials and that Talbot was turned over to the National Bureau of Investigation.

Talbot claimed she was related to the baby but had no documentation to prove it. The child did not have identification, and its nationality was not immediately known.

## Veteran Wisconsin Republican Rep. Sensenbrenner to retire

WASHINGTON — Veteran Wisconsin Republican congressman Jim Sensenbrenner said he is retiring from the House.

First elected in 1978, the conservative and former House Judiciary Committee chairman is the chamber's second-longest serving member.

Sensenbrenner said in a statement Wednesday that he will not seek reelection in November 2020. The 76-year-old said

he'd always known "when it was time to step back."

Sensenbrenner was a chief author of the anti-terrorism USA Patriot Act enacted after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

He becomes the third House member to announce retirement on Wednesday. Texas Republican Bill Flores and California Democrat Susan Davis also said they will not run for reelection in 2020.



BEN CURTIS/AP

Schoolchildren wave flags as they wait to see Pope Francis ahead of his arrival in Maputo, Mozambique, on Wednesday, the first day of a three-nation pilgrimage to Southern Africa. The pontiff is also scheduled to visit Madagascar and Mauritius.

## Iranians to abandon curbs on nuke research, development

ISTANBUL — Iran will abandon restrictions on nuclear research and development, including the advancement of centrifuges used to enrich uranium, as the next step toward reducing its commitments under the 2015 nuclear deal, President Hassan Rouhani said Wednesday.

Rouhani made the announcement in a televised address and said the change would begin Friday.

Under the nuclear pact it struck with world powers in 2015, Iran is allowed limited research and development on advanced centrifuges, which accelerate

the production of material that could be used to make a nuclear bomb.

Iran's steps are part of an effort to persuade European nations to reset the terms of the deal after the United States' withdrawal from it last year. The Trump administration imposed harsh sanctions on Iran in the fall.

Iran has said it will reduce its commitments under the agreement every 60 days until Europe can negotiate improved economic terms and offset the effects of the U.S. embargo.

In July, Iran breached the pact's limits on its

stockpile of enriched uranium and exceeded a cap on enrichment levels, raising them from 3.67 percent to 4.5 percent. (Weapons-grade uranium is enriched to about a 90 percent concentration of uranium-235, a fissile isotope.)

Also on Wednesday, the Trump administration stepped up pressure on Iran by imposing sanctions on an oil shipping network with ties to Iran's Revolutionary Guard and offering a reward of up to \$15 million for anyone with information that could disrupt its faltering economy even further.

## Judge rules terror watchlist violates constitution

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A federal judge has ruled that the government's watchlist of more than 1 million people identified as "known or suspected terrorists" violates the constitutional rights of those placed on it.

The ruling Wednesday from Judge Anthony

Trenga grants a summary judgment to nearly two dozen Muslim U.S. citizens who challenged the watchlist with the help of a Muslim civil-rights group, the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

But the judge is seeking additional legal briefs before deciding what remedy

to impose.

The plaintiffs say they were wrongly placed on the list, and that process for doing so is overbroad and riddled with errors.

The watchlist administered by the FBI is disseminated to governmental agencies, foreign governments and police agencies.

## Governor of Texas rejects quick votes after shooting

AUSTIN, Texas — Republican Gov. Greg Abbott on Wednesday rejected calls from Democrats for immediate votes on new gun safety measures in Texas following a violent August that began and ended with mass shootings that left 29 people dead and injured dozens more.

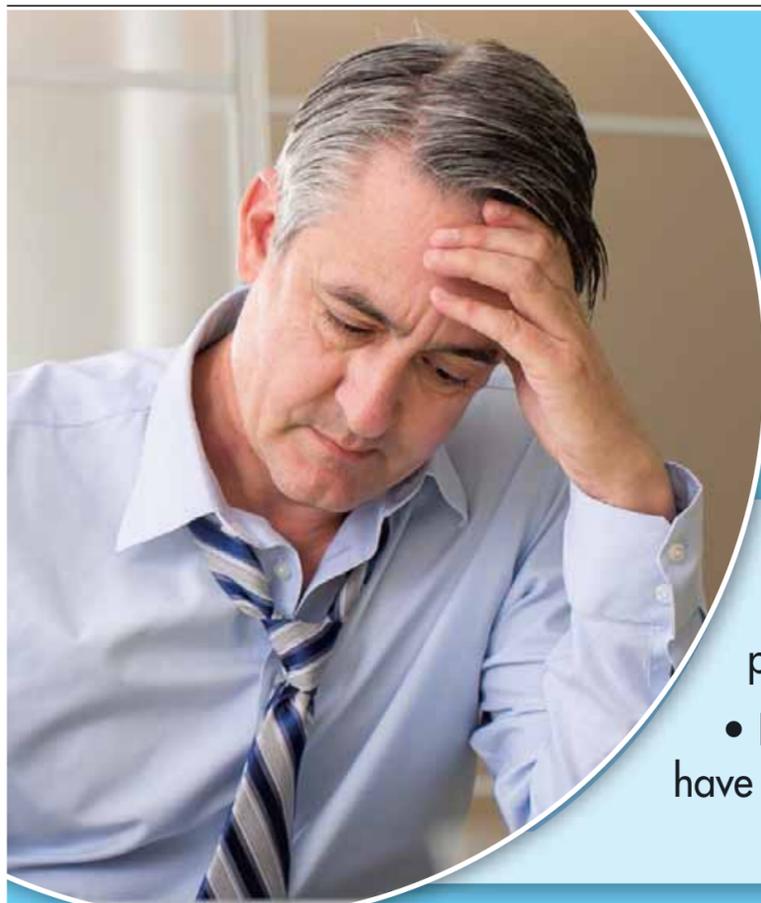
The Texas Legislature doesn't meet again until 2021. That means any new Texas laws in response to two gunmen — both armed with AR-style rifles — are at least two years away, unless the governor takes the rare step of ordering an emergency legislative session.

Hours after Democrats demanded a special session on gun violence Wednesday, Abbott, an avid gun-rights supporter, tweeted that he would announce executive actions and legislative proposals in the coming days but did not offer details

**In Nigeria:** South African-owned businesses operating in Nigeria are being targeted with violence in retaliation for xenophobic attacks carried out against Nigerians working in South Africa.

Police in South Africa arrested more than 100 people in five areas affected by days of violence in Johannesburg and Pretoria.

The offices of South Africa telecommunications giant MTN in the southwest city of Ibadan were set ablaze Tuesday while the company's office in Uyo in the southeast was attacked by an angry crowd that vandalized properties, according to local newspaper reports that also included details of youths taking to the streets in several Nigerian cities.



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## EDITORIALS

## This crisis alarms Lightfoot. Does it alarm Pritzker, Madigan and Cullerton?

Let's recap the gargantuan pension crisis confronting Chicago and Illinois: It's grim.

OK, too concise. We'll elaborate but end up with an identical summation ... unless Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot's determined rallying cry — "Solving our shared pension problems will require the entire state to come together" — is answered by Springfield's reluctant leadership trio of Gov. J.B. Pritzker, House Speaker Michael Madigan and Senate President John Cullerton.

**Illinois' pension debacle is decades in the making.** State leaders skimped on making contributions to five pension funds for government workers. In 2006, the state's budget director warned of dangers ahead. Yet the chaotic Rod Blagojevich years flew by without action, and the gap between pension fund assets and obligations has widened ever since.

In 2011, Madigan spoke up: The state pension system, delivering bountiful annual cost-of-living increases to retirees, was unsustainable, he declared: "We're all familiar with the inadequate funding of the state pension systems. Again, tough decision-making, telling people, 'You're not going to get everything you thought you were going to get,' telling people, 'You may have to pay in more.' Not easy stuff. So we all better get ready for it." (*Emphasis ours.*)

Didn't work out that way. Springfield passed pension reform legislation in 2013, but the courts struck it down in 2015, citing the Illinois Constitution's iron-clad assertion that benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Without reforms, the state's unfunded pension liability continued rising to today's \$133



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Mayor Lori Lightfoot will need to work with Gov. J.B. Pritzker and lawmakers to stem the pension crisis.

billion.

Meanwhile, a version of that predicament has been playing out at the municipal level statewide, including in Chicago, whose four funds are short \$30 billion.

We remember Madigan's 2011 "Get Ready For It" quote because it stands out amid years of weak

resolve and failed results. "Get Ready" is the perfect companion sentiment to Lightfoot's "Come Together" call to arms.

**Last week, the mayor warned residents that City Hall must close** an \$838 million gap in its 2020 budget. One reason: Chi-

ago must make a \$270 million catch-up contribution to its police and fire pension funds. Those surcharges will rise in future years.

In Lightfoot's State of the City address and in a follow-up interview with the Tribune Editorial Board, the mayor expressed ur-

gency: The pension crisis can't fester any longer, she said. Brace yourselves for painful, necessary actions.

Lightfoot linked Chicago's future to Illinois' because both City Hall and Springfield are sitting on pension powder kegs. Lightfoot knows she can't raise adequate revenue without some sort of enabling legislation from the General Assembly. So it's a clever gambit on the mayor's part to also squeeze the Springfield troika: *Take action!*

It's also the right thing to do.

**We're grateful to hear an elected official confront the details** of the pension crisis and commit to solving it, regardless of the potential political cost. So far the responses from Springfield have been empty. A lot of: *We look forward to hearing what the mayor has to say.* ...

Where's the urgency?

True, Lightfoot is thin on details. She told Crain's Chicago Business that handing out generous cost of living allowances to government retirees is "unsustainable," and she wants to see "structural changes" to the pension system. But what exactly does she want from the state? How does she propose balancing the 2020 city budget? How much will she raise taxes if Springfield does help her — or, by contrast, refuses to help her — with pension relief, taxing authority and the possibility of a Chicago casino? To be determined.

What we know for certain: Chicago has a pension disaster. Springfield has one, too. Future stability and prosperity are on the line. Lightfoot doesn't have a plan yet, but says she's determined to act.

That puts her one step ahead of Springfield.

## Three questions for President Trump about his looming Afghan peace deal

Numbers tell the toll inflicted by America's longest running war: Nearly 18 years of conflict in Afghanistan. More than 2,400 U.S. soldiers killed. Some 38,000 Afghan civilians dead. Washington's price tag since America's post-9/11 invasion in 2001: \$760 billion and counting.

America's eventual decoupling from the Afghan conflict remains an enduring goal. But so is lasting peace, bulwarked by the safeguarding of human rights — particularly for Afghan women — and the prevention of Afghanistan again becoming a haven for terrorism.

President Donald Trump's point man for talks with the Taliban, U.S. special envoy Zalmay Khalilzad, has announced an agreement in principle with the Taliban. The U.S. would with-

draw 5,400 troops within 135 days. The rest of the 14,000 U.S. military personnel deployed there could come home within 16 months. In exchange for the start of troop withdrawals, the Taliban would agree to sever ties with al-Qaida.

**Trump has been itching to extract the U.S.** from Afghanistan and declare himself the president who — unlike his two predecessors — extracted most American forces from that war-ravaged Central Asian nation. A rash, hasty withdrawal, however, will do much more harm than good, for Afghans and for America. Three crucial questions for the president:

■ How will the U.S. ensure the Taliban obeys its pledge to disavow al-Qaida and preempt any

revival of anti-West terrorism?

Al-Qaida's use of Afghanistan as a staging ground for the 9/11 attacks was the impetus for America's intervention. Al-Qaida still maintains a presence in the country, as does the similarly dangerous Islamic State. And as longtime AP correspondent Kathy Gannon reminded National Public Radio listeners this week, the Taliban has never severed its ties with al-Qaida and other terrorist groups that have the U.S. in their crosshairs.

Allowing a contingent of U.S. counterterrorism forces to remain would help safeguard the U.S. and its allies from those threats. Right now, however, there's no sign that the Taliban will agree to such a measure. ■ Afghanistan has made strides in protecting women's rights.

Would this peace agreement advance that tolerance or quash it?

When the Taliban ruled, women were banned from going to school, working or leaving home without male chaperones. They were essentially prisoners in their own houses. Violations brought on floggings or worse. Today, women can study, work, own their own businesses, vote and serve in government. The U.S. can't enter any agreement that enables a rollback of those rights.

■ Glaringly absent from ongoing peace talks between the Taliban and the U.S. has been the democratically elected Afghan government. Will the deal between Washington and the Taliban lead to meaningful negotiations between the Taliban and Kabul?

Taliban leaders regard the Afghan government, led by President Ashraf Ghani, as Washington's puppet. They've been steadfast in ignoring Ghani and his team. Without a political settlement between Kabul and the Taliban, peace remains a faraway prospect.

**The temptation for the U.S. to exit Afghanistan** grows stronger with news of every bombing and ambush inflicted on civilians, Afghan security forces or U.S. and NATO troops. But a withdrawal that doesn't keep Afghanistan from becoming a rogue state, that fails to safeguard women's rights, that leads to the collapse of legitimate Afghan governance, would prove disastrous — both for Afghans and, in future years, for America.

## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

"You all know in your gut, not because I'm running, that this is maybe the most important election, no matter how young or old you are, you've ever voted in," Joe Biden said in Harwich Port, Massachusetts, in July. ... This is a bipartisan phenomenon. In the first three weeks of October 2016, Donald Trump delivered at least a dozen speeches containing variations on the line ...

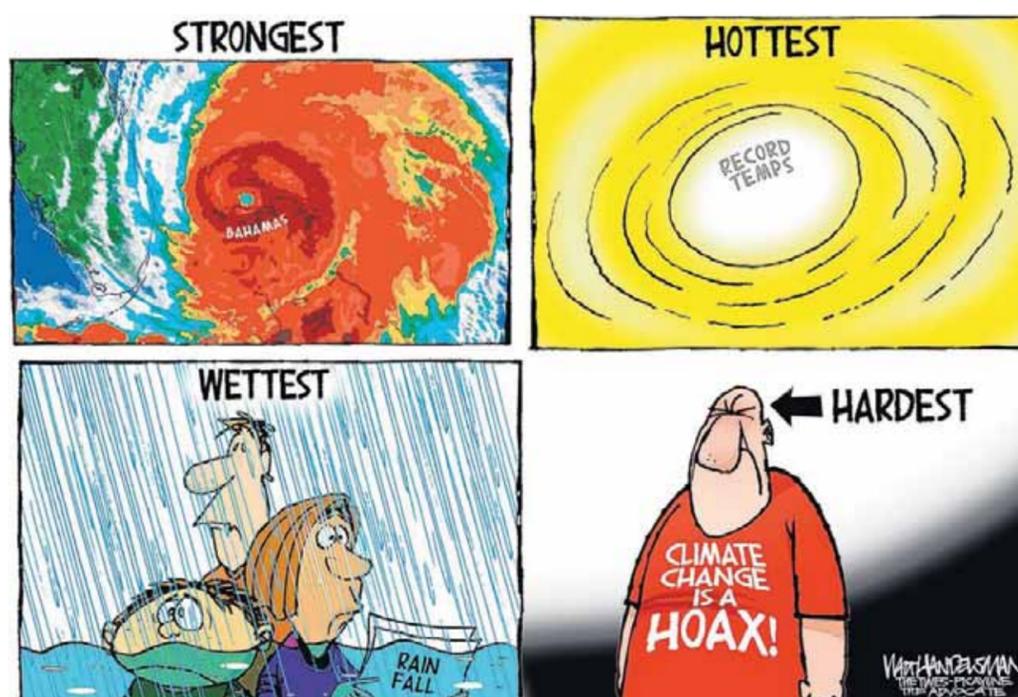
In 2004 the satirist Stephen Colbert made a speech of his own on "The Daily Show." "This is the most important election of our lifetimes," Colbert said. "I know I said that before, but I was talking out my butt. You see, the '76 Ford-Carter race was probably not the turning point on which the fate of humanity rested, as I had claimed. And in retrospect, the Bush-Dukakis campaign was not an electoral Hiroshima to make Armageddon seem like Yahtzee." ...

The Atlantic magazine helped pioneer the phrase during the 21st presidential election in 1868: "It would, indeed, be no exaggeration to say that it will be the most important election that Americans ever have known." Thirty-six most-important elections later, in 2012, an Atlantic writer requested the trope be retired because "pundits and political observers invoke the cliché so reflexively and so often that it no longer has any meaning."

This year, inevitably, another writer in the same magazine called 2020 potentially "the most consequential American presidential election ever."

Avi Selk, *The Washington Post*

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A man writes a note Wednesday amid flowers left outside Hong Kong's Prince Edward train station for protesters who were injured during police arrests.

## Will China crush the Hong Kong protests?



STEVE CHAPMAN

The mass protests in Hong Kong have been the most thrilling news of 2019: a daring, dramatic movement involving people asserting their fervent support for liberty, democracy and the rule of law.

On some weekends, a quarter of the territory's 7.4 million people have thronged the streets to demand reform from the Beijing government, which had tried to force through a new law allowing extradition to the mainland. They persisted, sometimes violently, even as police resorted to tear gas, rubber bullets and arrests of leaders.

On Wednesday, they got a major concession from Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam, who finally agreed to kill the bill. Her hope is that it will douse the discontent. But as is often the case in such crises, it may serve as an accelerant.

Pro-democracy legislator Claudia Mo said Lam's decision was "too little, too late." Adjunct professor Willy Lam of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, told *The New York Times* it

would "not have any impact." But Regina Ip, a pro-Beijing member of the Executive Council warned, "There are no more concessions we can make."

The protesters' demands have long since expanded to include amnesty for the demonstrators, an investigation into police brutality and democratic reforms. Underlying the movement is a desire to preserve Hong Kong's broad freedom from the tight control the Beijing regime exerts over the rest of China.

When the British colony was returned to Chinese rule in 1997, it was assured substantial autonomy until 2047. But when an overreaching central government put a cloud over that special status, Hong Kongers took to the streets.

That spectacle has inspired admiration and awe. But to anyone who has watched events in China and the world in recent years, the central emotion has to be dread.

The protests represent a direct challenge to the sovereignty and power of the ruling Communist Party. It's a challenge the central government is not likely to endure for long. After Oct. 1, when the party commemorates the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic, it may be less reluctant to crack down.

For China's rulers, the movement brings flashbacks of 1989, when students calling for democracy occupied

Tiananmen Square in Beijing. That demonstration arose amid a worldwide surge that brought democracy to places ranging from South Korea to the Soviet Union to Chile. It was natural to expect that China would also make the transition.

It didn't. The government instead chose to crush the opposition with armed troops who killed hundreds if not thousands. The Communist Party held on, and international outrage eventually dissipated. China proceeded to become an economic powerhouse.

It's hard to imagine President Xi Jinping tolerating unending turmoil or accepting the other demands. He is bound to see the unrest as a mortal danger to both China's system of government and its territorial sovereignty.

Letting the protesters win would weaken Beijing's control over its people by signaling that determined, mobilized citizens could defeat the government. Xi did not achieve the most powerful position in China in order to dismantle the system that put him there.

Backing down in Hong Kong would violate what the rulers learned from Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, whose liberalization led to the demise of his government. It would also contradict the lesson they took from the Arab Spring: With sufficient brutality, autocratic regimes can put an end to

popular uprisings.

A retreat would also embolden advocates of independence in Hong Kong — and, even more alarming to Beijing, fuel separatist sentiment in Taiwan. Granting demands for autonomy would call into doubt Beijing's professed commitment to prevent Taiwan from declaring its independence at all costs. The Chinese leaders and people are stalwart in their belief that Hong Kong is theirs — a claim accepted by the rest of the world.

China's rulers obviously hope that withdrawing the extradition measure will soon bring an end to the turbulence. But there is no reason to doubt that if Beijing needs to use overwhelming force, it will do so — and ignore the condemnations from abroad.

The brave idealism of the people of Hong Kong is enough to stir the heart of anyone who cherishes freedom. But the harsh reality is that they are unlikely to get more of what they demand. The movement could end because they accept this modest victory and go back to their normal lives. Or it could end in tears and blood.

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## PERSPECTIVE

# Boris Johnson is presiding over Britain's stupidest hour

BY MEGAN MCARDLE

Tuesday marked the 80th anniversary of Britain's declaration of war on Nazi Germany. That country's brave stand against Adolf Hitler is still rightly regarded as what Prime Minister Winston Churchill called Britain's "finest hour." Now, eight decades later, Britain is mired in its stupidest hour — thanks in no small part to the current Conservative prime minister, Boris Johnson.

Though they share a title and a political party, Johnson is no Churchill. But then, the moment doesn't call for a Churchill. It calls for someone equal to Brexit — which is to say, theatrical, unpredictable and not well thought through. No doubt about it, Johnson is that man.

It is, to be clear, not Johnson's fault that Britain voted to exit the European Union. The blame for that (or credit, if you prefer) accrues to another Johnson predecessor as Tory prime minister, David Cameron, who decided that the best way to quiet anti-EU sentiment within the Conservative Party was a referendum on whether Britain should leave the EU.

The idea was that the benefits of EU membership were so obvious — Polish plumbers! Cheap Spanish holidays! Thirty percent of all food consumed within the United Kingdom! — that "Remain" would win handily, and the Brexiters, properly rebuked, would slink back to their collections of commemorative Victoriana. Whoops.

Johnson, the former London mayor, was the best-known face of the "Leave" campaign, but even if he had never brandished a single spear of stalwart British asparagus at the forces of Europe, Britain

might well have left. All over the Western world, the past few years have seen the emergence of what you might call "the burn it all down" coalition in democratic politics, and long before Johnson came upon the scene, Britain's local arsonists had already chosen the European Parliament as the focus for their incendiary ambitions. Johnson was certainly playing with matches, but that doesn't mean he started the fire.

However, he can be blamed for having supported Brexit without, apparently, having given much thought to little technical details such as, "Whatever shall we do about the Irish border?" Nor has he come up with any very good answers during the ensuing years, as it became clear that those details were making it impossible for Britain's government to devise any course of action that both the EU and a majority of the British Parliament could accept. Johnson was not notably helpful during the three years that his immediate predecessor, Theresa May, tried fruitlessly to come up with some sort of compromise that could muster a majority vote. Now that the power has passed to him, he is trying to dispense with Parliament entirely, and heedlessly, haplessly, hammer Brexit through.

Johnson has asked the queen to "prorogue" Parliament for five weeks, effectively closing out the current session and making it extremely difficult for his opponents to stop Britain's otherwise-automatic exit from the EU, without any sort of deal, on Oct. 31. And so, as if to commemorate the anniversary of Britain's finest hour, the House of Commons came together on Tuesday to vote on a last-ditch effort to stop Johnson from bum-

rushing them through a European exit for which the nation is unprepared. Shortly after 10 p.m. in London, the "ayes" carried the motion to advance a bill that would effectively block a no-deal exit.

There is nothing less dramatic than the high-stakes tedium of parliamentary procedure; these sorts of battles have all the panache, verve and appeal of day-old fish and chips. Yet there is drama, of a sort, because resorting to these kinds of tactics for a major policy matter signals a profound breakdown somewhere else in the political system.

But then, it's hard to find a reasonable solution when your voters seem set on the impossible. A majority of Britons may oppose a no-deal Brexit, but one can find the same poll also showing majorities opposing a second referendum — and earlier polls showed that they weren't any fonder of the only real alternative to those two options, the "soft Brexit" deal May negotiated with the EU.

We're probably in for even more of this technical procedural maneuvering — Johnson threatening to call a snap election, Labour threatening to block it. Everyone searching for a loophole that will obscure the choice unreasoning voters have left them: between indefinite years of economically and politically corrosive indecision, or an immediate separation that will at least be definite, but also definitely very painful for everyone involved.

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## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

### Why no action on gun legislation?

I opened my digital paper on Labor Day, and the front page headlines were all about the latest hurricane, Dorian, and about pregnant women behind bars. It wasn't until I got to Page 9 that a headline read, "15-year-old killed days before he would have started high school." The article reported that the boy "was one of at least four people shot to death in the city early Sunday." An occurrence that should have merited Page 1 has become so routine and ordinary that it was buried in the middle of the paper. Day after day, week after week, innocent people, many of them children, are shot to death. There have been so many mass shootings in our country that it's almost impossible to keep up with them all. And still — we do nothing about guns.

The U.S. House passed a bill in February that would tighten the loopholes regarding gun sales. It's not much, but it would be a start. That bill has been sitting on the Senate's calendar since the House advanced it. Sen. Mitch McConnell hasn't even sent it to committee for discussion and amendment, let alone to the Senate floor for a vote. What kind of people are we? What kind of country have we become?

There is no other country in the developed world that permits such brutality and violence and doesn't try to stop it. Instead, the current occupant of our White House mutters something about how we have "a very big mental problem," and his supporters apparently think that everybody in the country is entitled to tote AK-47s as their constitutional right. Well, it is everybody's right to be able to walk down the street or sit on his or her front porch or ride in a car without getting shot. It is everybody's right to go see a movie or dance in a club or pray in a house of worship without getting shot. So-called gun rights stop where everyone else's lives begin.

When are people's lives going to become more important to us than the profits of the gun manufacturers? We need to bombard our senators with demands to pass gun control legislation. Right now.

— Barbara Lipkin, Naperville

### Maybe the answer is: Fewer guns

Another day, another massacre, and in Texas again. I thought Texas was very proud of itself for being a state where everybody is carrying a weapon and no one would dare perpetrate such an act because they would be gunned down before any real damage could be done. Could it be that the philosophy of "the answer to guns is more guns" is really not working out?

Instead of "prayers to the families," no action taken or more guns: Could the answer be fewer guns? Sadly, being a proponent of gun control would take real courage — something mostly all politicians lack.

— Don Weber, Minooka

### How about making us safer?

On Aug. 1, 1966, after killing his mother and his wife the night before, former Marine Charles Whitman, armed with rifles, fired indiscriminately at people from the clock tower at the University of Texas at Austin. Over an hour and a half, he killed 16 people and wounded 31 others. The story ran on the front page of newspapers across America and was the lead story on newscasts for days. This past Saturday, Aug. 31, after being fired from his job, Seth Ator, armed with a military-style rifle, allegedly killed seven people and injured 22 others. In the Sunday edition of the Chicago Tribune, the story ran on Page 21. Networks gave this story the second or third slot on their newscasts.

It's been 53 years between the two events. It's amazing to see how the media and public now treat these mass-casualty events. Maybe we have become too accepting of them? Maybe we have just become desensitized to them? What does that say about our country? Instead of "Make America Great Again," the president and politicians should "Make America Safe Again." Maybe there would be a greater urgency on their part if their security details, metal detectors and other protective measures were removed, forcing them to live like everyday Americans.

— Lee R. Talley, Tinley Park

### Do cops root for 'more guns'?

Members of law enforcement should thank elected officials for making it possible for people to possess high-powered guns. After all, officers *should* be much safer because everyone will have lots of firepower. If, instead, this makes them uncomfortable, then they should remember to elect those who will have more concern for the safety of law enforcement and all citizens.

— Edwina Jackson, Chicago

### Flags at half-staff the norm

Will the Stars and Stripes, our American flag, be always at half-staff?  
— Judith Studer, Joliet



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Zaniya Smith, 6, checks out her box of free school supplies at Carter School of Excellence in Chicago in 2015.

# Along with school supplies, teachers bring to their classrooms plenty of hope and courage

BY ESTHER J. CEPEDA

Contact paper. Plastic boxes for crayons. Damage-free picture hangers ...

If you're a teacher, this list looks very familiar.

Poster frames. Dry-erase markers. Blank self-adhesive labels ...

These are the kinds of items that don't always make it onto the standard school-supply lists, but we buy them at the start of the school year so that the students streaming into our classrooms for the first day of school can feel welcome and at home. Safe.

Fluffy pillows. Comfy blankets. A few extra granola bars or pretzels for the extra hungry ...

For some students, school is the only place that will offer two meals each week-day and the support of adults who are able to meet their academic and emotional needs with predictable routines. Other students simply need a place where they can let their intellects loose with the guidance of teachers who are ready to challenge them and allow them to struggle productively.

And that takes love, time, energy — and money.

In fact, it takes an average of \$459 a year, according to the Economic Policy Institute, which took the National Center for Educational Statistics' 2011-2012 Schools and Staffing Survey and adjusted for inflation to 2018 dollars.

This is money we're not reimbursed for. Usually it doesn't even take into account money from our own pockets for candy rewards, small toy incentives and special favors like special pencils, erasers or markers.

And the number fluctuates depending on where you live.

Teachers here in Illinois, for instance, spend a little less, with a state average of \$439 a year. Teachers in North Dakota, where the poverty level is slightly under the national average, spend the least out-of-pocket, at \$327. California teachers spend the most, at \$664.

Not coincidentally, California has one of the highest levels of poverty in the U.S.

Those teachers, I'm sure, are shelling out for all manner of "school supplies" that are outside of the regular realm of loose-leaf notebook paper, pencils and sharpeners.

Last year I bought the following "supplies" out of my own pocket: snow pants, backpacks, stickers for class projects, jigsaw puzzles for students who reported having no educational toys at home, and yarn and hooks for a student who wanted to learn how to crochet but whose parents needed to economize with the family budget. I bought a supply of petroleum jelly and cotton swabs for mending winter-dried lips that cracked and bled at school.

This year I'll be teaching mostly Latino fourth-grade students, and I don't know what their needs will be.

Teachers never know.

For the most part, classrooms are a mix of students who find school easy, who get along just fine or simply don't need any extra help — and those who come to school carrying an awful load of emotional or mental baggage that they're not able to articulate on the first day.

The best educators seek to not make such distinctions — they aim to treat each student as an individual learner and not as

the representative of a whole demographic whose income level, immigration status or family history will determine how well they'll perform.

But most of the best — and even a lot of the middling and worst — teachers believe that their students are special and worthy of all the little extras that make school a place that can be full of wonder and fun.

Things such as themed nameplates, bulletin-board displays and four-color glossy pictures so the kids can see their own faces decorating their classroom walls. Or comfy seats for students to read in so they don't have to sit at their desks all day.

Large zip-top bags. Plastic crates. Electric pencil sharpener ...

This year, I went "back to school" on Aug. 1, with full days of professional development to learn how to better teach reading and math. I also learned how to reach kids who might seem to not care but may actually just be hungry or sad.

But along with protecting students, teachers were also taught to protect themselves. We were shown how to get out of a chokehold, a hair pull and a fist strike in case a student attacked.

Most disheartening was that we were taught that our doors must be closed and locked at all times while we're teaching, in case of armed intruders.

This growing climate of fear nationwide makes the list of back-to-school "must-haves" for teachers both free and quite precious: Empathy. Hope. And a whole lot of courage.

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# Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

## Google to pay \$170M to settle YouTube case

Critics slam FTC fine over violations in children's privacy

BY RACHEL LERMAN AND MARCY GORDON  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Google will pay \$170 million to settle allegations its YouTube video service collected personal data on children without their parents' consent.

The company agreed to work with video creators to label material aimed at kids and said it will limit data collection when users view such videos.

Democrats and children's advocacy groups, however, complained that the settlement terms aren't strong



FTC chief Joe Simons announces the fine, the largest the agency has leveled against Google, on Wednesday.

enough to rein in a company whose parent, Alphabet, made a profit of \$30.7 billion last year on revenue of

\$136.8 billion, mostly from targeted ads.

FTC Consumer Protection Director Andrew Smith,

who defended the fine amid criticism that it was too small, called the penalty historic.

Google will pay \$136 million to the Federal Trade Commission and \$34 million to New York state, which had a similar investigation. The fine is the largest the FTC has leveled against Google, although it is tiny compared with the \$5 billion fine imposed against Facebook this year for privacy violations.

The federal government has increased scrutiny of big tech companies in the past two years — especially questioning how the tech giants collect and use personal information from their billions of customers. Many of the huge Silicon Valley companies are also under an-

titrust investigations aimed at determining whether the companies have unlawfully stifled competition.

Kids under 13 are protected by a 1998 federal law that requires parental consent before companies can collect and share their personal information.

Tech companies typically skirt that by banning kids under 13 entirely, though such bans are rarely enforced. In YouTube's lengthy terms of service, those who are under 13 are simply asked, "please do not use the Service."

But younger kids commonly watch videos on YouTube, and many popular YouTube channels feature cartoons or sing-a-longs made for children. According to the FTC, YouTube

assigned ratings to its video channels and even had a "Y" category directed at kids ages 7 or under. Yet from an advertising standpoint, YouTube targeted ads to those kids just as they would adults.

"YouTube touted its popularity with children to prospective corporate clients," FTC Chairman Joe Simons said. Yet when it came to complying with the law, he said, "the company refused to acknowledge that portions of its platform were clearly directed to kids."

According to the settlement, Google and YouTube will get "verifiable" consent from parents before they collect or use personal information from children. The

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HANDOUT

A rendering provided by Conagra Brands shows the kitchen space in its planned innovation center, a 40,000-square-foot space it intends to open next year across from its Merchandise Mart headquarters in Chicago.

## Seeking next Slim Jim, firm bulks up

Conagra to build new snacking innovation center in Chicago

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

The science of snacking may take a bold step forward with Conagra's announced plans to build a new 40,000-square-foot innovation center across from its Merchandise Mart headquarters in Chicago.

Slated to open next year in the former Apparel Center, the state-of-the-art facility will focus exclusively on advances in snacking, where a team of researchers will push the envelope on food and packaging breakthroughs to enable rapid development of "contemporary, on-trend" products, the company said Wednesday.

The goal? Develop the next Slim Jim or Boomchickapop to sate changing and generally healthier consumer cravings, while keeping Conagra on the cutting edge of snacking.



JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

While the Chicago innovation center will look to stay on top on consumer snacking trends, old standbys like Slim Jim still have a place in Conagra's snacking portfolio.

"We plan on creating, designing new foods and experiences in snacks that people are not experiencing today," said Corey Berends, senior vice president of research and development for Conagra Brands.

The Conagra Brands Center for Food Design is scheduled to open in the first quarter of 2020, housing a

staff of up to 50 employees, including food and packaging designers, as well as members of the company's culinary team. About half of the staff will be new hires, Berends said.

Conagra has about 550 employees at its Merchandise Mart headquarters.

Snack foods are a \$43 billion industry in the U.S., with healthier products and more innovative flavors boosting growth, according to a June research report by IBISWorld. The segment is also a growing part of Conagra's business, bolstered by several recent "healthier" snack food acquisitions.

In 2017, Conagra bought Angie's Boomchickapop, Duke's meat snacks and Bigs seeds, all of which are considered to be on the healthier end of the snacking spectrum. Creating a Chicago research and development facility is a way to ensure their continued growth, Berends said.

Last year, snacks represented \$2 billion in sales for Conagra. Some of

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## On recreational pot, Naperville will just say no

Council voted to opt out of the license awarded

BY ALLY MAROTTI

One of the first recreational marijuana licenses awarded by Illinois has encountered a hitch after Naperville's City Council voted Tuesday to opt out of such sales.

Last week, the state awarded five licenses to medical dispensaries operated by Chicago-based Green Thumb Industries. But Naperville's decision Tuesday means the recipient of one of those licenses — 3C Compassionate Care Center medical dispensary — won't be able to sell recreational weed on Jan. 1. And because of the way the state is interpreting the marijuana law Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed in June, GTI can't easily relocate the Naperville dispensary.

Naperville's 6-3 vote on Tuesday marks one of the first major roadblocks for Illinois' marijuana industry as it prepares for recreational sales next year. Whether GTI, or any other company, can open a store for recreational marijuana, could be reconsidered by the council after a potential non-binding voter referendum.

"I don't see this as a definite opt out. I see it as a temporary decision until a final decision is made," said

Councilwoman Judith Brodhead, who voted in favor of recreational sales. "This is not an issue we've been asked about before."

Still, even a temporary ban on recreational sales in Naperville could be a setback for GTI, which has operated a medical marijuana dispensary in the suburb since 2015.

Illinois' recreational marijuana law allowed the state's 55 medical dispensaries to apply to sell recreational weed from their existing locations, giving them first access to a market expected to reach nearly \$1.3 billion by 2023.

GTI said in a statement Wednesday that it plans to keep working with Naperville.

"We appreciate the time and effort the Naperville City Council has put into debating the sale of adult-use cannabis in Naperville and look forward to continuing the conversation," GTI spokeswoman Linda Marsicano said in a statement. "We believe that allowing adult-use sales will benefit the community in terms of tax revenue, job creation and community oversight."

The state's new marijuana law allows municipalities to ban recreational sales. If cities and towns don't act, shops awarded recreational licenses can go ahead and sell next year.

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Naperville's City Council voted Tuesday to opt out of recreational marijuana sales initially.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

PepsiCo is in advanced talks to move into about 200,000 square feet in The Old Post Office, according to sources.

## Old Post Office closes in on leases

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On Real Estate

Another 320,000 square feet of office space is being gobbled up at The Old Post

Office redevelopment, continuing a run of big leases in the long-vacant structure that will become one of Chicago's largest office properties when it opens in October.

PepsiCo is in advanced talks to move into about 200,000 square feet in the 2.8 million-square-foot building along the Chicago River, according to sources. Meanwhile, WeWork is zeroing in on a lease of about 120,000 square feet, the sources said.

The leases are not final-

ized and could still fall apart.

If completed, the deals will continue a run on space in the huge building at 433 W. Van Buren St. that sat vacant for more than two decades before developer 601W Cos. took on a more than \$800 million renovation.

The first few tenants are set to move into the building in October and November. Several other companies plan to move in next year.

WeWork's deal represents continued growth in

Chicago, while PepsiCo plans to relocate from a larger space in a nearby tower at 555 W. Monroe St.

WeWork earlier this year eclipsed 1 million square feet of space leased in Chicago, making the co-working space provider the largest tenant of lease space downtown. Leases that are completed or under negotiation total about 1.8 million square feet, according to Telos Group, which represents 601W in leasing.

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# Bud Light ordered to remove 'No Corn Syrup' label

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

Bud Light was ordered by a Wisconsin federal judge Wednesday to stop using the label "No Corn Syrup" on its packaging, the latest legal salvo in an ongoing advertising war with Miller Lite and Coors Light.

The ruling extends a May injunction barring Bud Light from running certain TV, billboard and print advertising that suggested Miller Lite and Coors light contained corn syrup in their finished products. Chicago-based MillerCoors sued Bud Light brewer Anheuser-Busch over the advertising campaign, which it said was misleading consumers and hurting beer sales.

"Today's ruling is another victory for MillerCoors, but more importantly it is another victory for the American public against deceptive advertising like Bud Light's," MillerCoors CEO Gavin Hattersley said in a news release. "Bud Light's campaign was bad for the public, bad for the industry and against the law."

Anheuser-Busch has until March to run through its current supply of "No Corn Syrup" labeling, which appears prominently on cases, 12-packs and six-packs of Bud Light. While the Bud Light packages don't directly name Miller Lite and Coors Light, after seven



This undated image provided by Anheuser-Busch shows a scene from the company's Bud Light 2019 Super Bowl NFL football spot.

ANHEUSER-BUSCH

months of attack ads and legal squabbling, the intended target of the message was clear.

"A substantial segment of consumers would infer that Bud Light's principal competitors contain corn syrup, especially after a hundred

million dollar television and print campaign misleadingly suggesting the same thing," the judge's order said.

Bud Light started the Corn Syrup War with a TV commercial during February's Super Bowl broadcast,

where their mythical medieval king leads a quest to return corn syrup mistakenly delivered to his castle to Miller Lite and Coors Light.

In response, MillerCoors pulled out of a long-planned industry advertis-

ing collaboration with Anheuser-Busch and defended its use of corn syrup as a fermenting sugar, which is broken down in the brewing process. It does not add high fructose corn syrup to its finished product, which some consumers

avoid as a potential health risk, the company said.

MillerCoors then went on the advertising offensive, parodying Bud Light's medieval kingdom with ads during March Madness TV broadcasts of the NCAA men's basketball tournament. Several days after those ads first aired, MillerCoors sued Anheuser-Busch, looking to "set the record straight" regarding its use of corn syrup.

Anheuser-Busch remains unapologetic, vowing to continue to make its case — in court and to the public — despite Wednesday's ruling.

"Bud Light is brewed with no corn syrup — plain and simple," Anheuser-Busch spokeswoman Jennifer Morris said in an emailed statement. "We look forward to defending our right to inform beer drinkers of this fact at trial and on appeal. MillerCoors is resisting consumer demands for transparency in the ingredients used to brew its beers, but those demands are here to stay. We will continue leading this movement in the beer industry."

Meanwhile, the original Bud Light corn syrup Super Bowl ad, which was not barred by the federal judge, remains on the air, Anheuser-Busch said.

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## Audit: Ill. spent \$4.6M on health insurance for dead people

BY LISA SCHENCKER

Illinois paid an estimated \$4.6 million in state and federal money to health insurance organizations to cover people on Medicaid who were dead, according to a federal audit released Tuesday.

The state paid the money to Medicaid managed care organizations — insurers that administer Medicaid benefits for the state — between

Oct. 1, 2015 and Sept. 30, 2017, according to a federal audit. Medicaid is a state and federally funded health insurance program for the poor.

Now, the state has been advised to try to get the money back and repay the federal portion of \$3.2 million.

Auditors said the error occurred because the state did not enter the Medicaid beneficiaries' dates of death into its system used to pro-

cess payments and track eligibility and enrollment information. The state attributed that error to a technical flaw in the system, according to the audit.

The audit was performed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General, which has found similar problems in other states, including Ohio, Texas and California.

Auditors started with

more than 11,000 monthly payments made on behalf of people whom were identified as deceased in Social Security records. They then looked at a random sample of 100 of those payments made to insurers during that time to confirm that the patients were dead and that payments were made on their behalf.

They were able to confirm that payments made on behalf of most of the people associated with those pay-

ments were dead, and that Illinois did not recover any of those payments.

Auditors recommended that in addition to recovering and refunding the federal money, Illinois add the dates of death to its system.

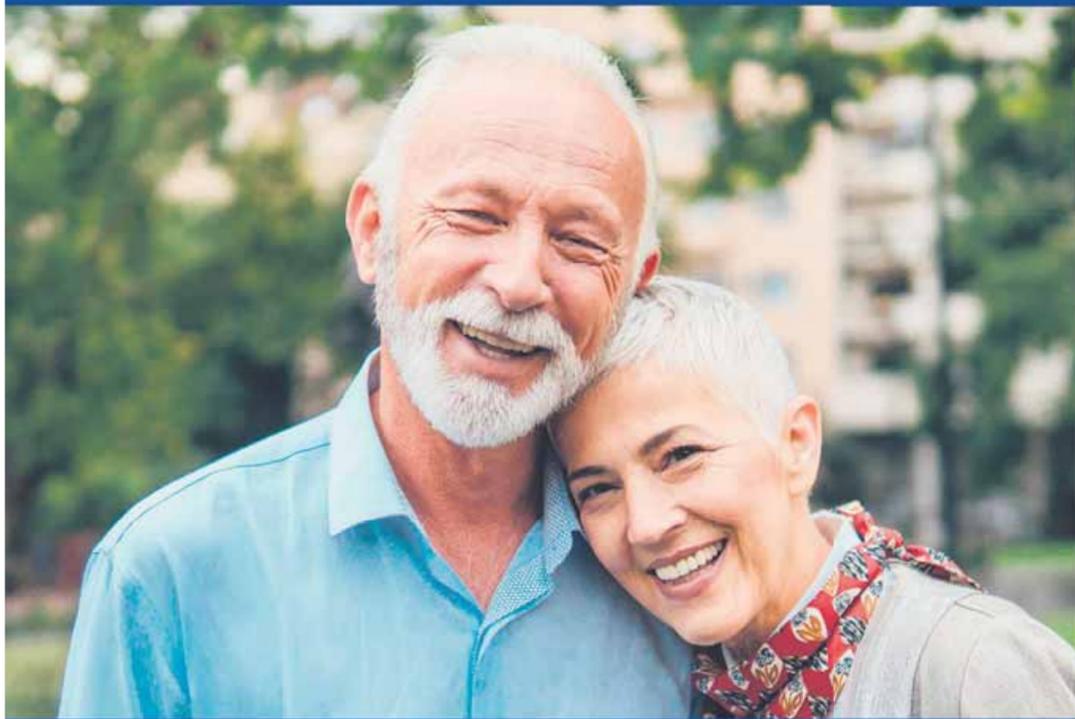
The state's Medicaid administrator, Doug Elwell, said in a written response to the audit in July that the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services will verify that beneficia-

ries identified as deceased by the auditors are dead. It will then recover those payments and refund the federal government for them, Elwell wrote. He said the state's processing system will be modified to make sure dates of death are included.

Over the two years included in the audit, the state paid a total of \$11 billion to Medicaid managed care organizations, according to the report.

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# Mich. moves to be 1st state to ban flavored e-cigarettes

BY DAVID EGGERT  
Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer moved Wednesday to make her state the first to ban flavored electronic cigarettes, accusing companies of using candy flavors and deceptive advertising to “hook children on nicotine.”

The Democrat ordered the state health department to issue emergency rules that will prohibit the sale of flavored nicotine vaping products, including to adults, and the misleading marketing of e-cigarettes. Retailers would have 30 days to comply with the rules once they are filed in coming weeks. They will almost certainly be challenged in court.

New York last November began taking steps to bar the sale of flavored e-cigarettes but withdrew proposed rules to allow more time for legal review. The federal government and states ban the sale of vaping products to minors, but government survey figures show that last year, one in five U.S. high school students reported vaping in the previous month. Top government health officials, including the surgeon general, have flagged the trend as an epidemic.

“Right now, companies selling vaping products are using candy flavors to hook



A selection of flavored vaping supplies on display in the window of a store in New York. RICHARD B. LEVINE/SIPA USA 2018

children on nicotine and misleading claims to promote the belief that these products are safe. That ends today,” Whitmer said in a written statement, noting that Michigan’s chief medical executive determined that youth vaping constitutes a public health emergency.

As of last week, 215 possible cases of severe pulmonary disease associated with the use of e-cigarettes had been reported by 25 states, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Michigan officials are investigating six such cases. Illinois health officials last month said a patient who contracted a serious lung disease after vaping died; they considered it the first death in the United States linked to the smoking alternative that has become popular with teens and

young adults.

Whitmer’s announcement drew praise from public health groups and criticism from groups that advocate for vaping.

“This shameless attempt at backdoor prohibition will close down several hundred Michigan small businesses and could send tens of thousands of ex-smokers back to deadly combustible cigarettes,” said Gregory Conley, president of the American Vaping Association. “These businesses and their customers will not go down without a fight. We look forward to supporting the lawsuits that now appear necessary to protect the right of adults to access these harm reduction products.”

He said the ban would create a “massive” black market. He blamed the recent spate of lung illnesses

on illegal vape pens that contain THC, the compound that gives marijuana its high.

Health experts say nicotine is harmful to developing brains, and some researchers worry that addicted teens will eventually switch from vaping to smoking.

The rise in teen vaping has been driven mainly by flavored cartridge-based products such as Juul. The rechargeable, odorless device can be used discreetly in bathrooms, hallways and even classrooms.

Juul’s top executives have disputed allegations that they have marketed their products to teens, declaring that they have taken unprecedented steps to combat underage use of its e-cigarettes. The company has shut down its Facebook and Instagram pages.

## Sales

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Naperville’s decision to ban recreational sales puts the spotlight on limits the state has put on marijuana dispensary relocations. The state has determined that if a medical dispensary wishes to relocate for any reason — whether it’s for more space or if a home municipality bans recreational sales — it forfeits its right to also sell recreational marijuana.

Municipalities around the state are grappling with how to handle recreational marijuana sales. Bolingbrook passed an ordinance last month to ban recreational stores, and Wheaton’s city manager Mike Dzigan on Wednesday said the city plans to opt out as well.

Naperville Councilman Kevin Coyne said the decisions from neighboring municipalities were a consideration in his vote Tuesday to opt out of recreational sales.

“I’m not interested in seeing Naperville be the capital in the county for marijuana sales, and I really believe that’s what would happen,” he said. Lawmakers have gone

back and forth with the governor on the issue. Pritzker noted in a letter to lawmakers last week that the state doesn’t know how many shops would be affected by the limitation, as many municipalities haven’t decided on how to regulate recreational sales. He also said that dispensary operators can still seek licenses for a second retail location.

The state’s position to not allow medical dispensaries to relocate and still sell recreational marijuana could end up conflicting with what works best for municipalities, said Mark de Souza, CEO of Revolution Enterprises.

Mt. Prospect is considering having Revolution relocate its medical dispensary in the village to accommodate the increased traffic recreational sales could bring, De Souza said.

Revolution will follow the state’s regulations regardless, De Souza said, but currently, the state’s “interpretation kind of hinders the intent of what the program was supposed to be” as it transitioned to recreational.

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## Google

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company also agreed not to use personal information they collected from children before.

YouTube has its own service for children, YouTube Kids. The kids-focused service already requires parental consent and uses simple math problems to ensure that kids aren’t signing in on their own.

YouTube Kids does not target ads based on viewer interests the way the main YouTube service does. But the children’s version does track information about what kids are watching in order to recommend videos. It also collects person-

ally identifying device information.

On Wednesday, Google said that starting early next year, it will also limit targeting on its main service for videos meant for kids. Google is relying on video creators to label such items, though it will also employ artificial intelligence to help.

YouTube won’t seek parental consent there, however, even on videos intended for children. The company is avoiding that precaution by instead turning off any personal tracking on those videos, saying it will collect only what is needed to make the service work.

The settlement now needs to be approved by a federal court in Washington.

## Conagra

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the more iconic brands in the food giant’s snacking portfolio include Slim Jim, Jiffy Pop, Swiss Miss and Fiddle Faddle.

But with millennials driving future growth, trends shaping the industry include everything from smaller portions and green manufacturing processes to sustainable packaging, according to a recent report by IRI, a Chicago-based market research firm. For many, the snacks also have to fit with an overall healthier diet.

The products still need to satisfy a case of the munchies, with the average consumer snacking nearly three times a day, according

to IRI. Not surprisingly, the fastest growing segment of snacks fall under the banner of “permissible indulgence.”

“You want something that looks and tastes great, but I don’t want to blow my entire diet,” Berends said.

An example of permissible indulgence in the Conagra pipeline is an as-yet-unnamed refrigerated pudding from Duncan Hines set to launch shortly. Think frosted yellow cake in a cup.

“It’s in a small format, so it’s low calories, but the experience is terrific,” Berends said. “When you spoon it down, you’ve got a cakelike yellow texture at the bottom, while the top might be more of a frosting-type texture. It’s something that’s not in pudding today.”

One of the largest packaged food conglomerates in

North America with \$9.5 billion in annual sales, Conagra started in 1919 as Nebraska Consolidated Mills. Renamed Conagra in 1971, the company built its portfolio through acquisitions, with signature brands including Marie Callender’s, Healthy Choice, Hebrew National, Orville Redenbacher’s, Hunt’s and Peter Pan.

In 2016, Conagra Foods moved its corporate headquarters from Omaha, Neb., to Chicago’s Merchandise Mart. One of Conagra’s first acquisitions after relocating was Frontera Foods, the Chicago-based gourmet Mexican food company started by chef Rick Bayless.

The company maintains a research and development facility in Omaha, which is focused primarily on frozen food, Berends said.

While the Chicago innovation center will look to stay on top on consumer snacking trends, old standbys like Slim Jim still have a place in Conagra’s snacking portfolio, Berends said.

“Health and wellness are important, but taste is still going to win,” Berends said.

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The building’s largest tenant, Uber Technologies, in August confirmed it has signed a 463,000-square-foot lease that will give the San Francisco-based company room for thousands of Chicago employees.

Deerfield-based Walgreens already has leased about 200,000 square feet.

Other companies that have signed large leases or are close to completing deals include CBOE Global Markets, Cisco Systems,

Ferrara Candy, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, AbelsonTaylor and Home Chef.

New York-based 601W is represented in the leases by Telos Group brokers Steve Smith, Dan Heckman and Jamey Dix.

Crain’s Chicago Business first reported PepsiCo’s negotiations at the riverfront building.

Telos Group spokeswoman Cailin Rogers declined to comment on the pending leases. Representatives of Purchase, N.Y.-based PepsiCo could not be reached for comment. WeWork spokesman Leor Reef de-

clined to comment.

New York-based WeWork’s latest deal comes as the company prepares to go public. WeWork in August filed its initial public offering prospectus.

Many analysts and investors have expressed skepticism about several aspects of the IPO, including the company’s huge operating losses amid rapid growth, its long-term lease obligations, and the short-term commitments of many clients that occupy WeWork offices.

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### Savings Update

#### 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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# 1.3 billion tons of food wasted per year

Researchers' global plan aims to curb problem by 2030

BY DEBORAH NETBURN  
Los Angeles Times

Across the planet, more than a billion tons of essential, nutritious, life-sustaining food goes to waste each year.

It is being eaten by weevils in sub-Saharan Africa and inadvertently passed over by harvesters in the rice fields of Southeast Asia. It gets scraped into the trash in restaurants in North America, and sometimes left to rot on the vine on farms in Europe. In today's economy, it can be cheaper for farmers to leave perfectly good food in the fields than to sell it.

Roughly one-third of all food produced on Earth is either wasted or lost somewhere along the way from the farm to our bellies, according to a 2011 report from the United Nations' Food and Agricultural Organization. That translates to about 1.3 billion metric tons of food loss per year.

And if that proportion doesn't change, the amount of wasted food will balloon to 2.1 billion tons per year by 2030, experts say.

All this wasted food isn't just an ethical problem — it's an environmental problem as well.

Agriculture accounts for at least 8.4% of total greenhouse gas emissions across the globe, according to the U.N. (Meat, dairy and rice production are the biggest offenders.) Currently, emissions associated with food that is lost or wasted adds up to about 4.4 gigatons of greenhouse gases per year. That means that if uneaten food were its own country, it would be the third-largest greenhouse gas emitter in the world, just after China and the U.S.

To tackle this issue, members of the U.N. adopted a planetwide goal of reducing food waste by



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50% by the year 2030. Exactly how to accomplish that goal, however, was not part of the conversation.

But now researchers have a global action plan.

In a report published last month by the World Resources Institute, a team of experts who study food loss and waste lay out a strategy that they say could accomplish the U.N.'s ambitious goal. All it will take is for just about everyone — from farmers to eaters — to change what they're doing now.

"The problem is dispersed across so many actors, and we all play a role," said Craig Hanson, who studies sustainable food systems at WRI, a global research institution. "Everyone has to do their part and follow through. It's got to be a full-chain kind of approach."

The percentage of food lost and wasted is ultimately pretty similar across differ-

ent regions of the globe, according to the U.N.'s Food and Agricultural Organization. In North America, about 35% of total food produced never gets consumed by humans, along with 36% in sub-Saharan Africa and 34% in Europe, South America and industrialized Asia. South and Southeast Asia are outliers, with just 26% of the region's total food going to waste.

What does differ wildly between regions is the amount of food lost per capita, WRI analysts determined. In North America, for example, 650 pounds of food are lost or wasted for every man, woman and child each year. That's more than twice as much as in South and Southeast Asia, where it's 243 pounds wasted per person per year.

Another source of disparity was where along the chain that food gets lost. In North America, 58% of total

food loss occurs at the consumption stage and 6% is lost during storage and handling. In sub-Saharan Africa, just 6% of total food loss occurs at the consumption phase, but 36% is lost during storage and handling, FAO data show.

That means no single intervention will work for every region on the planet.

Improving access to solar-powered cold storage facilities and airtight grain storage bags could radically reduce the amount of food lost in developing nations. In wealthier countries, however, consumers will need to be persuaded to buy more fruits and vegetables that look "imperfect" but are totally fine to eat. It would also help for manufacturers to replace "sell by" labels with ones that say "use by."

Instead of a one-size-fits-all solution to solving the food loss and waste crisis,

the new report proposes a simple three-step system that they say can be implemented across the planet. They call it "Target-Measure-Act."

The first part of this strategy is to establish clear goals. The report's authors know this is doable because it has already occurred in countries that are home to about half of the world's population, including Australia, Japan, Norway, the Arab Emirates, Vietnam, China, and members of the European and African unions. In addition, food retailers and manufacturers in the U.S. and elsewhere — including Kroger, Walmart, Wegmans, Kellogg Co. and PepsiCo — have made commitments to halve food loss and waste in their own operations by 2030.

It's a decent start. But more countries will have to set their own goals around food loss and waste if the

U.N.'s target will be reached by 2030.

"Ideally within a couple of years, 90% or more of the world will live in a country with an explicit food loss waste reduction target," Hanson said.

To know how well the world is progressing toward that goal, governments and industries need to have better data on how much food is being wasted now and where in the food chain it is disappearing. This will allow policymakers to identify what the authors call "hot spots" and target those points directly.

Many countries have already taken steps to improve their measurements of lost and wasted food over the last two decades.

The United Kingdom has been a global leader, producing countrywide estimates of food waste for 2007, 2010, 2014, 2015 and 2018. The U.S. has been estimating food loss and waste both per capita and in absolute amounts since 2015. Japan has been collecting post-farm food loss and waste data since 2001. Other countries are getting on board as well, including Kenya, Saudi Arabia, Spain, New Zealand, Zambia and Argentina.

Ultimately, however, the goal of reducing lost and wasted food across the globe can be achieved only with concrete action, the report authors say.

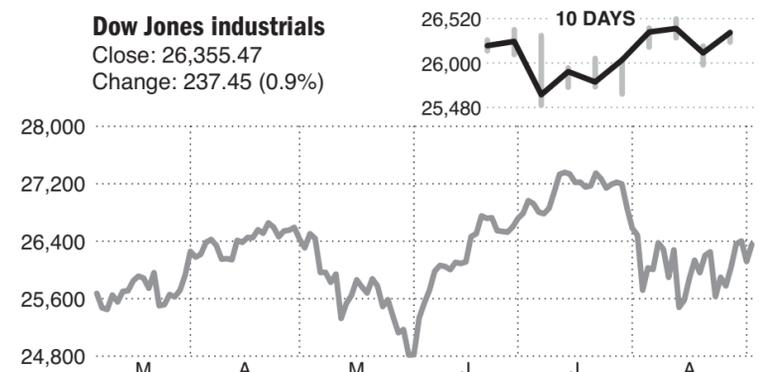
This might look like the pay-as-you-throw policy implemented in South Korea in 2013 that requires residents of Seoul to pay for the food they waste by weight.

It might look like North American farmers allowing nonprofit organizations to collect unharvested crops that can't be sold and redistributing them to food pantries and soup kitchens.

It might also look like catering companies keeping better track of what foods are most likely to be left over and making less of them next time.

## MARKET ROUNDUP

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SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs-	cents per lb	Sep 19 28.74	28.88	28.64	28.79	-.08
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Arch Dan Mid	N	38.24	+25	First Indl RT	N	39.33	+22	NiSource Inc	N	30.21	+15
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CF Industries	N	47.76	+51	ITW	N	146.79	+173	TransUnion	N	83.73	+26
CME Group	O	221.06	+330	Ingredion Inc	N	78.74	+51	Tribune Media Co A	N	46.61	...
CNA Financial	N	47.46	+62	John Bean Technol	N	100.91	+187	US Foods Holding	N	40.82	+62
Cabot Microelect	O	126.61	+274	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	134.27	+223	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	228.76	-865
Caterpillar Inc	N	119.10	+207	Kemper Corp	N	70.93	+173	United Airlines Hldg	O	83.91	+76
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	28.89	+39	Kraft Heinz Co	O	26.26	+20	Ventas Inc	N	75.02	+41
Deere Co	N	151.72	+90	LKQ Corporation	O	26.41	+11	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	51.43	+100
Discover Fin Svcs	N	79.33	+87	Littelfuse Inc	O	159.44	+346	Wintrust Financial	O	61.58	+85
Dover Corp	N	93.25	+74	McDonalds Corp	N	218.50	+137	Zebra Tech	O	200.60	+162

## MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	8.80	+47
Bank of America	27.49	+44
Chesapeake Energy	1.47	+09
Ford Motor	9.20	+10
Am Eagle Outfit	14.38	-189
Cleveland-Cliffs Inc	7.15	+37
Sthwstn Energy	1.77	+13
Bco Santander SA	3.72	+05
AT&T Inc	35.72	+34
Pfizer Inc	35.83	-29
Annaly Capital Mgmt	8.23	+04
Ambev S.A.	4.58	+14
Cloudera Inc	7.21	+03
Petrobras	13.98	+58
Infosys Ltd	11.68	+40
Snap Inc A	15.80	-13
Redwood Trust Inc	16.46	-21
Wells Fargo & Co	46.50	+41
Transocean Ltd	4.69	+21
Vale SA	11.24	+33
EnCana Corp	4.45	+08
Teva Pharm	7.10	+15
Itau Unibanco Hldg	8.07	+15
YPF Sociedad	8.47	+34

## LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	35.72	+34
Alibaba Group Hldg	174.33	+192
Alphabet Inc C	1181.41	+1302
Alphabet Inc A	1182.27	+1302
Amazon.com Inc	1800.62	+1078
Apple Inc	209.19	+349
Bank of America	27.49	+44
Berkshire Hath B	202.19	+129
Disney	137.89	+158
Exxon Mobil Corp	69.29	+73
Facebook Inc	187.14	+475
HSBC Holdings prA	26.15	+07
JPMorgan Chase	109.87	+131
Johnson & Johnson	128.86	+12
MasterCard Inc	286.10	+599
Microsoft Corp	137.63	+159
Procter & Gamble	123.21	+185
Visa Inc	181.77	+257
Walmart Strs	115.91	+127

## LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets				
FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR	%RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	31.66	+34	...	-4
American Funds AMRCNBAlA m	27.57	+20	...	+51
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	48.18	+70	...	+15
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	61.27	+57	...	+5.3
American Funds FdmlInvSA m	58.60	+73	...	+9
American Funds FdAmrcA m	49.45	+54	...	-7
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.69	+19	...	+5.0
American Funds InvCmrcA m	37.85	+43	...	+7
American Funds NwPrsPctvA m	44.42	+59	...	+2.9
American Funds WAMtInvSA m	45.97	+51	...	+5.3
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.25	+03	...	+9.6
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	39.46	+53	...	-4.7
Dodge & Cox Stk	182.28	+237	...	-4.3
DoubleLine TRtRetBdl	10.83	...	...	+3.5
Fidelity 500IIdxPrm	102.43	+111	...	+8.0
Fidelity Contrafund	13.06	+13	...	+5
Fidelity TlMktIdxPrm	83.19	+89	...	+1.7
Fidelity USBDIdxPrm	12.10	+01	...	+3.7
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.28	+02	...	+0.6
Metropolitan West TRtRetBdl	11.18	+01	...	+10.9
PIMCO IncI2	11.90	...	...	+5.4
PIMCO IncIstl	11.90	...	...	+5.5
PIMCO TlRetIns	10.63	+02	...	+11.0
Schwab SP500IIdx	45.51	+49	...	+3.5
T. Rowe Price BCGr	115.84	+123	...	+4.0
T. Rowe Price GrStk	68.65	+77	...	+3.4
Vanguard 500IIdxAdmrl	272.02	+294	...	+3.5
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	37.50	+26	...	+5.7
Vanguard DivGrInv	30.43	+24	...	+16.5
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	74.87	+76	...	+3.9
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	85.85	+101	...	+5.2
Vanguard HCAmrl	81.03	+02	...	-4.7
Vanguard InTrngAdmrl	10.17	+02	...	+1.7
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	14.61	...	...	+8.3
Vanguard InslIdxIns	266.91	+288	...	+3.5
Vanguard InslIdxInsPlus	266.94	+289	...	+3.5
Vanguard InslTSMInPls	63.28	+68	...	+1.9
Vanguard MdCpldxAdmrl	205.02	+2.20	...	+1.6
Vanguard PmCpAdmrl	136.36	+1.64	...	-2.8
Vanguard STInvMGrdAdmrl	10.79	+01	...	+6.2
Vanguard SmCpldxAdmrl	72.83	+76	...	-6.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	32.09	+20	...	+5.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	19.21	+14	...	+4.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	34.93	+29	...	+3.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.39	+19	...	+2.9
Vanguard TBMIdxAdmrl	11.23	+01	...	+10.9
Vanguard TBMIdxIns	11.23	+01	...	+10.9
Vanguard TlMktIdxAdmrl	23.64	-02	...	+11.5
Vanguard TlMktIdxIns	35.48	-03	...	+11.6
Vanguard TlMktIdxInv	11.82	-02	...	+11.5
Vanguard TlMktIdxAdmrl	27.41	+37	...	-1.7
Vanguard TlMktIdxIns	109.62	+149	...	-1.7
Vanguard TlMktIdxPlus	109.64	+148	...	-1.7
Vanguard TlMktIdxInv	16.39	+23	...	+1.8
Vanguard TlSMIdxAdmrl	72.82	+		

# OBITUARIES

**FRANCO COLUMBU** 1941-2019

## Bodybuilder and Schwarzenegger friend started career as a boxer

By **GIADA ZAMPANO**  
Associated Press

ROME — Italian bodybuilder, boxer and actor Franco Columbu, one of Arnold Schwarzenegger's closest friends, has died in his native Sardinia. He was 78.

Columbu died at John Paul II hospital in the city of Olbia after he became ill while swimming in the sea, the hospital said. He lived in Los Angeles for years but was vacationing in Sardinia.

Schwarzenegger, a bodybuilder before he turned to acting, posted a warm farewell on Twitter about the man he called "my best friend." He often referred to Columbu as the strongest man he ever knew.

The two men built an enduring friendship after meeting in Germany 54 years ago.

"I love you Franco. I will always remember the joy you brought to my life, the advices you gave me, and the twinkle in your eye that never disappeared," the move star and former California governor wrote.

After starting his career as a boxer, Columbu progressed into Olympic weightlifting, powerlifting, and later bodybuilding, winning the prestigious title of Mr. Olympia in 1976 and 1981.

Besides his athletic career, Columbu acted for TV shows series and in movies.



MIKE KULLEN/AP 1986

Maid of Honor Caroline Kennedy and Best Man Franco Columbu, leave St. Francis Xavier Church after the wedding of Caroline's cousin Maria Shriver to Arnold Schwarzenegger in Hyannis, Mass.

He appeared in three of Schwarzenegger's films: "The Terminator," "The Running Man" and "Conan the Barbarian."

Sylvester Stallone also remembered Columbu in a tweet.

"The greatest and strongest bodybuilder I have ever met has passed. He taught me many things that I have applied throughout my life - We will NEVER HAVE A MAN LIKE THIS AGAIN," the actor tweeted

Schwarzenegger, who chose his longtime friend to be his best man when he married Maria Shriver in 1986, also paid tribute to Columbu Saturday on the website Medium and photos of them taken together.

"From the minute we met in Munich, you were my partner in crime. We pushed each other, we competed with each other, and we laughed at every moment along the way," the actor wrote.

## Chicago Daily Tribune

ON SEPTEMBER 5 ...

**In 1698**, Russia's Peter the Great imposed a tax on beards.

**In 1774**, the first Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia.

**In 1793**, the Reign of Terror began during the French Revolution as the National Convention instituted harsh measures to repress counter-revolutionary activities.

**In 1836**, Sam Houston was elected president of the Republic of Texas.

**In 1882**, the nation's first Labor Day parade was held in New York.

**In 1905**, the Treaty of Portsmouth, ending the Russo-Japanese War, was signed in New Hampshire.

**In 1914**, the First Battle of the Marne began during World War I.

**In 1939**, the United States proclaimed its neutrality in World War II.

**In 1945**, Iva Toguri D'Aquino, a Japanese-American suspected of being wartime broadcaster Tokyo Rose, was arrested in Yokohama. (D'Aquino served six years in prison; she was pardoned in 1977 by President Gerald Ford.)

**In 1957**, the novel "On the Road," by Beat writer Jack Kerouac was first published.

**In 1958**, the novel "Doctor Zhivago" by Russian author Boris Pasternak was first published in the United States.

**In 1972**, Arab guerrillas

attacked the Israeli delegation at the Munich Olympic games; 11 Israelis, five guerrillas and a police officer were killed in the siege.

**In 1975**, President Gerald Ford escaped an attempt on his life by Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, a disciple of Charles Manson, in Sacramento, Calif.

**In 1977**, the U.S. launched the Voyager 1 spacecraft two weeks after launching its twin, Voyager 2.

**In 1990**, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein urged Arabs to rise up in a holy war against the West and former allies who had turned against him.

**In 1992**, a strike that had idled nearly 43,000 General Motors Corp. workers ended as members of a United Auto Workers local in Lordstown, Ohio, approved a new agreement.

**In 1993**, seven Nigerian soldiers were killed in a militia ambush in Somalia as they went to the aid of other UN peacekeepers surrounded by a stone-throwing mob.

**In 1994**, a U.N.-sponsored population conference opened in Egypt, with Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland lashing out at the Vatican and Muslim fundamentalists by defending abortion rights and sex education.

**In 1995**, France ended its three-year moratorium on nuclear tests, setting off an underground blast on a South Pacific atoll.

**In 1999**, hundreds of Islamic insurgents launched a new offensive in southern

Russia, hours after a bomb smashed a building housing Russian military families; the blast was the first of four apartment building explosions blamed by Russian officials on Chechen rebels that killed a total of about 300 people.

**In 2000**, on the eve of congressional hearings into the recall of 6.5 million Firestone tires, Ford Motor Co. released new documents to bolster its contention that it had no reason to doubt the safety of the tires being investigated in 88 deaths.

**In 2001**, Mexican President Vicente Fox arrived at the White House as the first state visitor of George W. Bush's presidency. **Also in 2001** Peru's attorney general filed homicide charges against Alberto Fujimori, linking the former president (who is living in self-exile in Japan) to two massacres by paramilitary death squads in the early 1990s. **Also in 2001** sports commentator Heywood Hale Broun died in Kingston, N.Y.; he was 83.

**In 2002**, Afghan President Hamid Karzai survived an assassination attempt in Kandahar, hours after an explosives-packed car tore through a Kabul market.

**In 2003**, Israeli commandos killed a Hamas bomber in a firefight and pulverized the West Bank apartment building in which he had been hiding.

**In 2005**, President George W. Bush nominated John Roberts for chief justice. **Also in 2005** an Indonesian jetliner crashed, killing 143 people, including 44 on the ground; 18 passengers survived.

**In 2014**, Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko announced a cease-fire in the 5-month-old conflict against pro-Russia separatists.

**In 2015**, visitors to Garfield Park on Chicago's West Side reported a child's foot floating in the lagoon there; over the next several weeks police recovered the feet, hands and head of what was determined to be a 2- or 3-year-old African-American boy. (The remains were later identified as 2-year-old Kyrian Knox. Kamel Harris, who was babysitting the toddler, was charged with first-degree murder in the boy's death.)

### WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS	
Sept. 4	
Powerball jackpot: \$80M	
Lotto jackpot: \$3.5M	
Pick 3 midday	959 / 6
Pick 4 midday	9412 / 0
Lucky Day Lotto midday	02 03 08 26 33
Pick 3 evening	419 / 8
Pick 4 evening	8741 / 5
Lucky Day Lotto evening	11 13 14 21 34
Sept. 6 Mega Millions: \$139M	
WISCONSIN	
Sept. 4	
Megabucks	07 23 31 42 43 44
Pick 3	075
Pick 4	2375
Badger 5	02 10 13 14 15
SuperCash	06 16 20 21 27 35

INDIANA	
Sept. 4	
Lotto	02 04 09 10 16 39
Daily 3 midday	917 / 8
Daily 4 midday	1618 / 8
Daily 3 evening	152 / 1
Daily 4 evening	1999 / 1
Cash 5	10 14 17 18 19
MICHIGAN	
Sept. 4	
Lotto	01 06 09 25 38 44
Daily 3 midday	993
Daily 4 midday	1700
Daily 3 evening	047
Daily 4 evening	4150
Fantasy 5	05 06 14 35 36
Keno	06 09 11 12 13 17
	23 24 32 40 51 53 55 56
	59 63 64 66 69 71 74 77

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## Chicago Tribune Death Notices

Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.

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### Death Notices

**Bernardi, Nicholas Anthony**  
Nicholas Anthony Bernardi, 65, of Marengo died Aug. 31, 2019. He was beloved son of Pierina (nee Baggio) and the late Anthony Bernardi; loving husband of Donna (nee DeMaria) Bernardi; cherished father of Anthony (Amber Burke) Bernardi and Nicholas (Jessica) Bernardi and grandfather of Ryker Bernardi; and dear brother of Lisa (Randolph) Chilik. Visitation will be from 4 to 8pm on Friday, September 6 at **Marengo-Union Funeral Home**, 505 E. Grant Hwy., Marengo. Continued visitation from 9:30am to 10:30am on Saturday, September 7 at the funeral home. The funeral Mass will be at 11am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 323 N. Taylor St., Marengo. Burial in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. Online condolences at [www.marengo-unionfuneralhome.com](http://www.marengo-unionfuneralhome.com).

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**Bowles, Hubert Sheldon 'Hugh'**  
Hubert Sheldon "Hugh" Bowles, 79, of Glenview, formerly of Evanston, at rest September 2, 2019. Beloved husband of Mary Bowles nee Casey; loving father of Casey (Lauren), Chris and Andy (Veronica) Bowles; proud grandfather of Tyler, Nathan, and Mila Bowles; dear brother of Denise Bowles and the late Alice and Marylyn; devoted uncle of many nieces and nephews. Hugh was raised in Skokie and enlisted in the Air Force Reserves after graduating from Lake Forest College. Hugh worked in the financial industry for over 40 years and cherished his time at E.F. Hutton. He met his wife, Mary, volunteering with Santa Claus Anonymous and raised their three children in Evanston. He will be remembered for his love of family, sports cars, dogs and Door County. Visitation will be held Friday, September 6, 2019 from 4 to 8pm at **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home**, 1240 Waukegan Road, Glenview. Funeral mass will be held Saturday, September 7 at 10 am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove St., Glenview. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, (<http://main.acevents.org/goto/HughBowles>) or Alzheimers Association (<http://act.alz.org/goto/HughBowles>). Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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**Donahue, C.R., Sr. Andrew**  
Sr. Andrew Donahue, C.R., Member of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Resurrection died September 2 at Resurrection Life Center. Loving daughter of the late Andrew and Mary (Peyton) Donahue. Survived by her sister, Sister Emmanuel Joseph (Geraldine) Donahue, LSP. Preceded in death by her brothers, Raymond, Daniel, Patrick and James; and sisters, Patricia and Mary Ann. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Elementary and high school teacher and librarian for many years. Visitation Saturday, Sept. 7, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago, followed by Funeral Mass at 12:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, 7211 W. Talcott Ave., Chicago. Interment at St. Adalbert Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Memorials to the Sisters of the Resurrection's Retirement Fund appreciated. (773)736-3833 or [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com)

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**Draths, Rosemary E.**  
Rosemary E. Draths nee Schaefer age 93 formerly of Glenview, IL. Beloved wife of the late Martin S. Draths, Jr.; loving mother of Martin S. III (Andrea) Draths of Wheaton, IL and Kathleen Draths-Hanson, M.D. (Larry Hanson) of Glen Ellyn, IL; dear grandmother of Maureen (David) Isphording, Elizabeth (fiancé Brian Dietrich) and Laura Draths; John (fiancé Bridgette Carrier), Thomas (Ann) and William Hanson and Becky (Nick) Nelson; fond great-grandmother of Emily, Margaret and William Isphording; dear sister of the late Cecilia (the late William) Volk, the late Eleanor (the late Philip) Moss and the late William (the late Helen) Schaefer; dear sister -in-law of the late John (the late Carol), the late Robert (Peg) Draths and the late Mary (the late Bud) Loeffler. Visitation Saturday, September 7, 2019, 9:00 a.m. until time of the Funeral Mass 10:30 a.m. at Saint Petronille Catholic Church, 420 Glenwood Avenue, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137. Interment Saint Joseph Cemetery, River Grove. In lieu of flowers memorials to The Cenacle Sisters Chicago, 513 W. Fullerton Parkway Chicago, IL 60614 or Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60607 would be appreciated. Info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or 847-675-1990.

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**Gellman, Morton "Morty"**  
Morton "Morty" Gellman, 84, beloved husband of Margie, nee Tobias, for 49 wonderful years; loving father of Ross Gellman (Debbie Howard), Bryan (Kathy) Gellman, Mark Schwartz (Martha Ramas), Barry Schwartz (Jackie Charpentier) and Hal (Cindy) Schwartz; cherished Papa of Sabrina (Trevor) Kingsley, Ben and Sam Gellman, Sami (Gene) Zak and Haylee, Adam, Michael, Eric and Lauren Schwartz; adored Great Papa of five; devoted son of the late Sophie and Benjamin Gellman; dear brother of the late Lillian Klein; treasured uncle, cousin and friend of many. Go Rough Riders! Chapel service Friday 2:30 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to LUNGEVITY at [www.lungevity.org](http://www.lungevity.org). For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com)

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**Gorman, Marcella**  
Marcella Gorman of LaGrange Park, IL; loving sister of the late Genevieve (late Robert) Hughes, late James (Beverly) Gorman, late Rosemary (late Charles) Leach, Virginia (late Donald) Schweinberg, and Patricia (John) Krueger; dear aunt of many. Visitation Friday, Sept. 6 from 10am until time of Funeral Mass, 11am at St. Francis Xavier Church, 128 N. Spring Ave., LaGrange. Interment to follow at Assumption Catholic Cemetery, Winfield. Kindly omit flowers. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside. 708-352-6500

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**Grumley, George**  
George Lorton Grumley, of Lake Forest, Illinois was born on May 25, 1945 and passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 1, 2019. George is the son of James Grumley and Eloise Grumley Masters. He is survived by his twin sister, Christine (Brian) O'Connor, his brother, James (Gale) Grumley and his sister, Joan (Thomas) Broderick.

George graduated with honors from Joliet Catholic High in 1963. Some of his fondest memories were in South Bend, Indiana, where he proudly graduated from The University of Notre Dame in 1967 with a B.B.A. degree. After graduating, he went on to serve in the army as a First Sergeant in the Charlie Btry, 4th BN, 75th Field Artillery. Upon graduating from Loyola Law School in 1972, he began his law career and passion for litigation as a Special Assistant to the Attorney General. From 1974 -1976, he was the Chief Counsel in the Welfare Litigation Division under the Illinois Attorney General. He continued his long and storied career as a trial lawyer in private practice specializing in commercial litigation. Beyond his many accomplishments, what set George apart was his drive to "go big or go home", his innate ability to build life long friendships and his many interests which included: history, a widespread spectrum of music from the symphony to Willie Nelson, playing golf, hunting and fishing with his "Blood Brothers", learning to sail and fly and, his many hours spent treasure hunting in antique shops. He had so many hobbies and interests, if you dared to get in the car with George, you truly never knew where you were going and when you would return. When away on trial, he used his free time to learn new instruments such as the dulcimer and the ukulele. In 1981, George married Heidi (née Oesterreich) Grumley after a long friendship but short courtship. She had found her Renaissance man. George was a proud father of three daughters, Cara Grumley (Nathan) Wetters, Regan Grumley (Matthew) Wieneke and Allison Grumley (Matthew) Kaminsky, with whom he shared his many adventures. He is also survived by his grandsons, Goodwin James and Boden George Wetters and granddaughter, Briar Anne Wieneke. His "Fighting Irish" spirit helped him battle through his illness and he reminded us that "the battered bull doesn't have to give up; it just has to find enough strength to get up." His family wishes to thank his fine surgeons and his oncologist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated. A mass in memory of George will be held at the Church of St. Mary, 175 E. Illinois Rd., in Lake Forest, Illinois on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 10:30AM. Info: **Wenban Funeral Home** (847) 234-0022 or [www.wenbanfh.com](http://www.wenbanfh.com)

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**Houser, Charles C.**  
Charles C. Houser, beloved husband of the late Dolores; dear brother-in-law of Ron (Angie) DiFlore and Joe (Debbie) Veronico; uncle of many. Visitation Saturday 11:00 a.m. until time of service 1:00 p.m. at **HURSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**, SW corner of Mannheim & Roosevelt Roads, Hillside/Westchester. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Funeral info: 800-562-0082 or [www.hursen.com](http://www.hursen.com).

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**Hyland, Susan Jane**  
Susan Hyland (nee Blake), 75, longtime resident of Chicago, passed away peacefully in her sleep in August. Proud and loving mother to Graham [deceased] (Kimberly), Cole (Maura), and Ryan; cherished grandmother of Sierra, Alanna, Kasey, Brenna, Ellen, and Terese; dear sister to Bill and Jeff. Known by many as "gracious and kind", Susan was a loyal contributor to several humanitarian and environmental causes. She will be missed. A celebration of her life will be held at a later time.

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**Kopczyk-Broderick, Patricia M.**  
Patricia M. Kopczyk-Broderick beloved wife of the late Mickey; loving daughter of the late Alfred and Lottie; devoted life partner of John S. Maggio; dearest sister of Susan, Alfred and Mitchell; dear aunt of Mitchell Jr.. She also leaves behind many dear friends and her loving cat Johnny Angel. Funeral service Saturday 10 AM at the **Schielka Addison Street Funeral Home** 7710 W. Addison Street. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3 PM- 9 PM. 773-625-3444

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**Krassek, Gerald**  
Gerald Krassek, 81, beloved husband of Martie nee Jacobs for 50 years; loving father of Ian Krassek and Joy (Ross) Freedman; dear brother-in-law of Gail (the late Steve) Sehler; loving uncle to many nieces and nephews. Funeral service, Friday 11:30 AM at Am Yisrael Conservative Congregation, 4 Happ Road, Northfield. Interment Westlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Am Yisrael, JourneyCare or the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. For information or to leave condolences, **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, (847) 255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com).

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**Kreft, Lawrence 'Larry'**  
Lawrence "Larry" Kreft, longtime resident of Hillside, age 91. Beloved husband of Helen; loving uncle and friend to 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 Friday, September 6, 2019 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday 8:45 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Domitilla Church for 9:30 a.m. Mass. Entombment-Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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**Krupnick, Norman**  
Norman Krupnick, 95, passed away peacefully. Beloved partner of Paula Rothschild. Loving father to Susan Krupnick. Cherished grandfather of Crystal Krupnick and JJ & Katherine Nantz. Adored member of the Rothschild & Lichten families. Proud uncle & great uncle to many. Dear brother to the late Anne Ettinger. A proud WWII veteran in the submarine service. A devoted basketball referee for 64 years, committed teacher & honored Illinois & Chicago Basketball Hall of Fame member. Avid Chicago sports fan. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Graveside service Friday, September 6, at 12Noon, at Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie. Memorial contributions may be made to any U.S. Veteran's charity of choice.

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### Kulwin, Lucille

Lucille Kulwin (nee Horwitz), age 91, beloved wife of the late Bennett I, treasured mother of Barbara (Dr. Peter) Fry, Jacqueline (Dr. Geoffrey) Block, and Craig Kulwin. Adored grandmother of five and great grandmother of three. Cherished daughter of the late Eva and Harry Horwitz, loving sister of the late Dorothy Tanzer and Shirley Mandell and caring friend to many. Lifetime member of Hadassah. Special thanks to her extraordinary and devoted caregivers Beth and Jean. A funeral service will be held on Friday, September 6th at 10:30 am at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd., Wilmette, IL. A private interment will be held. For info: 847-256-5700.



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### Kushnir, Allen

Allen Kushnir, 83, beloved husband and best friend of Judy, nee Mandel for almost 60 years; loving and devoted father of Pam (Dr. Marc) Kaplan, Steve (Alyse) Kushnir and Jill Kushnir LeVee (Rick LeVee); adored Papa of Andrew (Natalia) and Emily Kaplan, Matthew, Ben and Jessie Kushnir and Nicole LeVee; dear brother of the late Norman; caring uncle and treasured friend to many. Chapel service Thursday Sept. 5th, 10AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to [chicagojewishdayschool.org](http://chicagojewishdayschool.org) or [specialkidsfoundation.org](http://specialkidsfoundation.org). For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or [shalom2.com](http://shalom2.com)

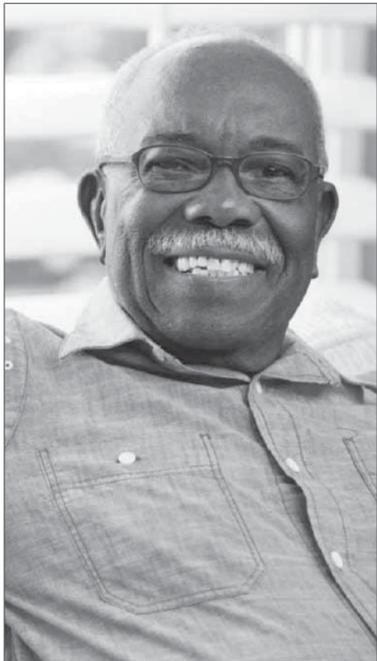
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### Larson, Leonard

Leonard Larson, age 84, of Palatine, IL, passed away peacefully on September 2. He was the beloved partner of Nancy Engstrom Mieszala for 18 years. He is preceded in death by his late wife, Anni E. Deitrich (nee Petersen); and his parents Leonard B. Larson and Pearl Larson (nee Hartley). Len will be greatly missed by his brother-in-law, Arvid Petersen, his niece, Anne Petersen, and many more nieces and nephews he gained in his extended family with Nancy. Leonard was a gentle man who lived an extraordinary life. He was an engineer, an inventor of many patents, spoke seven languages and had a vast extent of knowledge in many things. He had an ability to converse with anyone on any topic they chose, and often amazed people with his understanding, and often teaching them a thing or two along the way. He lived his life with kindness and dignity. Visitation at 9 a.m. and Mass at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 7, at St. Edna Catholic Church, 2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (847) 398-3362. Entombment will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial gifts to the Alzheimer's Association Illinois Chapter - <https://www.alz.org/illinois>.

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### Lilo, Shirley Ann

Shirley Ann Lilo, age 56, passed away September 4, 2019 at Alden Terrace of McHenry with loving family by her side. Shirley was born on August 21, 1963 to Vince and Judy (Malin) Costa. She is survived by her husband Steven Lilo; her son Jake Lilo; and her daughter Jennifer Meneely. Services will be held privately. Arrangements entrusted to **Justen Funeral Home & Crematory**. INFO: 815-385-2400 or leave condolence message at [www.justenfhn.com](http://www.justenfhn.com).

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### Malloy, Timothy Joseph 'Tim'

Timothy Joseph "Tim" Malloy, age 75, of Burr Ridge, IL, formerly of Milwaukee, WI, beloved husband of 50 years to Patricia Smid Malloy passed away on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 with his family by his side. Born in Hattiesburg, MS, he was the son of the late Joseph A. Malloy and Marcella Conley Malloy. Besides his wife he is survived by his two children,



Chris Malloy and his wife, Flory, of Irving, Texas and his daughter, Brigid Kloostra and her husband, Kraig of Grand Rapids, Michigan. He also leaves 11 grandchildren, Alethea, JohnPaul, Hannah, Thomas, EvaMarie, Matthew and Gabriel Malloy, and Kole, Erin, Tara and Luke Kloostra. He also leaves his brother Thomas (Linda) Malloy of Cranston, RI, sister, Peggy (the late Richard) Armstrong of Lutz, FL and Kevin (Kerri) Malloy of Wethersfield, CT and many nieces and nephews.

Tim grew up in Milwaukee and attended Marquette High (Class of 1962). He received his Bachelor of Science from the University of Notre Dame (Class of 1966) with a degree in Electrical Engineering. Go Irish! He then earned his JD from the University of Notre Dame in 1969.

Tim Malloy co-founded one of the country's leading intellectual property law firms, McAndrews, Held & Malloy, where his career flourished, and he became recognized as one of the world's finest patent attorneys. Tim served as lead counsel in numerous jury trials, bench trials, and arbitrations throughout the country.

Tim's legacy will continue through the law firm that bears his name as well as the many highly successful attorneys that he trained, inspired, and mentored throughout his 50+ year career. Tim also helped shaped patent law as a result of his many leading district court and appellate cases. One highlight of his career included arguing before the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of Eli Lilly and Company in a landmark case directed to the scope of patent protection for medical devices.

Throughout his career, Tim earned the respect of countless attorneys, judges, and corporate leaders. Intellectual Asset Management (IAM) magazine, which named him to the IAM 1000 World's Leading Patent Practitioners and the IAM 250 World's Leading Patent Litigators, called him "a leading light in the practice - a hugely experienced and talented trial lawyer." Tim was designated a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America, an honorary society comprised of less than one-half of one percent of American trial lawyers. In 2018, Tim was honored with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award, one of the highest distinctions awarded by Marquis Who's Who, a comprehensive directory of biographies of prominent Americans. Tim also served on Law360's Editorial Advisory Board and on the Advisory Council for the University of Notre Dame Law School.

Tim was also very active outside the legal community. Through the organization of Link Unlimited, Tim and his wife, Patti, sponsored African American high school students for the past 28 years. They mentored these students, who went on to obtain college degrees and become successful in a variety of fields such as the law, pharmaceutical science, business, real estate, and others. Recently, Tim and Patti became one of only three couples to receive the Link Mentor Merit Award.

Tim was a loving and devoted husband, father, brother and grandfather. His greatest joy was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He will be fondly remembered for his zest for life, his humor, his generosity and the wonderful stories he would share. Tim was truly one of a kind and took every opportunity to live his life to the fullest. His passion was contagious and will be carried on by those who knew him.

Visitation Friday, September 6, 2019, 3:00-9:00 PM at **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, IL.**

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, September 7, 11:00 AM at SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 36 N. Ellsworth St., Naperville. Interment: SS. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Naperville, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations in Tim's memory may be made to: LINK Unlimited Scholars, 2221 S. State St., Chicago, IL 60616, 312-225-5465, <https://linkunlimited.org/link-scholars/applicant-criteria/> For more information, please call (630) 355-0213 or visit [www.friedrich-jones.com](http://www.friedrich-jones.com)

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### McCormack, Patrick J

Patrick J. McCormack, 64, retired Chicago Police Detective; cherished father of Annie (Gabriel Dziekiewicz), Karen (Roberto Luna), and Patrick (Vallory); loving partner of Maritza Merced (Angelica and Claudia) and former husband of Carol; affectionate grandfather of 8; dear brother of Susan, Michael, James, Mary Therese, Thomas, and Jeanne; fond uncle, friend and mentor to many; Funeral Friday 10:15 AM from **Gibbons Family Funeral Home** 5917 W. Irving Park Rd. (1/2 Block East of Austin) to Immaculate Conception Church (Harlem & Talcott). Mass 11 AM. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 3-8 PM. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Chicago Police Memorial Foundation. For Info 773-777-3944 or [www.GFFH.com](http://www.GFFH.com)

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### McNamee, Michael Patrick

Michael "Mac" Patrick McNamee, age 57 passed away on Monday September 2, 2019. Michael was born May 7, 1962 in Chicago, IL to the late Raymond and Irene McNamee (Wren). He was co-owner and president of Sidex Home Improvement in New Berlin, WI.

Mac is survived by his wife Kimberly of 28 years; daughters, April (Jason) Pernat, Megan McNamee, Amy McNamee, and Molly McNamee. Mac was a loving grandpa to Jacob, Jaxson, Mia and grandcats Henry and Harry. He was a loving brother to Richard (Sue) McNamee, Dennis (Tina) McNamee, Mary Pat (Mike) McDonnell and Sheila (Joe) Tracy. He leaves behind many nieces, nephews and extended family. Mac was an exceptional husband, father, grandfather and friend to everyone. He loved the Mac Shack and golfing with his buddies. He was an avid and loyal Bears fan. He was always willing to help anyone in need. He was in his glory having his pool open, the hot dog cart running and a fridge full of Heineken. He was the life of the party.

A visitation for Mac will be held Friday, September 6, 2019 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Marsh Funeral Home, Gurnee, Illinois. A funeral mass will occur Saturday, September 7, 2019 at 10:00 AM at St. Gilbert's Catholic Church, 301 E. Belvidere Rd., Grayslake, Illinois. Mac will be laid to rest at Ascension Cemetery, Libertyville, Illinois. Memorial donations may be made via Miracle Mac go fund me.

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### Nutoni, Gene F.

Gene F. Nutoni, age 79. Beloved husband of Kathleen (nee Schaefer). Loving brother of Irma (Larry) Adcox, Louis (late Geri), Ralph (Sue), and Julie Nutoni. Loving uncle of many. Visitation Sunday, September 8, 2019 from 3:00-8:00 p.m. at **Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home**, 8025 W. Golf Road in Niles. Funeral Services Monday, September 9 at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Entombment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions appreciated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Shriners Hospital for Children. Info 847-581-0536 or [www.colonialfuneral.com](http://www.colonialfuneral.com)

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### Nykaza, Ethel Rita M.

Ethel Rita M. Nykaza; Devoted wife of the late Edward; Loving mother of Sue (Chuck) Carey, Ed (Marge) Nykaza, Maribeth (Dave) McNally, Betsy (late Perittu) Laako, Bob Nykaza, and Kathy (Karen Baker) Nykaza; Proud grandma of 13, and great-grandma of 13; Preceded in death by her six brothers and sisters; Fond aunt and great-aunt of many nieces and nephews; Visitation Saturday 9:00 a.m. until time of Mass 11:00 a.m. at Curley Funeral Home, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge; Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Harmony, Hope and Healing [www.harmonyhopeandhealing.org](http://www.harmonyhopeandhealing.org) would be appreciated; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or [www.curleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.curleyfuneralhome.com)

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### Peter, Rudolf

Rudolf Peter, age 88, formerly of Beecher, beloved husband of the late Barbara (nee Till). Loving father of Rudolf K. (Dawn); grandfather of Haley and Bryson Peter. Funeral Saturday 10am at **RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**, 12641 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3pm to 8pm. Member of Beagle and Bass Hunting and Fishing Club and Frozen Bucks Hunting Club. Former employee of Foote-Jones/Dresser Industries. In lieu of flowers donations to charity of choice appreciated. 708-301-3595 or [rjmodellfh.com](http://rjmodellfh.com)

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### Raciborski, Eleanor

Eleanor Raciborski (Gustafson) of Owen Wisconsin passed away 09/02/2019 at the age of 94. She is survived by 3 children, Robert (now deceased), Susan Calandra and Michael Raciborski, 7 grandchildren Brandy, Jessica, Thomas, Megan, Lauren, Michael, Candice, and 2 great-grandchildren Mason and Colton. She is preceded in death by her father, Ruben, her sister Marian, and husband Edward. A short service will be held graveside at Riverside Cemetery in Withee, Wisconsin at 12:00 p.m. Friday, 09/06/2019. Rest in peace with our Lord.

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### Rockaitis, Anna Marie

age 89. Beloved wife of the late Edward Rockaitis; loving mother of Deborah (Charles) Obecnay, Linda (George) Lampos, Sharon Rockaitis, Sandra Antczak, Nora (Joe) Ucho and the late Anthony Rogulic; cherished grandmother of Charles Jr., (Lisa), Jason, John, Paul (Nicha), Samantha, Theresa and Toni Rose and Joe. Jr.; dearest sister of Isabella, Lena and Mamie. Visitation Thursday 3-8pm. Funeral Friday 8:45am from **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home** 4727 W. 103rd Street to St. Linus Catholic Church for Mass at 9:30am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. For more information please visit [www.blakelamboaklawn.com](http://www.blakelamboaklawn.com) or call 708-636-1193

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### Shea, Denise M.

Denise M Shea, nee Mack, September 2, 2019, age 91, late of Haines City, FL formerly of Flossmoor and Olympia Fields, IL. Beloved wife of the late Patrick M. Shea, loving mother of Jamie Clare, Dennis Patrick, Sheila (Bruce) Boettger, Suzanne (Roy) Suttles, Katherine Wertz and Patricia (Stephen) Perl; devoted grandmother of fourteen grandchildren: Gavin (Pam) Shea, Brendan Shea; Anne (Will) MacFarland, Abigail Boettger, Allison Boettger, Jared (Jennifer) Suttles, Jameson Suttles, Pierce Suttles; the late Robert Wertz, Patrick (Jacqueline) Wertz; Delaney, Fallon, Dennis and Evelyn Perl. Great - Grandmother of soon to be five great - grandchildren; Ethan and Ryan MacFarland; Audrey and Elliott Suttles; Baby Wertz due 9/2019. Caring Aunt to many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her parents Walter A. and Viola Mack and her brother Walter M. (Suzanne) Mack. Services private, memorial donations can be made to American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), [afsp.donordrive.com](http://afsp.donordrive.com), Team: Walking with Rob Always (199 Water Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10038) or Misericordia (6300 N. Ridge, Chicago, IL 60660). [www.tews-ryanfh.com](http://www.tews-ryanfh.com) or 708-798-5300.

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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**  
**Amair Beard**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Tokeysha Taylor (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00588

#### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **June 3, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Demetrios Kottaras** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **09/25/2019**, at **11:45 AM** in **CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM G**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**September 5, 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**  
**Caitlyn Taylor**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Tokeysha Taylor (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00589

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Midwest Generation LLC has applied for an IDNR/OWR Permit and an IDNR/OWR Federal Consistency Concurrence for the dredging and open water disposal of material from its Waukegan Station, at 401 E. Greenwood Avenue, Waukegan, IL, in Lake Michigan. Inquiries and requests to view the complete application may be directed to Jim Casey of the IDNR/OWR's Chicago Office at (312) 793-5947 or [james.casey@illinois.gov](mailto:james.casey@illinois.gov). The full application is also available at <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/WaterResources/Pages/PublicNotice.aspx> and <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/cm/Pages/CMPFederalConsistencyRegister.aspx>. You are invited to send comments regarding this project to 160 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 5-703, Chicago, IL 60601 by October 4, 2019. 6430658 9/5/2019

CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
 RFQ for Job Order Contracting (JOC) Services Due Date has been postponed from September 9, 2019 to September 18, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.  
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#### BOND ISSUE NOTIFICATION ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that the Skokie Park District will hold a public hearing before the Board of Park Commissioners of the District on September 17, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Weber Leisure Center, 9300 Weber Park Plaza, in the Village of Skokie, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments on the proposal to sell limited tax general obligation bonds in the amount of \$2,450,000 for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding indebtedness of the District and financing capital improvements for park purposes. /s/ John V. Ohrlund Secretary Skokie Park District

### FORECLOSURES

19-4200-310-110 STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION COMMUNITY INITIATIVES, INC., Plaintiff -vs- KAREN TULSIE, THOMAS JOHN TULSIE, CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, CITY OF CHICAGO, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants No. 19 CH 04835 Property Address: 6336 S. ST. LAWRENCE AVE CHICAGO, IL 60637 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, KAREN TULSIE, THOMAS JOHN TULSIE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s) in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the First Judicial Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, by the Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: LOT 36 IN BLOCK 1 IN HULLING AND JOHNSON'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, (EXCEPT THE SOUTH 75 FEET OF THE EAST 122.22 FEET THEREOF, WEST OF ST. LAWRENCE AVENUE, AND NORTH OF 64TH STREET) IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS Commonly known as: 6336 S. ST. LAWRENCE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60637 Permanent Index No: 20-22-203-08-0000 and which said Receiver's Lien is held by GLOBETROTTERS ENGINEERING CORPORATION ASSIGNED TO CITY OF CHICAGO ASSIGNED TO COMMUNITY INITIATIVES, INC., and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, Illinois as Document No. 1825619403. And for such other relief prayed, that summons was duly issued out of the said Circuit Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending. NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU, the said above defendant(s), file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at the Courthouse, in the RICHARD J. DALEY CENTER, 50 W. WASHINGTON STREET, ROOM 802, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602, on or before the 23rd day of September, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. Dorothy Brown Clerk of the Circuit Court Cook County, Illinois HAUSELMAN & RAPPIN, LTD. Attorney for Plaintiff - Atty # 04452 29 E. Madison St., Suite 950 Chicago, IL 60602 (312)372 2020 Pub: 8/22, 29, 9/5/2019 6415460

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, v. DION I. HATCHETT, AKA DION ISAAC HATCHETT, AKA DION HATCHETT, ANITINA L. HATCHETT, AKA ANITINA LASHAWN HARDY, AKA ANITINA HATCHETT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2019CH08664 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Antinita L. Hatchett, AKA Antinita Lashawn Hardy, AKA Antinita Hatchett, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lot 45 in Fernwood East Estates Unit 2, being a subdivision in the fractional Southeast 1/4 of Section 32, Township 36 North, Range 15 East of the Third Principal Meridian, together with that part of Lot 46 in Fernwood East Estates Unit 2, aforesaid, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of said Lot 46, being a point on the arc of a circle having a radius of 60.0 feet and being the westerly line of Lange Street; thence southeasterly on the last described arc of a circle convex to the southwest, a distance of 13.48 feet to a point on the arc of a circle; thence southwesterly on the arc of said circle convex to the southeast having a radius of 166.44 feet, a distance of 105.998 feet to a point on the west line of Lot 46 aforesaid, thence north on the last described line a distance of 45.65 feet to the northwest corner of said Lot 46; thence east on the north line of said Lot 46 a distance of 95.60 feet to the point of beginning, all in Cook County, Illinois. 18360 Lange Street, Lansing, IL 60438 30-32-403-069-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Antinita L. Hatchett, AKA Antinita Lashawn Hardy, AKA Antinita Hatchett, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before September 30, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court. Shara A. Netterstrom (6294499) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: [sef-sanetterstrom@manleydeas.com](mailto:sef-sanetterstrom@manleydeas.com) One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 8/29, 9/4, 11/2019 6422648

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, v. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF MARY CROSS DECEASED; SHELIA CROSS; JULIE FOX AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF MARY CROSS, DECEASED, Defendants, Case No. 2018CH10031 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Mary Cross, deceased, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before September 30, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court. Edward R. Peterka (6220416) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 49228 Email: [sef-sanetterstrom@manleydeas.com](mailto:sef-sanetterstrom@manleydeas.com) One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 8/29, 9/4, 11/2019 6422621



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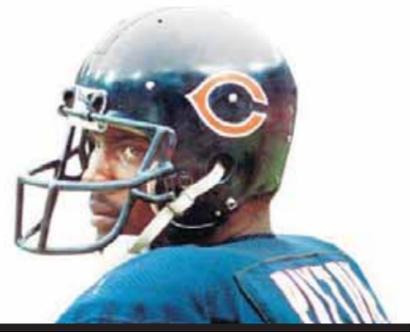


THE BEST BEARS PLAYER EVER

# No debate

"Truly the best football player I've ever seen," Mike Ditka says of Walter Payton. At the Chicago Tribune, there was no question: "Sweetness" is the best Bear of all time. Story, plus the full list, 1 through 100, **Back Page**

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# CHICAGO SPORTS

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# THE NEEDLES FOR 'THE GUY'

*After Shane and Cade ... and Good Rex and Bad Rex .. and Jay and Josh and Jimmy (plus all of the Moseses and Calebs in between) ... Bears faithful are praying that — this time — they have a quarterback who will take them to the promised land*

BY DAN WIEDERER

The gleam in Mitch Trubisky's smile is even brighter than usual. The bounce in his walk is undeniable. Trubisky's "What's up?" nod followed by a handshake and half-bro hug comes with added vigor.

And why shouldn't this be the case?

The quarterback has just come from center stage at the Bears100 Celebration in Rosemont and he's feeling the high of the morning's pep rally.

For an hour, Trubisky sat in an armchair swapping stories with Jim McMahon, the only quarterback in franchise history to win a Super Bowl.

"That," Trubisky says, "was pretty sweet."

McMahon came bearing gifts — a headband and a pair of shades, naturally.

"Now you're ready to go, kid," the Punky QB said.

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Mitch Trubisky (10) is trying to go where no Bears quarterback has since Rex Grossman 13 Super Bowls ago — and trying to win the game no Bears QB has in 34 years when Jim McMahon hoisted the Lombardi Trophy.

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# TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL ROSENTHAL

## A chilling look at Rodman

Former Bulls star Dennis Rodman's first trip to North Korea resulted from his agent thinking Rodman was going instead to South Korea — the Korea that isn't a global pariah known for human rights abuses, nuclear ambitions and threats to the United States.

Cozying up to North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un and not making iffy U.S. relations worse despite drunken antics somehow is depicted as almost heroic and perhaps even amusing in "Dennis Rodman: For Better or Worse," set for 8 p.m. Tuesday on ESPN.

Chalk that up under the "Worse" heading in this "30 for 30" look at Rodman, 58, a troubled Basketball Hall of Famer and cross-cultural lightning rod for attention whose fame outstripped his ability to handle it.

Rodman's rebounding figured in five NBA titles, two with Isiah Thomas' Pistons and the last three for the Michael Jordan Bulls in the 1990s.

But the aspects of Rodman's story that have little to do with how he played the game are what make it interesting: his literal rise (growing 11 inches after graduating from high school) to the pros and many falls before, during and since his playing days.

The misguided trips to North Korea to see his dictator friend are just one detour among them. The sweep of the Rodman saga is Dickensian — but with more sex, partying and publicity stunts.

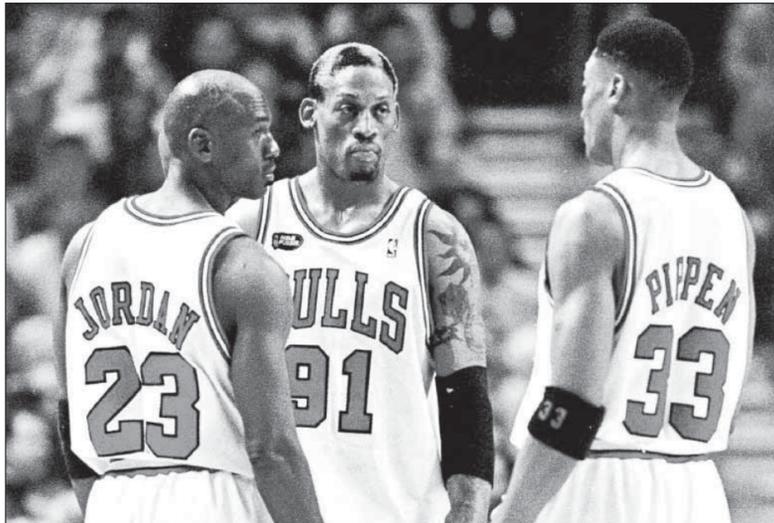
Jordan's uncharacteristic willingness to be interviewed — whetting appetites for the multipart documentary, "The Last Dance," on the Bulls' 1990s run set for next year — is unusual enough to make "For Better or Worse" worth checking out, even if it's sometimes as problematic and self-sabotaging as the man at its center. Here are six takeaways:

### 1. Things get very dark at times.

Rodman is asked if he suffers from depression in an archival clip from his Pistons days.

"I would say no, but a lot of other people say yes," he says. "Doctors would say yes."

Teammate John Salley, who pops up from time to time to lend the program a much-needed no-nonsense perspective, recalls an incident with Rodman in the arena parking lot with a rifle as a suicide attempt. Others won't quite go there.



Dennis Rodman, center, with Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen in the 1998 NBA Finals. JEFF HAYNES/AFP-GETTY

### 2. Madonna's influence is acknowledged.

It would be great to hear Madonna's take on her time with Rodman, who claims they broke up because he didn't want to father a child with her. There aren't even clips of her talking about him in the day. But Salley sheds light on her role in Rodman's evolution.

"Without Madonna, there's no Dennis Rodman the way we know him, period," Salley says. "Dennis got to watch firsthand how you become a superstar."

### 3. Phil Jackson had a list of five players the Bulls could add to become more physical in 1995-96, and we're told Rodman was No. 5.

Jordan says Jackson called him and Scottie Pippen in to discuss adding Rodman.

"Scottie was totally against it, which I understood because when we played Detroit, he and Scottie had some really heated battles," Jordan says. "Scottie didn't like him. My biggest concern (was): 'Well, OK, Phil, who's going to control this guy when he gets a little bit out of control?' Phil said, 'I got it.'"

Pippen does not participate in the documentary.

### 4. Some say Rodman idolized Jordan.

"That's funny as hell," Rodman says. Jordan is diplomatic.

"I wouldn't say 'idolize,'" Jordan says. "He viewed it as my team, and if things needed to be said, I could easily say it and Dennis would respect that."

But former Tribune writer Sam Smith doesn't mince words, asserting Rodman was "almost like a fan" and was eager for Jordan's approval.

### 5. Jordan was impressed with how Rodman could party and show up for practice the next morning "and run like a gazelle," yet it also concerned him.

"In all honesty, playing with Dennis and (seeing) the lifestyle he lived, I never thought he'd see 40 because he burned the candle at both ends," Jordan says.

### 6. Not everyone is so stoic.

Thomas tears up when he recalls Rodman acting out after leaving the Pistons' so-called Bad Boys.

"The Dennis that we were watching, I knew that the places he was at weren't giving him the unconditional love that he was looking for," Thomas says, "and you could see there was a crying out for help."

### LET'S PLAY 2

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**12:10 p.m.** White Sox at Indians NBCSCH WGN-AM 720  
**3 p.m.** Angels at A's (in progress) MLB  
**6 p.m.** Nationals at Braves MLB  
**6:10 p.m.** Cubs at Brewers NBCSCH WSCR-AM 670

**BASKETBALL**  
**6:30 p.m.** WNBA: Aces at Dream CBSSN  
**9 p.m.** WNBA: Storm at Sparks CBSSN

**FOOTBALL**  
**7:20 p.m.** Packers at Bears NBC-5 WBBM-AM 780, WBBM-FM 105.9

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- 35 Virginia or Georgia
- 36 Arabian or Yellow
- 37 Passionate
- 38 Funny & clever
- 39 Armed conflicts
- 40 22nd letter
- 41 Hemorrhoids
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- 43 Teacher

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- 1 Buddy Ebsen's hillbilly role
- 2 Way out
- 3 Forest animal
- 4 "Do unto \_\_\_"
- 5 Winter roof coating
- 6 Pastry
- 7 Animal pelt
- 8 Endless time
- 9 On the dot
- 10 Roof overhang
- 11 \_\_\_ a test; passed easily
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- 14 \_\_\_ down; lost weight

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## BEARS



# Surrounded by secrecy

Pagano's plans shrouded, but expect aggressive pass rush, more man coverage



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Poke around Halas Hall trying to find out what the new Chuck Pagano-led defense is going to look like and there aren't a lot of straight answers.

That's understandable. The Bears are like every other team. They protect their strategies, game plans and playbooks as if

they are the team's ticket to the Super Bowl. General manager Ryan Pace was assessing the state of the roster Monday morning, standing outdoors on the second level of renovated Halas Hall, when he was asked what should be expected from the defense now that Pagano is more familiar with the roster.

"You know, without getting into specifics from a schematic standpoint, just talking about Chuck as a person, unbelievable person," Pace said. "Our players have completely bought into him. A great motivator, he cares tremendously about everybody on this team. And that's why I think this has been so seamless, because of the person he is, the background that he has and how much our players and all of us believe in him."

That's been more or less the stock reply in regard to Pagano's defense. Questions about X's and O's receive answers about interpersonal dynamics as the folks and friendly Pagano prepares to pick up where everyone's favorite defensive curmudgeon, Vic Fangio, left off.

The Bears have elite players at all three levels of the defense, and 10 starters return from the unit that was No. 1 in points allowed, No. 3 in yards, No. 1 against the run, tied for third in sacks, No. 1 in takeaways and No. 1 in opponent's passer rating last season. Maintaining those lofty rankings will be a challenge, even with standout players such as Khalil Mack, Akiem Hicks, Eddie Jackson, Kyle Fuller, Roquan Smith, Danny Trevathan, Eddie Goldman, Prince Amukamara and Leonard Floyd plus a solid cast of reserves and role players.

There is a bit of overlap between Pagano and Fangio. Pagano was the Ravens secondary coach starting in 2008 when Fangio was special assistant to head coach John Harbaugh. The next year Fangio coached linebackers with Pagano still overseeing the defensive backs.

Pagano has changed the defensive terminology, beginning that transition in April, and it isn't a small transition. He brought in a longtime assistant in outside linebackers coach Ted Monachino, who worked with him in Baltimore and Indianapolis.

There's little to fall back on when examining Pagano's background as a coordinator as he did it for only one season in Baltimore in 2011 when the Ravens went 12-4, reaching the AFC championship game. They fell to the Patriots 23-20 after Billy Cundiff missed a 32-yard field-goal attempt wide left with 11 seconds left.



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New coordinator Chuck Pagano will be taking over a defense that ranked No. 1 in the NFL in several categories last season and figures to be the strength of the team this year.

That was Jan. 22, 2012, the last time Pagano called defensive plays as one year in a coordinator role was enough for him to earn a promotion. He joked that during his six-year stint as head coach of the Colts he only made the defensive calls that worked. That's why the preseason was valuable for Pagano even if his front-line players were on the sideline.

"It's like anything else, you knock the rust off," he said. "So I thought the process was good. I thought the communication was good. Nobody likes preseason. I love the preseason just for that fact. It was great for myself and the rest of the staff to get on the same page and be organized on exactly how that process is going to go."

Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers isn't certain what to expect.

"Well, they haven't played much in the preseason," he said. "It's a great defense, there's not any holes in it, and I think whether it's Vic calling it or Coach Pagano there's a lot of things you can do with that personnel."

So what is it going to look like? Nickel personnel — five defensive backs — has become more prevalent in the seven seasons since Pagano last called plays. Dime packages — six defensive backs — also have increased in popularity, though the Bears were in it only 5% of the time last year.

Almost everyone familiar with Pagano believes he will be more aggressive rushing the quarterback. Here are the Bears' tendencies last season versus the Ravens' tendencies in 2011, according to Football Outsiders.

#### Number of pass rushers

**Rush 3:** Bears 12.4%, Ravens 7.7%

**Rush 4:** Bears 68.8%, Ravens 56.7%

**Rush 5:** Bears 15.5%, 28.1%

**Rush 6 or more:** Bears 3.3%, Ravens 7.5%

Three sources with other teams, speaking on the condition of anonymity, discussed how they see the Bears defense differing this year. Here are the highlights of what they said.

■ "Chuck is much more aggressive calling blitz pressures than Vic. Vic can be very vanilla and bland with it at times. Khalil will be going forward a lot more this year than he has in years past. Chuck is going to play much more man coverage than Vic played."

■ "I think Chuck will play more press man with his corners. Vic likes to play the corners off. I am curious about that part on how much he will do. Two things I know about Chuck and how he calls it differently than Vic is he's going to call more man coverage and he's going to pressure more than Vic did, particularly on early downs."

■ "It will be interesting to see what he does in coverage. The Bears played a lot of split-safety coverages under Vic and there were times it was difficult to see what they were playing. It was hard to decipher. Is this quarters? Is this Cover-6 or quarter-quarter-half? Why are they locking the corner? They did some unique stuff and when you come to the line of scrimmage, you look at Eddie Jackson and Adrian Amos and you say, 'OK, they're going to rotate down in Cover-3,' and they don't. So, he was excellent from a pre-snap perspective of not giving the quarterback a jump on what they were playing."

■ "All of Vic's defenses matched up very well. They disguised well. It's hard to figure out exactly what he's doing. Offenses always go off of 'What's the structure of the defense?' And the thing Vic has done a great job with his system is making things look alike. So it puts a lot of pressure on the quarterback."

■ "There is going to be a period of Chuck finding out who he is and who he wants to be with his personnel and learning his personnel. He's never coached in a game with them yet. His horses weren't on the field in preseason."

The preseason will be pulled back Thursday night when the season kicks off against the Packers. Pagano has a wealth of talent to work with and a new era for a franchise will begin at Soldier Field.

"You can see for yourself," defensive end Roy Robertson-Harris said. "It's the big reveal. Can't tell anybody anything."

## Scouting report

### Za'Darius Smith, Packers OLB

Information for this report was obtained from NFL scouts.

Za'Darius Smith, 6-foot-4, 272 pounds, is in his first season in Green Bay after signing a four-year, \$66 million contract with \$20 million guaranteed. He comes to the Packers after four seasons with the Ravens and was a big chip in the Packers' goal to revamp the pass rush.

Smith, who turns 27 on Sunday, had a career-high 8½ sacks with 25 quarterback hits and one forced fumble last season. He was added in free agency along with Preston Smith (Redskins) and first-round draft pick Rashaan Gary (12th overall) as general manager Brian Gutekunst reshaped the front seven for defensive coordinator Mike Pettine.

A fourth-round pick from Kentucky in 2015, Smith had a breakout season last year and was the AFC defensive player of the week in the opener when the Ravens racked up 11 sacks against the Titans.

"Based on his film from last year, he had 8½ sacks, not a huge number, but his pass-rush upside is very easy to see," the scout said.

"He's got some freaky movement skills. His technique is coming along. It's not at a high level. At times, he is still being an athlete in terms of trying to win on a pass-rush move. He's got great closing speed to the football. He's got great lower-body control and for an athlete that size, that's why they paid a guy like that. That's had a need at the position and you look for someone that is younger, is going into their prime years and has some production coming from a top-tier defense in the NFL."

"So you know he has been coached. You know he's on the right developmental track, and now your job is to take him to the next step to realize the upside. All of the athletic traits are there. Now you want to see the pass-rushing traits pair up with those athletic traits. If you get that, then you can have a pretty dominant edge guy. He's not there yet, but I understand why they paid him."

"He's a freaky mover for his size, much different than Preston Smith, who they got out of Washington. He's more of a base defensive end, a guy that can play a 3-4 base defensive end and be an edge setter versus the run."

"He's not a super quick-twitch guy in terms of pass-rushing traits. Whereas Za'Darius Smith, that's where you see that athleticism come into play, and there are times when he absolutely jumps off the screen because he is so freaky."

"They spent big money on the Smiths, they drafted Rashaan Gary with the 12th pick and he's in that same mold as Za'Darius Smith. That's an upside draft pick because you are basing it off athletic traits and movement skills."

"Now, you've got to coach him because you haven't seen enough production at the college level. But you're basing it on height, weight, speed and what he can do athletically, how fast he can close to the quarterback. That's what they were looking for. They had to do it."

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## BIG STORYLINE

# Floyd poised for huge year

BY DAN WIEDERER

Over the summer, as Khalil Mack connected with former Raiders teammate Bruce Irvin, he found himself talking quite a bit about Leonard Floyd. Mack couldn't stop praising Floyd's work ethic and drive to take his game up a level.

"Man," Mack said, "Leonard works hard. Those are things you really can't teach; you kind of have to learn that over time. Working hard and really paying attention to detail and asking a lot of questions. I'm looking forward to seeing what he does."

By the end of training camp, Mack was asked where he was noticing Floyd's hard work paying off most.

"Oh, man, everywhere," he said. Floyd's hand use improved. His ability to stop the run was obvious. He was constantly running to the ball and showing his love for the game.

Now, as Floyd enters his fourth season, it's time for him to elevate his skills as a pass rusher. Said Mack: "He knows how to use speed and his quickness off the ball. He gets off with a lean and he uses it consistently. And that's what it's all about right now."

It would be one thing if Mack were on an island with his praise. But throughout the organization, the optimism surrounding Floyd has been swelling all year. Bears general manager Ryan Pace watched Floyd closely throughout organized team activities and minicamp and saw significant development.



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Bears linebacker Leonard Floyd, sacking Aaron Rodgers last season, can't wait to get another shot Thursday night.

Outside linebackers coach Ted Monachino, now in his 13th year as an NFL coach, was struck by the flashes of Floyd's potential and proclaimed quite directly: "I've never coached an athlete like this."

But Monachino also emphasizes the top priority on Floyd's 2019 checklist. It can no longer be about just getting to the opposing quarterback. Floyd, with 15½ career sacks in 38 games, has to show he can repeatedly get the quarterback on the ground.

Quite simply, Floyd must finish what he starts.

Floyd and Monachino have worked closely together on moves and counter-

moves at the top of the pocket, quite literally putting the finishing touches on Floyd's pass-rush repertoire.

Monachino knows the 26-year-old edge rusher is going to consistently get himself where he needs to be. Now he needs to consistently add the exclamation points.

"Because he's explosive and long and he cuts up the grass fast," Monachino said, "this guy can close cushions up in a hurry. Now it's all about what he does up there at the top."

Through that lens, Floyd's 2019 debut Thursday night against the Packers will provide the first progress report of how far he has come. With Matt Nagy taking a cautious approach with his starters in the preseason, Floyd didn't see a single snap of game action.

During training camp and at practices through August, Floyd wasn't allowed to lay a finger on Bears quarterbacks. So even he was having difficulty measuring just how much improvement he has made.

"Honestly," Floyd said, "I won't be able to tell my advancements until the real bullets start flying. So we'll see that the first game."

The last time Floyd truly finished a pass rush was in the first quarter of the Bears' playoff loss in January, with an 8-yard sack of Eagles quarterback Nick Foles.

Three weeks earlier, Floyd succeeded in smothering Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers — twice.

The Bears would love to see more of that Thursday night.

## THREE KEYS

### A Tru test of confidence

BY DAN WIEDERER

The NFL's 100th season begins in downtown Chicago. Two of the league's charter franchises are ready to square off. Bears vs. Packers. A bright-lights Thursday night showcase at Soldier Field. The wait for meaningful football is finally over. Here are our three keys.

#### 1 The real test.

For months now, we've heard so much from Halas Hall about Mitch Trubisky's vastly expanded knowledge of the Bears offense and his increasing confidence and comfort in knowing exactly what Matt Nagy wants out of him. The waterfall of praise continued this week. "You can feel him operating faster," general manager Ryan Pace said. "We're very proud of where he's at right now and the trajectory he's on." Now it's up to Trubisky to turn all that behind-the-scenes growth into production on center stage. And that starts with playing a steady game Thursday night. Trubisky must take care of the ball but stay aggressive enough to hit on a handful of big plays. The Bears passing offense finished 21st in the league last season (222.8 yards per game). The offense failed to score 20 points eight times in 17 games. The Bears need to be more explosive in 2019. And it's up to Trubisky and Nagy to unlock that potential.

#### 2 Make kicks. Make meaningful kicks.

Eddy Pineiro would definitely be wise to make the first kick he attempts in an NFL regular-season game. Extra point. Field goal. Whatever it may be. It has to split the uprights to prevent a suffocating tension from spreading across Soldier Field. Still, it's not enough for Pineiro to only capitalize on his opportunities over the first three-plus quarters. Just ask Cody Parkey, who made field goals of 36, 29 and 34 yards in the team's playoff loss to the Eagles in January. When it mattered most, Parkey faltered. If the Bears are in a tight game in the fourth quarter Thursday night, Pineiro will face pressure unlike any he has experienced in his football career. Will he be up to the challenge?

#### 3 The other Aaron.

The Bears caught a bit of a break in last year's division-clinching win over the Packers at Soldier Field when running back Aaron Jones suffered a season-ending knee injury in the first quarter. In the seven games leading up to that one, Jones had become a firecracker in the Packers offense, totaling 699 yards from scrimmage with eight touchdowns. His juice as a runner and versatility as a pass catcher is something the Bears will need to respect. Said Packers coach Matt LaFleur: "He can make those violent one-cut runs." Still, if there's any group equipped to consistently stop the run, it's a Bears defense that allowed an NFL-best 80 rushing yards per game in 2018. With Akiem Hicks and Eddie Goldman helping take care of business up front and inside linebacker Roquan Smith and Danny Trevathan flying around behind them, the Bears will have their chance to introduce themselves to Jones as well.

## PREDICTIONS

# It's a perfect start for the Bears — at least according to our panel

### BRAD BIGGS

(Bears season prediction: 11-5)  
Expectations for this Bears team are sky high. Matt Nagy quickly created a belief in the locker room last year, and that positive energy remains. The Bears believe they are destined for great things and start the season again in good health. There are unknowns with the Packers, who have a new coach, much like the Bears a year ago when they were headed to Lambeau Field for the opener. Aaron Rodgers has been a considerable foe and remains one of the best. But the Bears have elite players on all three levels on defense and Nagy will roll out what may be a much more potent running game.

### RICH CAMPBELL

(Bears season prediction: 11-5)  
Amid all the uncertainties facing both teams in this opener, let's fall back on what we know: The Bears defense is loaded and healthy. Khalil Mack, Akiem Hicks, Roquan Smith and Eddie Jackson, meet new Packers coach Matt LaFleur. Eventually, Rodgers might storm the NFL in LaFleur's scheme, which is akin to Sean McVay's with the Rams. But the Packers are still ironing out too many elements to win in Chicago. On the other side, David Montgomery and Mike Davis will be a revelation in the running game, as Nagy finally has a backfield he believes in. No last-second kicker drama here.

### COLLEEN KANE

(Bears season prediction: 11-5)  
Mack said he is "So. (Bleeping). Ready," and I don't know what's better for striking fear into the Packers offensive linemen. After building up to Thursday night's game by sitting out almost all of the preseason, a Bears defense that sacked Rodgers five times in December should be primed to harass him again. Just as fun will be watching what Nagy has cooked up for Year 2 of his offense with a more experienced Mitch Trubisky, a more confident Allen Robinson and Montgomery. The Bears should start this season of monstrous expectations off right.

### DAN WIEDERER

(Bears season prediction: 10-6)  
There has been a vibe at Halas Hall this week, an energy representative of a team that has waited a long, long time to get back into meaningful action on a big stage. It was a vibe best summed up by Mack on Monday. Trust me. The man is to be believed. With an aggressive and talented Bears defense ready to uncork so much pent-up energy, even Rodgers will have moments of anxiety. The Packers, still working out the kinks, won't have enough answers to steal an upset. The Bears, who haven't won a season opener since 2013, get their 100th season started with momentum.

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## NFL

## FANTASY FOOTBALL

## Seahawks QB a strong play vs. Cincy

BY BRANDON C. WILLIAMS

The NFL's 100th season is about to begin. Every fantasy football team is 0-0, filled with optimism about the teams they've drafted.

Daily fantasy players are peering through every stat in hopes of being the next big-money winner at one of the popular sites.

The new season is just about here, but the Week 1 Start/Sit begins now.

**Start:** Russell Wilson, QB, Seahawks. Wilson begins the season at home against a Bengals team that ranked 29th in fantasy points allowed per game to opposing quarterbacks. The addition of rookie WR D.K. Metcalf gives Wilson an ideal option when he chooses to dial it up. Wilson was second in the league with a 46.7% completion rate when throwing the deep ball.

**Sit:** Matt Ryan, QB, Falcons. Atlanta worked hard in the offseason to upgrade an offensive line that ranked 25th in protection rate. Ryan was sacked 42 times last season and opens the season on the road against a Vikings defense that finished third in fantasy points allowed to opposing passers.

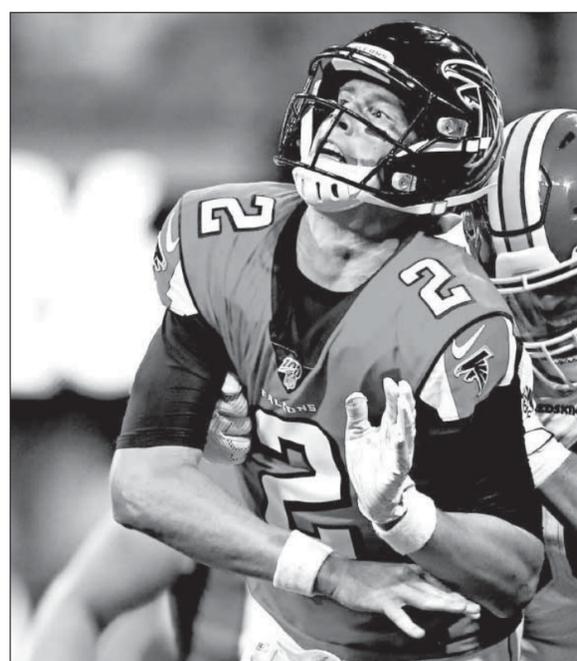
**Start:** Kerryon Johnson, RB, Lions. The second-year pro, considered a potential fantasy breakout, opens the season against the worst run defense in fantasy football. Opposing teams averaged 136.4 yards and 1.3 touchdowns per game in 2018 against Arizona, along with a near 80% completion rate allowed to running backs.

**Sit:** Duke Johnson, RB, Texans. Carlos Hyde will cut into his carries, plus the Saints were fourth in fewest fantasy points allowed per game to opposing backs, giving up just 17.15 per game. Despite leading the league with 7.1 yards per touch last season, Johnson will be limited behind a Texans line that remains suspect even with the addition of LT Laremy Tunsil from the Dolphins last weekend.

**Start:** Dede Westbrook, WR, Jaguars. No team allowed more receiving yards last season than the Chiefs. Westbrook accounted for 27.1% of the team's receiving yards and touchdowns in 2018, a number that could zoom up with the addition of quarterback Nick Foles. The third-year wideout is primed for a huge season, and facing KC's secondary is a splendid springboard to begin on.



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TODD KIRKLAND/GETTY

Fantasy players should start Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson, left, but sit the Falcons' Matt Ryan in this week's NFL openers.

**Sit:** Curtis Samuel, WR, Panthers. A popular mid-round selection in most fantasy drafts, Samuel will likely be shadowed by Rams CB Aqib Talib. Opposing quarterbacks managed a 53.8 rating when throwing against Talib last season. Despite being 34, Talib can still make life miserable for receivers.

**Start:** Evan Engram, TE, Giants. Engram averaged 80 yards per game in the final four weeks of 2018 and will see his target share of 16.9% climb up now that he will be featured in the offense. The Cowboys will have fits containing Engram once he has the ball, as he ranked third among all TEs with 377 yards after the catch.

**Sit:** David Njoku, TE, Browns. Only Jarvis Landry had a higher team target share than Njoku's 16.9% last season, but Njoku had a disappointing 63.6% catch rate and was nearly invisible (inside the red zone with only eight targets). Not only does Njoku have to contend with a Titans defense that ranked third in fewest fantasy points per game to opposing TEs, but he also has to jockey for targets now that Odell Beckham Jr. is in the lineup.

**Start:** Courtland Sutton, WR, Broncos. Sutton has good upside as a possible WR3/Flex going against a Raiders defense that allowed 30.26 fantasy points per game to opposing receivers last season. His 16.8 yards per catch ranked 11th among receivers, yet what makes Sutton intriguing is that only seven other receivers had a higher end zone target rate than Sutton's 39.8% last season.

**Sit:** Dak Prescott, QB, Cowboys. Any hopes of Prescott becoming more pass happy ended early Wednesday morning when RB Ezekiel Elliott agreed on a six-year, \$90 million contract extension. The Cowboys were just 19th in pass plays (36.4 per game) last season, and that number will likely hold up now that Dallas now has its workhorse back.

**Start:** Case Keenum, QB, Redskins. For all the Super Bowl hype surrounding the Eagles, the same secondary that ranked 30th in fantasy points allowed to opposing receivers returns. Keenum will likely be playing catch-up, so it wouldn't be surprising if he went north of 40 passes.

**Sit:** Kallen Ballage, RB: Dolphins. The second-year back has potential but must deal with a Ravens defense that was second only to the Bears in fewest fantasy points allowed to opposing running backs. Ballage will have to share touches with Kenyan Drake, plus he's a strong candidate for having the defensive line stacked.

**Start:** Jared Cook, TE, Saints. The Texans were 31st in fantasy points per game allowed to opposing TEs, and with much of their focus going to RB Alvin Kamara and WR Michael Thomas, Cook, who finished fifth among TEs in fantasy points per game last season, should thrive in the middle of the field and in the red zone.

**Sit:** Tyler Boyd, WR, Bengals. Boyd is the WR1 in Cincinnati now that A.J. Green is out for an extended period. The Seahawks were a modest 17th in pass defense last season but were 10th in fewest fantasy points allowed to opposing QBs. If Andy Dalton is struggling, that means Boyd is as well.

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## BEARS

## ENDLESS SEARCH FOR 'THE GUY'

QBs, from Page 1

But McMahon also came to impart wisdom, reminding the current Bears starter to play with passion and fire, to balance his competitiveness with patience and to always have fun.

His most resounding advice is still echoing as Trubisky beams in a private atrium of the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center.

"This is a hard-working town," McMahon told him. "And these fans appreciate hard-working players. ... If you play hard for Chicago, they'll love you. And if you play hard and win, they'll love you forever."

Trubisky sees this entire June weekend as a can of Red Bull for his already high-energy existence. The Bears and their fans have united to celebrate 99 years of rich history with a shared belief that Season No. 100 will be among the greatest of all. But the unspoken reminder also seems to be lurking, pumping through the convention center ventilation system and seemingly confirmed by the nodding of the oversized George Halas bobblehead at the entrance.

It's Trubisky who is the linchpin of everything, the growing young quarterback with star potential yet so much more to prove. It's his performance that may well be the most pivotal in determining how the Bears' 2019 script ends.

If Trubisky is everything the front office and coaching staff has advertised, there's reason to believe he can lead his team to the Super Bowl — *this winter*. But if his development becomes overly bumpy, if his performances are consistently middle of the road? God, it's hard to know if this football city can survive another such tease.

Trubisky knows these are the stakes, that these conversations continue to be had in a city that has seen too many quarterback experiments go haywire. But frankly, he also doesn't really care.

The pressure of trying to lead one of the NFL's charter franchises back to the sport's grandest glory? "Honestly," Trubisky says, "the simplest way I can put it is, 'Let's go.' When your chance comes, you try to make the most of it."

## The revolving door

So here we are, with the curtain of the 2019 season about to be raised when the Bears face the Packers on Thursday night at Soldier Field. Yet somewhat ironically, the Bears begin this, their 100th season, still dealing with a level of quarterback uncertainty. No organization has been at this whole football thing longer. Yet no team has had nearly as much difficulty creating stability at the sport's most important position.

In the Super Bowl era alone — that's 53 seasons in all — the Bears have sent 49 quarterbacks out to start at least one game. The merry-go-round has spun fast enough at times to give an entire city vertigo.

Through that lens, Trubisky understands what Bears fans desperately want him to be — the drought breaker, the at-long-last savior, the long-term fix to the cog in the machine that has so often been broken.

Yet Chicago will continue keeping tabs on his development with a combination of hope and trepidation.

As warm as the hugs often are at events like the Bears 100 Celebration, Trubisky has also been bombarded with harsh criticism over his first two seasons and 26 starts. Some of it has been justified. Some of the knocks, he has come to realize, stem from a fan base's deeper scars, frustrations that are older than him.

"I had to realize those feelings might sometimes be displaced," Trubisky says. "This anger and this frustration these fans have had in the past with losing teams and losing quarterbacks gets taken out on me."

"And I'm still unproven. Which is obvious — to them and to me. So I put myself in their shoes and look at myself and say, 'OK, I understand where they're coming from.' But at the same time that won't define who I am as a person and what I'm able to do throughout my career."

To some extent, the Bears' lengthy track record of mediocrity at quarterback creates a low bar for the 25-year-old quarterback to clear. The organization's record book is Trubisky's to rewrite. With the headband and sunglasses, McMahon also should have given Trubisky a red pen.

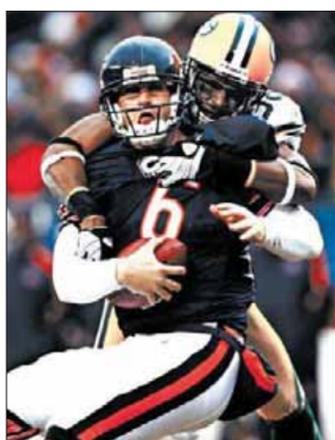
By passing yards alone, the Bears' single-season record is a modest total of 3,838 set by Erik Kramer during a 9-7 season in 1995, when Trubisky was still in diapers. (No other franchise's single-season record is so low.)

The Bears' record for passer rating in a season? That's held by journeyman Josh McCown — who turned five starts and three relief appearances in 2013 into a 109.0 mark.

It's also staggering to note that no Bears quarterback has ever thrown 30 touchdown passes in a season. In the 21st century alone, 26 quarterbacks have reached that milestone at least once, a fraternity that includes the obvious names — Favre, Brady, Manning, Brees — but also run-of-the-mill dudes such as Jeff Garcia, Andy Dalton, Blake Bortles and Derek Carr.

Last season, Chiefs quarterback and league MVP Patrick Mahomes threw 50 touchdown passes in his first full years as a starter. Eight others joined him in the 30-TD club.

In 99 years, the Bears have had only three quarterbacks (Jay Cutler, Kramer and Sid Luckman) who have topped 25 TDs.



JOSÉ M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Jay Cutler managed to start 102 games for the Bears without finishing his tenure above .500. That's hard to do.

## Good list? Bad list.

Jim McMahon's last start for the Bears came in a 28-3 loss to the 49ers in the NFC championship game on Jan. 8, 1989. In the 30 seasons since then, 33 quarterbacks have started a game for the Bears. Here they are in order of their first start with the Bears.

QBs since McMahon	W-L with Bears
1. Mike Tomczak, 1986	21-10
2. Jim Harbaugh, 1988	35-30
3. Peter Tom Willis, 1992	0-3
4. Will Furrer, 1992	0-1
5. Erik Kramer, 1994	18-28
6. Steve Walsh, 1994	8-3
7. Dave Krieg, 1996	6-6
8. Rick Mirer, 1997	0-3
9. Steve Stenstrom, 1998	1-6
10. Moses Moreno, 1998	0-1
11. Shane Matthews, 1999	8-7
12. Cade McNown, 1999	3-12
13. Jim Miller, 1999	15-11
14. Chris Chandler, 2002	5-8
15. Henry Burris, 2002	0-1
16. Kordell Stewart, 2003	2-5
17. Rex Grossman, 2003	19-12
18. Jonathan Quinn, 2004	0-3
19. Craig Krenzel, 2004	3-2
20. Chad Hutchinson, 2004	1-4
21. Kyle Orton, 2005	21-12
22. Brian Griese, 2007	3-3
23. Jay Cutler, 2009	51-51
24. Todd Collins, 2010	1-0
25. Caleb Hanie, 2011	0-4
26. Josh McCown, 2011	4-3
27. Jason Campbell, 2012	0-1
28. Jimmy Clausen, 2014	0-2
29. Brian Hoyer, 2016	1-4
30. Matt Barkley, 2016	1-5
31. Mike Glennon, 2017	1-3
32. Mitch Trubisky, 2017	15-11
33. Chase Daniel, 2018	1-1

## Searching ... searching ...

Jeff Joniak pushes his left hand into his temple, rubs it from one eyebrow to the other, then down over his mouth and chin. He closes both eyes tightly, looking as if he has just been given a \$2,500 mechanic's estimate for what he thought would be a routine oil change.

In a leather-bound journal in front of him, Joniak has scribbled the names of the quarterbacks who have started for the Bears since he became the team's radio play-by-play announcer in 2001. His list, though, is incomplete.

Shane Matthews: check.  
Kyle Orton and Brian Griese: check.  
Rex Grossman, Cutler and Trubisky: check.

Kordell Stewart?  
"Was he really during my time?" Joniak asks. "Really?"

Brian Hoyer?  
"Forgot about him too."

That initial anguish on Joniak's face is understandable. Over 18 seasons, he has had an at-the-mic view for eight Week 1 starters and 22 starting quarterbacks overall.

"That's a lot," he says. "That's really a lot. Oh, man. The trial and error. It's just been the endless look for 'the guy.'"

Still, it doesn't take Joniak long to identify the highest of emotional highs in that time period and the lowest of lows. He was on spring break in Boca Raton, Fla., playing softball with his daughters on April 3, 2009, when general manager Jerry Angelo pulled off the blockbuster trade to acquire Cutler from the Broncos. Joniak's phone wouldn't stop buzzing.

Bears fans seemed to believe they had finally received their Super Bowl golden key. At the airport the next day, a stranger accosted Joniak and went in for a hug.

"This guy comes up to me wearing Bears sneakers and he's crying," Joniak says.

"Literally. He's yelling, 'We got our quarterback!' And I hadn't even gotten out of the Ft. Lauderdale airport yet!"

If only the next eight seasons had produced more of that Cutler euphoria ...

On the opposite end of the spectrum, Joniak will always remember the look on Angelo's face in August 2005 when Rex Grossman — promising first-round pick in 2003 and injured for the final 13 games of 2004 — broke his left ankle in a preseason game in St. Louis.

"I can still feel the absolute anger that Jerry felt knowing he had lost his guy," Joniak says. "Again."

In so many ways, this is a Cliff's Notes summary of Bears quarterback history in the new millennium. So many untimely injuries. So much pronounced inconsistency. So many unfulfilled promises and quarterback journeys that crashed through the guard rails.

This is why Bears fans have post-traumatic stress disorder, unable to forget their greatest heartbreaks and wanting so badly to unsee some of the team's most embarrassing quarterback moments.

Joniak has certainly called some patience-testing performances.

That 10 possessions-10 punts snoozer from Jimmy Clausen in Seattle in 2015.

The jayvee Todd Collins performance in Carolina in 2010 — in a Bears win no less.

That shotgun snap off Mike Glennon's shin in a four-turnover debacle at Lambeau Field in 2017.

Whatever that was on Thanksgiving Day in 2004 when Jonathan Quinn and Craig Krenzel combined for a 33.3 passer rating in Dallas and the Bears' only touchdown came from cornerback R.W. McQuarters.

That '04 season may have been the most dizzying. Grossman's ACL tear in Week 4 led to three atrocious Quinn starts, which then thrust Krenzel, a hard-working but overmatched fifth-round pick into action earlier than he should have been.

Eventually, the Bears' desperation reached such a level that they turned to a 27-year-old backup whom they had to call in off a surfboard in California.

"I thought Chad Hutchinson was the answer!" Joniak confesses.

Indeed, Hutchinson fired three touchdown passes in his first start, sparking a 24-14 win over the Vikings at Soldier Field in Week 13. "I was like, 'Oh, my God! We got three touchdown passes! He completed 60 percent of his passes!'" Joniak says.

Desperate optimism overpowered common sense. But only temporarily.

Hutchinson lost his next four starts and was out of the league for good by the following Labor Day.

The Bears' QB carousel kept spinning.

## Many moving parts

Why, over 99 seasons with 28 members in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, have the Bears floundered so frequently in their quest to find a reliable quarterback?

"I like to think I'm a genius," former Bears center Olin Kreutz says. "But I've got nothing for you."

Kreutz should have sharp perspective. In the history of the franchise, no offensive player has played more games than Kreutz's 191. His first regular-season appearance came in Week 7 of 1998 — as a reserve offensive lineman with Kramer playing quarterback. His final snap as a Bear went to Caleb Hanie in the final minute of the 2010 NFC championship game.

In all, 16 quarterbacks made at least one start during Kreutz's 13 seasons in Chicago. In seven of his first 10 years, the Bears used at least three starters. So as the six-time Pro Bowl center scrolls through the roll call — McNown, Miller, Chandler, Grossman — he finds his vision getting blurrier.

"My head is spinning," Kreutz admits. "I feel like I'm staring at one of those Magic Eyes and I can't see the picture. Holy (expletive)!"

There's no point in Kreutz offering a deep dive on Henry Burris' abysmal start against the Buccaneers in 2002. There's little to gain in him studying that December 2000 afternoon in San Francisco when Cade McNown couldn't even lead the Bears across midfield. "I was hurt that day," Kreutz says. "Thank God."

But Kreutz also thinks it's important to understand the quarterback frustration Chicago feels isn't always just about the quarterback himself. At times, Kreutz says, Bears quarterbacks haven't had nearly enough help around them. Not enough big-play receivers. Not enough connection or continuity within the coaching staff. Not enough protection.

In Cutler's first season, for example, Kreutz watched the quarterback get sacked 35 times and throw 26 interceptions. There were many contributing factors.

"Our offense was struggling. Our offensive line was terrible," Kreutz says. "Even I was like, 'We need some offensive line help. We can't block anybody.' And they said, 'Don't worry about it. We've got you, Olin.' Then they went and gave Julius Peppers close to \$100 million in free agency."

That next season Cutler was sacked 52 times, most in the league. With a dominant defense, the Bears won the NFC North and were a win away from the Super Bowl. But Cutler left the conference championship game with a knee injury and the Bears haven't won a playoff game since.

"A lot of times, what they're doing here is building the defense," Kreutz says.

That, of course, can often be a plus. As it should be for Trubisky this fall with Khalil Mack, Akiem Hicks and Eddie Jackson happily taking pressure off his shoulders.



Grossman, after all, helped the Bears reach the Super Bowl 13 years ago with a top-tier defense. And while Grossman will always be justifiably defined by his ball-security issues and the brutal pick-six he threw in the fourth quarter of the Super Bowl, Kreutz thinks the quarterback's verve that year can be a compass for Trubisky.

Grossman had a competitive fire and think-big mentality that rubbed off on teammates. He played well and made clutch throws in playoff victories against the Seahawks and Saints.

"There was an electricity Rex brought to the huddle," Kreutz says. "You can't take that for granted. He always seemed like he wanted to make the big play. And he enjoyed himself out there."

"As a teammate, you love that. His personality and his belief just resonates through the whole huddle. When your quarterback is excited like that, that's the one position on the team that affects everyone."

## In a word

For six seasons as a receiver, Tom Waddle lived through some of the Bears' unsettling quarterback turbulence. He was a rookie in 1989 when the team finally gave up on the oft-injured McMahon, trading him to the Chargers 22 days before the season opener.

From there, Waddle spent his career catching passes from a half-dozen quarterbacks. Mike Tomczak, Jim Harbaugh, Peter Tom Willis, Will Furrer, Steve Walsh, Kramer.

Waddle will never forget the day at Soldier Field when he was running toward the huddle and star pass rusher Richard Dent stopped him as the defense left the field.

"Rich looked at me and screamed, 'Just hold 'em here! We'll be back out to score!'" Waddle says. "I remember being confused. 'Wait. Wait. We're the offense. What does he mean?' But that pretty much summarized what it was."

This was toward the end of the era when the final few inches of the Bears' Super Bowl window slammed shut, when a once-dominant defense aged away and stared at its lone Lombardi Trophy with an "If we had only had a quarterback" lament.

"The best word to describe it all is 'unsettled,'" Waddle says. "It was just a weird time where nothing quite fell into place."

Only it wasn't just those six years. Unsettled is an apt way to describe the past half-century really, retracing the steps of Bobby Douglass and Gary Huff, of Bob Avellini, Mike Phipps and Vince Evans.

The 1985 Bears are eternal legends for their unforgettable conquests on the way to winning Super Bowl XX. But the '86 Bears fatefully lost McMahon for the season after a cheap shot hit by the Packers' Charles Martin in late November.



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The Bears eventually started Doug Flutie in their home playoff game against the Redskins, less than three months after they'd acquired him.

Flutie, in just his second start with the team, completed only 11 of 31 passes, threw for 134 yards and chucked two interceptions. The 14-2 Bears scored one touchdown on 13 possessions and lost 27-13.

Unsettled indeed.

## To the extremes

For the past two-plus decades as a sports talk radio host, Waddle has been a facilitator of Chicago's quarterback conversation/argument/therapy session, a rational voice trying to pull the city's extremists into the middle. Waddle understands this city's vision is clouded by the trials and tribulations it has lived through. And he knows the polarizing nature of the Trubisky conversation is only going to intensify in the months ahead.

The 2019 Bears have a legitimate chance to play into late January and even February and Trubisky is at the steering wheel of the tour bus. But for whatever reason, that has caused the quarterback's biggest supporters and harshest critics to adopt extreme and concrete takes.

Depending on which way your ear is turned or how your Twitter feed is organized, you might be led to believe that the third-year quarterback is a certain bust, that it's just a matter of time before his inevitable flameout. Just like so many of his Bears predecessors.

Or you might hear those arguing he's destined to *earn* a bust — in that Canton, Ohio, football museum just 65 miles from where he grew up.

"It's that whole hate-or-hump mentality," Waddle says. "You're either hating a guy or humping his leg. Why can't we find a happy medium?"

That, of course, is the equivalent of wondering why the counselors at Camp Crystal Lake get jumpy whenever they see a hockey mask. The quarterback history in this town has just been too torturous to ever count on reasoned reaction.

For more than 60 years, Hall of Famer Sid Luckman held most of the Bears' career passing records, the exploits of a star quarterback who helped the organization win four NFL championships. He is, by almost any measure, the Bears' gold standard at the position.

Yet in a twist of irony, most of Luckman's records were eventually broken by Cutler, Mr. Unfulfilled Promise himself whose arm talent and statistical production never trumped his lack of high-level success. Only one playoff appearance in eight years. Never named to a Pro Bowl. A 52-52 record as the Bears starter.



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"It's the least I can do to spend 10 minutes walking around and giving high-fives," Mitch Trubisky said about the Bears100 Celebration in June. Trubisky also spent some quality time at the event with Jim McMahon, the only Bears quarterback to win a Super Bowl.

"The optimism and potential never really materialized into the results we all expected," Waddle says. "The lows were just 'Boom goes the dynamite' low."

## The present is a gift

Trubisky became a Bear 48 days after Cutler was released. He now has the opportunity to clear the many hurdles Cutler never could.

His 2019 season begins with great anticipation and many important questions. Kreutz, for one, wants to know if Trubisky has the DNA to win big games. Plural. Over and over again.

"When the game is on the line, can he make the play?" Kreutz says.

To that end, the former Bears center points to Trubisky's fourth-quarter performance in his last meaningful game — against the Eagles in the playoffs. Bears fans should rewatch Trubisky's 22-yard go-ahead touchdown pass to Allen Robinson in the fourth quarter. They should recall Trubisky's last-minute 33-yard march to set up a potential game-winning field goal.

"He made big-time throws in the toughest situation he's been in in his career," Kreutz says. "That right there gives you some excitement about where Mitch Trubisky can take the Chicago Bears."

Joniak understands the biggest Trubisky doubters still have to be won over.

"Fans here have been conditioned to fear the worst," he says. "And that's a fair thing. But it's not fair to Mitch."

Over Trubisky's first two seasons, Joniak believes he has "seen enough to be tantalized," enamored with Trubisky's upbeat nature and his magnetic belief that the Bears will win the Super Bowl while he's around. Joniak feels that aura from the young quarterback.

"It's like, 'Guys, we're going to conquer this,'" Joniak says. "Your quarterback has to be that guy. And they're not all wired that way. But Mitch is. Nothing is too big for him. He has this look in his eye. His competitiveness is on a different level. This guy is the guy you want to lead you into battle."

While it's important for Trubisky to understand the big-picture goals the Bears are working toward, there's nothing in it for him to live anywhere but in the present. Feeling the weight of the franchise's 99-season quarterback scavenger hunt is counterproductive. Imagining a confetti celebration at Super Bowl LIV or LV or LVI is also premature.

This spring and summer, receiver Taylor Gabriel peppered Trubisky with repeated advice about how to attack the 2019 season. Gabriel's guidance: Live in the moment.

That's what the 2018 Bears were so damn good at. Maximizing each day. Dialing in on each drill and every practice period. Enjoying the preparation, then letting it all loose on game days.

This season has to carry a similar approach, with all of the Bears and especially Trubisky mixing a grinder's mentality with a kid's enthusiasm.

Says Trubisky: "We have to live in the moment and really enjoy it. Because we've got something special — some really good people we're around, some great friends, great brothers."

Gabriel has been impressed with Trubisky's work ethic and approachable manner. He loves that the young quarterback openly takes accountability for his errors. Those are all things that create a bond, that push teammates to push harder for their quarterback.

"You want to take some of that weight, some of that heavy off him," Gabriel says.

**"I'm still unproven. Which is obvious — to them and to me. So I put myself in their shoes and look at myself and say, 'OK, I understand where they're coming from.' But at the same time that won't define who I am."**

— Trubisky on Bears fans' frustration

## 'An amazing opportunity'

On May 31, Trubisky happily showed off his purpose and ebullience at Guaranteed Rate Field. A media-relations representative alerted Bears players in attendance for that Friday night White Sox game that they would soon be shown on the video board. So Trubisky did what great quarterbacks do. He huddled his teammates and took charge.

And then, naturally, he helped wrangle up the necessary supply of Miller Lite.

"Just started cracking them open," he says, "and pouring it into cups."

Packers rival Aaron Rodgers had been notably, um, wimpy in chugging a beer at a Bucks-Raptors playoff game in Milwaukee a week earlier. And that viral humiliation had suddenly given the rest of the NFL's quarterback fraternity chances to respond.

Trubisky knew he had his moment and directed his offensive linemen to be ready. He even gave them a cadence. And when they all appeared on the video board, they delivered as one.

Says Kyle Long: "As soon as the camera came on us, Mitch gave us the cadence. 'Down! Set! Hut! And we hit it.'"

Trubisky couldn't beat Long to the bottom of his beer. But the Bears quarterback posted a sub-4.4-second chug time and punctuated the moment by triumphantly launching his plastic cup over his head.

"It looked like he had done that before," offensive tackle Bobby Massie says.

The place went nuts.

"It was really loud," Trubisky says with a big grin. "Chicago loves that stuff. For some reason."

It was a far different reaction from the quarterback's first Chicago video-board cameo when, on the night after he was drafted No. 2 overall in 2017, the crowd at the Bulls-Celtics playoff game at the United Center booed footage of the pick being announced. Trubisky was in attendance, he says, "just shriveling in my seat with my family."

So, yes, the approving roar of Chicago fans appreciating his beer guzzling felt gratifying. Trubisky, after all, has always believed he is a perfect fit for this city.

"I have that intense love and passion for this game. And that's exactly what the fans in Chicago have for football and the Bears," he says. "It's a unique situation. It just heightens everything and makes everything more exciting."

Obviously, Trubisky's ability to read defenses, to deliver on third downs, to make his incremental daily improvements add up to something really big will be far more significant than his ability to pound a brewski. But his magnetic personality, his competitive edge, his hard-working approach and have-fun attitude have created a buy-in at Halas Hall that has resonated.

Says Long: "He embraces his teammates. He embraces the fans. He embraces his workload. He embraces the responsibilities of being the quarterback of the Chicago Bears. I don't have a crystal ball. But if I was a betting man, I'm betting on Mitch Trubisky."

Keep in mind, last season when Trubisky was still riding down the block with training wheels on, he wasn't shy about repeatedly squeezing the horn on the handlebars. Just for fun.

The young quarterback showed up to the Bears' Oct. 29 game against the Jets wearing a Mike Ditka costume. Seven weeks later, he rolled into Soldier Field in an ugly Christmas sweater, Bears orange accessorized with blinking lights.

Had the Bears lost either of those games — they didn't — Trubisky likely would have been bashed for his costume parties. But he never thought of it like that.

"You've got to be a risk taker, man," he says. "The fans loved that. It blew up and created a lot of positive energy for our team. Why not, right? That's the stuff that makes this all a lot more fun."

It's the same reason that, after his on-stage chat with McMahon in June, Trubisky spent an additional 15 minutes mingling with fans, leaning over the edge of the platform to shake hands, to pose for selfies, to sign a few autographs.

"These people came out, carved out their entire day or their weekend for this and then stood in a line down the block for an hour or more just to get in," Trubisky says. "It's the least I can do to spend 10 minutes walking around and giving high-fives."

"When you give out positive energy it will come back to you."

Sure, this 2019 season may carry more pressure than any Trubisky has ever been a part of. But in the quarterback's mind, that doesn't mean it can't also be the most invigorating.

"Life is short, you know? I would be doing myself a disservice if I wasn't having fun with this and making the most of it," Trubisky says. "For me it's all about keeping perspective and showing my personality. If you're too serious with this all the time, you can get overwhelmed easily and start putting too much pressure and stress on yourself. You have to take that step back and say, 'Wow, what an amazing opportunity I have to play this game in Chicago.' Look, I'm just a kid from Mentor, Ohio, who dreamed to be in this position. And now I am."

The Packers come to town Thursday night. A season with great expectations begins. That gleam in Trubisky's smile remains bright. His directive remains straightforward: Let's go.

**COLLEGES**

# Chicago State hires Hyman as interim AD

Former A&M chief will lead search for athletic director

BY SHANNON RYAN

Chicago State announced Wednesday it has hired former Texas A&M athletic director Eric Hyman as interim athletic director, and he will help the university search for a permanent AD while temporarily overseeing the department.

Hyman, who also was athletic director at South Carolina and TCU, worked at Texas A&M in 2012-16 before resigning and beginning work as a consultant for search firm Ventura Partners.

Chicago State abruptly fired former Bears and Notre Dame football star Chris Zorich in late July after only 14 months in the AD job. Jimell Bryd-Reno had been serving as interim AD.

Hyman signed a two-month contract with an option to stay on for a third month. Chicago State did not supply salary information.

“Having Mr. Hyman on board to assume leadership of our intercollegiate athletics program is a game-changer for CSU,” university President Zalduayna Scott said in a statement to the Tribune. “His achievements and reputation as a leader are exemplary and makes him well-qualified to lead the department.”

Hyman, 68, has worked in college athletics for 43 years. He was Texas A&M’s athletic director when the school hired Kevin Sumlin as its football coach. The Aggies men’s and women’s track and field teams won national titles during his tenure, and the school also won SEC titles in women’s soccer, men’s tennis, women’s golf and volleyball.

Hyman, a former defensive tackle at North Carolina in 1970-72, also served as athletic director at Miami (Ohio) and Virginia Military Institute.

In addition to Sumlin, other high-profile hires he made at previous jobs include South Carolina women’s basketball coach Dawn Staley and TCU football coach Gary Patterson.

Documents the Tribune obtained last month showed Zorich was fired without cause and agreed not to sue the university except to enforce terms of the deal. The documents showed the school paid Zorich a lump sum of six months of his salary (\$67,500) plus payment for vacation time owed (\$10,450.49).

**WHITE SOX**



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Zack Collins, preparing for batting practice during his call-up in June, took valuable lessons from his early struggles in the majors.

**WHITE SOX AT INDIANS**

# From choppy start to calmer water

Collins’ early struggles help him make crucial adjustments

BY LAMOND POPE

CLEVELAND — Zack Collins had a goal before spring training.

If he wasn’t going to be with the White Sox earlier in the season, he at least wanted to get called up in September.

The catcher did have a brief stint with the Sox from June 18 to July 16, appearing in nine games when Wellington Castillo went on the injured list.

Collins struggled in limited playing time but got into a groove after being optioned back to Triple-A Charlotte, and he earned another opportunity when he was recalled Tuesday.

“Being back here for this final month is big for me,” Collins said.

Collins, the No. 10 pick in the 2016 draft, is the No. 10 prospect in the organization, according to MLB.com. He went 2-for-26 with one home run, three RBIs and 14 strikeouts his first time with the Sox.

He hit .323 in 38 games after returning to Charlotte. Overall, he hit .282 with 19 homers, 74 RBIs and a .403 on-base percentage with the Knights.

“It was a great experience for him back in Charlotte and obviously facilitated by his time with us in Chicago the first time

around,” Sox general manager Rick Hahn said. “He left Chicago very motivated and focused on what he needed to do and the steps he needed to take to get there.”

“I know in talking to (Charlotte manager) Mark Grudzielanek and (hitting coach Frank) Menechino that he showed up extremely focused and diligent in his work, and you saw the results of his hard work over the length of his stay after the option.

“Now it’s going to be a matter of extending that here in Chicago for the next few weeks and showing that he can translate that success to the big-league level.”

Collins went 1-for-3 with a triple and a walk in Tuesday’s 6-5 victory against the Indians at Progressive Field, raising his average to .103. He was back in the lineup Wednesday as the designated hitter for the second night in a row.

He said his first stint with the Sox served him well.

“It was really good for me because what I’ve done in the minors has worked but hasn’t really worked as good as it could have,” Collins said.

“But since it has worked, I kind of just let it ride out until it really failed. Then, when I came up here, I started off good and went downhill after that. I went back and made some adjustments.”

He made strides with his ability to cover the outside pitch.

**WHITE SOX RECAP**

The Indians scored in each of the first five innings of an 8-6 victory over the White Sox on Wednesday at Progressive Field. Ivan Nova allowed six runs on 11 hits in 4 2/3 innings in his third straight loss. The Sox rallied with two-run homers by Jose Abreu in the eighth and Tim Anderson in the ninth and loaded the bases with one out in the ninth. But Oscar Mercado made a great catch on Eloy Jimenez’s line drive to center, and the Sox lost for the eighth time in nine games. For more, go to [chicagotribune.com/sports](http://chicagotribune.com/sports)

“Guys in the minors tend to miss over the plate a little bit more than here in the big leagues,” Collins said. “Them just dotting the outside half up here was kind of a challenge for me when I came up. Learning how to adjust to that was probably the biggest thing.”

Sox manager Rick Renteria also saw a change in Collins’ approach.

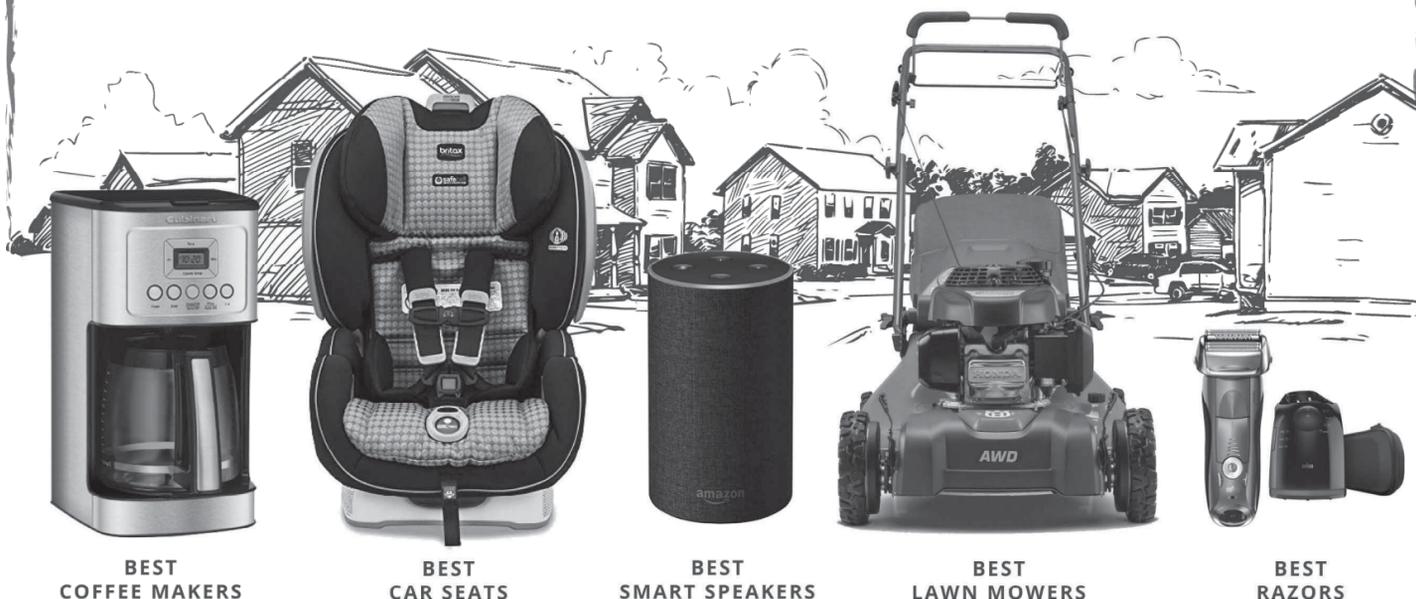
“A strike-to-ball approach puts you in a much better position, ready to handle pitches that you end up recognizing that are manageable in the zone,” Renteria said. “A ball-to-strike approach is kind of assuming the pitch is not going to be a strike, and all of a sudden you’re just a tad late. That approach mechanism in terms of being able to get to pitches might be something he’s certainly improved upon.”

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## CUBS

# Spotlight shifts to Maddon

Manager confident about extension, but who knows?



**PAUL SULLIVAN**  
On the Cubs

After the Cubs beat the Mets 10-7 last week at Citi Field, reporters crammed into the small office reserved for the visiting manager.

Sitting on a couch in the back of the room, as he often does after games, was Cubs President Theo Epstein.

Manager Joe Maddon was giddy about the win, despite watching Kyle Hendricks and the Cubs bullpen inexplicably turn an early nine-run lead into a nail-biter.

"We were awesome the first three innings," Maddon said with a grin.

The media crew laughed, then left after a few minutes to talk to players, leaving the manager and his boss free to talk alone.

The two have come a long way from that October day in Florida nearly five years ago, when Maddon, Epstein and general manager Jed Hoyer sat in folding chairs on a beach outside an RV named "Cousin Eddie," drinking light beer and discussing the managerial job then held by Rick Renteria.

It was the beginning of a beautiful friendship, and it has all gone by so quickly.

The shot-and-a-beer news conference at the Cubby Bear. The onesies trip. The rain delay during Game 7. Bryant to Rizzo for the final out. The parade and Grant Park rally Maddon dubbed "Cubstock." The hangover year. Game 163 and the 13-inning wild-card game loss. The bipolar Cubs.

And now, perhaps, the last hurrah.

No one knows if Maddon is entering the final weeks of his Cubs career, or what exactly it will take for Epstein to extend him for a few more years, as Maddon seems confident will happen.

But the fact Maddon is even in this position — despite having the highest winning percentage (.588) of any Cubs manager in more than 100 years and being the only person to manage a championship team on the North Side since the invention of the radio — suggests there's something Epstein sees in Maddon that makes him pause.

There is no animosity evident.



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Theo Epstein, left, will decide Cubs manager Joe Maddon's fate after the season.

Maddon praises the "boys" in the front office regularly, even as recently as Sunday when he complimented Epstein, Hoyer and Chairman Tom Ricketts for giving Ben Zobrist a four-month leave to deal with his family issues.

"That's what I appreciate about working here," Maddon said.

He accepted Epstein's "millennial mandate," giving in to the players' request to know if they're in the lineup three days in advance, and he has been more hands-on coaching than in the past.

Epstein knew the lack of a contract in 2019 would lead to media speculation that would only increase as the end neared, and that's exactly what has happened. In New York, where Maddon would seem to fit in perfectly if Mets manager Mickey Callaway gets fired for Tuesday's epic collapse, Epstein reiterated the Cubs are sticking with the game plan they announced last November.

"He's done a great job of not letting it be a distraction, not being an issue," Epstein said.

While Epstein was talking to the media, Mark DeRosa, the former Cub and current MLB Network morning show host, was standing a few feet away.

Joe Girardi, the former Cubs catcher and current MLB Network analyst, was in the TV booth preparing to work the game. Both have been rumored as possible replacements if Maddon doesn't get an extension, and others, including former Cubs catcher and current ESPN analyst David Ross, would certainly be in the mix.

While Maddon has critics, his popularity remains high in Chicago, and Epstein might need a "soft landing" candidate if he decides to go in new direction — hiring someone Cubs fans already know and trust. Or he could go in the opposite direction and bring in an "anti-Joe," a non-celebrity manager whose name no one would've guessed.

Maddon hasn't let the uncertainty affect him, and he even daydreamed recently about life after managing.

"Next career, I might just be a bus driver, drive a bus all over the place," he said before segueing into a discussion on how many episodes of "The Honeymooners" were filmed.

That's Joe in a nutshell: He's nuts and he's not about to go into a shell.

Cubs players don't seem too concerned about Maddon's future, even as their play down the stretch could factor into the decision. As much as they like Maddon, they know the drill after watching coaches Chris Bosio, John Mallee, Jim Hickey and Chili Davis depart the last two offseasons, and obviously they're more worried about their own futures than Maddon's.

When Epstein announced last November at the GM meetings in Carlsbad, Calif., there would be no extension talks until after the 2019 season, he tried to spin it into a positive.

"Look, to me the story is I'm excited about Joe being all in on 2019 and being right in the middle of everything going on with the team — deepening his relationship with players and being incredibly committed as he is to getting the most out of these guys ..." Epstein said. "He's sort of renewed and rejuvenated and ready to attack the season and we're all there to support him and do the same. I'm really excited about that."

"When I say we're not giving him a contract this winter, it's not punitive at all. And it's not a foreshadowing of changing managers per se, either. It's just a decision we've made. The focus is on all of us, doing what we can to get the most out of 2019 and evaluating from there."

There's still time to get the most out of 2019, but the finish line is creeping up.

## How Cubs can cut gap on Cardinals

By MARK GONZALES

If the Brewers could make up five games on the Cubs last September, why can't the Cubs erase their three-game deficit on the Cardinals with 24 games remaining?

The Cubs will next play the Cardinals at Wrigley Field for a four-game series starting Sept. 19.

Here are three ways they can get themselves into a better position before then.

### 1. Listen to Ben Zobrist.

Joe Maddon, hitting coach Anthony Iapoce and assistant Terrmel Sledge have spent considerable time emphasizing strike zone discipline, but Zobrist's success Tuesday provides an ideal example for his teammates.

"It's definitely a learned skill, something you've got to focus on," Zobrist said. "You try to be disciplined and thankful it's not something that goes away when you haven't been around for a while."

### 2. Get an early lead.

Too often the Cubs have trailed early, causing them to chase pitches outside the strike zone and force their starting pitchers to work with little margin for error.

With rosters expanded in September, teams such as the Brewers won't hesitate to use as many relievers as necessary to get the most favorable matchup.

That includes Brewers left-hander Josh Hader, who hasn't allowed a run while striking out nine in 6<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings over his last five games. Hader has allowed one hit while striking out nine and walking only one in 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings against the Cubs this season.

### 3. Play every inning like it's the last.

The Cubs are scheduled to play 18 consecutive games before their next and final day off Sept. 23.

But that's not nearly as challenging as their stretch of 42 games in 43 days late last season.

Furthermore, the quality of the Cubs' depth this year is much better. So if that means pulling a starter early to get a favorable matchup, for instance against 2018 NL Most Valuable Player Christian Yelich, go for it.

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BASEBALL

American League

Table with columns: EAST, CENTRAL, WEST, W, L, PCT, GB, WCGB, L10, STR, HOME, AWAY. Lists standings for American League divisions.

Late games noted below

THURSDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

Table listing probable pitchers for Thursday's games, including National League and American League teams with pitcher names, times, and records.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

Table showing Wednesday's results for American League games, including scores and key statistics.

Table showing Wednesday's results for National League games, including scores and key statistics.

BOX SCORES

Box score for N.Y. Yankees 4, Texas 1. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding statistics for both teams.

Box score for Cincinnati 8, Philadelphia 5. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding statistics for both teams.



Wilson Ramos, left, and Justin Wilson celebrate the Mets' victory Wednesday.

METS 8, NATIONALS 4

Bullpen rebounds from disaster

Associated Press. WASHINGTON — Justin Wilson and the bullpen held on this time, rookie Pete Alonso hit his major league-leading 45th home run and the Mets bounced back from a brutal loss to stop the Nationals 8-4 on Wednesday.

homer won it Tuesday night — Victor Robles followed with an easy grounder to Amed Rosario. The shortstop tagged second base for the last out, then zipped a relay to first, as if to make sure the Mets really nailed it down.

out by second baseman Howie Kendrick on a grounder in the ninth. The Mets have won 12 of 16 series since the All-Star break. The Nationals dropped a series for the first time since Aug. 9-11 against the Mets. The Mets won the season series 12-7.

AROUND THE HORN

Astros: CF George Springer was examined for a head injury Tuesday night after running into the wall and being carted off the field at Milwaukee. The 2017 World Series MVP was walking around the clubhouse after a 4-2 loss and manager AJ Hinch said Springer was day-to-day and OK to travel back to Houston with the team.

Box score for N.Y. Mets 8, Washington 4. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding statistics for both teams.

Box score for Pittsburgh 6, Miami 5. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding statistics for both teams.

Box score for Kansas City 5, Detroit 4. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding statistics for both teams.

Box score for Philadelphia 8, Cincinnati 5. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding statistics for both teams.

Box score for Miami 5, Pittsburgh 6. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding statistics for both teams.

Box score for Detroit 4, Kansas City 5. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding statistics for both teams.

Box score for Boston 6, Minnesota 2. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding statistics for both teams.

Box score for San Diego 2, Arizona 1. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding statistics for both teams.

Box score for NL Leaders. Lists top performers in batting, pitching, and fielding.

Box score for Cleveland 8, Chicago White Sox 6. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding statistics for both teams.

Box score for AL Leaders. Lists top performers in batting, pitching, and fielding.

Box score for Home Runs. Lists players who hit home runs during the games.

## SCOREBOARD

## ODDS

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE		THURSDAY	
at Cleveland	-200	Chi White Sox	+180
at Detroit	-113	at Kansas City	+103
at Oakland	-190	LA Angels	+175
at Baltimore	Off	Texas	Off
at Tampa Bay	-220	Toronto	+200
at Boston	-145	Minnesota	+135
at Houston	-244	Seattle	+224

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

## THURSDAY

at Cincinnati	-160	Philadelphia	+150
at St. Louis	-175	San Fran.	+163
at Pittsburgh	-148	Miami	+138
Chi Cubs	-127	at Milwaukee	+117
Washington	-115	at Atlanta	+105

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## WEEK 2

WEEK 2		FRIDAY	
Wake Forest	19	at Rice	at Marshall
at Boise St	12	at Virginia Tech	28
pregame.com		UAB	9
at Pittsburgh	5	at Michigan	23
at Virginia Tech	28	at Purdue	7
UAB	9	at Iowa	20½
at Michigan	23	at Maryland	2
at Purdue	7	at Missouri	14
at Iowa	20½	at Ohio State	15½
at Maryland	2	at Kansas State	23½
at Missouri	14	at Georgia Tech	6½
at Ohio State	15½	Tulsa	3½
at Kansas State	23½	at Nebraska	17½
at Georgia Tech	6½	at Wisconsin	35
Tulsa	3½	at Appalachian St	22½
at Nebraska	17½	at Miss. St	17
at Wisconsin	35	Illinois	20
at Appalachian St	22½	at UNLV	1½
at Miss. St	17	at Baylor	25½
Illinois	20	at Alabama	54½
at UNLV	1½	at UCLA	7½
at Baylor	25½	at Florida St	21
at Alabama	54½	Wyoming	7
at UCLA	7½	at SMU	3½
at Florida St	21	Tennessee	3½
Wyoming	7	UCF	10½
at SMU	3½	at FIU	7½
Tennessee	3½	at Kansas	7½
UCF	10½	at LA-Laf.	13½
at FIU	7½	at Michigan St	16
at Kansas	7½	LSU	6½
at LA-Laf.	13½	at Auburn	18
at Michigan St	16	at Mississippi	6½
LSU	6½	at Oregon	24½
at Auburn	18	at Penn St	29½
at Mississippi	6½	at Kentucky	15
at Oregon	24½	at Texas Tech	34½
at Penn St	29½	Miami	3½
at Kentucky	15	at USC	1
at Texas Tech	34½	at Washington	14
Miami	3½	Minnesota	3
at USC	1	at Hawaii	6½
at Washington	14		
Minnesota	3		
at Hawaii	6½		

## SATURDAY

at Virginia Tech	28	Old Dominion	
UAB	9	at Akron	
at Michigan	23	Army	
at Purdue	7	Vanderbilt	
at Iowa	20½	Rutgers	
at Maryland	2	Syracuse	
at Missouri	14	W. Virginia	
at Ohio State	15½	Cincinnati	
at Kansas State	23½	Bowling Green	
at Georgia Tech	6½	N. Illinois	
Tulsa	3½	at San Jose St	
at Nebraska	17½	at Colorado	
at Wisconsin	35	Texas A&M	
at Appalachian St	22½	Cent. Mich.	
at Miss. St	17	Charlotte	
Illinois	20	Southern Miss	
at UNLV	1½	at UConn	
at Baylor	25½	Arkansas St	
at Alabama	54½	UTSA	
at UCLA	7½	New Mexico St	
at Florida St	21	San Diego St	
Wyoming	7	at Texas St	
at SMU	3½	North Texas	
Tennessee	3½	BYU	
UCF	10½	at FAU	
at FIU	7½	W Kentucky	
at Kansas	7½	Coast. Carol.	
at LA-Laf.	13½	Liberty	
at Michigan St	16	W. Michigan	
LSU	6½	at Texas	
at Auburn	18	Tulane	
at Mississippi	6½	Arkansas	
at Oregon	24½	Nevada	
at Penn St	29½	Buffalo	
at Kentucky	15	E. Michigan	
at Texas Tech	34½	UTEP	
Miami	3½	at N. Carolina	
at USC	1	Stanford	
at Washington	14	California	
Minnesota	3	at Fresno St	
at Hawaii	6½	Oregon St	

## SUNDAY

at Minnesota	4	48	Atlanta	
at Phila.	10	45½	Washington	
at NY Jets	3	40½	Buffalo	
Baltimore	7	38	at Miami	
San Fran.	1	51	at Tampa Bay	
Kansas City	3½	51½	at Jacksonville	
at Cleveland	5	45½	Tennessee	
LA Rams	2½	50	at Carolina	
Detroit	2½	46½	at Arizona	
at Seattle	9½	44	Cincinnati	
at LA Chargers	6½	44½	Indianapolis	
at Dallas	7	45½	NY Giants	
at New Eng.	5½	49½	Pittsburgh	
at New Or.	7	52½	Houston	
at Oakland	Pk	43½	Denver	

## NFL

## WEEK 1

WEEK 1	O/U	THURSDAY
at Chicago	3	46½

## THURSDAY'S GAME

Green Bay at Chicago, 7:20 p.m.

## SUNDAY'S GAMES

L.A. Rams at Carolina, noon

Tennessee at Cleveland, noon

Kansas City at Jacksonville, noon

Baltimore at Miami, noon

Atlanta at Minnesota, noon

Buffalo at New York Jets, noon

Washington at Philadelphia, noon

Indianapolis at L.A. Chargers, 3:05 p.m.

Cincinnati at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.

Detroit at Arizona, 3:25 p.m.

New York Giants at Dallas, 3:25 p.m.

San Francisco at Tampa Bay, 3:25 p.m.

Pittsburgh at New England, 7:20 p.m.

## MONDAY'S GAMES

Houston at New Orleans, 6:10 p.m.

Denver at Oakland, 9:20 p.m.

## FORBES FRANCHISE VALUATIONS

RK	TEAM	CV	1-Y	REV	OI
1	Cowboys	\$5.5B	10%	950M	420M
2	Patriots	4.1B	8%	600M	240M
3	Giants	3.9B	18%	519M	142M
4	Rams	3.8B	19%	401M	30M
5	ers	3.5B	15%	492M	30M
6	Bears	3.45B	19%	453M	62M
7	Redskins	3.4B	10%	493M	120M
8	Jets	3.2B	12%	475M	115M
9	Texans	3.1B	11%	497M	176M
10	Eagles	3.05B	11%	482M	150M
11	Broncos	3B	13%	446M	94M
12	Raiders	2.9B	20%	357M	28M
13	Packers	2.85B	9%	456M	39M
14	Steelers	2.8B	8%	439M	102M
15	Seahawks	2.775B	8%	439M	106M
16	Dolphins	2.76B	7%	443M	67M
17	Falcons	2.755B	6%	458M	97M
18	Ravens	2.75B	6%	438M	131M
19	Vikings	2.7B	12%	427M	65M
20	Colts	2.65B	11%	393M	104M
21	Chargers	2.5B	10%	375M	72M
22	Panthers	2.4B	4%	424M	78M
23	Jaguars	2.325B	12%	424M	77M
24	Chiefs	2.3B	10%	410M	83M
25	Saints	2.275B	10%	441M	126M
26	Cardinals	2.25B	5%	400M	87M
27	Buccaneers	2.2B	10%	400M	66M
28	Browns	2.175B	12%	399M	32M
29	Titans	2.15B	5%	394M	53M
30	Bengals	2B	11%	380M	58M
31	Lions	1.95B	15%	385M	73M
32	Bills	1.9B	19%	386M	82M

CV: current value, 1-Y: 1-year value change; REV: revenue; OI: operating income. Measured in B-billions, M-millions; source: forbes.com

## SOCCER

## MLS

MLS	EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
x-Philadelphia	15	8	6	51	54	42	
x-N.Y. City FC	14	5	8	50	51	34	
Atlanta	15	10	3	48	47	33	
D.C. United	11	10	9	42	39	38	
N.Y. Red Bulls	12	12	5	41	47	44	
New England	10	9	9	39	41	47	
Toronto FC	10	10	8	38	44	5	
Montreal	11	15	4	37	42	56	
Orlando City	9	13	7	34	35	39	
Chicago	8	12	10	34	44	43	
Columbus	8	15	7	31	33	44	
Cincinnati	5	20	3	18	28	67	

## WESTERN

x-Los Angeles FC	19	4	5	62	74	30	
Seattle	13	8	7	46	46	37	
Minnesota	13	9	6	45	46	37	
San Jose	13	10	5	44	48	43	
Real Salt Lake	11	10	4	43	40	35	
FC Dallas	12	10	7	43	47	38	
LA Galaxy	13	12	3	42	41	45	
Portland	12	11	4	40	43	40	
Sporting KC	10	11	7	37	41	45	
Houston	9	15	4	31	38	49	
Colorado	8	14	6	30	45	54	
Vancouver	6	15	9	27	30	53	

x-clinched playoff berth.

## SATURDAY'S MATCHES

New England at N.Y. City FC, 2:55 p.m.

Toronto FC at Cincinnati, 6:30 p.m.

Los Angeles FC at Orlando City, 6:30 p.m.

Seattle at Colorado, 8 p.m.

Sporting KC at Portland, 9:50 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	8	2	9	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

## FRIDAY'S MATCH

Portland at Utah, 8:30 p.m.

## SATURDAY'S MATCHES

North Carolina at Sky Blue FC, 2 p.m.

Orlando at Reign FC, 9 p.m.

## SUNDAY'S MATCH

Houston at Chicago, 5 p.m.

## TENNIS

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## MEN'S QUARTERFINAL SINGLES

#24 Matteo Berrettini d. #13 Gael Monfils, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (5).

Time: 3:57

	MB	GM
Aces	15	10
Double faults	6	17
1st serve in %	54%	60%
1st serve win %	69%	71%
2nd serve win %	55%	45%
Net pts won	22/32	17/24
Break pts won	6/17	5/15
Recv. pts won %	39%	37%
Winners	53	41
Unforced errors	64	51
Total points won	165	159
Fastest srv (mph)	137	134
Average srv speed	112	110

#2 Rafael Nadal d. #20 Diego Schwartzman, 6-4, 7-5, 6-2

## WOMEN'S QUARTERFINAL SINGLES

#13 Belinda Benc



THE BEST BEARS PLAYER EVER

# #1 Walter Payton

Running back who died at 45 retired as NFL's all-time leading rusher

BY WILL LARKIN

One thousand, five hundred eighty-two players have played for the Bears during a regular-season NFL game, according to Pro Football Reference.

One hundred days ago the Tribune began counting down the best of them, the top 6.3% of the men who have suited up for the franchise since George Halas founded the Decatur Staleys in 1920.

The Bears' tradition of great players is unsurpassed; their 28 members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame are the most of any team. Hours went into deciding the rankings, with our Bears reporters and editors engaging in lively debate over the players' placement.

No discussion took place for the top spot; everybody felt the same. One player was an easy choice for No. 1 over the other 1,581.

Walter Payton is the best player in the history of the Chicago Bears.

When he died at 45 of bile duct cancer and liver failure on Nov. 1, 1999, the city mourned. His public memorial brought 20,000 people to Soldier Field, where speakers included NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue, Hall of Famers Dan Hampton and Mike Ditka and the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Ditka imagined Halas, who coached the team for 40 years and died 16 years and one day earlier, getting a chance to greet his team's greatest player in the afterlife.

"Walter was the best runner, blocker, teammate and friend I've ever seen," said Ditka, the Bears coach for Payton's final six seasons, including the 1985 championship campaign. "Truly the best football player I've ever seen. Coach Halas is saying, 'Hey, I've finally got the greatest Bear of all.'"

The 5-foot-10, 200-pound Payton retired after the 1987 season as the NFL's all-time leading rusher with 16,726 yards, pushing well past Jim Brown's previous record of 12,312. It is the closest thing football has to baseball's hallowed home run mark, and Payton held it for 15 years before Emmitt Smith passed him in 2002 and ended up with 18,355.

Jim Finks, who made Payton his first draft pick as Bears general manager in 1975, believed Payton's chase of Brown's rushing record actually took attention away from how good he was as an all-around player.

"For instance," Finks told the Tribune's Don Pierson in 1984, "there's no better blocker in the NFL. None. He flattens linebackers, he knocks down ends, he attacks nose guards."

With his strong throwing arm, Payton tossed eight touchdown passes. He played single-wing quarterback late in one game in 1984, when Bears QBs Jim McMahon and Steve Fuller were injured and Rusty Lisch ineffective against the Packers. Some Bears coaches believed that if he practiced at it, Payton would have been a better punter in some seasons than the one the team employed.

"He did everything," Ditka told Richard Whittingham in his 1991 book, "What Bears They Were." "He could have played defense if we'd put him over there, and he'd have played it pretty darn good."

Payton's rushing total still ranks second all time, his 125 total touchdowns rank 11th, and his 21,264 yards from scrimmage trail only Jerry Rice and Smith. Payton was voted to nine Pro Bowls in his 13 seasons, and his five first-team All-Pro selections were spread over 10 years, with his first in 1976 and last in 1985.

The Columbia, Miss., native was voted into the Hall of Fame in 1993, named to the NFL's 75th Anniversary Team the next year and to the All-Decade teams of the 1970s and '80s. In 2010, the NFL Network ranked the top 100 players of all time. Payton was fifth behind Rice, Brown, Lawrence Taylor and Joe Montana.

Payton's place atop the Bears' rushing records might as well be written in indelible ink. Matt Forte ranks second in team history with 8,602 rushing yards; Neal Anderson is third with 6,166. Their combined total of 14,768 yards is 1,958 behind Payton. Similarly, Payton's 110 rushing touchdowns are more than Anderson's 51 and Rick Casares' 49 put together.

The eight best rushing seasons in Bears history belong to Payton, and he also ranks first in Bears history with 492 receptions and fourth with 4,538 receiving yards. On Nov. 20, 1977, Payton set the NFL single-game rushing record with 275 yards against the Vikings, a mark that now ranks fifth.

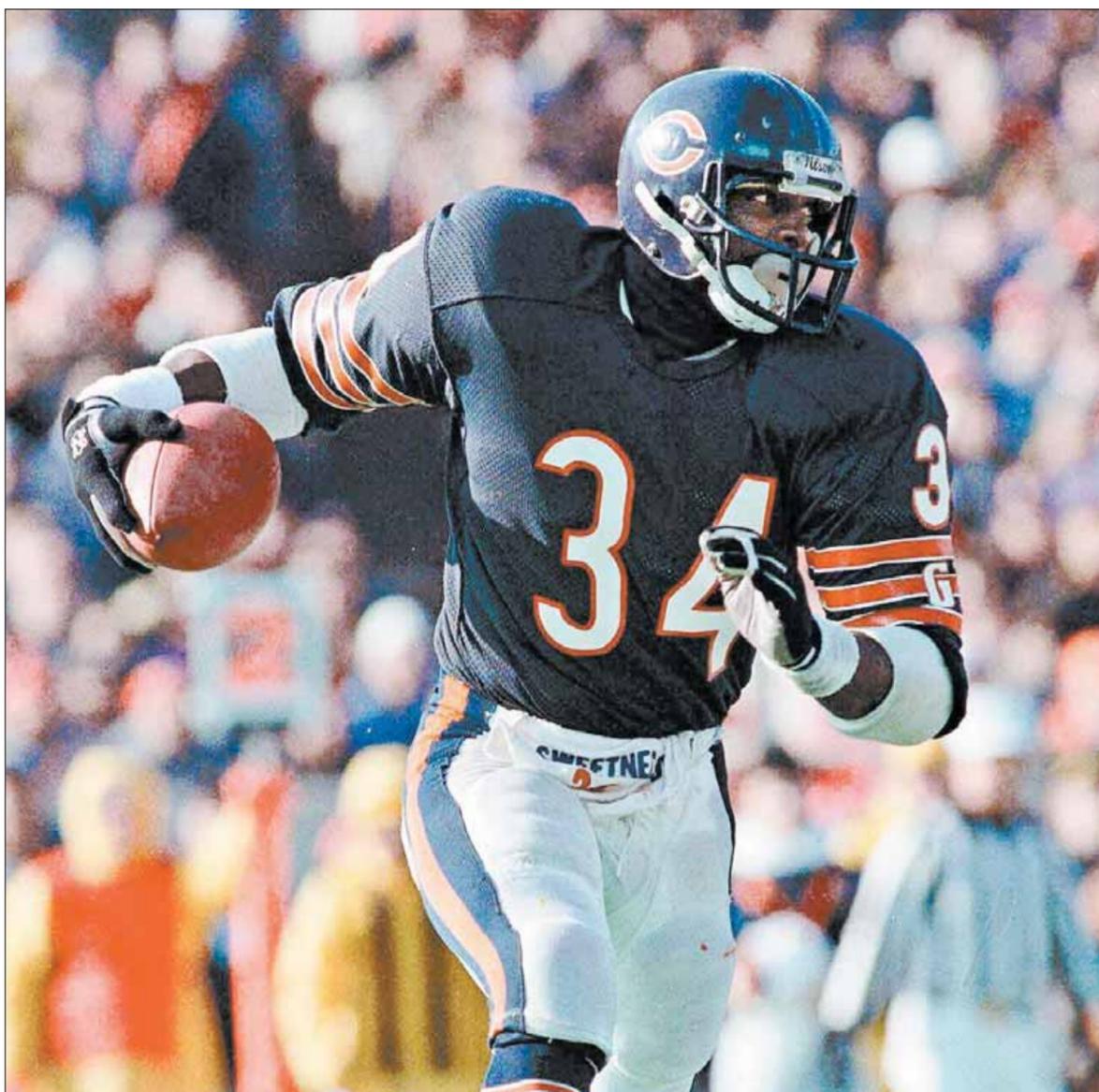
"The startling numbers in the record books only start to measure the greatness," Pierson wrote in the epilogue of his 16-story special section published Nov. 7, 1999.

Payton played with a style all his own. Fans from the 1970s and '80s can close their eyes and see him running upright with high knees, holding the ball like a loaf of bread in his right hand.

From the bottom of the pile, he would stretch the ball forward a foot or 2 before the referee — most of the time — placed it back where he was downed. Payton liked to say he gained 100 extra yards in his career, inch by inch, with that trick.

On goal-line plays, Payton would leap over the pile and stretch the ball to the end zone, a move replicated by kids stretching a Nerf ball over a pile of couch cushions in living rooms across America.

His career highlight reel includes countless runs of him lowering his head as he neared would-be tacklers, bouncing off or plowing through them, his legs never stopping, and his stiff-arm was legendary.



JOHN SWART/AP

Bears great Walter Payton, carrying the ball in 1987, retired after that season as the NFL's all-time leading rusher with 16,726 yards.

Whenever Payton and a defender headed toward a sideline collision, Payton decided the other guy would take the bigger lick.

"Walter would explode into you at the moment of impact, bounce off, and continue running," Bears safety Gary Fencik told Whittingham. "A lot of runners, when they know they're going to get hit hard, will just kind of relax and go down. Not Walter."

When Payton became a superstar, he was just what Chicago needed. The city's sports scene was pitiful for most of the 1960s and '70s.

Outside the arena things were even grimmer. Inflation was sky-high, and the proud class of workers who built the city were told their jobs were heading elsewhere.

"The city took to him and loved him," the Tribune's John Kass wrote on Nov. 2, 1999. "Not because of his excellence as a halfback but because he refused to run out of bounds and away from the pain. As people were being broken by the economy of the late '70s, Walter was the man who wouldn't be broken."

"Every team knew that the only player the Bears had was Walter, and they'd line up against him, and he would defy them, every Sunday, the way the rest of us wished we could defy the times."

In the first half of his career, Payton was a superstar on bad teams Bears fans still watched with pride. The Cowboys, Dolphins, Redskins and Raiders might have had championship trophies, but the Bears had Payton.

In the second half of his career, Payton became a key cog on championship-caliber teams. Bears fans became even prouder.

Payton was a renowned prankster. The greatest player in Bears history also was the team's all-time practical joker.

Teammate Dave Duerson was beaming as he made his way to Hawaii after the 1985 season for the first of his four Pro Bowl berths. Practice for the game became quite uncomfortable after Payton coated the safety's athletic supporter with unscented liquid heat.

"Let's just say it was a very hot afternoon in warm, sunny Hawaii," Duerson told John Mullin in his 2003 book, "Tales from the Chicago Bears Sidelines."

Pierson covered Payton for 25 years. He pointed out many times that Payton was more complicated than his fans wanted him to be, noting that while the public called him "Sweetness," Payton's CB radio handle was "Mississippi Maniac."

"He never pretended to be a perfect person or a perfect football player," Pierson wrote, "although he came as close to the latter as anybody who ever tried."

In Finks' first draft with the Bears in 1975, the Falcons took California quarterback Steve Bartkowski first, and three Hall of Famers went in the next five picks: Maryland defensive tackle Randy White to the Cowboys at No. 2, Payton to the Bears at No. 4 and Payton's Jackson State teammate Robert Brazile, a linebacker, to the Houston Oilers at No. 6.

Finks, fellow personnel man Jerry Vainisi and scouts Bill Tobin and Jim Parmer built around Payton year by year until the team was ready to compete for championships in the mid-1980s.

Payton came on slowly as a rookie, rushing for zero yards on eight carries in his debut on Sept. 21, 1975, a 35-7 loss against the Baltimore Colts at Soldier Field. He did go for 105 yards against the 49ers and 134 in the season finale against the Saints, but he

## PAYTON AS A BEAR

1975-87 | 13 seasons | 190 games

**Bears record:** 111-83 (.572).

**Playoff appearances:** 6;

Super Bowl XX champion in 1985.

**Acquired:** First round (fourth overall), 1975 draft from Jackson State.

## TRIBUNE'S TOP 100 BEARS PLAYERS

1. Walter Payton
2. Dick Butkus
3. Bronko Nagurski
4. Gale Sayers
5. Sid Luckman
6. Bill George
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 Hartenstine
68. Keith Van Horne
69. Tommie Harris
70. George Wilson
71. Jack Manders
72. James Williams
73. Jim Dooley
74. Robbie Gould
75. Bennie McRae
76. Johnny Lujack
77. Bill Osmanski
78. Jay Cutler
79. Jim McMillen
80. Khalil Mack
81. Eddie Jackson
82. Doug Plank
83. Zuck Carlson
84. Bill Wade
85. Kyle Long
86. Brandon Marshall
87. Lee Artoe
88. Alshon Jeffery
89. Beattie Feathers
90. Kevin Butler
91. Bill Karr
92. Matt Suhey
93. Ed Brown
94. Gary Famiglietti
95. Akiem Hicks
96. Joey Sternaman
97. Hugh Gallarneau
98. Tom Thayer
99. William Perry
100. Patrick Mannelly

finished his first year with a pedestrian 679 yards on 196 carries.

Still, his veteran teammates believed he was something special.

Fellow running back Mike Adamle later told Pierson of Payton's debut: "Zero yards, but it was like I'd just watched someone gain 150. He made a couple of moves in the backfield after he was trapped for losses just to get back to the line of scrimmage, and I said, 'This guy's great.'"

When Payton became a star in 1976, rushing for 1,390 yards, O.J. Simpson was his competition for the title of best running back in the NFL. Near the end of Payton's career, he vied with Eric Dickerson for the unofficial honor. In between, Payton was tracked by Earl Campbell, Tony Dorsett and Marcus Allen. Some had better years than Payton; none had a better career.

Payton won his only MVP award in his

third season, 1977. In his 11th season, 1985, he finished second in the voting to Allen after gaining 1,551 yards for the Super Bowl XX champions.

"I hear people say he's lost a step. That's pure bull," fullback Matt Suhey told Pierson in 1985. "He's absolutely as good as he's ever been."

Payton played his final game, a crushing 21-17 loss to the Redskins in an NFC divisional-round playoff game on Jan. 10, 1988, at Soldier Field. After the other players left for the locker rooms, Payton sobbed by himself on the bench, looking down with his hands covering his helmeted head.

In retirement, Payton chased the thrills he experienced every day during his career as pro football's best player. Sometimes his pursuits were wholesome, such as his passion for auto racing and motivational speaking and business ventures that included restaurants, construction-equipment leasing and investments in forest land and nursing homes. Other times they were not, and when Jeff Pearlman detailed Payton's extramarital affairs, child born out of wedlock and prescription drug abuse in his 2011 biography "Sweetness: The Enigmatic Life of Walter Payton," Chicagoans — always protective toward Payton and ready to shower him with unconditional love — reacted harshly.

When asked on WMAQ-TV how he would react if he were to see Pearlman, Ditka responded: "I'd spit on him."

In late 1998 and early '99, Payton had lost so much weight that people began to speculate that he was deathly ill, perhaps with AIDS. On Feb. 2, 1999, Payton held a news conference at a Rosemont restaurant to announce he had primary sclerosing cholangitis, a rare autoimmune disease that clogs bile ducts and causes liver failure unless a transplant can be performed.

"Am I scared?" Payton said. "Hell yeah, I'm scared."

Payton did not receive his liver transplant, and he died at his South Barrington home on Nov. 1, 1999. He was 45. The NFL Man of the Year Award, which he won along with his MVP in 1977, was renamed after Payton in 2000.

On Thursday night, the Bears will open their 100th season. They will play host to the Packers to begin the 99th year of professional football's oldest rivalry with its 199th meeting. On Tuesday, the team unveiled two statues at Soldier Field. One is of Halas, the team's founder. The other depicts Payton, the greatest of the Bears' 1,582 players.

"Walter's legacy is secure," Bears President George McCaskey, Halas' grandson, said at the unveiling. "The greatest player in the history of the game."

At the same stadium nearly 20 years earlier, the Bears celebrated Payton's life, paying respect to the player who meant so much to them.

When it was Hampton's turn to speak, the defensive lineman who played with Payton for nine years, fought to control his emotions as he remembered what his greatest teammate meant to him.

"I have a little girl, 4 years old," Hampton said as tears filled his eyes. "Ten years from now, when she asks me about the Chicago Bears, I'll tell her about a championship and I'll tell her about great teams, great teammates and great coaches, and how great it was to be a part of it."

"But the first thing I'll tell her about is Walter Payton."

# — eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Panthers quarterback Cam Newton, warming up for a preseason game, is entering the season with nagging shoulder injuries behind him — and, he hopes, another playoff run ahead.

# Rejuvenated

... And it feels so good for Panthers QB Cam Newton, entering his 9th season with no pain and a sense of calm

BY STEVE REED  
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Cam Newton is feeling rejuvenated entering his ninth season in the NFL.

With a nagging shoulder injury seemingly behind him, three young children at home and a new lifestyle as a vegan, the Panthers' 30-year-old quarterback seems to be taking a step back to move forward.

"I feel like a rookie again," Newton said Wednesday as the Panthers continued preparations for Sunday's home opener against the Rams. "I'm having fun. I am feeling good, and the thrill is still there. I am blessed. Sometimes you need to put things into perspective."

That includes not being totally obsessed about winning a Super Bowl. Yes, the thought of winning a Super Bowl still drives him, but he's taking it one day at a time, trying to enjoy the moment more.

Newton won national championships while at Blinn Junior College and Auburn. He won the Heisman Trophy after one of the most impressive seasons ever by a college quarterback.

So when he was selected No. 1 overall in the 2011 draft by the Panthers, the clear expectation was he'd deliver the franchise its first Super Bowl championship.

Newton got the Panthers close

in 2015, but the Broncos grounded Carolina's high-flying offense in Super Bowl 50.

The Panthers haven't won a playoff game since, in part because of Newton's struggles with right shoulder problems that began late in the 2016 season.

Seemingly more laid back than in the past, he's taking a one-game-at-a-time approach to this season.

"I could care less about the Super Bowl," Newton said. "I just want to be 1-0 seeing my kids after the game."

Newton said he is not taking for granted how fortunate he is to be able to play for the same NFL team for nearly a decade. It's something that comes from regular talks with his older brother.

Cecil Newton was an offensive lineman who spent four years bouncing among various NFL practice squads but never played a down in a regular-season game. Last weekend's roster cut down to 53 players reminded Newton of what his brother has been talking to him about.

"Just two or three days ago, grown men cried because they were unexpectedly cut, released, traded or whatever," Newton said. "I'm just lucky to be a part of fan base for this same nine years. A lot of people can't say the same thing. Every time a person sees me play, talk or whatever, I want them to see the joy as if it is day one."



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

Panthers quarterback Cam Newton, left, scrambles away from Patriots outside linebacker Dont'a Hightower during a preseason game last month in Foxborough, Mass.

Newton was not on the team's first injury report of the season Wednesday despite suffering a left mid-foot sprain in the third preseason game against the Patriots. He insists his decision to become a vegan earlier this year — after years as a pescatarian — and eating right is helping his body recover faster from injuries.

Panthers coach Ron Rivera said Newton is in great shape and that "he's mentally where he needs to be (and) he's throwing well."

Rams coach Sean McVay said a healthy Newton is a "nightmare"

to prepare for because he can do so many things.

"He can beat you with arm; he can beat you with his legs," McVay said. "He can make plays in the pocket; he can make plays outside the pocket. He can run over you, he can shake you and he can run away from you. He can do it all. His career and his production speak for itself."

Newton is one of only three quarterbacks in NFL history to amass more than 33,000 yards from scrimmage in his first eight seasons. He has thrown for more

than 3,000 yards in every season and has run for more touchdowns than any QB in league history.

The 2015 league MVP is feeling good about this upcoming season.

He has an offense around him that includes the versatile Christian McCaffrey at running back, reliable tight end Greg Olsen and plenty of speed at wide receiver with D.J. Moore and Curtis Samuel. With that firepower, Newton knows the Panthers have a chance to be one of the most potent offenses in the league — and be a postseason threat.

# — eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —



STACY REVERE/GETTY

D.J. Trahan hits his tee shot on the second hole during the final round of the Korn Ferry Tour Championship on Monday. Trahan birdied the final hole to earn a PGA Tour card.

## Keeping PGA Tour card just as hard as earning it

BY DOUG FERGUSON  
Associated Press

Tyler Duncan played his best golf over the final nine holes of his long season, making four birdies on the back nine to close with a 66. That meant getting a PGA Tour card for the third straight season, twice through what now is called the Korn Ferry Tour Finals.

D.J. Trahan also delivered a clutch moment with an approach to 3 feet for birdie on the last hole to get one of the last cards.

The Korn Ferry Tour Championship, the final chance to earn a PGA Tour card for 25 players, was at times exciting, exhausting and exhilarating for those who made it. And it's also just the start.

Getting a PGA Tour card is tough. Keeping it is no picnic.

The new PGA Tour season starts Sept. 12 at the Greenbrier, with six domestic events and one at the Mexican resort of Mayakoba, all offering full FedEx Cup points and an invitation to the Masters for the winner.

Optimism is never higher. The PGA Tour in September is right up there with Major League Baseball in March.

Now for the bad news: If the last three years are any indication, some 60% of the players who earned PGA Tour cards won't keep them.

Of the 50 players who earned PGA Tour cards last year — either the regular season or the Finals series of what is now the Korn Ferry Tour — 31 failed to finish among the top 125 in the FedEx Cup to retain full status.

Thirty players failed to keep their cards in 2018, and 29 did not keep their cards in 2017.

As for that optimism? There's no predicting who's going to get hot in what week. One adage passed down from veterans over the years is that players typically make 80% of their money from 20% of their tournaments.

Five players who earned cards from the Korn Ferry Tour — either the regular season or the Finals series — won on the PGA Tour the next year. That includes Max Homa at Quail Hollow and Adam Long at the Desert Classic, where he beat Phil Mickelson by one shot.

The previous year, seven players who had to earn tour cards went on to win, four of them



JONATHAN FERREY/GETTY

Tyler Duncan, hitting on the second hole of the final round of the Korn Ferry Tour Albertson's Boise Open last month, fired a 66 in his last round of the tour finals to get a PGA Tour card for the third straight season.

getting a Masters invitation. That group included Ted Potter Jr., who took down Dustin Johnson at Pebble Beach. And in 2016-17, the list of nine winners included Xander Schauffele and Bryson DeChambeau.

**Patty T's timing:** Patty Tavatanakit is sure to join the LPGA Tour next year based on her play on the Symetra Tour.

But the UCLA alum still has to wait.

Tavatanakit rallied from six shots behind to win the Sioux Falls GreatLife Challenge last week for her third victory of the season on the Symetra Tour. Previously, three Symetra victories earned an instant promotion to the LPGA Tour, a policy that changed last year with the introduction of the "Q-Series" on the LPGA Tour, which is a pair of 72-hole tournaments in consecutive weeks.

The 19-year-old Thai didn't sound bothered by it all. Tavatanakit is No. 2 on the money list with \$110,487, about \$3,000 short of Perrine Delacour, who has played 17 times on the Symetra Tour. Tavatanakit has won three times in just eight starts.

"It's hard to get a picture of what I've been able to accomplish," Tavatanakit said. "I set my goals and have lived in the moment really well for the past three months since turning pro. I just focus on what I need to do to be a better player. All I want is to improve every time I step on the course. It's pretty unreal for how far I have come and what the future holds too."

**Calling on the Hall:** Justin Rose doesn't know the criteria to be considered for the World Golf Hall of Fame.

His objective is to take the guesswork out of the equation.

Strictly by his PGA Tour record, Rose has too many other players ahead of his 10 victories and one major championship. But he has 10 other victories in golf, not to mention that Olympic gold medal from 2016. He also has a FedEx Cup title and has reached No. 1 in the world.

"I'm knocking on the door, but I feel like you want to bash the door down and make it an easy decision," Rose said. "I don't want to be on the fringe of it."

Next in line is Tiger Woods, who turns 44 at the end of the

year. Rose turns 40 next year. So does Adam Scott, who has more victories on the PGA Tour and worldwide. And so ; and Sergio Garcia. Jim Furyk also merits plenty of consideration with his 17 victories, a U.S. Open and uncanny consistency.

"Is it two majors and 20 PGA Tour events? I don't know if there's a criteria," Rose said. "I've definitely had some cool moments in my career that definitely stand out. Hopefully, if it ever happened, they'd look favorably on that stuff. But I want to prove more to myself. I want to be a multiple major champion."

He mentioned players like Jordan Spieth, Brooks Koepka and Pdraig Harrington, each of whom won three majors or more in a span of three seasons.

"If you catch fire and there, you catch a couple of majors pretty quick," he said. "So I'm looking for one of those spells and phases late in my career."

**No need for overtime:** Kevin Tway began the season by winning the Safeway Open in a three-way playoff. Three weeks later, Schauffele made birdie on

the first extra hole to beat Tony Finau in a playoff in Shanghai. Charles Howell III ended the fall portion of the season with a playoff victory at Sea Island over Patrick Rodgers.

That was Nov. 18. And that was the last playoff of the PGA Tour season.

None of the 37 stroke-play tournaments from Kapalua in January through East Lake in August had to go extra holes.

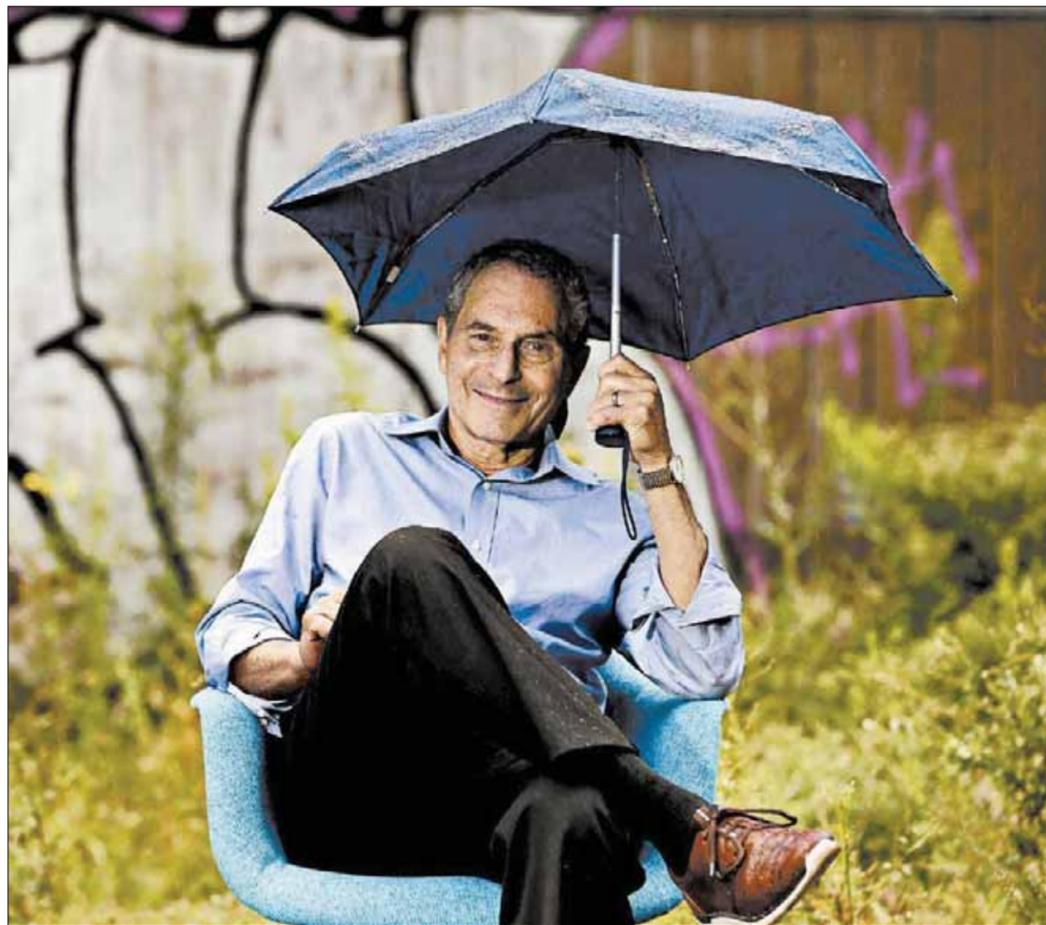
There were 13 events won by one stroke, though not all came down to the final shot. Among the tournaments that were a birdie putt away from a sudden-death playoff were Adam Long making birdie on the 72nd hole in the Desert Classic, Keith Mitchell making birdie on the last hole of the Honda Classic and perhaps the most memorable, Matthew Wolff making eagle on the final hole to win the 3M Open, but only after Collin Morikawa narrowly missed his eagle putt.

**Divots:** For the fifth straight year, the PGA Tour had more than 100 players go over \$1 million in earnings for the year. There were 114 millionaires in 2019, tying the record set the previous year. ... Former U.S. Open champion Michael Campbell is playing the Porsche Open, his first regular European Tour start in nearly five years. ... Women's PGA champion Hannah Green of Australia became the fifth player to win multiple times on the LPGA Tour this season. Jin Young Ko leads the way with four victories, including two majors. ... Scottie Scheffler won the Korn Ferry Tour points list for the regular season and the finals, meaning he is exempt for The Players Championship and will remain at the top of the priority list all of next season.

**Stat of the week:** Webb Simpson earned the most money of anyone who did not win a PGA Tour event last season. He finished No. 10 with \$4.69 million.

**Final word:** "People are not giving us much of a chance. The whole U.S. team is in the top 20. We have one player in the top 20 ... that's just the way it is. But somebody is going to win 15 1/2 points, and at the end of the day, that's our aim." — Presidents Cup International Team captain Ernie Els

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David Weinberg, owner of the Weinberg/Newton Gallery, sits across from his gallery along Milwaukee Avenue in Chicago.

FALL ARTS GUIDE 2019

# Art & activism

David Weinberg of Weinberg/Newton Gallery has a new Chicago space

BY STEVE JOHNSON

There are scores of galleries in Chicago. There is one, Weinberg/Newton Gallery, that specializes in merging art and social justice.

For founder David Weinberg it's been a revelation, both as a way to make art engage with life and as a more compelling way to be a philanthropist.

"You invite somebody to a gallery opening, it's a whole different thing because you're getting your message across, but you're sort of sugarcoating your message," says Weinberg, 75, who in the past two decades has gone from running a major family business to shooting and selling his own fine-art photography to this new, non-commercial model for showcasing art works.

"It's fun, you know? It's something that you're interacting with, rather than sitting in an audience and having speakers talk to you."

For its four shows a year, Weinberg/Newton Gallery, which reopens Friday in bigger and more versatile space,

partners with not-for-profits to mount an exhibition related to the work the group does and also host events designed to educate people about that work.

The inaugural show, "The Way the Mystic Sees," is a collaboration with Human Rights Watch. Weinberg/Newton's curators have pulled together works that refer, either implicitly or explicitly, to the theme of technological surveillance.

Probably the best-known artist in the first exhibition in the new location is Nick Cave, whose 2011 "Soundsuit" will be featured in the center of the 2,400-square-foot exhibition space.

Upcoming shows will partner with public radio station WBEZ-FM and the affordable housing organization Mercy Housing. (If a work from an exhibition sells, the proceeds are shared between the organization and the artist, Weinberg says.)

"And then right before the election, the ACLU" will be the partner, says Weinberg, who maintains homes in Chicago and Lake Geneva. "And I'm guessing they're not going to have any trouble finding some subject matter."

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MY WORST MOMENT

## Something even a famous actor shouldn't try in France

Glynn Turman monologue fell flat with Aretha Franklin's fans

BY NINA METZ

Known for everything from "Cooley High" to "A Different World," Glynn Turman won his first Emmy 11 years ago for the HBO series "In Treatment." He's nominated again this year for his recurring role on ABC's "How to Get Away with Murder."

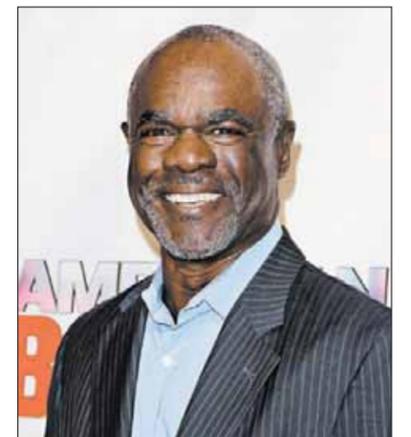
An actor in demand, he can be seen in the new Netflix comedy "Sextuplets" starring his longtime friend Marlon Wayans, and this past summer he has been filming an adaptation of the August Wilson play "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom" in Pittsburgh. It is the second Wilson play (after "Fences") that Denzel Washington has produced.

"I do nothing but applaud this man," Turman said, "and it's just so much fun watching him try to wean himself off being in front of the camera while he's there with us. He's producing only this time, he's not directing and he's not acting — but we see him chomping at the bit to get on set with us and do some of these wonderful scenes."

As for Turman's iconic role in 1975's Chicago-set "Cooley High," he plays a character based on screenwriter Eric Monte. "It's one of my favorite films and not just because I'm in it, but because it represents such an opportunity for people of color to show what our coming up was like."

The film was an early high point in his career. When asked to share the opposite, Turman replied: "I will tell you a worst moment, but you've got to promise that you will acknowledge in this piece that my wife gave me permission to tell this story about an escapade with my ex-wife!"

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PAUL ARCHULETA

Glynn Turman is nominated for an Emmy this year for his recurring role on ABC's "How to Get Away with Murder."

IN PERFORMANCE 'Howards End' ★★ 1/2

## Great Schlegel sisters can't rescue these villains

Show turns evil Wilcox family into the stereotypical baddies

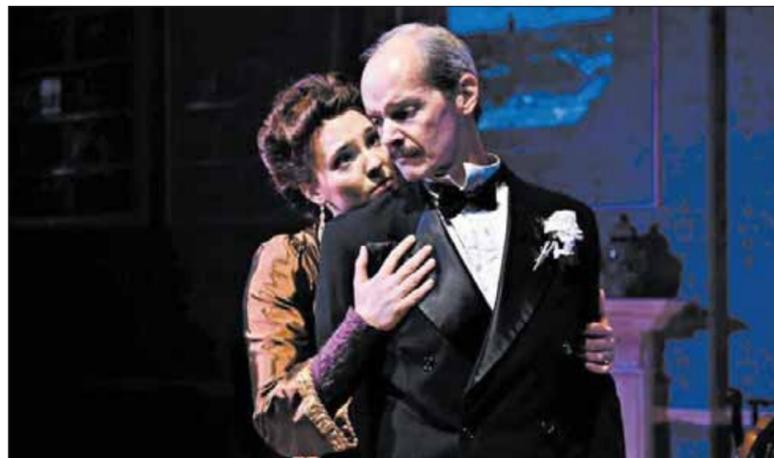
BY CHRIS JONES

Like the Schuyler sisters in "Hamilton," the Schlegel siblings in E.M. Forster's "Howards End" are brilliant, vibrant, free-thinking women forced to figure out how to exist in a world dominated by oft-perfidious men.

In Forster's great and astoundingly prescient novel, which now has been newly adapted into a concise and lively stage play for the Remy Bumppo Theatre Company by Douglas Post, the Schlegel sisters are portraits of empathetic rebellion, proto-feminist points of view slowly beaten into submission by the sexism, inequity and wholesale unfairness that surround them. And, in director Nick Sandys' world premiere production of the first commission in the history of this much-loved, mid-sized theater company, Margaret and Helen Schlegel are brought to life by two fabulously diverse performances from Eliza Stoughton and Heather Chrisler.

These are phenomenal pieces of vibrant and intensely connected acting, forging two very distinct sisters (Margaret is a pragmatist and a romantic; Helen an impulsive and impetuous revolutionary) but also manifesting the most moving of sisterly bonds. You only wish they had more to fight against.

The weakness of this show lies in its tendency to turn the Wilcox family, the cruel industrialists of Forster's story, into stereotypical villains. Granted, these Wilcoxes mostly are an unsympathetic lot,



MICHAEL COURIER

Eliza Stoughton and Mark Ulrich in "Howards End" by Remy Bumppo Theatre Company.

deprived of real emotional intelligence and dominated by the kind of collective insecurity that leads them toward an insatiable desire to acquire more and more stuff — money, property, power — even if it means dispensing a sharp kick to those a rung or two below them on the ladder of English life at the start of the last century. But the moment they become buffoons — and, at times here, they do — it undermines the struggles of the Schlegels in whose fate Forster was so profoundly invested. There's a lesson here in "Downton Abbey," a TV show that had plenty of characters with little or no awareness of their own privilege but always made everyone fully human. That, I think, is what

Forster, whose shrewd, gutsy and humanistic writing was a huge influence on such shows, was trying to achieve.

This is hard to pull off, of course, in a stage adaptation that has to leave much of the novel out. But Post is very successful in making us realize that Forster could see a lot of what would befall humanity a hundred years or so later.

"Howards End" is so full of timeless truths for living ("There's never any great risk as long as you have money," say, or "I am sure that if the mothers of various nations could meet, there would be no more wars") that much of the show really is a great pleasure to watch, including scenes

**When:** Through Oct. 5

**Where:** Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave.

**Running time:** 2 hours, 30 minutes

**Tickets:** \$37.75-\$62.75 at 773-975-8150 or [remybumpo.org](http://remybumpo.org)

that take place between the Schlegels and the two downtrodden citizens, Leonard and Jacky Bast (movingly played by Terry Bell and Jodi Kingsley) that they hope to help. Forster was, of course, charting the collision of three strata of society: the rich, the liberal intellectual elite and the working class, forced to embrace chaos in their lives. The faces may have changed a little, but this still is a conflict that fills our newspapers and airwaves.

"Howards End" really does have a lot to say now and, watching the show on Tuesday night, I just kept wishing that all of the very capable actors playing the various Wilcoxes of two sadly similar generations had been more determined to let us see their points of view, or, at least, the reasons for their actions. And in their best moments, you do see where they could have gone.

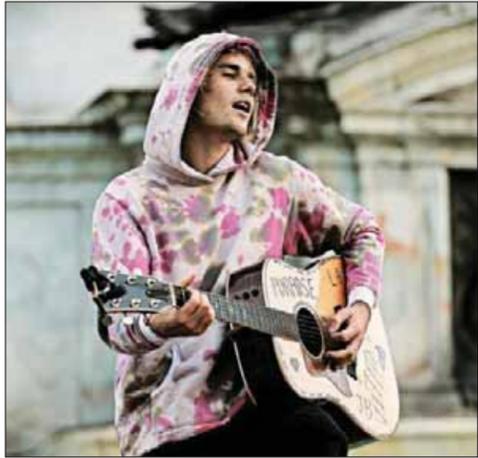
But Forster made no one pathetic. Muddled, sure. He thought life to be such. But never detestable. He just wanted everyone to connect, which was Forster's way of addressing an empathy deficit that never has caused us so much strife as it does right here, right now.

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Justin Bieber says his marriage to Hailey Baldwin has been “the best season of my life.”

## Bieber publicly confronts struggles

Justin Bieber said in a candid Instagram post Sunday that he isolated himself and turned to “heavy drugs” at 19 while struggling to cope with his rapid rise to fame.

The 25-year-old pop star has become increasingly open about his personal life in recent years as he has rebounded from a string of missteps — including a 2014 DUI arrest — that led to concerns about his career. Last year, he shocked fans when he took to Instagram to confirm his engagement to model Hailey Baldwin, whom he married two months later. On Sunday, Bieber referenced their marriage as “the best season of my life.”

He put their union in stark contrast to the relationships he “abused” as he grappled with the dark side of fame. “I became resentful, disrespectful to women, and angry,” he wrote.

Bieber, who skyrocketed to fame at 13, isn’t the first child star to struggle with fame or sudden wealth — a theme to which Bieber alluded in his post.

“Have you noticed the statistics of child stars and the outcome of their life?” he asked. “There is an insane amount of pressure and responsibility put on a child who’s brain, emotions, frontal lobes (decision making) aren’t developed yet.”

Bieber’s reference to “heavy drugs” is not the first time the singer has broached the subject. “Drugs put a screen between me and what I was doing. It got pretty dark,” he told *Vogue* this year. “I think there were times when my security was coming in late at night to check my pulse and see if I was still breathing.”

In addition to his marriage, Bieber has cast his Christian faith as a pivotal aspect of his healing.

“Jesus loves you,” Bieber wrote near the end of his lengthy post, which he summarized as a reminder to “keep fighting” even when “the odds are against you.”

— *The Washington Post*



DAVID LIVINGSTON/GETTY

**On tour:** Oprah Winfrey is taking her motivational spirit on the road next year with an arena tour to promote a healthier lifestyle. The chief of OWN television network said she will launch the “Oprah’s 2020 Vision: Your Life in Focus” tour starting Jan. 4 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She is working with Weight Watchers Reimagined to offer a full-day of wellness conversations during the nine-city tour.

**Break-in:** Police say a man who broke into Taylor Swift’s beachfront mansion in Rhode Island took his shoes off because he wanted to be polite. Westerly police who responded to the home just after 5 p.m. Friday found 26-year-old Richard Joseph McEwan inside. He’s charged with breaking and entering and willful trespassing.

**Finalists:** Margaret Atwood’s “The Testaments,” her sequel to “The Handmaid’s Tale,” is among six works shortlisted for the Booker Prize for Fiction. Other finalists include: Salman Rushdie’s “Quichotte,” his modern telling of “Don Quixote”; Lucy Ellmann’s epic “Ducks, Newburyport”; Bernardine Evaristo’s “Girl, Woman, Other”; Chigozie Obioma’s “An Orchestra of Minorities”; and Elif Shafak’s “10 Minutes 38 Seconds in This Strange World.” The winner will be announced Oct. 14.

**Sept. 5 birthdays:** Comedian-actor Bob Newhart is 90. Actor William Devane is 80. Actor George Lazenby is 80. Actress Raquel Welch is 79. Singer Al Stewart is 74. Cartoonist Cathy Guisewite is 69. Actor Michael Keaton is 68. Actress Rose McGowan is 46. Actress Carice Van Houten is 43.



## ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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## Mom corrals daughter into real estate

**Dear Amy:** My mother remarried and started a new family when I was 16.

She and I have had periods of estrangement, but for the past few years we have grown closer.

When she married my stepfather, Mom began working for her mother-in-law in real estate. I believe her MLL, who is in her mid-80s, has been manipulative and cruel to her. Despite this, Mom continues to work with her.

Mom is in her mid-60s. She is at a point where I feel she should be slowing down due to physical issues. Instead, she is pursuing more real estate transactions and needs to update her training.

She has asked for my help with some computer aspects of the transactions, which I don’t mind doing.

But she recently asked me to do a final walk-through with clients before closing on a piece of property. I am not a Realtor and I do not work in real estate. I told my mother I felt it would be best that she maneuvered her schedule so she could be there with her clients, but if she needs me to do it that, I would not mind. However, I do have reservations about it. I feel it is not professional, but I would not say that to her because I don’t want to hurt her. She gets very short when we don’t agree.

Looking at it from a client’s point of view, it seems odd.

Because my mother has some nagging health issues, I try to be understanding that she wants to work as long as possible, but I also feel she is opening herself up to even more stress. I need to lay down a boundary about where I

will help and what her professional responsibilities are. Your thoughts?

— *Continual Frustrations*

**Dear Frustrations:** I agree that you need to lay down some reasonable boundaries. I wonder, however, if you are capable of doing that. If you don’t want to do something, for whatever reason, you need to say so. “I don’t want to do this, but if you insist, I don’t mind ...” is a muddled message.

Your mother has every right to continue to work into her mid-60s and beyond.

If she is asking you to take on more and more of this real estate work, you should tell her, “I can’t help you with this. I’m not licensed and this is not my field.” (Would you ask your mother to take your place at work for a couple of hours? I assume not.)

As a potential client of hers, I would not be thrilled to learn that the person performing the final walk-through was not qualified or licensed. Worst-case scenario: a miscommunication during the walk-through could scuttle a sale or land a client in court.

Your assistance should be in the form of encouraging her to take good care of herself, and to keep her skills current.

**Dear Amy:** I recently lost my husband after 31 years of marriage. He was 54 years old.

I am back to work, and trying to keep things together. I know friends and co-workers truly care about how I am doing, however, every day I am asked, “How are you?”

Many days I’m not good. I have no desire to share how I’m really doing with casual co-workers.

In all honesty, I would like to wear a sign saying, “Please, don’t ask how I am.” Any suggestions for how to avoid these questions?

— *Please Don’t Ask*

**Dear Please Don’t Ask:** I’m so sorry for your loss. I can understand why you don’t want to engage in what for you is a very loaded question, especially at work.

Please remember, however, that for many, “How are you?” is a pedestrian greeting, along the lines of “Hey, how’s it going?”

Trying to answer truthfully opens up a conversation you aren’t ready to have with your co-workers, so go ahead and paint your truth with a broad brush. Say, “Oh, I’m hanging in there. How are you?”

**Dear Amy:** “Still Working” was retirement age but was annoyed when people asked her if she was still working.

I went back to work 15 months ago. I’m currently 68. When I get asked, “Are you still working?” I say, “I get full benefits, 401(k), pension plan and medical. Wouldn’t you still work?”

— *Problem Solved*

**Dear Problem Solved:** As I responded to “Still Working,” asking this question of someone in the retirement-zone shouldn’t be seen as a huge affront.

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## Moment

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The ex he’s referring to is Aretha Franklin, to whom he was married from 1978 to 1984. The story he tells was a mortifying experience at the time, but all these years later he couldn’t help but laugh through the telling of it.

### My worst moment ...

“When Aretha and I became engaged, she had the opportunity to go to Paris to perform and she wanted to share the spotlight with her new husband-to-be in front of her international fans. But I don’t sing, so I didn’t have anything to offer. So we came up with the idea: Why don’t I do a monologue?”

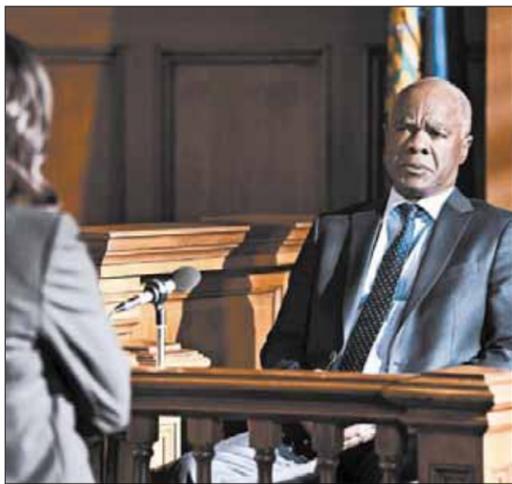
“Now this is in a huge stadium in Paris with thousands of people. So I said, ‘I’ll do a scene from “Cyrano de Bergerac” and I’ll

do this monologue to you — you’ll sit at the piano and I’ll do this monologue to you, my Roxane’ (the love interest in the play). And she said OK.”

“I hadn’t done the play before this — nor since. I break out in hives when anybody brings it up now!”

“So we’re in Paris and she’s on stage singing, and after the intermission we’re about to start the second act with this monologue. She sits there and introduces me to the audience — ‘This is my fiance, a famous actor in America’ — the whole thing, and I start the monologue.”

“And I pretty soon hear grumbling in the audience. The audience is very discombobulated (*laughs*). And then I hear (*in a French accent*), ‘Aretha! Aretha! Aretha!’ And I keep going but I’m looking out at the audience and now they’re chanting: ‘Areee-thaa Franklin! Areee-thaa Franklin! Areee-thaa Franklin! Boooooo! Boooooo! Aretha! Aretha!’ “And I’m thinking: ‘Oh



MITCH HAASETH

Glynn Turman in his Emmy-nominated performance on “How to Get Away with Murder.”

(shoot) how do I get off this stage? (*Laugh*) And Aretha was trying to be brave with me, trying to encourage me to go on!

“But now they’re stomping! You could hear thousands of people stomping: ‘Get off the stage!’ (*Long laugh*) And I eased off the

stage, making myself as small as I possibly could, and eased off into the wings.

“And she immediately started playing the piano and with only the grace that she had, recaptured this hostile French audience.”

### In hindsight, maybe a monologue in the middle of a concert wasn’t the best idea.

“Oh, what a stupid thing to do! I wasn’t speaking in French, first of all (*laughs*). I’m doing a bad job of ‘Cyrano de Bergerac’ because I hadn’t even memorized it, I was reading it (*laughs*). And the next thing I know, it was a mutiny!”

“It was bad on so many levels — it was a bad choice, a bad performance, bad timing, bad everything — and the audience was right: Who is this dude with a bad rendition of ‘Cyrano de Bergerac’ in English holding up this damn concert (*laughs*)?”

“Shoot, I don’t blame them — I would have booed me off the stage too (*laughs*)! They didn’t care who I was, they came to see Aretha Franklin sing. Music transcends language and Aretha Franklin makin’ music transcends everything.”

“But afterward, I was livid.”

### How long until Turman was able to shake it off?

“I’ll let you know! (*Laughs*) I was just so upset and she was like: ‘No, don’t worry about it. It’s done, forget it.’ And of course as you can see, it’s 40 years and I haven’t forgotten it yet (*laughs*)!”

“She didn’t bring me on stage to perform after that. Hell no (*laughs*)! She was like, ‘You do your thing, I’ll do mine, and that’s that.’ But we did share the stage again, believe it or not, we did a TV thing together, it was a Burt Sugarman thing (Sugarman produced ‘The Midnight Special’ TV series) where I sang and just as badly as I performed ‘Cyrano de Bergerac.’”

### The takeaway ...

“My takeaway is: When the crowd comes to see the Queen of Soul, just present the Queen of Soul.”

“Don’t get in the way.”

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Fel-Pro, in Skokie, was the Weinberg family business, a maker of automotive gaskets that was known for more than its ability to bring engine parts together.

“We were always voted one of the top 10 companies to work for in this country,” says Weinberg. “I don’t think of that as philanthropy. I think of that as just being good people and doing business in a smart way.”

That’s still true, reports Nabiba Khan-Giordano, a practicing artist and one of two co-directors of the gallery, which lists four employees under Weinberg, the executive director.

“The amount that I feel my well-being matters to my boss, I know that’s not the situation I would find myself in other places,” she says. “I think David

knows that without the staff feeling support, it’s not going to produce the kind of work that we want to be producing.”

“And also just on a base level, it’s pretty clear that somebody doing this type of work is somebody that cares about people.”

At the end of the 1990s, Fel-Pro had 2,700 employees and was doing about \$500 million annually in sales, but Weinberg, then in his mid-50s, could see tougher times ahead as carmakers changed their supply-chain practices and the parts aftermarket was shrinking.

He sold the company in 1998 for \$720 million in cash and stock, the Tribune reported. And then he had to figure out what to do next. Weinberg spent several years consulting, developing a specialty in advising family-run companies.

“I ended up sitting on 12 boards at one time,” he says. “I have to say that I burned

out on it.

“It takes a certain kind of a person who is running a company to then be an adviser to other people. When you’re an adviser, you may come up with the best idea in the world and, you know, it’s kind of sloughed off. I did not enjoy it that much.”

Weinberg and his wife, the discrimination-law attorney Jerry Newton, decided to take some time off and rented an apartment in Florence, Italy.

“Every morning she got up and took Italian lessons, and I went into the artisans’ section over the Ponte Vecchio,” he recalls. “And I was making leather-bound books and I had my camera with me, and I just got back into photography right then and there. I was just enthralled with it. And on the flight home I said, ‘You know what? This is what I want to do.’”

Weinberg opened his self-named photography

gallery in a space on Superior Street in 2006. And he has continued as an avid photographer — he currently has a show upcricing the Trump administration at Adler University on Dearborn Street in the Loop — but over time Weinberg began to want to change the focus.

“There’s a certain joy in showing your own artwork,” he says. “But shortly after we started doing that, I started having a feeling that we could be using the gallery in a much more effective way. It could be helpful to more people.”

At the same time, his own work was shifting from abstract to narrative.

“And as I started to give talks on the subject, I started to realize that people really were looking for something a little deeper in art than I had ever imagined,” he says. “That sort of triggered this idea that we could use art in this very creative way.”

David Weinberg Photography changed focus in 2014 to the social-justice mission and in 2016 renamed itself Weinberg/Newton Gallery, after the Weinberg/Newton Family Foundation that supports it.

“I felt like this was something that should be done, that the art world should step up and help the social-justice world,” Weinberg says. “And it feels very natural right now.”

The new space moves the gallery to street-level access and provides both a bigger art gallery and separate space for public programming, which will give curators more flexibility in the type of art and presentations of it they select. Sculptures won’t have to be slid to the side to make room for chairs.

It also puts W/N into more of a neighborhood and takes it out of an explicit gallery district, which Weinberg says feels like a

better fit for the mission.

“I worried that moving into this new space was going to set us back a little bit, but it’s done the opposite because it is so flexible,” he says. “We have so many more options here.”

“This is propelling us forward so that we can do so many more things. I just saw a list of events for September, October, November, and it’s a page-and-a-half.

“What we’re trying to do these days, as opposed to when we first started this mission, is we’re trying to be more activist. We want people to charge out of here and go do something, if at all possible.”

“The Way the Mystic Sees” is Sept. 6 to Dec. 14 at the Weinberg/Newton Gallery, 688 N. Milwaukee Ave.; 312-529-5090 and weinbergnewtongallery.com

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## FALL ARTS GUIDE 2019

## From Andy Warhol to Botanic holiday lights

BY STEVE JOHNSON

Probably the biggest deal in Chicago museums this fall is the major Andy Warhol show coming up at the Art Institute, and the big news is that the Chicago Botanic Garden is adding a holiday lights festival for the first time.

Along with those and such regular fall festivals as the Chicago Architecture Biennial, the Chicago Humanities Festival and Chicago Ideas Week, and the modern and contemporary art fair Expo Chicago, these are among the exhibits and events I am most looking forward to, in chronological order:

**“Eternal Light: The Sacred Stained-Glass Windows of Louis Comfort Tiffany”:** After enlivening its gilded age home with the modern art of Yinka Shonibare, the Driehaus Museum moves back to its traditional, yes, comfort zone with this look at religious panels by the art-glass master. Eleven windows made by Tiffany and studios from 1880 to 1925 will be on display, and the museum is supplementing that with an app-guided, 14-stop tour of other Chicago Tiffany sites. *Sept. 7 to March 8, 2020, at the Richard H. Driehaus Museum, 40 E. Erie St.; 312-482-8933 or driehausmuseum.org.*

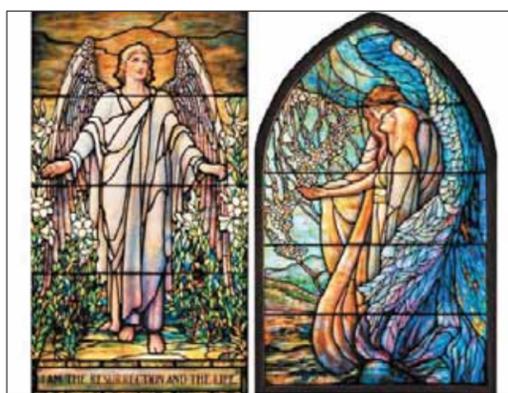
**Focus on Mies:** Two events from the fall’s Chicago Architecture Biennial will put the focus firmly on modernist genius Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, the German who came to prominence living and working in Chicago, and his residential homes-turned-museums west of the city. At the Farnsworth House in Plano, Luftwerk and Iker Gil will be staging “Geometry of Light,” a nighttime “intervention” that will highlight the home’s sharp angles with colored beams of light. In “McCormick House — Past, Present, Future” in Elmhurst, interior architect Robert Kleinschmidt will for the first time since the home joined the Elmhurst Art Museum fill the 1952 structure with period furniture and decor. “Geometry of Light” is *Oct. 11-13 at the Farnsworth House, 14520 River Road, Plano; 630-552-0052 or farnsworthhouse.org.* “McCormick House” is *Sept. 14 to Jan. 12, 2020, 150 S. Cottage Hill Ave., Elmhurst; 630-834-0202 or elmhurstartmuseum.org.*

**“Day of the Dead: A Matter of Life”:** The annual exhibition paying homage to the Mexican Día de los Muertos tradition is always a heady mix of the somber and the celebratory. But the National Museum of Mexican Art’s combination of oferendas and other artwork may lean a little toward the former this



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Andy Warhol’s “Triple Elvis” (Ferus Type, 1963). From the Doris and Donald Fisher Collection at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.



DRIEHAUS MUSEUM

From “Eternal Light: The Sacred Stained-Glass Windows of Louis Comfort Tiffany” at the Richard H. Driehaus Museum in Chicago.

year: It is “dedicated to those who tragically lost their lives in El Paso, Texas, where Mexicans and immigrants were targeted in the August hate crime,” says the free museum in Pilsen. *Sept. 20 to Dec. 8 at the NMMA, 1852 W. 19th St.; 312-738-1503 and nationalmuseumofmexicanart.org.*

**Oriental Institute Museum centennial:** The University of Chicago’s superb, and too easily overlooked, exhibition of artifacts from the ancient Middle East has been getting a multi-million dollar makeover in anticipation of a big 100th anniversary celebration that will see curators and family activities in the museum on the official celebration day and a new centennial exhibition in the galleries plus many special events in the coming weeks and months. Galleries and

signage have been reworked throughout the museum, open daily except Mondays, and artifacts have been brought out of storage and brought back to Chicago from long-term loans elsewhere. *Centennial Public Celebration, 1-5 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Oriental Institute Museum, 1155 E. 55th St.; 773-702-9514 and oi.uchicago.edu.*

**“Stay Tuned: Rock on TV”:** Chicagoans can get a little taste of Cleveland’s Rock and Roll Hall of Fame when this traveling exhibition from the rock hall sets up shop in River North. The exhibition explores rock music’s long intertwining with the idiot box, including stops at such highlights as “The Ed Sullivan Show,” “Saturday Night Live,” and the surfeit of heavily musical 1970s variety shows. *Oct. 18 through*



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Andy Warhol. Liz #3, (Early Colored Liz, 1963). The Stefan T. Edlis collection, partial and promised gift to the Art Institute of Chicago.

*April 2020 at the Museum of Broadcast Communications, 360 N. State St.; 312-245-8200 and museum.tv.*

**“Andy Warhol — From A to B and Back Again”:** This mammoth, likely blockbuster exhibition is the first major American retrospective in more than three decades on the last century’s most influential American artist. Widely praised in its debut last November at New York’s Whitney Museum of American Art, the show displays the Pittsburgh boundary stretcher’s early commercial designs, aims to elevate his overlooked final-years work from the 1980s and includes much of

the stunning melding of art and commerce in between, the Marilyns and the soup cans and such that anticipated remix culture. *Oct. 20 to Jan. 26, 2020, at the Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S. Michigan Ave.; 312-443-3600 and artice.edu.*

**“American Medina: Stories of Muslim Chicago”:** In its continuing series on religious cultures in the city, the Chicago History Museum this fall will examine the diverse Muslim communities that have made a home here. This exhibition will feature not only artifacts, including a jump rope autographed by Muhammad Ali and prayer beads and prayer rugs, but

also interviews with Muslim Chicagoans. *Oct. 21 through May 2020 at the Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark St.; 312-642-4600 and chicagohistory.org.*

**“Direct Message: Art, Language, and Power”:** Going back to the 1960s, this major exhibition aims to examine words in art — or, to put that in museum terms, “the ways artists rearrange and reconfigure communication structures as starting points for social critique and political inquiry,” as MCA Chicago’s website puts it. So not just words, I guess, but also logos, TV broadcasts and more. Sounds fascinating. *Oct. 26 to Jan. 26, 2020, at the Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E. Chicago Ave.; 312-280-2660 and www.mcachicago.org.*

**“Lightscape”:** A big holiday-season lights show comes to the north suburbs, as the Chicago Botanic Garden this year gets into the winter bulb game. Joining longstanding events at Lincoln Park Zoo, Brookfield Zoo and, more recently, Morton Arboretum in the western ‘burbs, the Botanic Garden is installing what officials say will be an artful lights display along a mile-long path. *Nov. 22 to Jan. 5, 2020 (various dates) at the Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe; www.chicagobotanic.org*

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## 5 things we want to see in the ‘Black Panther’ sequel

BY DAVID BETANCOURT  
Washington Post

One of the biggest announcements at Disney’s D23 Expo was the date of the Black Panther’s return to the big screen.

Don’t expect to be shouting “Wakanda forever” at a theater near you anytime soon: “Black Panther” director Ryan Coogler appeared onstage alongside Marvel Studios mastermind Kevin Feige to announce that the release is three years away: May 6, 2022.

Feige told the crowd that Coogler has turned in a treatment for “BP2” and that they already have a title, but the two weren’t ready to reveal any hints just yet. We’ll have to wait to see whether my hunch is right and the title will be “Black Panther: I’m Back for More Cash,” a nod to the Tony Kornheiser book.

Following up on the 2018 original’s \$1.3 billion worldwide and three Academy Awards (after seven nominations) is no simple task, which is why Coogler wanted to let fans know they’re taking their time

trying to get things right.

And so begins the speculation of what a “Black Panther” sequel can do to top the first. We can at least say we’re pretty sure Spider-Man won’t be showing up in Wakanda, although how cool would that have been?

Here are five things we hope to see:

**1. Namor the Sub-Mariner.** Namor has an intense rivalry with the Black Panther in the pages of Marvel Comics, and fans have been buzzing that he could be the main adversary in “Black Panther II.” That buzz began during “Avengers: Endgame” when Okoye (Danai Gurira) reported that Wakanda was monitoring earthquakes under the oceans. Why bring up the ocean (where Namor rules the seas as Atlantean royalty) if it wasn’t meant to be explored in a future Black Panther film?

Namor is a classic Marvel character who debuted in 1939, two years before Aquaman did at DC Comics. If he is to be Coogler’s next Killmonger, Marvel

Studios will have to power through the red tape of some dated contracts at Universal, which has Namor’s movie rights.

Marvel Studios probably wouldn’t want Namor in his own movie franchise, given that Warner Bros. and DC Entertainment just made \$1.1 billion worldwide with “Aquaman.” But we could see a situation in which the character appears throughout future Marvel Studios movies, as has the Incredible Hulk, another character the company doesn’t fully own. A cinematic battle with the Black Panther would be a great start.

**2. Killmonger in the Wakandan ancestral plane.** Michael B. Jordan’s Killmonger, an easy contender for greatest Marvel Studios villain ever, died in a Wakandan battle at the end of “Black Panther,” but that doesn’t mean we won’t see him again.

Some of “Black Panther’s” most emotional scenes involved the ancestral plane, a spiritual locale where the Black Panther can summon the guidance



MATT KENNEDY/AP

Michael B. Jordan (Killmonger), left, and Chadwick Boseman (T’Challa/Black Panther) appear in a scene from “Black Panther.” A sequel to the wildly popular movie is scheduled to be released in May 2022.

of loved ones who have died. The film showed both T’Challa and Killmonger visiting their dead fathers this way.

If the Black Panther seeks spiritual guidance in the ancestral plane again, could Killmonger be there on the other side awaiting him? Then again, Killmonger told the Black Panther to bury him in the ocean, and if you need a reminder of who is in the ocean, go back to No. 1 on this list. Atlantean technology can do some crazy things.

**3. Shuri as the Black Panther.** Shuri (Letitia Wright), the genius younger sister of the Black Panther, is one of the Marvel universe’s greatest minds, and in the Black Panther comics she is the person who can step into the mantle of the Black Panther should anything happen to her older brother T’Challa.

It would be a waste to introduce Shuri to the Marvel Cinematic Universe and not give her this big moment. Especially if, say, T’Challa is temporarily

unable to be the Black Panther because of injuries he has suffered in battle with, say, Namor (yes, we are pushing this rivalry).

**4. The cape.** When writer Reggie Hudlin and artist John Romita Jr. were beginning their run on Marvel’s Black Panther comics back in 2005, Romita had a very important cape question for Hudlin: Did he want a long cape or a short cape? Regardless, there was going to be a cape. Many Black Panther fans consider the cape look to be his best look, but that’s not a style that translated to the big screen. Maybe, if even for just a ceremonial event, we can see the cape flapping in “Black Panther II.”

**5. The soundtrack.** If you think the soundtrack to “Black Panther II” will be anything less than a banger after the fire that was dropped in 2018, you clearly weren’t listening. The only question is whether Kendrick Lamar will return as an artist and producer or whether a new musician will take over. Expect much hotness.

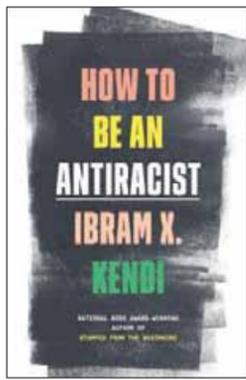
## BOOK REVIEW

## Candid author sees his own past as racist

BY RANDALL KENNEDY  
The Washington Post

"How to Be an Antiracist" is a memoir by Ibram X. Kendi that details his grapplings with racism and his advice for eliminating it. Kendi is the author of "Stamped From the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America," which won the National Book Award for Nonfiction in 2016. Kendi's latest book describes his peregrinations as a child and early adolescent in predominantly black, urban settings in New York; as an anxious student at the predominantly white Stonewall Jackson High School in Northern Virginia; as a journalism major at the virtually all-black Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University; and as a Ph.D. candidate in the African American studies department at Temple University. Kendi dissects what he sees as his own racism in each of these phases of his life.

He maintains, for example, that in winning the Martin Luther King Jr. oratorical contest in high school, he voiced racist ideas by excoriating fellow African Americans for inattentiveness to schoolwork, unwed pregnancies and criminality. "It is hard for me to believe," he recalls, that "I finished high school in the year 2000 touting so many racist ideas. A racist culture had handed me the ammunition to shoot Black people, to shoot myself, and I took and used it. The internalized racism is in real Black on Black crime." He believes that in college he capitulated to racism by wearing honey-colored contact



## 'How to Be an Antiracist'

By Ibram X. Kendi, One World, 305 pages, \$27

lenses, by preferring lighter-skinned over darker-skinned African American women, by subsequently preferring darker-skinned over lighter-skinned African American women, and by hating white people. He writes that when he began graduate school he was indifferent to or even prejudiced against fellow black students who were gay.

The principal lesson that Kendi gathers from his catalog of self-criticism is that to be truly anti-racist, one must set oneself against all forms of social oppression. "How to Be an Antiracist" is a journal of Kendi's efforts to free himself of the ideological manacles clamped upon him by a society suffused with white supremacy, capitalist exploitation, misogyny and the repression of unconventional sexuality.

The persona reflected in this memoir is compellingly attractive in important



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Ibram X. Kendi dissects his own prejudice in his admirable new memoir, "How to Be an Antiracist."

respects. At the end of his book, Kendi reveals that in 2018, he received a diagnosis of Stage 4 colon cancer — a frightening prospect for anyone but especially for a young academic with a 2-year-old daughter. That he was able to marshal the wherewithal to push his manuscript through to publication in the face of such grim circumstances warrants applause.

Kendi also displays an admirable independence and candor. Though he situates himself far to the left among black activist intellectuals, he is unafraid to say things likely to singe the sensibilities of many of his potential followers. Kendi is similarly uncompromising in his attack on the spurious but surprisingly widespread notion that black people cannot appropriately be deemed to be "racist" because they supposedly lack the power to effectuate their prejudices. Noting the presence of 700 black state court judges, 200 black federal judges, 3,000 black police executives, two black U.S. attorneys general, a black

president and many others occupying posts of substantial authority, Kendi writes that "Black people can be racist because Black people do have power, even if limited." For him that point is central, because a key theme of his book is that all people can and do a play a role in struggles around social justice. Everyone is accountable. And just as anyone can be racist, so, too, can anyone be anti-racist.

Kendi's book suffers, alas, from major flaws. On one page he posits the interesting and potentially fruitful idea that "racist" ought not to be used as a pejorative term connoting a moral failing but ought instead to be used clinically, as a strictly descriptive term of analysis. On an adjacent page, however, without qualification, he condemns racism as a "crime." He aspires to establish "lucid definitions" of key terms, particularly "racism" and "antiracism." But then he writes, "Racism is a marriage of racist policies and racist ideas that produces and normalizes racial inequities" — an exercise in pure tautology.

Kendi derides as "racist" commentary that bemoans social pathologies such as criminality in black America. He fails to explain, however, why it is that black people can be appropriately chastised for being insufficiently attentive to fighting racism, misogyny and economic inequality, but cannot appropriately be chastised for being insufficiently attentive to maintaining the communal conditions — safety, solidarity, habits of civic participation — essential to better defending and advancing their interests in the hurly-burly of American politics.

In the most obtuse pages in "How to Be an Antiracist," Kendi condemns standardized testing, disparages the significance of what should be alarming racial patterns in academic achievement gaps and excoriates efforts to redress those gaps by elevating the scores of those (typically disadvantaged students of color) lagging behind. His polemic is littered with misleading red herrings, as when he says that implicit in the idea of academic

achievement gaps, as measured by statistical instruments like test scores and dropout rates, is a conviction that the qualities measured by such criteria constitute "the only form of academic 'achievement.'" There is no such necessary implication. One can believe that there are important attributes outside those typically measured by standardized tests — such as people skills, persistence and compassion — and still believe that attributes that are measured by standardized tests, such as mastery of arithmetic and reading, are also important, indeed imperatively so.

Despite misgivings about various features of "How to Be an Antiracist," we should fervently hope to see more work from Kendi in the months and years to come. His subject, the vexing American race question, retains a towering and tragic salience. In grappling with it, we could use Kendi's candor, independence and willingness to be self-critical.

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## BOOK REVIEW

## Veteran journalist's book paints macabre portrait of Kim Jong Un

BY BOB DROGIN  
Los Angeles Times

Both inherited a family business and are surrounded by sycophants.

Both make endless false claims, blame others for their mistakes and have been lampooned — and vastly underestimated — by their critics.

One boasts he is a "super genius," the other a "genius among geniuses."

Is it any wonder that President Trump and North Korea's Kim Jong Un get along so well?

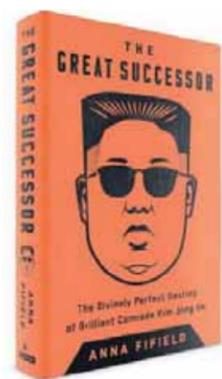
Anna Fifield's "The Great Successor: The Divinely Perfect Destiny of Brilliant Comrade Kim Jong Un" is required reading to fully appreciate Trump's bizarre bromance with the young tyrant.

Admittedly, the first serious English-language biography of Kim is less playful than its title suggests. The veteran Washington Post correspondent has produced a macabre portrait of a ruling dynasty that has inexplicably survived for seven decades. If the prose sometimes lags, the reporting is groundbreaking due to Fifield's visits to North Korea and her dogged ability to track down Kim's childhood playmates, relatives and others.

Kim was only 27 when he assumed power in December 2011 after the death of his father, Kim Jong Il.

Fifield reveals that Kim was sent at age 12 to study at an elite private school in Bern, Switzerland. He became obsessed with the Chicago Bulls. Guarded by an aunt and uncle — whom Fifield interviewed in exile — he swam in the French Riviera, skied in the Alps and visited Euro Disney.

The idyll ended when he was ordered home to attend Kim Il Sung Military University. In 2009, when he was 25, his ailing father named him successor.



## 'The Great Successor'

By Anna Fifield, Public Affairs, 336 pages, \$28

North Koreans were told Kim could drive a car and hit a lightbulb with a rifle at 100 yards, all by the age of 3. The official humbug helped hide the fact that Kim had no political or military experience.

Foreigners mocked his ballooning girth, high-fade haircut and attire "fashionable only in Communist holdover states," as Fifield puts it. But Kim proved far more adept than his skeptics expected. His father had spoken only a single phrase in public during 17 years in power. Kim addressed a bank of microphones and launched a charm offensive, hugging children and smiling for the cameras.

More important, he allowed ad hoc private markets to open. North Korea now has a vibrant entrepreneurial class, and by most estimates, the economy is growing steadily despite international sanctions.

But repression remains brutal and pervasive. Cellphones are not connected to the outside world, and there is no internet access. Worse, a United Nations special commission found

in 2014 that rape, torture and starvation in political prisons were "essential components" of Kim's rule. It recommended he face charges of crimes against humanity.

Early on, Kim consolidated his grip on power with purges. The de facto defense minister was publicly executed by anti-aircraft gun. Kim's uncle by marriage, once one of the regime's most powerful figures, was declared "despicable human scum" and also executed.

In February 2017, Kim's older half brother was assassinated in a busy airport terminal in Malaysia. He died, in terrible pain, barely 15 minutes after two women had rushed up and rubbed two chemicals on his face that, when combined, formed the deadly VX nerve agent.

Kim, Fifield writes, was "sending a defiant public message to defectors: wherever you are, we can get you — and it will hurt." Kim, she added, also sent a message to the world. "He had his own flesh and blood killed with a chemical weapon in a crowded public place. So what? The verbal condemnation was swift but there was little other real effect on Pyongyang."

More worrisome, of course, are Kim's nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles. U.S. officials say Kim has steadily expanded his nuclear arsenal since he began sharing mash notes with Trump. Fifield convincingly argues that while ruthless, Kim has acted in a rational, calculating way.

His state propaganda certainly agrees. In 2017, North Korea boasted that 674 million stories were published about Kim — in English — in a 10-day period, or 230,000 an hour. Even Trump couldn't claim that.

## BOOK REVIEW

## Celebrating Melville, the poet

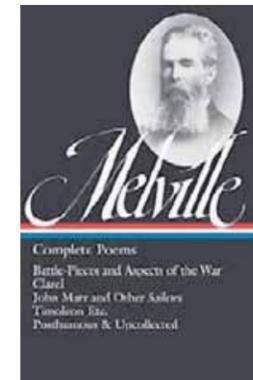
BY COLIN FLEMING  
The Washington Post

If you've ever found yourself awash in the frothing whitecaps of Herman Melville's prose, you are in good company. The authorial harpooner hit the double-century mark last month. So, how shall we celebrate? You might think of picking up "Moby-Dick," but Melville, from the great metaphysical sea-spray of the beyond, might have a better recommendation. You see, this prose master considered himself a poet as much as anything.

Melville's career was riddled with sizeable problems. One was that the work he deemed his best was the source of critical derision. Reviewers dug his travelogue-style novels such as "Typee," but the more lyrical his prose became — like with the synapse-exploding "Pierre" — the less praise he received.

Melville wrote oceans of prose; the poetry didn't lag far behind. Library of America will shortly be releasing a comprehensive 1,000-page collection of that poetry, and if all you know of this marine master is "Moby-Dick," it's high time to dip your toes in the lyrical swash.

Melville was a rhythmicist. Some writers have a better feel than others for when to break off a line, when to follow a torrent of words with a single-syllable hard-stop. This was clear even in "Battle-Pieces and Aspects of the War" (1866), Melville's first volume of poetry — 72 lyrical odes that put the smell of cannon fire and the sweat of stale uniforms in your nostrils, the buckle of bodies in your mind's eye. "The Portent" about the hanging of abolitionist John Brown, is the American letters version of Billie Holiday's "Strange Fruit": "Hidden in the cap / Is the anguish none can draw,"



## 'Herman Melville: Complete Poems'

By Herman Melville, edited by Hershel Parker, Library of America, 1,008 pages, \$45

the poet intones, "But the streaming beard is shown / (Weird John Brown) / The meteor of the war"

"Clarel" (1876), the longest poem in American literature, is the all-in-poetical analogue to "Moby-Dick." Its 18,000 lines pit Christian doctrine against Darwinism via a religious pilgrimage to the Holy Land that reads like God and Satan syllogistically duking it out in "Paradise Lost." With earthy, Emersonesque New Englandisms, the author throws himself down a chasm of "What are we really here for?" inquiry.

This is as bracing as American poetry gets. Do you need all 18,000 lines? Nope. But even an hour spent navigating these straits provides revelations.

"Pale ravener of horrible meat" sounds like a Morrissey lyric, doesn't it? That's from "The Maldive Shark," the tight, singsong account of the partnership between a Jaws Jr. and his pilot fish chums who hang out around his teeth, unscathed. You're never far away from metaphor with Melville. But he's generous — you can disregard that

metaphor and revel in the sonic experience or the story.

"Tom Deadlight" shows Melville's gift for Chekhovian economy. This is a poem rendered in rough and rowdy seaman's argot, about a petty officer dying in his hammock. He has a final chantey left in his lungs, though, a hybrid song-speech regarding last wishes and instructions. He's steering for the Channel for the Deadman, lest there was any doubt, but that doesn't mean you ought to be soft: "And don't blubber like lubbers when I turn up my keel," he concludes, then dies. Avast.

Even best buddy Nathaniel Hawthorne had a hard time deciphering Melville. He'd wonder whether Melville knew that he was as unlike any other American writer as one could be, then concluded that, yes, he knew exactly what he was and kept pushing for the next horizon's curve.

"Nature's dark side is heeded now," Melville wrote in a poem titled "Misgivings," as apt a word as any for when even the best of us, who live the best lives — which, for Melville, would mean the fullest — look back at our pasts.

"Storms are formed behind the storm we feel." That line has always felt to me like it has transitioned the power of the sea to the sky overhead and, from there, to our own breasts, where the weather systems of our emotions are always more complex than rain today, sunshine tomorrow.

May there be a bracing aroma of brine in the air in honor of your bicentennial, Mr. Melville. And may there be a gale-force book of his poems in your hand, dear reader.

Colin Fleming is the author of "Buried on the Beaches: Cape Stories for Hooked Hearts and Driftwood Souls."

# WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Dax Shepard

**"Spin the Wheel"** (7 p.m., FOX): Executive producer Justin Timberlake is widely regarded as one of the nicest guys in show business, and this summer show just bolsters that image, given that the contestants who get a crack at winning heaps of cash by spinning a giant wheel have something in common: They're all Good Samaritans of one kind or another being rewarded here for their good acts. Dax Shepard is host.

**"Dr. No"** (7 p.m., TCM): TCM makes a relatively rare foray into the world of secret agent 007 with this first James Bond film, made in 1962, which kicks off a month-long Bond festival unfolding each Thursday night. This initial adventure finds Agent 007 (Sean Connery) in Jamaica trying to stop master fiend Dr. No (Joseph Wiseman) from sabotaging rocket launches. Ursula Andress also stars. Four other 1960s Bond outings, all with Connery, immediately follow.

**"Mountain Men"** (8 p.m., 12:04 a.m., History): Season 8 concludes with a new episode called "Seize the Day," which finds Tom Oar in Montana building an authentic Native American bull worth that will be worth a pretty penny when finished. Meanwhile, Jake Herak continues hunting for a mountain lion spotted lurking near a school bus stop. Elsewhere, Morgan Beasley struggles to move a ton of greenhouse supplies through miles of dense Alaska forests.

**"Activate: The Global Citizen Movement"** (9 p.m., 11 p.m., NGE0): Hugh Jackman, Rachel Brosnahan ("The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel"), Gayle King and Darren Criss are among the stars participating in this new weekly six-part docu-series aimed at raising viewer awareness about some of the causes — and possible solutions — to extreme poverty around the world.

**"Brides, Grooms and Emergency Rooms"** (9 p.m., 1 a.m., TLC): In a new episode called "Come Hell or High Water," Erik and Ashley's pirate-themed wedding takes an "arrrrr-ful" turn that winds up sending them on a treasure hunt for an emergency room. Elsewhere, Ellie and Taylor's plans go up in smoke when their poised walk down the aisle collapses into a sprint toward safety.

**"The Flay List"** (9:30 p.m., 12:30 a.m., Food): This new episode finds Bobby and Sophie Flay in the mood for "Burgers," so they start their tour of favorite spots on the Upper East Side, J.G. Melon, followed by a quick subway ride downtown for gelato at il laboratorio del gelato, another of Bobby's picks. Later, on Sophie's recommendation, they sample the burgers at Black Tap Craft Burgers and Beer.

## TALK SHOWS

**"Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Conan travels down under, where he learns how to speak like a native Aussie, survive the outback and play Australia Rules football.\*

**"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Democratic presidential hopeful Pete Buttigieg; TV host Graham Norton.\*

**"Jimmy Kimmel Live"** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.\*

**"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (11:05 p.m., NBC): Model Kendall Jenner; Desus Nice and The Kid Mero; Tanya Tucker and Brandi Carlile perform.\*

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# George R.R. Martin to speak at Chicago Humanities Festival

BY JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ

Northwestern University graduate and author of the "Song of Ice and Fire" series that inspired HBO's "Game of Thrones" George R.R. Martin is scheduled to speak at the Chicago Humanities Festival in October.

Education sociologist and writer Dr. Eve L. Ewing will join Martin in the conversation slated for 7 p.m. Oct. 11 at the Symphony Center Orchestra Hall.

Martin and Ewing will also be receiving the Chicago Public Library Foundation's Carl Sandburg Literary Award on Oct. 10.

The Chicago Humanities Festival presents over 130 events annually across Chicago, including two



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festivals in the fall and spring.

Tickets go on sale for CHF members on Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. at 312-605-8444

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Tickets go on sale for the public starting Oct. 1 at 10 a.m.

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## Chicago Tribune

## Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Sept. 5): Household harmony is on the rise this year. Disciplined practice benefits your passion projects. Passion sparkles into a flame this winter, before you adapt to a group challenge. Summer brings domestic changes, leading to a victory for your team. It's all for love, friends and family.

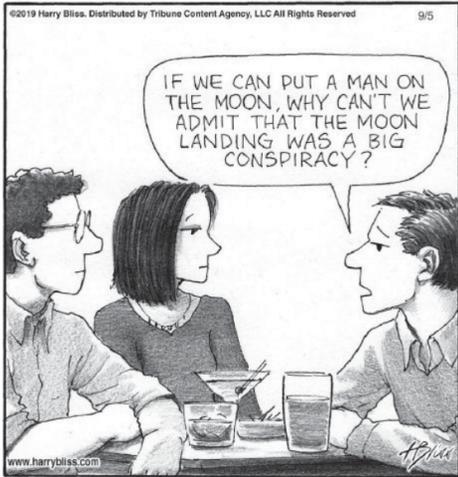
**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Conditions look good to get out and go. Study your subject through direct experience, either yours or that of a trusted teacher.  
**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Consider practical benefits when adding up the balance sheet. Stash provisions for the future. Create a game plan, and collaborate for shared gain.  
**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. Your partner may require delicate care. Negotiate your way through adjustments and compromise for mutual benefit. Strengthen bonds for long-term resilience, support and partnership.  
**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 9. Take extra care to balance your work, health and fitness. Rely on a carefully plotted schedule. Prioritize practicalities to build long-term strength, skills and endurance.  
**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Share fun and romance with someone special. Enjoy family traditions and favorite games. Creative ideas can spark into positive benefits over the long haul.  
**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Clean your room and personal space to clear your head. Domestic projects provide satisfying results. Research for best value before buying.  
**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Your wit and cleverness are attracting new business. Consider long-term benefits. Share information, data and persuasive invitations. Edit down to the simplest expression.  
**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Take action to generate income and positive cash flow. Communications, transport and deliveries flow with greater ease.  
**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Your influence is rising. Humility keeps you from foolishness. Take extra care with your personal appearance. Dress for success, and advance to the next level.  
**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Consider the words and actions of your elders. Learn from the past. Postpone advancement to review plans and visions. What results would you love?  
**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Connect with friends. Collaborate to advance a shared endeavor. Old assumptions get challenged. Strike out in a new direction.  
**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Crazy professional dreams may seem possible. Prepare for a challenge or test. Get your team on board. Use your persuasive charms. Accept assistance.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



### Bliss By Harry Bliss



## Bridge

Both vulnerable, West deals

### North

- ♠ A 8 6 5
- ♥ A 8 6 3 2
- ♦ K Q 5 2
- ♣ Void

### East

- ♠ K J 9 7 2
- ♥ 10 7
- ♦ 4
- ♣ A J 10 8 2

### South

- ♠ 3
- ♥ J 9 5
- ♦ J 10 9 8 6 3
- ♣ Q 7 5

The robust East-West bidding convinced North that his partner's free two-diamond bid was probably based on long diamonds rather than high cards. He chose to soldier on to five diamonds rather than defend. That was a good decision, because four spades will make provided that declarer finds the queen of clubs — an easy find after this auction.

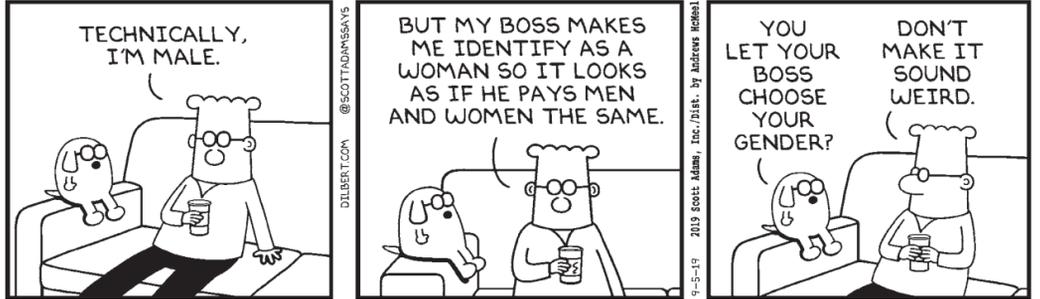
South won the opening spade lead with dummy's ace and led the king of diamonds. West won this with his ace and continued with his remaining diamond. Declarer won with dummy's queen and had to decide how to play the heart suit. There are several lies of the heart suit that would allow declarer to pick the suit for one loser, and most of them require East to hold the 10 of hearts. South lead a heart to his nine and was happy to see West win with the queen.

West led a low club, forcing dummy to ruff, and South was at the crossroads. Should he play East for a singleton heart 10 at this point, or play West for a singleton king? South got it right by ruffing a spade and leading the jack of hearts. He played low from dummy when West played low, and claimed his contract when East followed with the 10. Well done!

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— Bob Jones  
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### Dilbert By Scott Adams



### Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



### Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman (Zits is on vacation until September 16. Please enjoy this strip from 2015.)



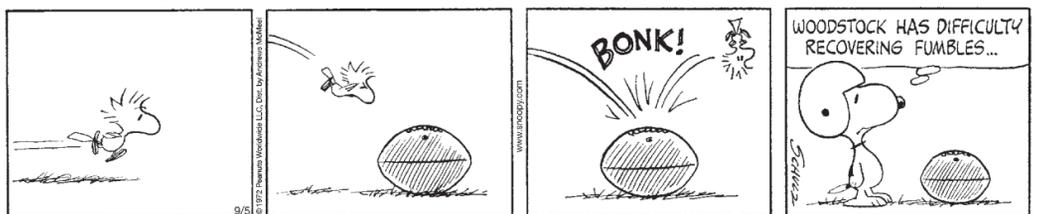
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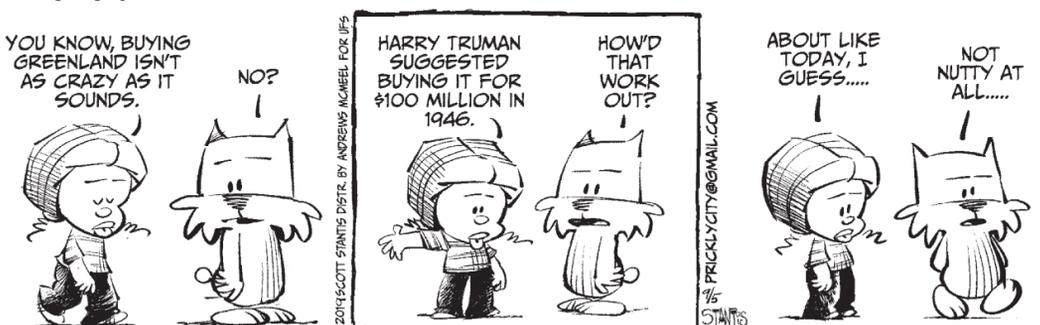
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**Dustin** By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



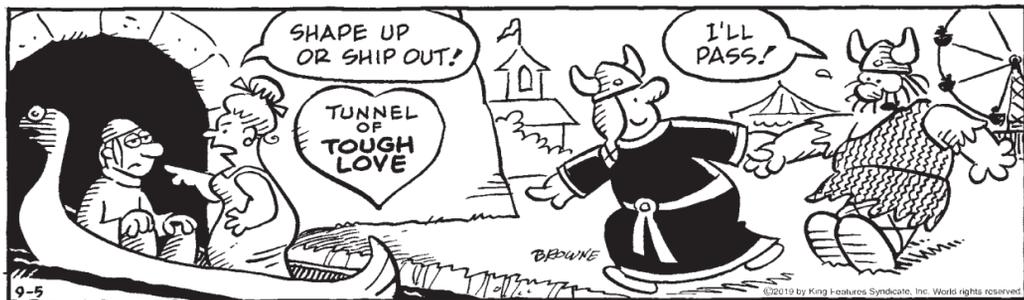
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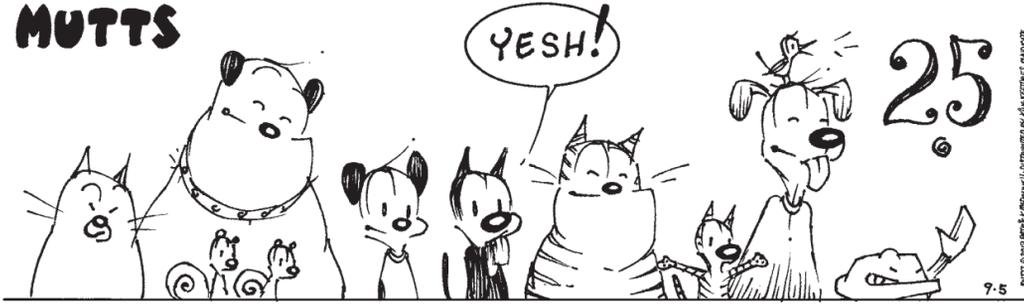
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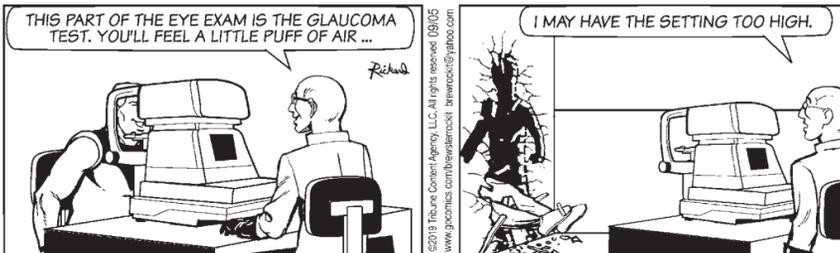
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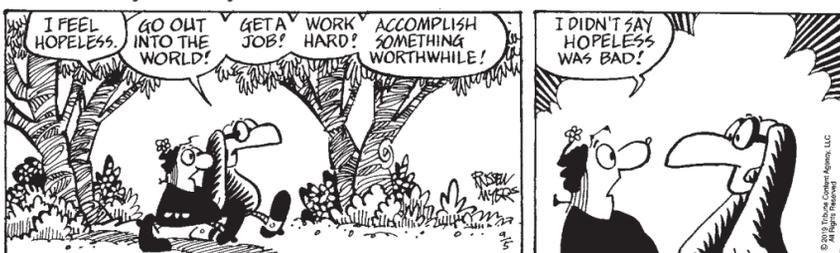
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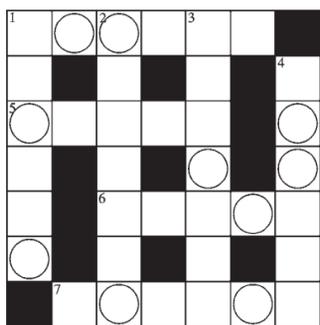
**Trivia Bits**

Applying electricity to neon in a sealed glass tube produces what color light?

A) Blue  
B) Green  
C) Red-orange  
D) White

Wednesday's answer: An ava bowl, whisk and coconut tree are on the reverse of the American Samoa quarter.

**Jumble Crossword**



**CLUE ACROSS**

1. Wolf-like canine  
5. \_\_\_ circle  
6. Two times  
7. Trickery

**CLUE DOWN**

1. Medical \_\_\_  
2. Longest river in China  
3. Destructive insect  
4. Range, magnitude

**ANSWER**

YCEOTO  
RNIEN  
CEWTI  
TIECDE

**ANSWER**

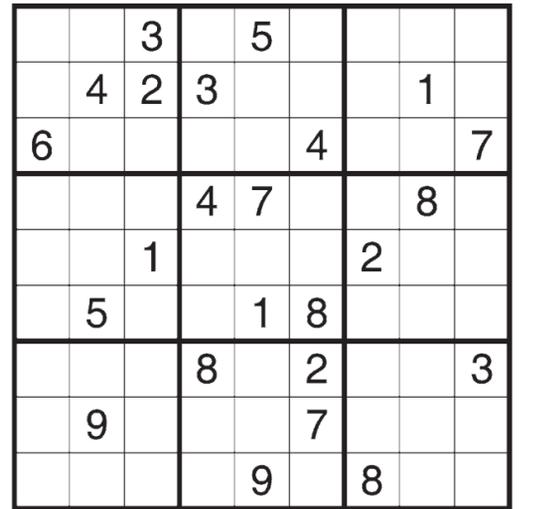
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ZAGTENY  
RMETETI  
TTEEXN

How to play - Complete the crossword by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

**BONUS** [Grid with circled letters]

**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

9/5



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7	8	3	2	4	1	9	5	6
2	4	1	9	5	6	8	3	7
8	1	6	7	2	3	4	9	5
3	9	7	4	8	5	6	2	1
4	5	2	1	6	9	3	7	8
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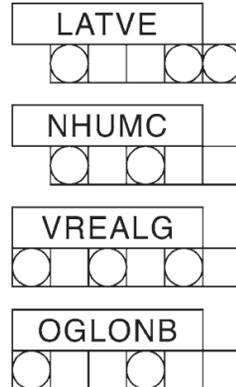
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**Wednesday's solutions**

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**Jumble**

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



**Wednesday's answers**

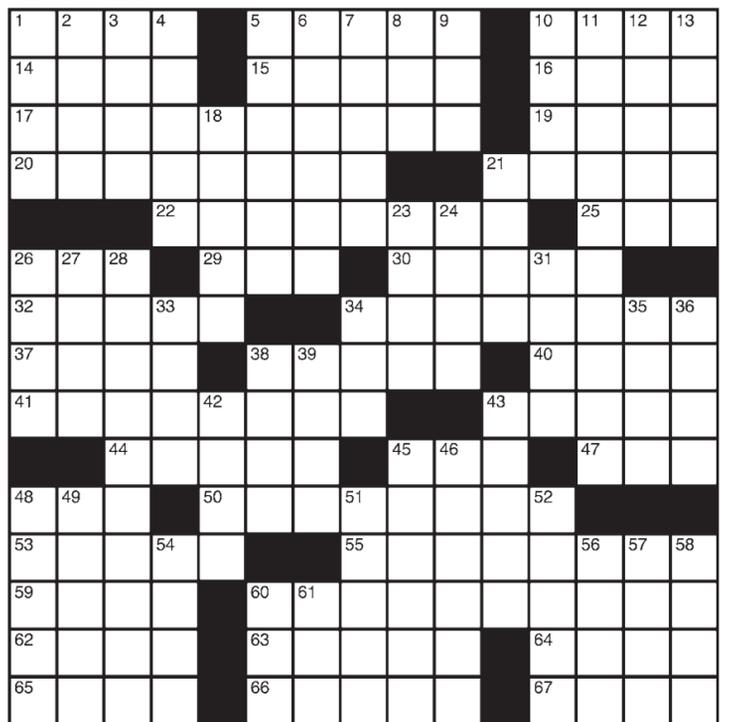
Jumbles: GIVEN NOTCH INFORM GAGGLE  
Answer: Noah Webster hadn't started work on his dictionary yet, but he was — MEANING TO

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**Crossword**

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- Across**
- 1 Isla surround
  - 5 Real cutup
  - 10 Italian volcano
  - 14 TV series that had flashbacks, flash-forwards and multiple timelines
  - 15 Kemper of "The Office"
  - 16 Truant GI
  - 17 \*Brain trust member
  - 19 Meander
  - 20 Afflicted with illness, say
  - 21 Gastric woe
  - 22 \*Nixon's cocker spaniel
  - 25 PC key
  - 26 Reel Big Fish music genre
  - 29 Pigs out (on)
  - 30 Flying frenemy of Godzilla
  - 32 "Beaten" ways
  - 34 One who is rotten to the core?
  - 37 Quartet member
  - 38 \*Influential record company named for co-founding brothers Leonard and Phil
  - 40 Serb or Croat
  - 41 Went over again and again
  - 43 Razz
  - 44 Geometric given
  - 45 Ox tail?
  - 47 Hankering
  - 48 Toward the stern
  - 50 \*Playful question spoiled by caller ID
  - 53 2010 Supreme Court appointee
  - 55 Shows derision for
  - 59 Boast
  - 60 \*The USS Iowa, e.g.
  - 62 Toon mail-order company
  - 63 Be of use to
  - 64 Sty sound
  - 65 Swamp stalk
  - 66 "Aw, fudge!"
  - 67 Corddry of TV's "Mom"
  - 10 Bluegrass legend
  - 11 With 28-Down, words to a cheater ... or an honest hint to the answers to starred clues
  - 12 Original
  - 13 At the ready
  - 18 Heart sonograms, familiarly
  - 21 Food safety agcy.
  - 23 Paleozoic and Cenozoic
  - 24 Retina cells
  - 26 Exchange barbs
  - 27 Curly cabbage
  - 28 See 11-Down
  - 31 Church area
  - 33 The Cardiff Giant, notably
  - 34 \_\_\_ Bath & Beyond
  - 35 Zap with a beam
  - 36 Equally matched
  - 38 \_\_\_ En-lai
  - 39 Iron-rich blood pigment
  - 42 Portent
  - 43 Giggly sound
  - 45 "Don't you agree?"
  - 46 Resides
  - 48 1556-1605 Mogul emperor
  - 49 Screwball comedy
  - 51 Celestial red giant
  - 52 Director of Wes
  - 54 Like good Scotch
  - 56 LaBeouf of "Transformers" films
  - 57 Informal contraction
  - 58 Toll rd.
  - 60 Prohibition
  - 61 "\_\_\_ Maria"

**Wednesday's solution**



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# CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 5

NORMAL HIGH: 79°    NORMAL LOW: 59°    RECORD HIGH: 98° (1899)    RECORD LOW: 44° (1988)

## Early fall weather befalls us amid Dorian winds

### LOCAL FORECAST

**HIGH** 75    **LOW** 59

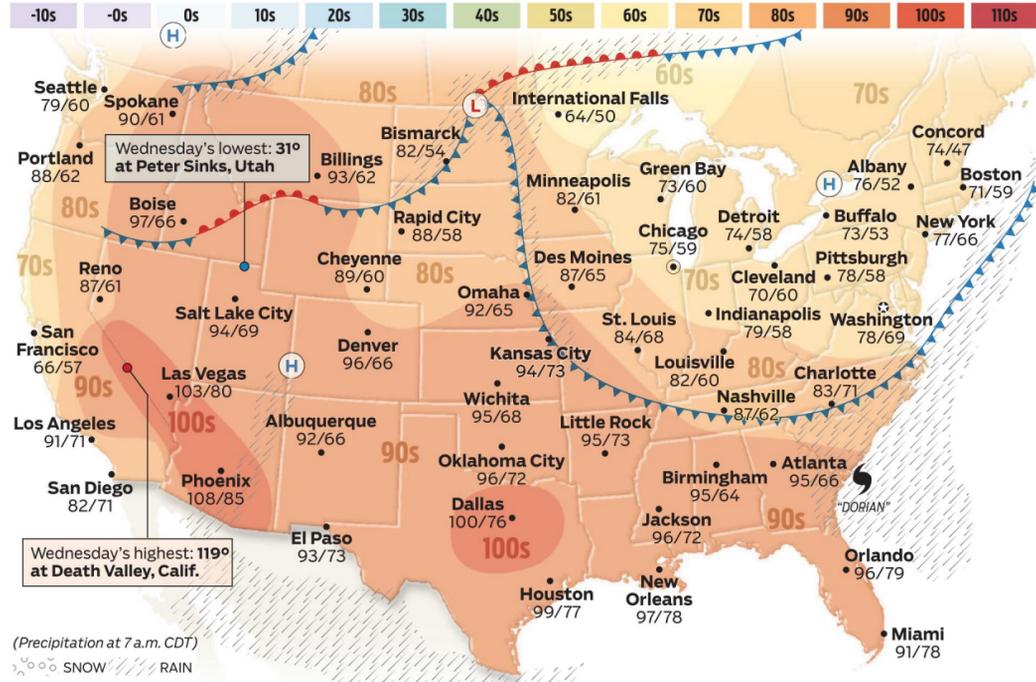
■ High pressure moves off to the east and winds become light easterly, as an on-shore lake breeze develops.

■ A cold front approaches from the northwest overnight.

■ Mostly sunny and seasonably mild with a high in the mid 70s - but cooler lakeside with light northeast to east winds.

■ Clouds increase overnight as winds turn to the south. A few showers and even a t-storm possible toward morning ahead of the approaching cold front.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



High pressure and sunny skies with 70-degree temperatures will prevail over the Chicago area Thursday, while a life-threatening storm surge and extensive coastal flooding will threaten the South Carolina coastline.

Friday a cold front could trigger a few showers or a thunderstorm early here with the sun coming out and temperatures working well into the 70s during the afternoon. At the same time Dorian is forecast to continue to batter the North Carolina shoreline. The Miami Hurricane Center forecasters warn that Hurricane Dorian is passing so close to the mainland that hurricane force winds could easily occur anywhere along the shoreline in the next few days. Early fall temperatures will continue here through the weekend with increasing humidity and a chance of t-storms early next week.

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 6

**HIGH** 79    **LOW** 59

Clouds and a few showers may carry-over into the forenoon hours as a cold front moves through the area. Becoming partly sunny with an afternoon high approaching 80-degrees. Clear and cool overnight. North winds.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

**HIGH** 76    **LOW** 58

Early sun gives way to increasing afternoon clouds. Cool with a high in the mid 70s but cooler lakeside. Light on-shore easterly winds develop. Thickening clouds overnight with a chance of showers toward morning.

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 8

**HIGH** 69    **LOW** 62

Mostly cloudy, breezy and a cooler with showers and t-storms likely. High near 70 with mid 60s lakeside. A chance of showers/t-storms overnight mainly south portion. East winds 8-12 mph.

### MONDAY, SEPT. 9

**HIGH** 76    **LOW** 63

Mostly cloudy, breezy and mild with a good chance of showers and t-storms. Afternoon highs in the middle 70s - cooler at the lakefront. A chance of t-storms overnight. Easterly winds shift to the south.

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 10

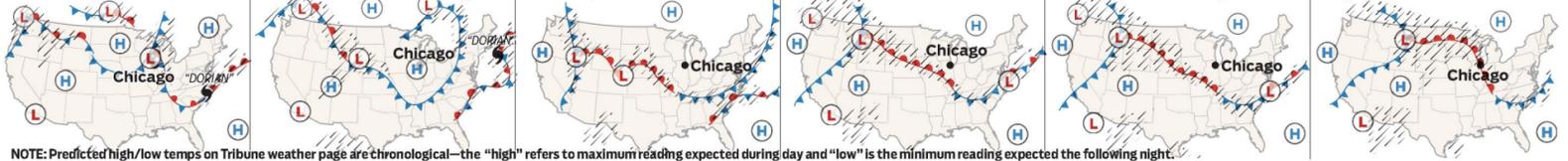
**HIGH** 85    **LOW** 64

A mix of clouds and sun, warmer and noticeably more humid with a chance of afternoon t-storms developing. Highs in the middle to upper 80s. Clouds and a chance of showers/t-storms overnight. Southerly winds.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11

**HIGH** 80    **LOW** 62

A frontal boundary in the area will cause considerable cloudiness and periods of showers/t-storms. Highs in the 70s north and 80s south. Chance of t-storms overnight - mainly south. Light winds.



### ASK TOM

Dear Mr. Skilling,  
My friends and I are confused by astronomical fall and meteorological or calendar fall. Can you explain?  
Thanks,  
Helen E. Baker

Dear Helen,  
Astronomical seasons are defined by the spring and fall equinoxes and the summer and winter solstices. However, the beginning and ending dates vary slightly from year to year. That's why meteorologists prefer to use four three-month meteorological seasons. In the Northern Hemisphere, June, July, and August define meteorological summer, while meteorological winter is made up of December, January, and February. The remaining months define meteorological spring and fall. Since climate records are tabulated monthly, defining a season in terms of three complete months makes comparisons and rankings a relatively easy task.

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WGN-TV meteorologists Mark Carroll, Steve Kahn, Richard Koeneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

## Cooler, comfortable air continues; warmer air next week

**AND THEN THERE'S FERDINAND**  
Lost in the coverage of Hurricane Dorian, Tropical Storm Ferdinand produces heavy rains and potential flooding in northeastern Mexico

Ferdinand started off the Mexican coast Tuesday and moved inland Wednesday morning with maximum winds of 50 mph as it approached the coastline. It will be a weak low pressure by early Thursday.

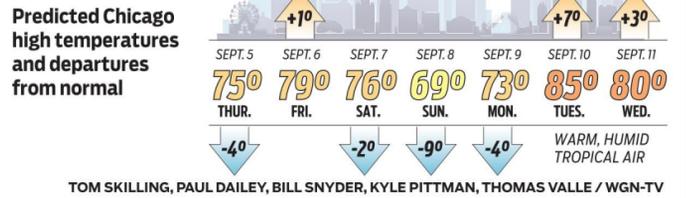


**BRIEF TORNADO TOUCHDOWN TUESDAY EVENING**  
Waukegan tornado declared EF-1 (90 mph winds)  
Touched down ON GROUND 4 MINUTES Ended 6:39 P.M. 6:43 P.M.  
PATH LENGTH: 3.1 Miles PATH WIDTH: 200 Yards

- Injury reported ■ Vehicle flipped at York House Road and Lewis Ave.
- Window blown out ■ Minor damage to commercial buildings/residences

**LATE WEDNESDAY WIND GUSTS (MPH) FROM HURRICANE DORIAN**

Hilton Head, S.C.	47	Savannah, Ga.	39	Brunswick, Ga.	31	Jacksonville, Fla.	29
Beaufort, S.C.	45	Charleston, S.C.	32	Saint Simons Island, Ga.	39	Ft. Stewart, Ga.	30



### MIDWEST CITIES

CITY	THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	su 85 57	su	80	60	su	80	60
Carbondale	su 78 52	su	77	57	su	77	57
Champaign	pc 77 54	pc	77	60	pc	77	60
Decatur	pc 77 54	pc	77	60	pc	77	60
Moline	pc 77 54	pc	77	60	pc	77	60
Peoria	pc 77 54	pc	77	60	pc	77	60
Quincy	pc 77 54	pc	77	60	pc	77	60
Rockford	pc 77 54	pc	77	60	pc	77	60
Springfield	pc 77 54	pc	77	60	pc	77	60
Sterling	pc 77 54	pc	77	60	pc	77	60
Indiana	pc 80 56	su	77	55	su	77	55
Bloomington	su 84 59	su	79	58	su	79	58
Evansville	pc 74 52	pc	73	52	pc	73	52
Fort Wayne	pc 69 51	pc	74	60	pc	74	60
Indianapolis	pc 76 51	su	77	56	su	77	56
Lafayette	pc 76 51	su	77	56	su	77	56
South Bend	pc 76 51	su	77	56	su	77	56
Wisconsin	pc 69 50	pc	72	57	pc	72	57
Green Bay	pc 68 52	pc	71	59	pc	71	59
Kenosha	pc 69 51	pc	74	60	pc	74	60
La Crosse	pc 68 53	pc	72	59	pc	72	59
Madison	pc 69 51	pc	74	60	pc	74	60
Milwaukee	pc 71 53	pc	72	59	pc	72	59
Wausau	pc 66 46	sh	68	56	sh	68	56
Michigan	pc 73 55	su	73	56	su	73	56
Detroit	pc 73 55	su	73	56	su	73	56
Grand Rapids	pc 73 55	su	73	56	su	73	56
Marquette	pc 63 48	sh	64	53	sh	64	53
St. Ste. Marie	pc 64 47	cl	70	54	cl	70	54
Traverse City	pc 66 45	pc	72	56	pc	72	56
Iowa	su 74 53	pc	83	61	pc	83	61
Ames	su 74 53	pc	83	61	pc	83	61
Cedar Rapids	su 72 50	su	78	62	su	78	62
Des Moines	su 75 50	su	85	64	su	85	64
Dubuque	pc 72 52	pc	76	61	pc	76	61
Nebraska	pc 82 58	pc	96	66	pc	96	66
Lincoln	pc 82 58	pc	96	66	pc	96	66
Omaha	pc 82 58	pc	96	66	pc	96	66
El Paso	pc 94 70	pc	93	73	pc	93	73

### OTHER U.S. CITIES

CITY	THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	pc 95 70	su	98	72	su	98	72
Albany, N.Y.	pc 95 70	su	98	72	su	98	72
Albuquerque	pc 92 65	su	92	66	su	92	66
Albuquerque, N.M.	pc 92 65	su	92	66	su	92	66
Amarillo	su 92 64	su	94	65	su	94	65
Anchorage	sh 63 49	pc	64	48	pc	64	48
Anchorage, Alaska	sh 63 49	pc	64	48	pc	64	48
Asheville	pc 89 65	cl	80	58	cl	80	58
Asheville, N.C.	pc 89 65	cl	80	58	cl	80	58
Aspen	pc 80 51	ts	80	51	ts	80	51
Aspen, Colo.	pc 80 51	ts	80	51	ts	80	51
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**HOMES**



# FALL'S NEW HUE

Terra cotta makes a comeback paired with grays, blues and creams **PAGE 4**

# Maximize your rest in a comfortable bedroom

BY PAUL F.P. POGUE  
HomeAdvisor

Your bedroom is your nighttime sanctuary, and you can keep it comfortable by paying attention to detail.

Consider these tips to maximize rest and turn your bedroom into a place you can look forward to coming home to.

**Think comfort:** Quality linens and blankets play a big role in restful sleep. Experts say that the right linens will help you stay comfortable and cozy all night long. It's worth it to pay a bit extra for those high-thread-count luxury linens and quality pillows. Choose natural, breathable fibers such as cotton and avoid synthetics such as polyester.

If you're a back or stomach sleeper, consider a soft pillow to cradle your neck. Firm pillows are best for side sleepers, and an extra pillow between your knees can keep your hips aligned.

**Design smart:** Your bedroom is more than just a sleeping chamber — the layout and design impacts your day from the very first moment you wake up.



DREAMSTIME

A combination of sheer curtains for daytime and thick light blockers to keep out even the smallest cracks of light can help make a restful bedroom.

When designing your space, make sure you have enough clearance around your bed for getting up and attending to your first tasks. Your bedroom closet needs a generous space in front of it so you can select clothing and dress easily.

Remove nonfunctional furniture and accessories to create a

peaceful chamber. Clutter on nightstands or on the floor can create instant stress, so add bowls or trays for things like jewelry, change and watches.

Make sure any reflective surfaces, such as mirrors or windows, don't invade your sightline as you're trying to rest. Such distractions can interrupt sleep.

**Window treatments:** You want your bedroom to keep out even the smallest cracks of light. Black-out shades or room-darkening drapes will keep it dark at all times. However, if you want to allow daylight into your room and still have privacy, double up the window treatment with a sheer for daytime privacy and light-

blocking shades for nighttime sleep.

**Gentle sounds and smells:** Add soothing elements to your night by using an essential oil, such as lavender, that promotes relaxation. You can incorporate essential oils into your routine by lighting candles, adding a drop or two onto the light bulb of your bedside lamp, or washing bedding with a scented detergent. If the night is too quiet, consider a white noise machine, which produces peaceful sounds found in nature while blocking other noise disruptions. Modern noise machines and apps can fine-tune your experience with specific sounds such as wildlife, thunderstorms or rain.

**Keep a sanctuary:** It's tempting to multipurpose your bedroom, perhaps by using it as a workspace or home gym. But unless you're pressed for space or going for a specifically minimalist lifestyle, avoid doing this. If your brain associates the bedroom with working out or doing your day job, those thoughts will follow you into bed and invade your restful sleep. Let your bedroom remain a quiet, safe place away from the hubbub of the day.

## Add texture to perk up a room

BY CATHY HOBBS  
Tribune News Service

Texture is a key and often ignored element in home decor. From tactile materials to elements such as fabric, wood and metal, texture can greatly enhance nearly any space.

Looking for ways to add interest to a space in need of a pick-me-up? Here are a variety of ways to add texture to your home.

**Area rugs:** From flat

weaves to thickly knotted rugs and those with raised elements, adding an area rug to a space will instantly help a room feel warm and cozy while also incorporating texture.

**Faux fur:** Still popular and a way to add both texture and a cozy element to your home.

**Wood:** From furniture to decorative elements such as trays, side tables and accents, wood is a wonder-

ful way to add texture.

**Metal:** From brass to chrome, metal is a way to add a sleek, smooth texture to a room as well as color and a glam element.

**Materials and fabrics:** Whether it is the upholstery on a sofa, chair or toss pillow, fabric is a great way to add texture and tactile elements to a room. Try materials such as leather, wool, velvet or even certain cottons.



DESIGN RECIPES

Two faux fur stools add texture to this bedroom.

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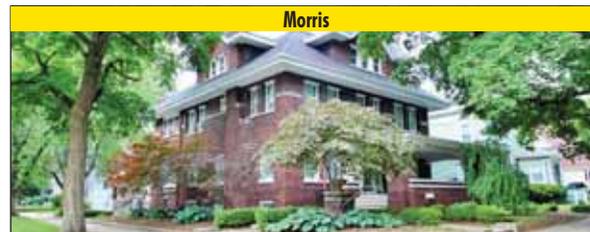
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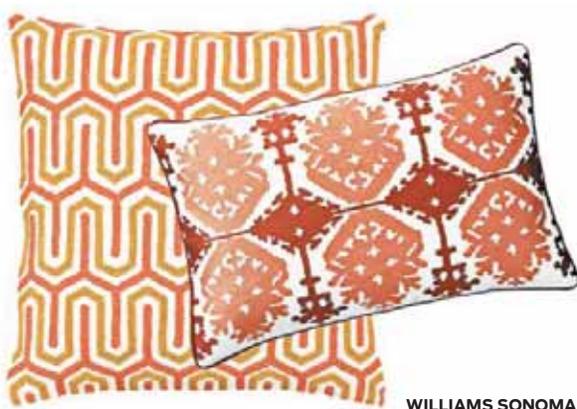


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# Fall's 'it' color is terra cotta

## Earthy shade makes a comeback

BY **KIM COOK**  
Associated Press

There was a time not that long ago when designers were tearing out anything terra cotta-colored, whether it was tile, painted walls or upholstered furniture. A darling hue of the '80s, the brownish orange — evocative of terra cotta earthenware — was considered dowdy and done.

But like so many examples of decor's fickle temperament, terra cotta's come roaring back for another turn in the spotlight.

And this isn't the muddy, old-fashioned color you might be remembering.

New takes on the hue bring in light to deep pinks, or the ochre tones of a sunset. Pair those with today's trending palette of graphite, blues and creams, and you've got something fresh yet friendly. Benjamin Moore color specialist Nivara Xaykao says the popularity of pink over the past few years has paved

the way for stronger iterations of the palette. But there's something more happening, she says.

"Because terra cotta is literally drawn from the earth, it evokes that connection with nature and craft and working with the hands. It's a warm, rich color, so it has energy to it," she says.

Taking the edge off that intensity are terra cotta's brown tones, making it comforting, something welcome in today's stressful world.

If you're thinking of paint, look at Benjamin Moore's Warmed Cognac, Audubon Russet or Saddle Soap. From Behr, there's Glazed Pot and Balcony Sunset. From Farrow & Ball, try Red Earth or Terre d'Egypt.

At the design site Modsy, Vice President of Style Alessandra Wood loves the new earthy neutrals.

"They're warmer and more inviting than some of the cooler color trends of



WILLIAMS SONOMA

Williams Sonoma's Interlock Greek Key pillow cover adds a pop of terracotta color to a room.



FOOD 52

Food 52's Sadia melamine dinnerware in terra cotta brings an earthy vibe to your table. Set of six dinnerplates, \$92, [food52.com](http://food52.com)

the past few years," she says.

To avoid that '80s/early '90s, overly Southwest feel, she advises: "Opt for sculptural pieces, chic textures like velvet and minimal styling."

On the furniture front, many pieces now are trim, tailored. Upholstered seating, matte-finished metal side tables, nubby textured

fabrics; this is furniture with a modern vibe, so the color looks sophisticated. As for accessories and other elements, look for ceramics, glassware and hints of the hue in textile prints or wallcoverings.

Wood mentions the curvy Rory side chair from Harper, available at Chairish. Its mahogany frame is covered in a soft



MATERIAL

Material's reBoard cutting boards are made of recycled plastic and renewable sugarcane. The warm palette includes a terra cotta-hued coral.

rust velvet. "It makes it feel super contemporary," she says. "And if you really want to lean into the earthy trend, the Terracotta Sperduti print bed from The Inside is an amazingly beautiful print that blends warm earthy tones with a terrazzo vibe."

Hem's Kumo modular sofa system from Norwegian design team Ander-

ssen & Voll is offered in a fiery, rust-hued wool called Canyon.

Joss & Main's Charlie sofa comes in a sumptuous rust velvet, and there are some lovely patterned rugs here too.

Target has several well-priced side chairs in versions of terra cotta, from Ashley, Handy Living and Christopher Knight Home. Also here, Saffron's slipper accent chair, in a simple burnt orange/cream lattice pattern that would fit into many decor styles.

Big Chill, maker of popular retro-style appliances, offers a slim fridge in an earthy hue called "red beige."

Kate Marker, a designer in Barrington, Illinois, put one in the kitchen of a rehab project; the fridge's toffeelike pop of color is a great foil for a mix of homey vintage furnishings, salvaged wood pieces and creamy white surfaces.

For smaller accessories, West Elm's terra cotta floor vases bring in the hand-crafted vibe. A hand-painted pattern of graphite, cream and terra cotta makes the Sway Low bowls as much art pieces as serveware. Material Kitchen has a sandy-hued cutting board made of recycled plastic and renewable sugar cane.

Blueprint Lighting's Ludo wall sconce features a wine-glass-inspired aluminum fixture enameled in a rich, deep hue, clasped in an articulating brass arm — perfect for bedside, or to illuminate a cozy nook.

Xaykao says the key to using terra cotta successfully is restraint.

"It's great on an accent wall to show off artwork, textiles, open shelving or a beautiful headboard in the master bedroom. It can also be used to evoke materials like wood or leather, so I'd take a cue from the fixtures around you," she says. "For example, terra cotta could look lovely in a kitchen with gold hardware. I wouldn't do a whole room in the color, especially if it's a large room — the color needs space to breathe, so mix in some whites, neutrals and paler colors."



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Magnolia scale is one of the largest of the soft-scale insects, attacking trees by sucking plant fluids and sap. It is most noticeable in late spring and summer.

## Lumpy, sooty infestation on magnolia tree is likely scale

By **TIM JOHNSON**  
Chicago Botanic Garden

I noticed a wet appearance on a portion of my deck under a magnolia, and also a black growth on its leaves. The branches of the tree seem to have lumps on them. What is this, and what can I do to help my tree?

— *Monica Appleton, Chicago*

It is likely that your magnolia has magnolia scale, which is common in northern Illinois. This particular scale is one of the largest of the soft-scale insects that attack trees by sucking plant fluids and sap.

It is most noticeable in late spring and summer, when you can see the large, yellowish-to-brownish lumps that are attached to the branches. They can be up to 1/2-inch long with an oval or round shape. When there are heavy infestations, the entire branch may be covered with scale and appear purple and rough from numerous scale insects.

Depending on the time of year, you may also see nymphs (immature form of the scales), which produce a white, powdery wax that covers their bodies, causing twigs to appear whitish

in high infestations. Many gardeners will not notice a scale problem until summer, when they see the leaves turning black with sooty mold that grows on the clear, sticky fluid secreted by the scale insects as they feed. Look for the scale now on the branches of your tree to confirm that it is there before planning any treatment.

A large population of magnolia scale will reduce the overall vigor of your tree and lead to the death of individual branches, and eventually the tree, if left unchecked. As with other insect pests, choose the least toxic approach at the most susceptible stage of their life cycle, during which the treatment will be most effective.

The mature scale lays eggs over the summer that then hatch into a new generation in late August and September, depending on temperature. The scale overwinters in the crawler stage in clusters on 1- to 2-year-old twigs and will begin to move again when temperatures warm up next spring. From the time that the eggs hatch in summer until they molt in late April or early May, they are vulnerable to horticultural oil treatments and insecticide sprays.

The adult magnolia scales' waxy coating protects them from directly applied insecticides, which would also kill the many natural predators of the immobile adult scales. If your tree is small, you may be able to use your fingers to squish and kill the scales.

You can apply an insecticidal spray of acephate (Orthene), insecticidal soap or a summer-oil spray in September to control the crawlers. It is important to get good coverage, particularly on the twig undersides, where the crawlers will be most numerous. As these are contact products, insects not hit directly with the insecticide, soap or oil spray will probably survive, so thorough coverage is essential.

If you observe lady beetles, which feed on magnolia scales, you might want to avoid using insecticides when the beetles are present. Treating with a horticultural oil in the early spring will be very effective in smothering active and recently settled crawlers and will have less impact on the environment.

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## For planting healthier trees, avoid digging too far down

By **BETH BOTTS**  
Morton Arboretum

Many troubled trees suffer from the same long-term trauma: They were planted too deep. "It's the most common underlying cause of tree problems," said Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle. "The damage may take years to show up, but it can end in the death of the tree."

You can tell a tree is planted too deep if the trunk shoots straight up out of the soil like a telephone pole or a fence post. A properly planted tree, or a tree that grows naturally in the woods, will gently flare out from the trunk to the soil, the way your thumb flares out where it meets your hand.

Another telltale sign of improper planting depth is an abundance of big roots growing on the surface or wrapping around the base of the tree. "Those roots grow up above the soil to reach oxygen and water," Yiesla said. "It usually means there's too much soil on top of them."

The stress of too-deep planting can make a tree's leaves turn yellow. The leaf buds may open late in spring, and the leaves may change color early, before autumn.

When the bark at the bottom of the trunk is sunk into the soil, it tends to stay wet, inviting rot that can weaken the trunk. The bark can crack, allowing pathogens to enter into the wood.

"It may take years for a tree to decline from deep planting," Yiesla said. "But the whole time, the tree will be stressed and weakened. It will be especially vulnerable to drought, insect pests and other dangers."

If you realize right away that your tree is planted too deep, dig it up and replant it at the correct depth. How-



MORTON ARBORETUM

When a tree is planted properly, the flare where the trunk spreads out into roots is visible at soil level.

ever, "once the tree is established, there's not much you can do to correct the situation," Yiesla said. "That's why it's so critical to plant trees at the right depth in the first place." What is the right depth? It will be different for each tree, so you'll have to measure. Using a yardstick is easiest.

First, locate that flare, where the trunk widens out into the roots.

Whether the tree came in a pot or with a ball of soil and roots wrapped in burlap, the root flare may be buried in soil, sometimes several inches deep. "Gently scrape soil away from the top of the root ball until the flare is exposed," Yiesla said.

Now, get your critical measurement: the depth of the root ball, from the flare down to the ground. This measurement tells you how deep to dig the hole. "It may be as little as 8 inches, and it may be twice that," she said. Also measure how wide the root ball is.

Using those measurements, dig a wide, shallow

hole that's at least two to three times as wide as the root ball. "Providing a wide area of loosened soil for new roots to grow out into will help the tree get established," Yiesla said. The hole should have sloping sides, more like a saucer than a bucket.

To check if you've reached the right depth, lay a long-handled shovel or rake across the hole. Use your yardstick to measure down from the bottom of the handle to the soil in the center of the hole. If you've accidentally dug the hole too deep, shovel some soil back in the hole and tamp it down before you bring in the tree.

"It's better to err on the side of planting a tree a little bit high than too deep," Yiesla said. "If you plant a bit high, the tree will usually settle over time."

*For tree and plant advice, contact the Arboretum's Plant Clinic (630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org).*

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# The difficulties of drywall

Don't underestimate the enormity of this project

BY TIM CARTER

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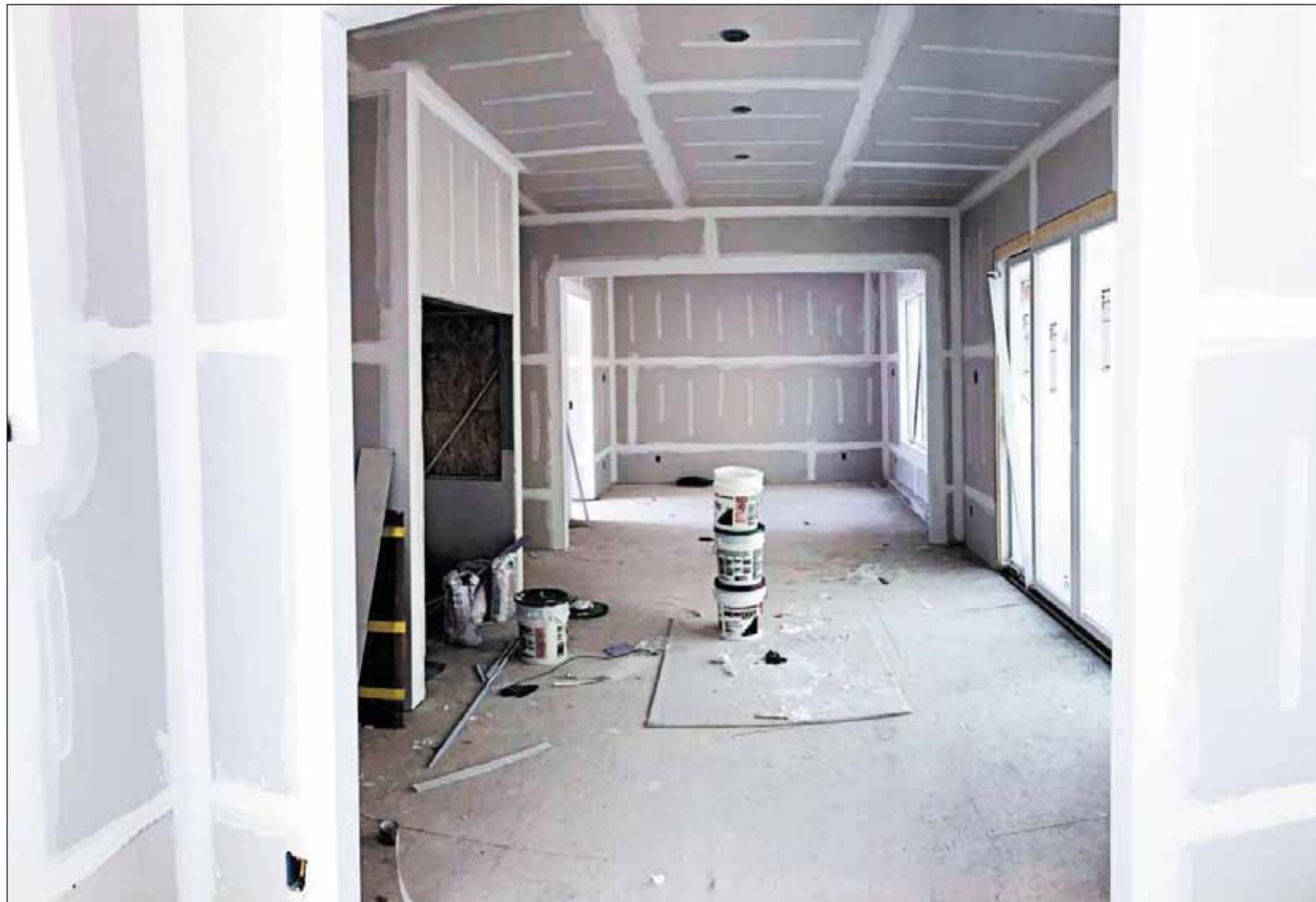
**Q: I'm building a new home. Because of the booming economy and shortage of great help, I might be forced to hang and finish the drywall myself. I've done a few repairs here and there and wonder if it's possible to pull off DIY drywall work on a larger scale. Don't sugarcoat it. I need to know what I'm getting myself into.**

**A:** This reader is in the same boat as one of my new neighbors. A young New Hampshire state trooper bought a lot here a year ago and broke ground this spring hoping to move his two kids and wife into their new home by Thanksgiving. He discovered six weeks ago that the rough carpenters he was counting on to frame the house and get it under roof abandoned him. He couldn't even get others to answer his calls for quotes.

Guess what? This homeowner is framing the house himself with some occasional help from friends. He'll be lucky, at the rate he's going, to have it under roof by Thanksgiving.

Drywall work is hard. The hanging of the large, heavy sheets is mind-numbing. If you decide to do it yourself, you can rent or buy mechanical lifts that hold the sheets up to save your back. I'd do this because any helpers you conscript will not have the required experience to hold a giant sheet overhead while you secure it to the ceiling joists.

An experienced drywall hanging crew might install all the board in just two days. It could take you two or three weeks as you start to develop speed and accuracy. It's important to realize you must use the correct screws, they must be the right length, the spacing between fasteners is critical, and you must make sure not overdrive them,



TIM CARTER PHOTO

Drywall work is difficult because sheets are heavy and tough to handle, and you need good hand-eye coordination to complete taping and finishing.

tearing the tender drywall facing paper. All the information about this can be found in the Gypsum Construction Handbook published by the USG Corporation.

Once the drywall is hung, then you need to finish it. I'm convinced, after watching many try to do this on countless job sites, that not everyone possesses the required hand-eye coordination to finish drywall as a pro might do. You have no idea the muscle memory you need to not only tape the seams the first time but then also apply the all-important second coat just right.

The consistency of the vinyl taping and finishing

compound is critical. You can't have it too stiff, and if you add too much water, you dilute the water-based glue that's part of the product. Many finishers strive for a consistency that's close to warm cake icing.

Taping drywall looks easy. It's not. The most common mistake is to remove too much of the joint compound from under the tape. If you do this, the tape will blister when you go to apply the second coat. Your goal is to leave just under  $\frac{1}{16}$ -inch of drywall taping compound under the tape. Once again, refer to the Gypsum Construction Handbook for guidance.

Let's assume you suc-

cessfully tape all your new drywall. Now comes the most challenging part. You need to cover over the tape with a second layer of finishing compound. I can't begin to explain how difficult this is to get right. To add further misery, there's a very specific methodology to what flat and tapered seams and which side of inside and outside corners get coated the first day. You don't want to run into a situation where you're trying to apply a second coat at the same time where a flat seam intersects an inside or outside corner.

The edges of the second coat must be feathered to nothing. This requires you to bend the blade of the

finishing knife you're using. Press too hard and you'll scratch the paper facing. Apply too little pressure and you'll probably leave a little too much compound on the wall. Don't forget, all new finishing knives have to have the sharp corner filed down ever so slightly!

You don't want to leave too much compound humped up in the middle of seams. This will show up at night when light travels at a low angle across the walls and ceiling. Butt seams where the ends of two sheets of drywall touch one another are an extreme challenge. You're forced to hump up the finishing compound higher than the unfinished drywall and it

needs to be feathered out about one foot either side of the center of the seam to make this buildup invisible.

Some professional drywall finishers skim-coat all of the drywall after everything is sanded. This extra step fills in the tiny void spaces in the paper facing of the drywall. The entire wall and ceiling surfaces then have the same sheen and texture when you paint. You can purchase special paints that eliminate the need for skim-coating new drywall.

If you're in the same situation as my neighbor, I wish you the best of luck. And know one thing: Elephants are best eaten one bite at a time.

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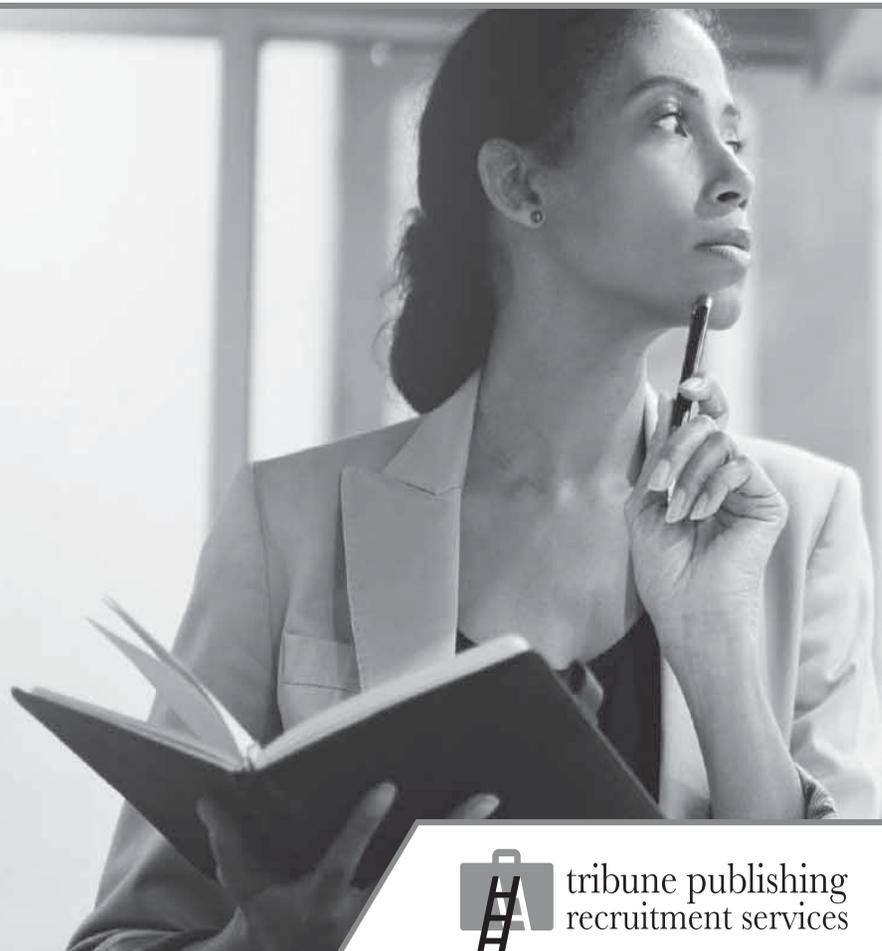
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For one, be sure to carefully consider how much to deposit. Since you'll incur a penalty for cashing out early, only invest a sum you feel confident you can keep on deposit for the CD's full term.

Second, be sure to check the institution's policy for early withdrawals, in case a change in situation requires you to access your money prematurely. Although paying a penalty isn't ideal, it's an acceptable risk if you avoid institutions with particularly onerous

penalties.

Once opened, managing the CD through its term is very hands-off. You'll receive regular statements, possibly just quarterly, documenting how much interest your certificate has earned that period. But no action will be required from you.

As the CD approaches maturity, however, you'll want to watch for notification on how to instruct the bank on what to do with your funds at the term's end. Though you'll be offered to roll the funds into a new CD (and if you do not specify otherwise, this is usually the default), you're almost always better off claiming your funds, whether it's to shop around for the current best rate or to use the money another way.

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