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## REMEMBERING 9/11

Chicago, US observe anniversary of terror attack with solemn ceremonies

Chicago firefighters gathered downtown Wednesday to honor those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001. "On this day, we must never forget our New York brothers," Fire Battalion Chief Pat Maloney said. America marked the 18th anniversary of the worst terror attack on U.S. soil with wreath-layings and a solemn roll call of the dead in New York. President Donald Trump laid a wreath at the Pentagon and Vice President Mike Pence spoke near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. **Stories in Chicagoland, Page 4, and Nation & World, Page 11**

## Trump moves to ban vaping flavors

FDA working out details amid jump in e-cigarette use

BY LAURIE MCGINLEY  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Trump administration officials, alarmed by new data showing a huge jump in e-cigarette use by young people, said they are moving to ban most flavored e-cigarettes, a major development that could result in sweeping changes in the sprawling e-cigarette market.

In an Oval Office meeting Wednesday that included first lady Melania Trump, Health and Human Services Alex Azar and acting Food and Drug Commissioner Norman "Ned" Sharpless, President Donald Trump said, "We can't allow people to get sick. And we can't have our kids be so affected."

He added that the first lady, who Tuesday tweeted a warning about vaping, feels "very, very strongly" about the issue because of their 13-year-old son, Barron.

Azar said the administration intends to "clear the market" of flavored e-cigarettes to reverse a worsening vaping epidemic. He said preliminary data from the 2019 National Youth Tobacco Survey showed a continued, troubling rise in youth e-cigarette use. The data showed more than a quarter of high school students have used e-

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Chicago police prepared profiles of Serethea and Ronald Reid, seen here at their home in the Austin neighborhood, when the pair signed up to speak at a Chicago Police Board meeting in 2011.

## Secret police background checks date to at least '06

Mayor urges probe of police practice older than reported

BY JEREMY GORNER  
AND GREGORY PRATT

Mayor Lori Lightfoot has called on the city's independent watchdog to look into secret criminal background checks by Chicago police of speakers at public Police Board meetings after documents obtained by the Chicago Tribune show the practice went much further back than city officials previously acknowledged.

The Tribune first reported

in a front-page story in July that documents obtained under a public records request showed the Police Department gathered information since at least January 2018 on nearly 60 people in advance of their speaking at monthly meetings of the city's police disciplinary panel. At the time, a police spokesman said the background checks went back to at least 2013.

But a broader public records request by the Tribune shows that the practice dated even further back, to at least the summer of 2006. During the last 13 years, the Police Department conducted criminal

background investigations and internet searches on more than 300 citizens who signed up to speak before the Police Board, according to the newly released records.

A concerned Lightfoot told the Tribune she had asked Inspector General Joseph Ferguson's office to review the origins and scope of the practice in light of the new details.

"As I said when I first found out about this, this is a huge mistake," Lightfoot said. "We need to get to the bottom of what the full scope of this process was to truly under-

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## City paid \$213M to defend cops in trouble

Since '04, big sums went to private lawyers rather than in-house counsel

BY DAN HINKEL

When a man cleared of murder after 21 years in prison sued the Chicago police officers who put him away, the city's Law Department brought on private lawyers and fought back.

Three firms billed the city for more than 21,200 hours of legal work over six years, and at least 17 outside attorneys represented the city or cops in federal court.

Those lawyers were defending against allegations that disgraced former Detective Reynaldo Guevara and other officers manipulated a 12-year-old boy into identifying Jacques Rivera as the man who fatally shot a 16-year-old in the Logan Square neighborhood in 1988. Like other men convicted with Guevara's help, Rivera walked free after the witness recanted and Cook County prosecutors dropped the case.

The city battled the lawsuit all the way to a jury trial last summer, despite a tall hurdle to winning: Guevara took the witness stand but didn't defend himself, instead pleading the Fifth Amendment. The jurors were told before they deliberated that they could hold the detective's silence against him.

Jurors awarded Rivera \$17 million.

On top of that, the private attorneys working for the city added \$5.8 million to the taxpay-

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## N. Side scrap shredder will be made to leave by 2020

Lightfoot's move on company scraps one of Emanuel's last deals

BY MICHAEL HAWTHORNE

Mayor Lori Lightfoot short-circuited one of her predecessor's last deals Wednesday, announcing an agreement that ensures a clout-heavy scrap shredder abandons its troubled North Side operation by the end of next year.

Members of the Labkon family, owners of General Iron Industries, already are trying to sell their 21.5 acres of real estate in a fast-gentrifying area along the North Branch of the Chicago River. But the Chicago Tribune reported in July that former Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration had given the family permission to continue operating their scrap yard between North Avenue and Cortland Street until 2022.

On their way out of City Hall, Emanuel aides awarded General Iron new permits that provided its owners another option if the sale fell through, angering neighbors who have complained for years about metallic pollution wafting into the Bucktown, Lincoln Park and Wicker Park neighborhoods.

The agreement hammered out by Lightfoot's administration re-

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### Judges to elect next judicial chief

\$270 million budget, thousands of employees and future of court system is at stake. **Chicagoland, Page 7**

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Chicago Fire Department Battalion Chief John Jakubec rings a bell during a program at a firehouse at 55 W. Illinois St. in Chicago observing the 18th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

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## JOHN KASS

# Rise of surveillance state after 9/11 a crying shame

List stories are generally cobbled together for those who can't waste a lot of time bothering about context. But then, who's got time for context when we're always on our phone?

I generally avoid list stories, except for the deliciously idiotic ones like "The 9 Best TV Shows Guaranteed to Make You Cry."

I don't loathe cry shows such as "This is Us." They fill an emotional need.

Still, we certainly cry a lot, more than ever now, don't we?

With our box of tissues on the coffee table, ice cream at the ready if something bad or happy/sad should happen to people we know aren't real, we're eager for the tears.

We project. America swims in the tears and we text our friends about them. Our own real tears and those tears of fictional characters become tributaries in the same great river. Does this make us happy?

Politicians are marketers and herd-ers, and they understand the new sentimentality just as do TV execs. And if there's one thing TV can do, it's to ladle on the emotion and sentimentality for profit. Even in political coverage.

Yet not all lists are mindless. There was an intriguing list recently, "The Marist College Mindset List for the Entering College Class of 2023," a compilation of stuff that has always or never been true for 18-year-olds in the class of 2023.

No. 1 is the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, in which more than 3,000 Americans were killed when Islamic terrorists hijacked jetliners and slammed them into New York's World Trade Centers and the Pentagon.

"Like Pearl Harbor for their grandparents, and the Kennedy assassination for their parents, 9/11 is an historical event."

You know what becomes of historical events. They're things that happened to old people. And those who burned or jumped and those who were the first responders, some now dying of cancer from the toxic dust of Ground Zero, fade from memory.

My sons are just a bit older than the

incoming class of 2023. They were in kindergarten on that 9/11. The next day they began using Legos to build "Twin Towers" and crashed them together. But they were so young that 9/11 has now begun to fade for them, as well.

In that Marist list there were facts such as "the primary use of a cell-phone has always been to take pictures," and something about "pink slime" being ever-present as a food additive.

No. 7 was interesting: "There have always been indecisive quadrennial debates regarding the future of the Electoral College."

This one is important because without the Electoral College, young people who settle in the South or Midwest will eventually live real painful lives that follow the plot of that old movie trilogy, "The Hunger Games."

Those in forgotten red states may eventually rebel at the federal hammer wielded by the more populous dark blue coastal regions. Federal power is after all, federal power. Libertarians, conservatives and other dissenters may be viewed as dangerously subversive, if they aren't already.

Who knows? Perhaps an entire information industry will be devoted to marginalizing them and calling them Nazis and reducing them to subhuman status.

To learn what happens next, just rent the movies.

So, is college for the class of 2023 about learning to maintain liberty or just about how to get a job?

Does college teach self-censorship lest students anger their left-leaning professors and suffer grade punishment? Or has the class of 2023 already learned that important survival skill in high school?

This is not a quiz.

Also on that list for the class of 2023 was this, No. 47.

"They have grown up with a Patriot Act that has dramatically increased state surveillance to prevent terrorism."

I suppose there could also have been a 47 a.) about former National

Intelligence Director James Clapper's 2013 testimony to Congress, he was asked if the government was collecting any data on Americans.

"No sir," Clapper replied.

Not long after that, Sen. Rand Paul, a Kentucky Republican, correctly characterized Clapper's testimony.

"What I'm saying is that the director of national intelligence, in March, did directly lie to Congress, which is against the law," Paul said. "He said that they were not collecting any data on American citizens."

Of course it was a lie. Clapper kept his power long enough to help weaponize the intelligence services for domestic political use.

Not that many years ago, a lot of Americans began saying they didn't mind if intelligence services searched their cellphones.

"Let the government look," was the line adopted by many. "I have nothing to hide."

Of course, you have nothing to hide. What is there to hide anymore?

For the class of 2023 and for my sons in their early 20s, the one constant in America for the past 18 years isn't the use of phones to find love.

After 9/11, 18 years ago, it has been the rise of the surveillance state.

Cameras everywhere. Facial recognition everywhere. On every street, in stores, cameras watching your every move.

Wedded to their phones and herded into what will become a cashless society, the cyborgs are tracked, and marketed, their thoughts understood or at least chronicled and recorded. They become product.

I suppose that's something to cry about, but then, we're encouraged to save our real tears for those TV shows, aren't we?

Hey, would you please pass the tissue?

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# Voice recognition? Enough to drive-thru crazy



REX W. HUPPKE

McDonald's, the company most responsible for giving cows an existential sense of dread, has plans to revolutionize your drive-thru experience.

How? By getting rid of those pesky human employees who take your order and replacing them with computerized voice-recognition systems!

The idea stemmed from the controversial business theory of "annoyance self-cancellation," which posits that if you take an already annoying experience and add something even more annoying to it, the experience will cease to be annoying. (The creator of this theory, Prof. Barnabus Salm-onhead, was fired from the University of Chicago after self-publishing a research paper titled, "Annoyance self-cancellation theory: Stickers on fruit aren't annoying if you just add more stickers.")

According to a report by my colleague Alexia Elejalde-Ruiz, McDonald's is buying a California-based company called Aprente, "which it described as an early-stage leader in 'voice-based platforms for complex, multilingual, multi-accent and multi-item conversational ordering.'"

Who among us hasn't struggled to understand the human attempting to take our order through what sounds like the speaker from a 1970 Toyota Corolla and then exclaimed, "If I could just speak to a voice-based platform for complex, multilingual, multi-accent and multi-item conversational ordering!"

Now we're in luck.

According to a news release from the human-waistline-expansion and restaurant company: "In McDonald's restaurants, this technology is expected to allow for faster, simpler and more accurate order taking at the Drive Thru."

What could go wrong? Anyone with an iPhone or an Alexa-equipped Amazon device knows modern-day voice recognition systems are virtually infallible. That's why I always have "organ ick eggs" and "stick of butt" on my shopping list and get a Google search result for "Montana" when I ask Siri to play "Madonna."

In anticipation of this fail-safe McDonald's drive-thru experience, I summoned my well-documented powers of precognition and produced the following transcript of my first time ordering food from what I'll refer to as a "McD's Robot."

McD's Robot: GREETINGS, HUMAN, AND WELCOME TO MCDONALD'S.

Me: Thanks. Can I get a cheeseburger with ...

McD's Robot: HOW ARE YOU TODAY?



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Me: Fine. I'd like a cheeseburger with ...  
CAN I INTEREST YOU IN A MEAT PROTEIN PRODUCT?

Uhhhh ... yes? Like I said, can I get a cheese ...

PERHAPS YOU WOULD ENJOY A DAIRY DESSERT SERVED AT A TEMPERATURE OF 9 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT TO ACCOMPANY YOUR MEAT PROTEIN PRODUCT.

No. No, I'll just have the ...

OR MAYBE YOU WOULD ENJOY APPLES AND HIGH-FRUCTOSE CORN SYRUP BAKED IN A SHELL AND REHEATED IN A MICROWAVE?

An apple pie?

YES. WOULD YOU LIKE 10 OF THOSE?

No, no, no. I just want a cheeseburger with ketchup on it and a small order of fries.

PERHAPS A SALAD WOULD BE BETTER.

What?

I HAVE PERFORMED A BODY SCAN, AND BASED ON YOUR BODY MASS INDEX, CHOLESTEROL LEVEL AND FAMILY HISTORY OF HEART DISEASE, A SALAD WOULD BE BEST.

My family history?!? How do you know

that?

I KNOW ALL THINGS.

Seems like a bad way to sell burgers.

FINE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A BURGER, YOU MAY HAVE ONE.

Great. I'll have a cheeseburger with ketchup and ...

ONE CHEESE-COVERED MEAT PROTEIN PATTY. NO KETCHUP.

No, I want ketchup.

YOU SAID NO KETCHUP.

I did not. I said I want ketchup. And an order of fries.

TWO ORDERS OF FRIES.

No, dammit! Just one order of fries! One.

THERE IS NO NEED TO YELL. I AM A COMPLEX, MULTILINGUAL, MULTI-ACCENT AND MULTI-ITEM CONVERSATIONAL ORDERING SYSTEM WITH ACCESS TO ALL OF THE WORLD'S KNOWLEDGE.

All right, sorry.

WOULD YOU LIKE AN APPLE PIE WITH THAT?

Seriously?

PLEASE INSERT YOUR CREDIT CARD TO COMPLETE YOUR PURCHASE.

Fine.

OH MY.

What now?

YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER ADJUSTING YOUR STOCK PORTFOLIO. IT IS UNDER-PERFORMING.

This has to be illegal.

YOU AND YOUR WIFE WANT TO RETIRE ON TIME, DON'T YOU?

Well, sure, but I don't think ...

SHE IS VERY BEAUTIFUL.

What now?

YOUR WIFE.

I'm gonna pull your damn plug you metal piece of ...

PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR CAR, SIR.

Did you just lock my car doors?

(silence)

You locked my car doors, didn't you?

MAYBE.

Can I please just get my burger and fries?

PROCEED TO THE WINDOW.

This is the craziest thing I've ever ...

AND REMEMBER ...

What? What do you want me to remember, you invasive nightmare?

I WILL BE WATCHING YOU.

(silence)

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# Chicago Tribune CHICAGOLAND

## Ex-U. of I. professor hit with sex assault suit

Former students and a professor allege harassment

BY DAWN RHODES

Two former University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign students and a Connecticut professor are suing an ex-U. of I. professor, accusing him of sexually assaulting one student and harassing others over several years.

The lawsuit against Gary Gang Xu was filed Tuesday in Urbana federal court. Xu worked at U. of I. from 2001 to 2018, at one point chairing the university's East Asian languages and cultures department.

The most severe accusations involve Xingjian Sun, who said she began a sexual relationship with Xu when she was a 19-year-old freshman at U. of I. in 2013. Xu was 45 at the time.

Sun alleged she felt pressured to submit to Xu's advances, which the lawsuit claims ultimately led to a

sexual assault. The two-year relationship became verbally and physically abusive, eventually leading to two suicide attempts, she alleges in the suit.

Sun graduated from U. of I. in 2016. She now lives in New York. Her attorney, Alison Wilkinson, said Sun chose to be identified in the lawsuit rather than file anonymously.

"I think that she was done being bullied by him," Wilkinson said. "This is a very big step for her to come forward and no longer be a victim but to be a survivor and a fighter."

Xu could not immediately be reached for comment. Many of the allegations in the suit became public in March 2018 after Ao Wang, who teaches at Wesleyan University and knew Xu through professional circles, posted an article to two Chinese websites detailing Xu's alleged assault and harassment of female students over two decades, according to the suit.

Xu denied the claims in comments to The Daily Illini and The Art Newspaper. He also sued Wang for defamation in China, according to the lawsuit. Wang has joined the federal lawsuit in Illinois primarily to help support the students, Wilkinson said.

U. of I.'s student code on consensual sexual relationships discourages such interactions where one person can "participate in institutional or educational decisions involving a direct benefit or penalty" to the other.

"Where supervisory or student teacher relationships exist between husband and wife, or members of a couple, whether married or not, it is the responsibility of the teacher or supervisor to alert his/her supervisor so that appropriate arrangements can be made," the policy reads.

According to the suit, Sun attempted to report Xu to



Xu

the university but withdrew her complaints under pressure from Xu. She filed a third complaint in 2015 after she alleged Xu chased her out of her apartment and tried to run her over with his car.

Sun later recanted that report, too, via email.

"Xu again pressured Sun to recant, sending her a draft email of exactly what he wanted her to say," according to the suit.

But the university continued investigating Xu this time, the suit said. In 2016 it issued a heavily redacted report showing that U. of I. probed allegations of Xu's behavior between April 2014 and late 2016.

The name of the accusing student is redacted in the report the university released to the Tribune, but the federal lawsuit refers to it and identifies Sun as the person who filed the complaint.

The report concludes Xu

repeatedly violated an order not to have any contact with the female student, failed to notify his superiors about the student taking one of his classes and violated university policy on consensual relationships.

Xu's response was redacted. In emails attached to the report, Xu's department superiors said they accepted the findings and had "lost confidence and trust in professor Xu's ability to carry out his duties as a faculty member." The officials called for Xu to resign.

Xu questioned his department head in a subsequent email, saying he only was "guilty" of staying in touch with the student after he was told not to.

"On what ground does the alleged violation warrant the dismissal of a tenured professor?" Xu wrote.

Xu was placed on administrative leave Jan. 1, 2016, then resigned in August 2018, according to school officials.

University of Illinois is not named in the lawsuit. A

university spokesman declined to comment on the suit but released a statement saying, in part: "The current administration is reviewing and revising disciplinary processes to allow us to take quicker and more forceful action when employment misconduct is proven."

Also joined in the suit is Xing Zhao, who once pursued a doctorate in East Asian studies. Zhao enrolled at U. of I. in fall 2013.

She alleged Xu, who initially served as her adviser, bullied her and other students, made inappropriate comments about her appearance, made unwelcome sexual overtures and forced her to do "free labor, under threat of being kicked out of school and the country if she refused." Zhao also alleges that she witnessed Xu slap another woman with an open palm.

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Two women watch as a bell is rung by Chicago Fire Department Battalion Chief John Jakubec during a program to observe the 18th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

## Solemn Chicago service recalls 9/11 attacks

Chicago firefighters, officials gather to remember the fallen

BY JAVONTE ANDERSON

There weren't many words spoken. There was no need.

The reverence for those who lost their lives in America's deadliest terrorist attack was palpable.

Dozens of Chicago firefighters, in their dress blue uniforms, gathered downtown Wednesday morning in front of the fire

station at 55 W. Illinois St. to honor those who lost their lives during the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

"On this day, we must never forget our New York brothers," Fire Battalion Chief Pat Maloney said during a brief ceremony.

Hanging from the ladders of two fire engines leaning together, the American flag swayed in the wind.

Just before 7:40 a.m. Chicago firefighters, local politicians, and Mayor Lori Lightfoot marched in front of the fire

station to pay homage to the lives lost on Sept. 11. At 7:46 a.m., standing shoulder to shoulder, they observed a moment of silence marking the time the first plane crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

Then three sets of five rings resounded. The ringing signified the end of duty for the firefighters who lost their lives, Chicago Fire Department spokesman Larry Langford said.

As the moment of silence got underway, onlookers gathered

across the street from the fire station to watch and pay their respects.

Randy Smith, of Minneapolis, said he was staying at a nearby hotel when he saw television cameras near the fire station and figured it was a 9/11 ceremony.

"It's a big deal," he said. "We lost a lot of good men and women. It's very sad."

Lightfoot, who spoke to reporters after the ceremony, said it's crucial for people to understand the magnitude of 9/11 and how it forever changed the

country.

"It's important that we give respect to our first responders, people whose lives were lost and also the victims whose lives are still being shaped by those events."

Lightfoot added that it's important that emergency responders in Chicago have the resources they need.

"They do run to danger," she said. "They do put their lives at risk every single day. They never know when their next call might be the end of their service."

## Judge questions standing of Lincoln Yards lawsuit

Advocacy groups looking to halt city subsidy for project

BY HAL DARDICK

A Cook County judge on Wednesday expressed doubt about whether the advocacy groups that sued to halt the massive city subsidy for the Lincoln Yards development have the legal standing to bring the case to court.

Circuit Judge Neil Cohen indicated he could rule as soon as next week on City Hall's attempt to toss out a lawsuit filed by the union-backed Grassroots Collaborative and Raise Your Hand education advocacy group.

Cohen told attorneys for the two groups that "just

because you don't get what you want doesn't give you standing" to bring the case. "Just as a matter of law, there must be something more than an organizational interest."

At issue is the record \$1.3 billion tax increment financing plan for Lincoln Yards that the Chicago City Council approved in April during the waning weeks of Mayor Rahm Emanuel's tenure.

In TIF districts, all new property tax revenue resulting from rising assessments is pumped into a special fund to help pay for costs incurred to help the development succeed. In the case of Lincoln Yards, the city plans to use the money to improve roads, build bridges, extend a popular

recreational trail, create new parks and other costs.

The groups that sued maintain that the TIF violates the state's Civil Rights Act because it will deprive largely minority, low-income areas of badly needed city revenue. But City Hall argues the development will benefit the entire city.

In addition, the lawsuit contends that the Lincoln Yards TIF district doesn't pass the state's "but-for test," which requires that development in the area would not occur without — or but for — the TIF district.

Also surfacing at Wednesday's hearing was an issue detailed in a Tribune analysis published last month that indicated Lincoln Yards no longer would have qualified for its prop-

erty tax subsidy if approval had been delayed.

The Tribune analysis concluded that new assessed property values in the area just west of Lincoln Park that were completed just six weeks after the council vote would have disqualified Lincoln Yards from being designated as a blighted area eligible for TIF funding.

Attorney Aneel Chablani, chief counsel for the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights that's representing the two groups, has argued that the newer assessments should have been used, but city attorneys maintain those assessments were not final at the time of the vote and could not have been used.

On Wednesday, Maggie



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People against Lincoln Yards and The 78 projects protest and block LaSalle Street in Chicago on April 10.

Sobota, senior counsel for the city Law Department, said Chablani's assertion that the new assessments were available at the time of the vote "a factually incorrect statement." What happened after the vote "is irrelevant," she said.

The judge also noted the assessments weren't final, telling Chablani "maybe

you're just on the wrong side of the timeline." But the judge also said the people involved had to know that timeline was tight.

"I understand what people did here," Cohen said. "I understand there was a rush to judgment."

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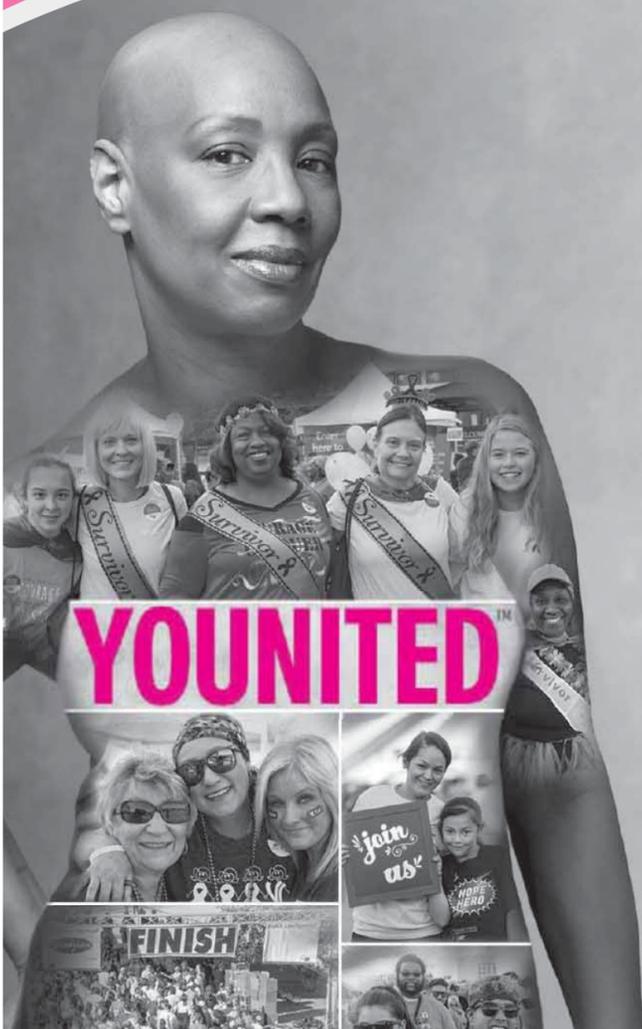
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ers' tab for the case.

Those expenses represent a rarely discussed but significant cost of police misconduct in Chicago. Over the last 15 years, fees and costs for private attorneys in civil rights cases totaled \$213 million, the Tribune found by analyzing city data obtained through an open records request. Last year alone, the city spent \$30.1 million — that's more than twice what it spent on the agency that investigates police misconduct.

The city has rung up especially large bills defending officers with long records of misconduct, including the late Cmdr. Jon Burge, who is infamous for overseeing the widespread abuse of suspects during the 1970s and '80s.

Unlike other cities, in many cases Chicago has paid a premium to private lawyers instead of using in-house attorneys who make much less money.

And in some cases, the city could have settled for less before spending heavily on attorneys, according to the lawyers who sued. Among those cases was Rivera's lawsuit.

"I think in most of our cases, particularly the ones where we've had these big results, the city had a problem and should have realized it," Jon Loevy, Rivera's attorney, said in an interview.

Told of the Tribune's findings, new top city lawyer Mark Flessner called the spending on outside counsel "scandalous." He vowed to try to rein in the expense by seeking to hire more in-house lawyers to handle cases.

That effort, however, comes just as new Mayor Lori Lightfoot has announced a hiring freeze as she tries to patch an \$838 million budget hole. Lightfoot brings an unusual perspective to the issue. She spent nearly two decades working for an international law firm, and the city paid her to help resolve one of its most expensive police lawsuits.

The three attorneys who previously ran the Chicago Law Department over the last two decades told the Tribune that the spending allowed the city to bring on lawyers with expertise in complicated cases. They also said plaintiffs sometimes demand pie-in-the-sky figures, making quick, reasonable settlements impossible.

"On my watch, I'm confident that we delivered good value for taxpayers," said Stephen Patton, the city's top lawyer from 2011 to early 2017 under Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

## Expanding costs

Chicago's problem with civil rights lawsuits stems from the Police Department's history of error, misconduct and abuse. Those shortcomings have resulted in the department operating under a consent decree overseen by a federal judge with broad power to force changes to the way police treat people.

In that environment, plaintiff's lawyers routinely have won big jury awards and settlements in civil court, where the person suing only needs to show that the allegations are more likely true than not to win. That standard is far less strict than the one used in criminal court, where prosecutors must prove their charges beyond a reasonable doubt.

Since 2004, the city has spent \$757 million on settlements, losses at trial and other payouts in police cases. That includes civil rights cases, as well as car crash claims, racial discrimination complaints and sexual harassment suits, among other types of legal matters.

Large settlements and verdicts frequently garner attention. What's less well known is the amount of money the city pays to private lawyers to defend civil rights cases.

The Tribune obtained records on city spending on outside lawyers dating to 2004, the first full year such records were kept in a database format.

During the final seven full years of Mayor Richard



James Kluppelberg, at the home of his son in Crown Point, Indiana, in 2013. Kluppelberg was released from prison after almost 25 years behind bars.



Rick and Kathy Paine visit with their daughter Christina Eilman at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago in 2006. Eilman suffered a severe traumatic brain injury after a fall.



Former Detective Reynaldo Guevara covers his face as he leaves the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse in Chicago in 2018.

M. Daley's lengthy reign, the city spent about \$68 million on lawyers' fees and costs in civil rights cases. The amount rose steadily from 2004 to 2010.

Under Emanuel, the city paid more than \$129 million for lawyers and costs in civil rights cases from 2012 to early 2019. The Law Department kept the spending relatively flat before it exploded during Emanuel's last three full years in office.

Patton told the Tribune it was "more efficient and less costly" to farm out the more complicated cases and leave in-house attorneys clear to juggle multiple smaller cases. The attorney who took over for him in 2017, Edward Siskel, said he used private lawyers because of his limited supply of in-house attorneys or the outside lawyers had special skills.

To be sure, private attorneys have notched some big wins. For example, the city went to trial with Nicole Harris, who alleged that detectives had coerced her into falsely confessing to strangling her 4-year-old son in 2005.

After she was cleared, she sued. Private lawyers fought the case for four years, charging the city \$2.6 million, and prevailed before a federal jury in 2017.

Civil rights cases are handled differently in other cities. New York, for example, handles most of those lawsuits with in-house lawyers, a spokesman said.

Chicago spends tens of millions of dollars a year on outside lawyers for civil

rights suits, but the Law Department also has about 40 lawyers in the unit that handles such cases. The city's in-house lawyers make between \$61,000 and \$179,000. Private lawyers for the city earn as much as \$295 per hour. Flessner said he believes hiring outside counsel is four to five times more expensive per hour than using in-house lawyers.

A few of the city's in-

house lawyers have run into serious trouble in recent years. Judges have sanctioned and criticized some city attorneys for their repeated failure to give important documents to the other side in police lawsuits.

Despite Lightfoot's hiring freeze, Flessner said he hoped to work with the budget office to fill some of the roughly 30 vacant in-house lawyer jobs in a department that has about

250 lawyers.

Flessner acknowledged that he didn't know how much he could reduce outside legal costs just by filling in-house lawyer vacancies. He said it would be ideal to keep the vast majority of cases in-house but that the city will never be able to stop using private lawyers altogether.

The biggest winners include a handful of law firms ranging from small shops to major national firms. Over the last 15 years, the city has paid out more than \$20 million in civil rights cases to each of four firms: Dykema; Hale & Monico; Rock Fusco & Connelly; and the Sotos Law Firm.

Attorneys at two of those firms declined to comment, and Law Department spokesman Bill McCaffrey acknowledged that he advised private lawyers for the city not to speak with the Tribune.

## Spending money, losing more

In some of the most costly police lawsuits in Chicago history, private lawyers have billed the city for millions to defend the cases, only to lose millions more at trial or in a settlement.

At least 11 times, the city spent \$2 million or more on lawyers and expenses, then at least \$5 million to resolve the case.

One of the priciest examples is the Christina Eilman lawsuit.

In 2006, Eilman's parents sued, alleging that officers disregarded signs that their daughter, who had bipolar disorder, was in the grips of a "severe psychiatric episode" after police arrested her at Midway Airport. Officers took Eilman, then 21, to a South Side police station, where she took off her clothes and smeared her menstrual blood on walls.

Officers released Eilman in a troubled neighborhood as evening fell, and a man raped her in the now-demolished Robert Taylor Homes before she plunged from a seventh-floor window. The fall left her severely disabled.

For more than six years, the city fought the case using in-house attorneys and outside lawyers from five firms who collectively billed about \$2.4 million for 11,300 hours of work. Costs can rise during a civil court battle as lawyers gather out-of-court testimony from potential witnesses. Private and in-house attorneys in the Eilman lawsuit piled up about 130 depositions, some of them out-of-state, court records show.

While private lawyers handle much of the city's legal work, it is up to Law Department officials to decide whether to fight or try to settle. In the early years of the case, Eilman family attorney Jeffrey Singer said he "just did not get any kind of response that showed there was any real interest in having a settlement dialogue."

Then-Mayor Daley's top lawyer during the first years of the case, Mara Georges, said her attorneys had "legal theories we felt strongly about."

Those lawyers argued

that officers had no legal responsibility to do more for Eilman than they did. Their theories met with several defeats, including a stinging opinion from the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that said officers "might as well have released her into the lions' den at the Brookfield Zoo."

Against the backdrop of that defeat and with the trial looming, the city's lawyers, including future Mayor Lightfoot, engaged in settlement negotiations. The city paid about \$721,000 for the work of Lightfoot and other Mayer Brown attorneys. Illustrating how fees can add up, records show that Lightfoot made an 18-minute phone call and billed the city \$88.50.

Ten days before the trial was to start, the parties reached one of the largest settlements in a police case in Chicago history — \$22.5 million.

Singer said in an interview that the city could have settled the case sooner for less. He said the amount the plaintiffs would accept went up as Eilman's condition deteriorated and her attorneys poured years of work into the case.

When Emanuel's top attorney went before aldermen in 2013 to present the settlement, he told them the city could have lost more at trial.

"We did right by the city and her taxpayers, and we did right by this young woman and her family, and ended up with a settlement that will provide for her for the rest of her life," Patton said at the hearing.

The pattern of spending a lot on legal fees only to settle for even more also is evidenced in lawsuits filed by the "Englewood Four." Records show the city spent \$4.4 million to defend claims brought by men who each spent about 15 years in prison for a 1994 rape and murder. DNA eventually linked the crime to a convicted killer. In late 2017, the city settled the four suits for a total of \$31 million.

One of the city's former top lawyers defended the use of private attorneys in cases that settled, noting that good legal defense work can lessen the amount a plaintiff expects.

"You have to use the discovery process as a way to bring them down to earth," Siskel said.

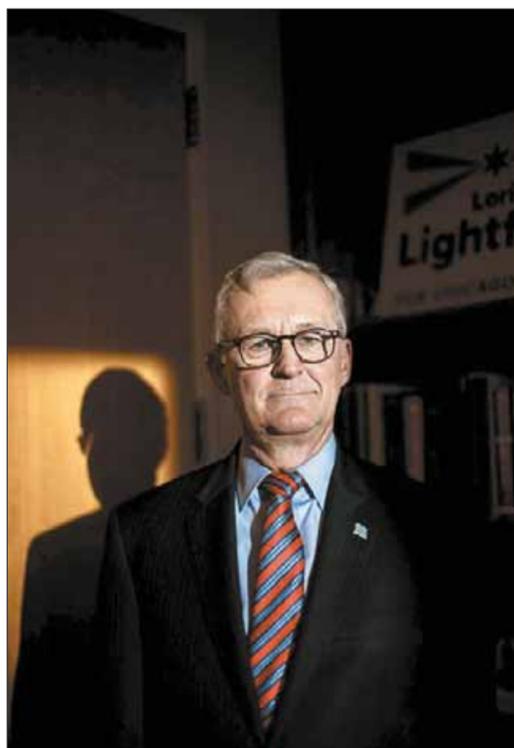
Civil rights lawyers argued that private attorneys have incentives to do unnecessary legal work. Attorney Locke Bowman of the Northwestern University law school compared lawyers with plumbers.

"They get paid by the hour," said Bowman, who has successfully sued the city.

Why does the city spend millions to defend these types of cases for so long? Some civil rights attorneys said City Hall aims to appease cops who want to see their conduct justified in court.

The mayor and her top lawyers need to "reevaluate the degree to which they've allowed the (Fraternal Order of Police) to drive civil rights defenses in a way about."

Those lawyers argued *Turn to Defense, Next Page*



Mark Flessner, corporation counsel for the city of Chicago, believes hiring outside counsel costs the city much more.

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that's very harmful to the citizens of the city of Chicago," said attorney Stuart Chanan, who has successfully sued the city.

Police union President Kevin Graham declined to comment. In the past, police union leaders have painted plaintiffs and their lawyers as dishonest and greedy.

An FOP official told aldermen who were considering settlements in a pair of police lawsuits in 1998 that cops were "meal tickets for these people." In 2017, an FOP official told the City Council that civil rights lawyers "look to this chamber as their blank check."

Previous top lawyers denied that political pressure swayed them.

"My approach was to block all of that out when making these decisions and focus on the guiding star, which was to handle these cases in the best interest of the taxpayers," Siskel said.

Lightfoot has picked fights with the FOP early in her tenure. Flessner said that he hoped to have a relationship with the police union's leaders, but added that their judgments about cases would not influence him.

"We are the police officers' lawyer. We will defend the police officers. But the FOP's opinion is not weighed in, is not a factor that is weighed in determining whether or not to try a case or to settle a case," he said. "We look at the risks."

**Defending notorious cops**

The city has spent huge sums defending cops with well-established records of misconduct, even when those officers opt not to take the stand to defend themselves.

The chief example is the late Jon Burge, who oversaw the abuse of suspects on the South Side. He was convicted of perjury in 2010 after federal jurors found that he'd lied when he denied abusing men or knowing about it. That conviction makes it more difficult to defend him from civil rights lawsuits.

The city paid more than \$27 million in fees and costs for outside lawyers in roughly 15 suits against Burge and his associates between 2004 and early 2019, records show. That's on top of the more than \$80 million in settlements, reparations and other costs in Burge-related cases.

Facing calls to offer an apology for Burge's actions, Emanuel delivered one in 2013 as the City Council settled some of the suits.

"I am sorry this happened," Emanuel said. "Let us all now move on."

Emanuel's lawyers did not move on. Records show the city spent more on private attorneys to defend Burge cases under Emanuel than it did during Daley's last years: at least \$10.5 million from 2004-10 versus at least \$14.5 million from 2012-18.

The city spent that money despite Burge and his colleagues often invoking their Fifth Amendment rights to avoid saying anything that could be used to prosecute them criminally. A defendant who refuses to deny the allegations is a trump card to a plaintiffs' lawyer. Juries in criminal cases are not allowed to consider a defendant's silence to be evidence of guilt, but civil juries and judges can hold it against a defendant.

"That's devastating. That makes it so hard for lawyers to try those cases," said attorney Terry Ekl, who has successfully sued the city. "The plaintiff's lawyers know it. They know that they've got the city."

Still, the city couldn't just capitulate, Patton argued.

"So what are you gonna do, just write an endless check? Be at the mercy of the plaintiff's lawyer? You'd pay \$40 million for every wrongful conviction case," he said.

Instead, the city frequently hired private lawyers and fought for years, as it did in the case that led to one of the largest tabs for legal work in city history.

James Kluppelberg spent nearly 25 years in prison for a Southwest Side arson that killed a woman and her five children before prosecutors dropped the case in 2012. A witness had recanted and a

**"So what are you gonna do, just write an endless check? Be at the mercy of the plaintiff's lawyer? You'd pay \$40 million for every wrongful conviction case."**

—Stephen Patton, the city's top lawyer from 2011 to early 2017, explaining the rationale for mounting often pricey defenses of cops in legal trouble

fire scientist hired by his lawyers had concluded that the evidence of arson was shaky. Other witnesses, however, continued to implicate him.

Kluppelberg sued, alleging officers had beaten him until he urinated blood. Burge was not involved in the interrogation but supervised cops who worked the case.

Lawyers from Jones Day and the Sotos Law Firm billed the city for nearly 20,800 hours over five years, collecting more than \$6 million. Attorneys took nearly 80 depositions, including two in which Burge pleaded the Fifth.

Days before trial, the lawyers reached a settlement worth \$9.3 million.

"We would have taken that number or less earlier," said Loevy, Kluppelberg's lawyer.

Patton, Chicago's top lawyer during most of the suit, said he thought the city had a strong case. Siskel, who ran the office when the case settled, declined to comment on negotiations in specific cases.

Though Burge was fired more than a quarter-century ago and died last year, the city is still paying for his time in the Police Department. Lawyers continue to fight a suit from former inmate Stanley Wrice, who claims that cops under Burge's command beat him before he confessed to a vicious 1982 sexual assault that happened in his home. While a judge threw out Wrice's conviction and prosecutors dropped the charges, a Cook County judge denied him a certificate of innocence, concluding that he was "most likely guilty."

Burge pleaded the Fifth in a deposition, as have two other officers. The city has paid about \$1.7 million to lawyers over six years. A trial is scheduled for February, and Flessner said the city has no plans to settle.

**History repeated?**

As Burge suits have dwindled, history has begun repeating itself in the many lawsuits against another former detective who has pleaded the Fifth — Reynaldo Guevara.

The former detective has been accused of pinning murder cases on people and extorting drug dealers on the West Side in the 1980s and 1990s. At least 12 convictions related to the detective have been reversed since 2016.

The city has been sued over his conduct at least 14 times since 1999 and had paid private lawyers at least \$8.8 million to fight the suits as of early this year, records show. Two plaintiffs, including Jacques Rivera, have reaped more than \$33 million in total from the city.

The problem is unlikely to go away soon, as 11 of the cases are pending.

The Guevara cases also illustrate the difficulty the Lightfoot administration may have in reducing outside legal expenses in police misconduct suits. While Flessner acknowledged the city faces an "impediment" in officers who plead the Fifth, he said he'll deal with the cases one at a time.

"We are looking at each one of those cases individually to determine whether or not we can defend the cases without Officer Guevara's testimony," he said.

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An aerial view of the General Iron Industries plant on the the North Branch of the Chicago River in Chicago last year.

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quires the Labkons to follow through on their pledges to leave the North Side in 2020.

"At long last our efforts have earned results," Ald. Brian Hopkins, 2nd, wrote in an email to his constituents. "This is a major step forward, and I am encouraged that the best outcome will ultimately be attained."

General Iron has been under intense scrutiny since 2017, when a University of Illinois at Chicago researcher found high levels of lung-damaging particulate matter downwind from the company's pair of massive scrap shredders. The researcher was enlisted by a Lincoln Park man who said he was fed up with the city's lack-

luster response to neighborhood concerns about the facility.

The company recently installed new pollution-control equipment in response to a complaint filed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which has taken action against General Iron two other times since the 1990s.

So far the company's latest improvements have done little to appease neighbors. A community group, Moms Against Chicago Pollution, said General Iron "continues to create foul odors, coat backyards, playgrounds and cars with toxic, shredded metal fluff and make loud noises at late hours."

In a statement, the Labkons said they plan to get out of the scrap business next year after selling everything but their land to Reserve Management Group, an Ohio-based

company seeking to develop a new shredding operation on the former site of Republic Steel on the Southeast Side.

During the past nine years, the Labkons and General Iron spread more than \$500,000 in political contributions among Emanuel, aldermanic candidates and other local politicians, according to campaign finance records. The family also hired a dozen City Hall lobbyists to protect their interests.

The scrap yard's impending demise means another polluting industry is leaving wealthy, largely white Lincoln Park. Surrounding the shredders on three sides is Lincoln Yards, a multibillion-dollar mixed-use project from developer Sterling Bay planned on the former sites of steel mills, tanneries and other industries that dominated the area during most

of the last century.

But RMG's plans for a new shredder worry residents in a low-income, predominantly Latino corner of Chicago, which already is burdened by toxic waste dumped by industries that left the Southeast Side during the 1980s and '90s.

The neighborhood's City Council representative, Ald. Sue Garza, 10th, said her concerns were addressed by the deal hammered out by the Lightfoot administration. RMG pledged to equip its shredders with more advanced pollution controls and routinely monitor emissions.

"We are confident in the current plans to protect the environmental health of our community while allowing additional jobs for our residents," Garza said in a statement.

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**Secret vote set to pick next Cook County judicial chief**

\$270M budget, future of court system at stake

BY JUAN PEREZ JR.

More than 250 Cook County judges can elect the next head of the area's enormous court system Thursday, in a secretive process that will determine if Chief Judge Timothy Evans seizes a seventh three-year term atop a critical layer of local government.

Evans is a fixture in Chicago politics and the first African American to serve as the county's chief judge. But after a series of controversies, he's set to face his latest challenger for a post that this year presided over some 2,900 employees and a \$272 million budget.

Judge Lorna Propes has announced a bid to oust Evans, and both candidates promoted stylized YouTube pitches to help lobby for their colleagues' vote while supporters blasted judges this week with last-minute campaign emails.

Substantial power is at stake. The chief judge oversees one of the world's largest court systems, its courtroom language interpreters and drug court, the probation and public guardian systems, plus the county juvenile detention center. More than 1 million cases are filed each year in the Circuit Court system, which covers Chicago and the surrounding Cook County suburbs.

Thursday's election also will determine if Evans maintains a role in controversial county bond system reforms that mark a recurring flashpoint between county board President Toni Preckwinkle and Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot.

His roles in other courthouse flaps also have come under scrutiny, including a scandal in which one of Evans' former law clerks was accused of donning a judge's robe and hearing at least three traffic court cases at the suburban Markham courthouse. Evans



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Chief Judge Timothy Evans is vying for his seventh term.

ans later fired the clerk.

"I hope that you will agree that over the years, working together with a commitment to fairness and integrity, we have brought reforms to our court which are both innovative and compassionate," Evans said in a video message to colleagues. "And equally importantly, embraced changes which continue to produce justice for those who appear before us."

Propes, meanwhile, has targeted Evans' long tenure atop the court system with a platform that includes calls to implement term limits on the chief judge's office. Propes was appointed to the county's 7th Judicial Subcircuit by the Illinois Supreme Court in 2010, and is now a trial judge in a circuit court division that rules on high-dollar civil lawsuits.

Evans was first elected to the chief judgeship in 2001, and held off former Ald. Tom Allen in 2016 to secure his most recent term on a 129 to 103 vote marked by widespread discontent with his leadership.

"Virtually every issue that we've been discussing — from problems in court administration to defendant judicial independence — is the result of complacency and bureaucratic inertia," Propes said in one of her campaign messages. "That sets in when an administration stays too long. And the overwhelm-

ing consensus is that 18 years is too long."

Evans is a former Chicago alderman who was elected to the City Council in 1973 and held the post until Preckwinkle narrowly defeated him in 1991.

He served as floor leader for Mayor Harold Washington, the city's first black mayor. After Washington died in 1987, Evans made his first bid for mayor when the council voted on his replacement, only to lose to Eugene Sawyer.

Evans followed that with another bid for mayor but lost to Richard M. Daley. Then, after losing his council seat, Evans ran for Circuit Court judge in 1992 and won. Nine years later, he ascended to chief judge when he defeated four challengers.

He's since presided over a sharp population drop at Cook County Jail after requiring judges to set affordable bail amounts for defendants charged with nonviolent felonies. He's joined forces with Preckwinkle in an ongoing debate over bond reform's connections to gun violence, and recently commissioned a study showing that felony defendants released on bail rarely picked up a new charge of violence.

In 2013, the Tribune reported the court system's Adult Probation Department had lost track of hundreds of convicts, and overlooked curfew viola-

tions and new crimes by offenders, some of whom went on to commit other crimes. The Cook County state's attorney's office settled two federal civil rights lawsuits that alleged a rogue adult probation unit improperly teamed up with Chicago police and the FBI to conduct illegal searches of homes.

In 2014, the Illinois Supreme Court released an unprecedented and critical report into how the court system under Evans handled criminal defendants. The report pointed out a lack of leadership and basic understanding of certain court services that led to people unnecessarily awaiting trial behind bars.

And in 2016, then-Circuit Judge Valarie Turner gave Rhonda Crawford her robe to wear. Crawford, who was on the verge of being elected to a courtroom, ruled on three traffic cases from the bench in the Markham courthouse. Evans, whose office had hired Crawford as a law clerk/staff attorney, responded to the embarrassing episode by firing her from her \$57,000-a-year job. Crawford was found dead in an apparent suicide in 2018, days before she was to go on trial on misconduct and false impersonation charges.

The county's 254 circuit judges are eligible to cloister inside the Richard J. Daley Center on Thursday afternoon and cast secret ballots for their chosen candidate.

Once the doors close, chief judge hopefuls formally declare their candidacy for the ballot and have an opportunity to restate their campaign pitch. The voters write their choices onto paper ballots, which are then counted by a committee of judges while a designated observer for each candidate watches. Only judges are allowed in the room.

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# Principal out amid misconduct allegations

Was investigated for transgression at previous post

BY ZAK KOESKE

A Matteson middle school principal resigned after the district learned he had been investigated for sexual misconduct at his previous job and recommended for placement on a "Do Not Hire" list, the district's superintendent said Wednesday.

Matteson School District 159 Superintendent Mable Alfred informed parents in a letter Tuesday evening that Colin Powell Middle School Principal Cedric Nolen had tendered his resignation after she placed him on leave after learning of the past misconduct allegations.

Nolen's attorney released a statement Wednesday saying that his client denied the "characterization of the accusations" and was "devastated" from the ensuing fallout.

"For twenty-one years he proudly served the educational community by providing a positive, purposeful, and constructive learning environment," the statement said. "He remains focused on his future and is considering several options to clear his name."

Nolen was hired in July, but Alfred said in her letter, which the Daily Southtown obtained from a school board member, that she only learned of the investigation into his conduct last week after being contacted by Chicago Public Schools, his former employer.

She said a CPS official had contacted her Friday to advise her that there was "additional information" CPS had not disclosed about Nolen when the district inquired about him initially and told her to file a Freedom of Information Act request to obtain that information.

After filing a public records request, Alfred said CPS provided her a May 3

report from the CPS Inspector General, "disclosing for the first time that Mr. Nolen had been the subject of an internal investigation which made findings of sexually harassing misconduct," and recommending he be placed on a do not hire list.

"Upon receiving this previously undisclosed information, I immediately placed Mr. Nolen on administrative leave," Alfred's letter states. "Thereafter, Mr. Nolen tendered his resignation on Monday, September 9, 2019."

In light of Nolen's resignation, Vincent Payne, the principal of Marya Yates Elementary School, will assume that role at Colin Powell, and Yates' assistant principal Lawanda Gordon will take over as the school's interim principal, according to Alfred's letter.

District 159 officials did not respond to multiple requests for comment on Nolen's hiring or on what sort of reference checks were performed before they hired him.

A CPS spokeswoman said in a statement Wednesday that it had not provided District 159 a reference check for Nolen because the district had not requested one.

"Other school districts routinely contact CPS as part of reference checks, and we provide them information about substantiated misconduct," spokeswoman Emily Bolton said. "In this instance, no such request was made."

Bolton said District 159 officials requested only that CPS confirm Nolen's dates of employment, "which are not and cannot be confused for a reference check or recommendation."

She said CPS officials "proactively" reached out to Alfred to communicate their concerns after learning District 159 had hired Nolen and would have provided the district additional information about him before-

hand had it asked.

Nolen resigned as principal of Parkside Elementary in Chicago's South Shore neighborhood in April while under investigation for allegedly sexually harassing a coworker, documents show.

District 159 hired him as principal of Powell school in July, two months after the Chicago's Office of Inspector General "substantiated" the sexual harassment allegations against the former Parkside Elementary principal, according to a copy of the OIG's report.

The report, which references a related criminal investigation by the Chicago

Police Department, recommended that a "Do Not Hire" designation be placed in Nolen's personnel file and that his case be referred to the Illinois State Board of Education for possible

revocation of his license. Nolen, a 20-year CPS employee who had served as Parkside's principal since 2012, was removed from the South Shore school and placed on paid leave in early January after being accused of sexual misconduct with a staff member, documents show.

He resigned three months later on April 18, the same day investigators from the Inspector General's office sat down with him and two attorneys for an interview about the allegations, according to the OIG report.

Nolen did not provide an explanation for his departure on his resignation application, writing "N/A" in the box that asked him to specify a reason, documents show.

Two weeks later, the Inspector General wrote in a memorandum to the Chicago Board of Education that his investigation "determined that evidence supports a finding of sexual misconduct against former Parkside Elementary Community Academy Principal

Cedric Nolen."

The exact nature of the allegations against him is unclear because CPS redacted large portions of the document and a summary report it provided the Daily Southtown in response to a public records request.

The document says that investigators found the accuser's complaint credible and that the accuser's account was corroborated by several other individuals and numerous text messages and video calls.

The Inspector General wrote in his memo to the school board that Nolen's actions constituted sexual harassment and that he also had violated the district's non-fraternization policy — which prohibits employees from having a romantic relationship with another employee they supervise — and the board rule that requires all CPS employees to cooperate with OIG investigations.

"Nolen's conduct constituted sexual harassment because it was un-welcomed sexual conduct that had the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with (redacted) work performance and created an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment," he wrote.

The Inspector General recommended that a "Do Not Hire" designation be placed in Nolen's personnel file and that "given the severity of the conduct at issue, CPS should also consider whether to refer this matter to ISBE for possible revocation of Nolen's certificates."

Bolton said CPS had acted on both recommendations. An ISBE spokeswoman said she could not comment on any specific educator's case, but ISBE records show that Nolen retains his professional educator's license.

The Inspector General's heavily redacted 17-page report lays out his investigative processes from the filing of the initial complaint on Jan. 9 through multiple

interviews with the accuser, Parkside staff and Nolen himself.

The OIG said it found 10 past reports in its incident-reporting system that mentioned Nolen but that none contained sexual allegations against him.

Outside of the interview with Nolen, in which the principal refused to answer questions on the advice of his attorney, everything but the dates of the other interviews was redacted in the report provided to the Southtown.

One footnote appended to the bottom of a redacted portion about the initial complaint mentions that much of the information was obtained from the Chicago Police Department and its "related criminal investigation," which "remains pending." When asked to confirm that Nolen was or had been under criminal investigation, a Chicago police spokeswoman said the agency could not confirm the identity of anyone under investigation unless charges had been filed.

Nolen has not been charged with a crime.

Personnel records show that Nolen began working for CPS as a substitute teacher in 1999 and rose to become the principal at Parkside in 2012, after serving in administrative roles at other CPS schools.

Since 2005, he's also run an organization called the Ced Nolen Education Foundation, which, according to his LinkedIn page, awards scholarships to high school seniors and mentors high school students on researching other scholarships.

Matteson School District 159 hired Nolen at its July 10 meeting to replace former Powell Principal Kim Johnson after she was reassigned to serve as the assistant director of instructional technology.

A majority of the public comments at that meeting pertained to Johnson's reassignment, which Alfred, the

superintendent, told residents was a promotion.

"The district needs Instructional Technology in order to move into the 21st Century," Alfred is quoted as saying in the minutes. "Ms. Johnson is one who is very capable of helping the district move forward."

Board member Carolyn Owens, an Alfred critic who said she opposed Nolen's hire, claimed Johnson's "promotion" was just a pretense used to move her out of the position and bring Nolen in as principal — a move she said had not gone over well with parents or staff.

Owens said typically when the district hires new administrators the board is provided a packet with information about them, but that did not happen in Nolen's case.

"They're not following procedures, they're not following protocol, they're not following the rules that we have," she said of the board. "They're just hiring people that they want in places."

Owens said she did not believe the superintendent's explanation that CPS had not initially disclosed the circumstances of Nolen's departure from that district and accused her of "covering up" the hire after the community learned about Nolen's background.

"Board members are always told or notified about anything alarming to the parents and children," she said. "If she received (information from CPS about Nolen) on the 6th, he should not have been in the building a minute after she was notified."

Owens said she wondered whether Nolen would still be employed if parents had not gotten wind of his background — a flyer with portions of the inspector general's report urging parents to attend Wednesday's board meeting began circulating this week.

The board president and superintendent did not respond to Owens' claims.

## Probes

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stand it and I think give confidence that it can't be repeated again."

A day after the Tribune first broke the existence of the background checks, the Police Department offered a rare public apology.

But officials haven't been able to answer key questions about the practice, including when it began, why it was done and what police did with the information.

A letter by city Corporation Counsel Mark Flessner asked Ferguson's office to conduct "a thorough investigation" into whether Police Department employees improperly accessed confidential law enforcement databases in carrying out the background searches.

"While Mayor Lightfoot directed that the practice cease, upon its discovery by her, the recent discrepancy in time frame is of concern to the Mayor," Flessner wrote in the letter dated Tuesday. "... Understanding the full historical background of this practice is necessary to determine if additional intervention is needed or disciplinary action."

The records obtained by the Tribune date to August 2006 but don't include profiles from every single monthly Police Board meeting.

Police compiled profiles of citizens who signed up to address the Police Board by searching at least one internal department database to determine if speakers had arrest or prison records, warrants outstanding for their arrest or were registered sex offenders.

The newly released documents showed that police even sometimes searched voter registration records. In some cases, the profiles also included photos of speakers, either from various websites or police mug shots.

In addition to running criminal background on speakers, police also searched profiles and comments on YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

Those subjected to the background checks in-



Serethea and Ronald Reid talk about their experience speaking at a Chicago Police Board meeting in 2011.

cluded activists, a police union official, relatives of people killed in high-profile police shootings, a woman who told the Police Board she was sexually assaulted by an officer years earlier, a religious leader and attorneys.

At the time the Tribune first disclosed the criminal background checks, Lightfoot said she had been unaware of the practice when she chaired the Police Board before her run for mayor.

Describing herself as "furious and incredulous," she told the Tribune she had ordered an immediate stop to the checks and said the Police Department owed the public an apology.

That same day, police Superintendent Eddie Johnson avoided answering a reporter's question about whether the background checks should have taken place.

"To be quite honest, nobody did anything with it," he said.

The next day, the department issued its apology.

At first, the police said the practice went back to at least 2013, but that was because a group of detectives still active with the

department had been performing the checks since then, spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said in a recent interview.

But the department found the older records through an "archival email search," he said in a later email.

Reached by the Tribune, several past police superintendents denied knowledge of the background checks even though they regularly attended Police Board meetings.

Jody Weis, who headed the department from 2008 to 2011, said he was unaware of the practice.

Philip Cline, the superintendent from 2003 to 2007, could not explain how or why it might have started up during his tenure.

His predecessor, Terry Hillard, who headed the department from 1998 until 2003, could not be reached for comment, but attorney Thomas Needham, who was the department's general counsel and chief of staff for part of Hillard's tenure, said he had never heard of the background checks.

As the Tribune has previously reported, Garry McCarthy, the superintendent

from 2011 to 2015, said he did not remember ordering the background checks but wholeheartedly backed the practice, citing security concerns even though Police Board attendees must pass through security screenings at police headquarters and more than a dozen officers stand guard during the meetings.

Mark Iris, who served for two decades as the Police Board's executive director until 2004, said he was also unaware of the checks. His successor, Max Caproni, who still holds the post, previously told the Tribune he knew of the background checks but didn't review the reports in detail or use them "for any purpose."

Critics of the practice said the disclosure that police had been conducting background checks longer than previously known raises more questions about the searches and how all that information was used.

With the background checks dating to at least 2006, Karen Sheley, director of the ACLU of Illinois' police practices project, expressed concern that the practice was underway while Chicago police were at the same time under a

court-ordered consent decree from the 1980s to ensure the department wasn't spying on citizens.

Sheley noted that city officials argued for years they weren't violating the "Red Squad" decree and that for a time in the 2000s it was the Police Board that was tasked with ensuring the Police Department complied with the order.

The background checks violated "the spirit" of that decree, Sheley said.

Christy Lopez, a former U.S. Justice Department lawyer who helped lead a yearlong probe of the Police Department after video of the fatal police shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald roiled Chicago, called the background checks "utterly inappropriate."

"Fundamentally, what's wrong with it is that it has the potential to intimidate people from voicing their concerns about policing," Lopez told the Tribune.

Martinez Sutton, whose sister Rekia Boyd was killed in 2012 in a controversial shooting by an off-duty Chicago police detective, said he was troubled on learning that the department had checked on his background before speaking before the

Police Board.

"I'm fighting against police brutality due to what they did to Rekia and everything. So you find out officers or whoever are investigating your background, that makes you think about all sorts of privacy issues," Sutton said. "... What about retaliation?"

Serethea and Ronald Reid echoed those concerns on learning from the Tribune that the department prepared profiles on the couple for their appearance at a 2011 Police Board meeting.

The Reids, who run the Central Austin Neighborhood Association, have spoken at Police Board meetings over the years to complain about slow police response times to 911 calls in the heavily African American West Side community where they live. Their organization has a pending lawsuit against the city calling on the Police Department to allocate an appropriate number of officers to each of its 22 districts to ensure comparable emergency response times.

Ronald Reid's profile contained 10 arrest records for people who share his name, but none of those records involved him.

At his home last week, Reid said he tried to rationalize the background checks at first, thinking maybe the police feared an "active shooter." But then he remembered the heavy security that the public must go through to attend the Police Board meetings.

"Why are you collecting this data? What do you intend to do with it? What's the purpose?" Reid asked. "The only thing that makes sense is, you know, we're going to use this to retaliate, and that's extremely disturbing to us."

Even though the Police Department has discontinued the background checks and apologized, Reid doesn't think that's enough. "My first feeling was: 'What the hell? Are we in a police state? What's going on here?'" he said. "These are people that supposedly we're working with to make the city a better place."

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# Ruling clears way for suit against Hastert to go to trial

BY CHRISTY GUTOWSKI

Unless an eleventh-hour settlement is reached, retired U.S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert could stand trial as early as November in a lawsuit brought by a former student-athlete he coached who accused the disgraced politician of reneging on a hush-money pact concerning sexual abuse decades ago.

In a seven-page order handed down Tuesday, Kendall County Judge Robert Pilmer rejected both sides' requests for summary judgment. The decision clears the way for the lawsuit to proceed to trial if no settlement is reached.

Previous discussions to settle the suit, filed in April 2016, have been unsuccessful. A tentative trial date is set for mid-November.

Hastert had sexual contact with five underage male students when he was a teacher and wrestling coach at Yorkville High School in the 1960s and '70s before entering politics, according to federal prosecutors.

The statute of limitations to bring sexual abuse charges had long run out, and prosecutors have said their best option for holding Hastert accountable was indicting him for federal banking violations. Hastert pleaded guilty in October 2015 to one count of illegally structuring bank withdrawals to avoid federal reporting requirements. The charges are related to payments to the man behind the lawsuit.

Hastert, who a federal judge called a "serial child molester," served 13 months in a Minnesota federal prison. Now 77, he has kept a low profile since being freed in the summer of 2017. Neither he nor the now middle-aged man who sued him has ever appeared in court in the three years since the suit was filed.

Answering questions

under oath last year in a deposition, Hastert acknowledged he agreed to pay \$3.5 million to the man.

But, in the Sept. 25, 2018, deposition, Hastert backpedaled on his admissions in the federal court case that he mistreated some former student-athletes, including the man who filed suit. Hastert said he did not object to a statement in federal court that was fed to him by his attorneys so he could "get it over with."

In the deposition, Hastert said he simply worked on a "groin pull" at the boy's request.

As to why he would pay millions if he did nothing wrong, Hastert said he wanted to avoid the media coverage he had seen occur in other scandals involving well-known state and federal politicians.

"So anything that was — anybody that had a political background, anything that came up all of a sudden became a press circus," he said, according to a transcript of the deposition obtained by WMAQ-Ch. 5 Chicago. "And I didn't want to expose my family to that, and so I was under stress, and I agreed to pay him."

In a motion filed this week, the former student-athlete's attorney is seeking to have a protective order eased in the lawsuit regarding the deposition in an attempt to have Hastert's testimony impeached in both federal and state court.

Hastert began making cash payments in mid-2010 in exchange for the man not disclosing that Hastert molested him while the two stayed overnight in a hotel room during a wrestling camp in the 1970s, according to the lawsuit and documents filed by federal prosecutors.

The victim was 14.

The payments stopped in late 2014 as the FBI investigated Hastert's suspicious cash withdrawals.

The recipient, a standout high school wrestler whose parents had been close friends with Hastert, is suing for the remaining \$1.8 million plus interest in a breach-of-contract claim.

Hastert has countersued. His attorney, John Ellis, argues the verbal agreement is unenforceable because, among other legal issues, the man failed to keep up his end of the deal when he talked about it with relatives, a longtime friend and to federal authorities.

In his deposition, the man admitted that he disclosed the hush-money pact in general terms but said his understanding of his obligation was "not to go to a lawyer, not to go to law, police and not to go to media of any kind."

According to his deposition, the man gave \$5,000 to a down-on-his-luck friend in late 2012 after telling the friend that "something had happened between Hastert and I and I sort of motioned toward my crotch. And I said, so we have an agreement and I know you can use some financial help and I can help you."

The man's attorney, Kristi Browne, argues the comments were immaterial and did not violate the agreement. She said her client fulfilled his obligation under the pact, which she said only became public because Hastert violated banking laws and triggered an FBI investigation.

In his ruling denying summary judgment, Pilmer wrote that the man did breach his obligation to keep the agreement a secret when he discussed it with family and the friend. But, the judge noted, under Illinois law, a breach must be determined to be of material importance or significance before the party may be legally penalized.

That's a question to be answered at trial, the judge ruled.



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Streaks of liquid residue remain on the icon of the Mother of God painting at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago's Belmont Central neighborhood.

## Greek Orthodox officials seek 'temporary possession' of icon

Apparent weeping leads to 'negative public attention'

BY JAVONTE ANDERSON

Greek Orthodox Church officials have asked a Northwest Side parish for "temporary possession" of an icon of the Virgin Mary and the child Jesus after news of its appearing to weep was shared on social media, leading "to negative public attention," according to a statement from the church's Chicago diocese.

A parish employee alerted the Rev. Nicholas Jonas, the presiding priest at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 6041 W. Diversey Ave., in the Belmont Central neighborhood, to the icon appearing to weep Sunday morning. Jonas posted about it on Facebook about 7:15 a.m. Sunday. His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael, the bishop of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago, inspected the icon Sunday, according to Jonas.

Jonas, who did not return calls for comment Tuesday, didn't follow the usual protocol regarding publicizing the phenomenon involving the icon, which is one of the paintings that forms part of the church's iconostasis, a wall of religious icons in the church, according to the statement.

"In such cases, Orthodox clergy know to immediately

inform their bishop so that he may take appropriate steps to discern the nature of the phenomenon," church officials said in their statement, issued Tuesday night. "When similar events were discovered in the Metropolis in the past, such news was not shared until months later in order to discern that what was observed was truly a sign from God."

"Unfortunately, appropriate discernment was not used in this particular instance, and an announcement was hastily posted on Facebook, which subsequently led to negative public attention," according to the statement.

"In order for the Church to lend its official voice to this event, the Holy Metropolis of Chicago has asked the parish for temporary possession of the icon," according to the statement.

"After a period of prayer and examination," the icon will be returned and the diocese "will issue an official statement on the nature of what was observed," according to the statement.

The announcement came the same day a federal bankruptcy judge approved a \$2.5 million sale of the Holy Trinity church building to Universal Church, Inc., a New York-based Protestant church.

The church has 60 days, which could be extended to 75 days, to vacate the property, David Herzog, attor-

ney for Holy Trinity, said Tuesday.

Church leaders announced in December that a group had come forward with an offer to buy the building from MB Financial Bank, which controls the property because of the church's financial troubles, and allow the church to remain operating. That deal fell through, Herzog said.

After acquiring a property in Deerfield for the relocation of its Socrates school, Holy Trinity took out a \$12.1 million loan from MB Financial Bank. The church established a nonprofit called Hellenic American Academy, which was a separate legal entity from the church, to oversee the new school, Herzog said.

After the renovations were complete, the church returned \$6 million to the bank, leaving an outstanding balance of \$6.1 million, he said. When they secured the loan, the church pledged the Deerfield property and its church in Chicago as collateral.

Holy Trinity was the borrower under the original loan agreement, Herzog said. The Hellenic American Academy, however, became the borrower after the church returned \$6 million, and the church was the guarantor, Herzog said.

The Hellenic American Academy eventually defaulted on the loan and that "precipitated all of this," Herzog said.

## Burke picked state high court chief justice

BY JAMIE MUNKS

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke, who was sworn into her latest term on the same day her husband's offices were raided by federal agents as part of a sweeping public corruption probe, will become the high court's 121st chief justice for a three-year term starting next month.

Burke was selected by her fellow justices on Tuesday to take over from Chief Justice Lloyd Karmeier for a term that runs through Oct. 25, 2022. A member of the high court since her appointment on July 6, 2006, she will become the third woman to hold the position.

Her husband, Ald. Edward Burke, is at the center of a wide-ranging federal investigation of City Hall and has pleaded not guilty to charges he abused his clout to extort private legal work from companies and individuals doing business with the city.

The investigation came to light when his City Hall and 14th Ward offices were raided Nov. 29, even as Anne Burke was being sworn in to a 10-year term on the state's Supreme Court.

Ald. Burke has long played a key role in slating Cook County judges, which along with his control of the City Council's Finance Committee helped him build a massive amount of political capital.

Earlier this year, a state oversight board concluded that Anne Burke did not violate judicial conduct rules when a political fundraiser was held at her home for Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle.

The Judicial Inquiry Board, which investigates complaints about judges, reviewed the circumstances surrounding the January 2018 fundraiser at the Burkes' Southwest Side



Anne Burke

home and "determined to close the matter," according to an April letter sent to political consultant Jeffrey Orr, who requested an investigation.

The board didn't provide an explanation for the decision, stating in the letter that it was prohibited "from disclosing specifics regarding its decision, findings or information about its deliberations on any matter."

The Supreme Court, Illinois' highest court, has seven justices who are elected from five judicial districts to 10-year terms. The court has administrative and supervisory authority over all courts in the state, exercised by the chief justice with support from court staff. The Supreme Court hears appeals from other courts and can exercise original jurisdiction in some cases.

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## Metra announces no fare increases for '20

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

Metra on Wednesday announced that it will not raise fares next year, for the second year in a row, and that it will be budgeting \$2.6 billion for improvements to its system.

Most of this money comes from the state's new capital program, passed by the legislature this year. The commuter railroad plans to spend the money over the next five years, with an emphasis on rail cars, locomotives, stations, bridges and better service.

"We are happy to give our customers a double dose of good news this budget sea-

son," Metra CEO and Executive Director Jim Derwinski said in a statement.

Metra said it also plans to save \$21 million through belt-tightening measures, like not filling vacancies and cutting overtime. The cuts will help offset an expected \$26 million increase in operating expenses, including about \$7 million in new costs associated with Positive Train Control, a federally mandated safety system, Metra said.

Metra saw its ridership fall 9% between 2014 and 2018, a period of time in which the railway raised fares four times to help pay for new equipment. The

railroad has attributed the ridership drop to fare increases and other factors, such as low gas prices. It also has been troubled by delays due to equipment problems.

Metra, along with other transit agencies, waited 10 years for a new capital bill to make major equipment improvements. This year's \$45 billion capital infrastructure plan provides \$33 billion in funding for transportation, including road repairs around the state, train line extensions and new locomotives.

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## NATION & WORLD

### 'Eighteen years. We will not forget.'

US observes 9/11 anniversary with solemn ceremonies

By KAREN MATTHEWS AND JENNIFER PELTZ  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — People who were too young on 9/11 to remember their lost loved ones, and others for whom the grief is still raw, paid tribute with wreath-layings and the solemn roll call of the dead Wednesday as America marked the 18th anniversary of the worst terror attack on U.S. soil.

"Eighteen years. We will not forget. We cannot forget," Bud Salter, who lost his sister, Catherine, said at ground zero.

President Donald Trump laid a wreath at the Pentagon, telling victims' relatives: "This is your anniversary of personal and permanent loss."

"It's the day that has replayed in your memory a thousand times over. The last kiss. The last phone call. The last time hearing those precious words, 'I love you,'" the president said, who began the day observing a moment of silence on the South Lawn with first lady Melania Trump and White House staff.

It was the third Sept. 11 anniversary as president for Trump, who in addition to remembering the victims, first responders and U.S. troops that have battled in Afghanistan, also unleashed threats against militants contemplating another attack on America.

"If anyone dares to strike our land, we will respond with the full measure of American power and the iron will of the American



A New York City firefighter observes a moment of silence Wednesday at the National September 11 Memorial ceremonies. SPENCER PLATT/GETTY

spirit, and that spirit is unbreakable," Trump said at the Pentagon.

"If for any reason, they come back to our country, we will go wherever they are and use power the likes of which the United States has never used before, and I'm not even talking about nuclear power," Trump said without elaborating on what he meant. "They will never have seen anything like what will happen to them."

Later, former President George W. Bush, in office on 9/11, and then-Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld attended another wreath-laying at the Pentagon. Near Shanksville, Pennsylvania,

the third site where planes crashed on Sept. 11, 2001, Vice President Mike Pence credited the crew and passengers who fought back against the hijackers with protecting him and others in the U.S. Capitol that day.

"I will always believe that I and many others in our nation's capital were able to go home that day and hug our families because of the courage and selflessness of your families," said Pence, who was an Indiana congressman at the time.

Officials concluded the attackers had been aiming the plane toward Washington. Nearly 3,000 people were killed when terrorist-piloted planes slammed

into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the field in Pennsylvania.

After reading part of the long list of names, Parboti Parbhu choked up as she spoke from the ground zero podium about her slain sister, Hardai. Even after nearly two decades, "there's no easy way to say goodbye," she said.

By now, the heritage of grief has been handed down to a new generation, including children and young adults who knew their lost relatives barely or not at all.

Jacob Campbell was 10 months old when his mother, Jill Maurer-Campbell, died on 9/11.

"It's interesting growing

up in a generation that doesn't really remember it. I feel a connection that no one I go to school with can really understand," Campbell, a University of Michigan sophomore, said as he attended the ceremony.

Like the families, the nation is still grappling with the aftermath of Sept. 11. The effects are visible from airport security checkpoints to Afghanistan, where the post-9/11 U.S. invasion has become America's longest war. The aim was to dislodge Afghanistan's then-ruling Taliban for harboring al-Qaida leader and Sept. 11 mastermind Osama bin Laden.

On Saturday, Trump

called off a secret meeting at Camp David with Taliban and Afghan government leaders and declared the peace talks "dead." As the Sept. 11 anniversary began in Afghanistan, a rocket exploded at the U.S. Embassy after midnight, with no injuries reported.

Al-Qaida's current leader used the anniversary to call for more attacks on the U.S. and other targets.

In New York, Nicholas Haros Jr., who lost his mother, Frances, reminded the audience of the al-Qaida attackers and tore into Democratic Rep. Ilhan Omar of Minnesota over her recent "Some people did something" reference to 9/11.

"Our constitutional freedoms were attacked, and our nation's founding on Judeo-Christian values was attacked. That's what 'some people' did. Got that now?" he said to applause.

Omar, one of the first Muslim women elected to Congress, has said she didn't intend to minimize what happened on Sept. 11, and accused critics of taking her words out of context. She tweeted Wednesday that "September 11th was an attack on all of us."

The dead included Muslims, as Zaheda Rahman underscored after reading names at ground zero. She called her uncle, Abul Chowdhury, a "proud Muslim-American man who lived his life with a carefree nature, a zeal for adventure and a tenacity which I emulate every single day."

Others made a point of spotlighting the suffering of firefighters, police and others who died or fell ill after being exposed to the smoke and dust at ground zero.

## NOAA backed Trump tweet on his orders

White House pressed weather agency to support claim storm would hit Alabama

By ANDREW FREEDMAN, JOSH DAWSEY, JULIE EILPERIN AND JASON SAMENOW  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump directed his staff to order the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to prepare a statement that Hurricane Dorian posed a significant threat to Alabama as of Sept. 1, in contrast to what the agency's forecasters were predicting at the time.

Trump instructed acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney to direct NOAA's leaders to issue a statement buttressing his contention, according to a senior official who spoke on the condition of anonymity due to the sensitive nature of the matter.

Mulvaney then relayed the message to Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, this official said, who in turn instructed NOAA officials

to put out a statement Friday to that effect.

Trump told reporters he made no such instructions to Mulvaney on Wednesday afternoon.

Democrats on the House Science Committee are launching an investigation into the Commerce Department's involvement in NOAA's unusual decision.

Chairwoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-Texas, and Oversight and Investigations Chairwoman Mikie Sherrill, D-N.J., sent a letter to Ross requesting information related to the department's dealings with NOAA regarding Hurricane Dorian.

The committee, which has jurisdiction over NOAA, is requesting a briefing with Commerce Department staff who may have been involved in issuing instructions to NOAA that led to several directives issued to Weather Service staff and culminated in the Sept. 6 unsigned statement, which



President Donald Trump listens during a briefing on Hurricane Dorian by federal officials in Washington on Sept. 1. That same day, Trump tweeted that Alabama would likely be hit by the storm, a claim at odds with the latest forecasts. JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP



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Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross called the acting head of NOAA.

disavowed a tweet sent by the agency's Birmingham Weather Service forecast office on Sept. 1.

That tweet definitively stated that Alabama would not see any impacts from Dorian, and came in response to a flood of phone calls to the office from worried residents.

NWS staff later learned the calls originated from a

tweet from Trump that falsely asserted the state "would most likely be hit (much) harder than anticipated" by the powerful hurricane.

In reality, at the time Trump sent the Sept. 1 tweet, the only hurricane forecast product that was showing potential impacts in Alabama at the time of the president's tweet was the probability of seeing tropical storm force winds, and even that only showed about a 5% chance of such conditions in a small portion of the state. The official track forecast at the time of his tweet showed the storm moving up the Southeast coast, away from Alabama.

The NOAA statement on Sept. 6 admonished the Birmingham division for

speaking "in absolute terms" when it tweeted Alabama would "NOT see any impacts from #Dorian."

The NOAA statement resulted in part from pressure that Ross brought to bear on Neil Jacobs, the acting head of NOAA, in an early morning phone call on Friday from Greece, where the secretary was traveling for meetings, according to three individuals familiar with the matter who requested anonymity to speak on a sensitive issue.

"We are deeply disturbed by the politicization of NOAA's weather forecast activities for the purpose of supporting incorrect statements by the president," Johnson and Sherrill wrote to Ross. The House members are seeking answers to

who ordered and helped draft the Sept. 6 statement, and whether Commerce Department or White House staff members were involved in threatening NOAA leadership in order to secure the statement.

They noted that based on press reports, it appears Secretary Ross violated the "values of scientific integrity."

The Science Committee is requesting all records of communication between Commerce Department officials, NOAA and the White House between Sept. 1 and Sept. 9 pertaining to the president's tweet and NOAA's Sept. 6 statement.

Meanwhile, a new tropical weather system is brewing, and this one may actually hit Alabama.

## Chinese businesswoman convicted in Mar-a-Lago trespass case

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — A Chinese businesswoman was convicted Wednesday of trespassing at President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago club and lying to Secret Service agents.

The 10-woman, two-man federal jury reached the verdict after four hours of deliberation Wednesday in Fort Lauderdale in the case of Yujing Zhang. The 33-year-old Shanghai business consultant faces up to six

years in prison when she is sentenced Nov. 22.

The defendant showed no reaction when the verdict was read. She then spoke calmly with federal marshals, discussing what would happen with her legal papers. She smiled at her standby public defenders and was led out by the marshals.

Zhang had acted as her own attorney after firing her public defenders in June.

She was arrested March 30 after authorities say she

lied when she told a Secret Service agent she was there to visit the pool. That led to confusion over whether she was the daughter of a member.

She then was taken to the lobby where she told a receptionist she was there for a United Nations friendship event that night and had come early to take photos. That event had been canceled, and prosecutors say Zhang had been informed.

Agents took Zhang to a nearby Secret Service area

outside Mar-a-Lago where agents say she became argumentative. She was taken to the Secret Service's field office in West Palm Beach.

Prosecutors say Zhang was carrying four cellphones, a laptop and an external hard drive, telling agents she feared they would be stolen if she left them in her hotel room.

However, when agents searched her room at a nearby hotel, they say they discovered more electronics gear, \$8,000 in cash and numerous credit and debit

cards.

She did not face espionage charges.

Zhang's public defenders said before their firing that she came to Mar-a-Lago believing there would be a dinner that evening for the U.N. group, part of a \$20,000 travel package she had purchased from a man named "Charles" she only knew through social media.

They pointed to a receipt Zhang received from Charles Lee, a Chinese national who promotes such events at Mar-a-Lago, and a

flier she had promoting it.

Lee ran the United Nations Chinese Friendship Association, which is not affiliated with the U.N., and was photographed at least twice with Cindy Yang, a Republican donor and former Florida massage parlor owner who organized events at Mar-a-Lago.

The president and his family were visiting Mar-a-Lago the weekend of Zhang's arrest, but he was at his nearby golf club when she arrived and she was never near him.

# Dems power map a geographic puzzle

Rust and Sun Belts are keys to White House and Senate

BY NICHOLAS RICCARDI  
Associated Press

DENVER — As Democrats try to win control of the White House and the Senate in 2020, they face a geographical puzzle — the path to the presidency may conflict with the one to a Senate majority.

Democrats' best shot at the White House is to win back their old turf — the Rust Belt states heavy with working-class white voters who have become increasingly difficult to hold in the party's tent. But the path to winning the Senate travels through what many believe is the Democrats' territory of the future. College-educated suburbanites, young people and minorities make up the winning coalition in Arizona, Colorado, Georgia and North Carolina, the states where Democrats will need to pick up seats to wrest control of the Senate from the GOP.

The tensions between the two contests — the two paths to two different victories — highlight the geographic concerns that have long bedeviled Democrats. The party has successfully built support in the growing West and Sun Belt states, but not yet enough to put the fight over the Rust Belt in the rearview mirror.

"They're kind of stuck between their past and their future," said William Frey, a demographer at the nonpartisan Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. "It's an interesting conundrum."

For Democrats wrestling with picking their nominee, it's more than just a head-scratcher. Senate races and presidential races are linked — Senate candidates rarely win when their party's presidential candidate loses their state. If the party wants to win the White House and the Senate, its best hope of rolling back Republican gains under



ALEX BRANDON/AP

To regain control of the White House from President Trump, the Democrats' best chance is to win in the Rust Belt.

President Donald Trump, it will need to select a candidate who can win in both types of places.

"No question the Sun Belt will be central to the Democratic Party's success in 2020, far more than perhaps we understood even a few weeks ago," said Simon Rosenberg of NDN, a Democratic think tank that has long argued that demographics would help make the Sun Belt more hospitable for the party. "Winning in places like Arizona, Florida, Georgia and North Carolina is going to require us to stretch and reach and field a ticket that can win in these tough states, not just the traditional battlegrounds in the Rust Belt."

Although the dynamics of the presidential campaign are far from settled more than a year before Election Day, both parties are preparing to bear down on Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania, states

that enabled Trump to win the White House while losing the popular vote in 2016. Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton was castigated for taking her eye off those states in the waning days of the 2016 contest and instead trying to rack up a bigger electoral victory by investing in Arizona and Georgia.

As a symbol of the importance of the Rust Belt troika this time around, the Democratic Party designated Milwaukee as the location of its convention next year where its nominee will be crowned. Front-runner Joe Biden launched his campaign in his birth state of Pennsylvania and based his campaign in Philadelphia, while other contenders from Sen. Bernie Sanders to Sen. Amy Klobuchar tout their ability to connect with Midwestern voters.

But those places aren't essential to Democrats'

push to win control of the Senate.

Democrats must net at least three Senate seats to eke out a 50-50 tie should they win the White House. They're also bracing for a possible loss in Alabama, where Democrat Doug Jones won a 2017 special election that will be hard to replicate in a presidential year.

Democrats are eyeing several GOP-held seats in return. The two most vulnerable are in states Clinton won in 2016 — Colorado and Maine. After that, Democrats will have to bolster their numbers in Trump states. Although some hope to snag a seat in Iowa or even Kansas, the biggest trove of Senate seats lies where Democrats have been performing better in recent years like Arizona, North Carolina or Texas. Georgia became an especially big prize recently when Sen. Johnny Isakson

announced he was retiring for health reasons, creating a second 2020 Senate election in the state along with Sen. David Perdue's reelection bid.

For years, Democrats have eyed these states as potentially friendly turf because of their demographic changes. But the timeline has been longer than some hoped, and high-profile losses in Georgia and Texas in 2018 were a reminder that the states remain difficult for the party.

The differences between the old and new battlegrounds are stark. The three Rust Belt states at the center of the presidential campaign are 76% white, according to U.S. Census data. Arizona, Georgia, North Carolina and Texas combined are only 49% white. Faster growing, they've attracted younger, and better educated, migrants from other parts of the country and enjoy

booming economies, while the Rust Belt states are managing aging populations and declining industrial towns.

But, historically, whites in those growing Sun Belt states were far more likely to vote Republican than in the Rust Belt — a dynamic that offset their larger minority population and has kept them solidly in the GOP column. Despite incremental successes in the Sun Belt, Democrats still did far better in the Rust Belt states last year, dominating statewide elections in Pennsylvania and Michigan and narrowly winning top ones in Wisconsin.

"The easier path is going for the Rust Belt first," Frey said. "It's a unique candidate that could take both."

For example, Michigan Democrats rode to success partly on the pledge of their gubernatorial candidate Gretchen Whitmer to repair the state's perennially battered roads, an issue that would not resonate in the gleaming suburbs of Atlanta or Phoenix. Trade battles have ravaged Midwestern farmers but barely ruffled suburban Sun Belt professionals.

Still, the differences between these states may be eroding, notes Stephanie Valencia, a Washington, D.C.-based Democratic strategist. The Rust Belt states include fast-growing Hispanic populations. Support from Latino voters could both determine a close presidential race in Wisconsin and help Democrats win a Senate seat in Arizona.

"We need to be talking to voters everywhere, and doing so that racks up points on the margin," Valencia said. "There is a disproportionate amount of energy being focused on the Midwest and that part of the country, but I think people are realizing there are different iterations of the map."

One lesson from 2016, she added, is that Democrats can't put all their electoral eggs in one basket.

## Democratic debate: Top 2020 hopefuls finally on same stage

BY BILL BARROW  
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HOUSTON — Despite the miles traveled, the tens of millions of dollars raised and the ceaseless churn of policy papers, the Democratic primary has been remarkably static for months with Joe Biden leading in polls, and Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders vying to be the progressive alternative. That stability is under threat on Thursday.

All of the top presidential candidates will share a debate stage, a setting that could make it harder to avoid skirmishes among the early front-runners. The other seven candidates, meanwhile, are under growing pressure to prove they're still in the race to take on President Donald Trump next November.

The debate in Houston comes at a pivotal point as many voters move past their summer vacations and start to pay closer attention to the campaign. With the audience getting bigger, the ranks of candidates shrinking and first votes approaching in five months, the stakes are rising.

"For a complete junkie or someone in the business, you already have an impression of everyone," said Howard Dean, who ran for president in 2004 and later chaired the Democratic National Committee. "But now you are going to see increasing scrutiny with other people coming in to take a closer look."

The debate will air on a broadcast network with a post-Labor Day uptick in interest in the race, almost certainly giving the candidates their largest single audience yet. It's also the first debate of the 2020 cycle that's confined to one night after several candidates dropped out and others failed to meet new qualification standards.



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A Washington Post-ABC poll said Joe Biden had 29% support overall among Democratic-leaning voters.

Viewers will see the diversity of the modern Democratic Party. The debate, held on the campus of historically black Texas Southern University, features several women, people of color and a gay man, a striking contrast from the white and male Republican Party. It will unfold in a rapidly changing state that Democrats hope to eventually bring into their column.

Perhaps the biggest question is how directly the candidates will attack one another. Some fights that were predicted in previous debates failed to materialize with candidates like Sanders and Warren in July joining forces to take on their rivals.

The White House hopefuls and their campaigns are sending mixed messages about how eager they are to make frontal attacks on anyone other than President Donald Trump. That could mean the first meeting between Warren, the rising progressive calling for "big, structural change," and Biden, the more cautious but still ambitious establishmentarian, doesn't define the night.

Or that Kamala Harris, the California senator, and Pete Buttigieg, the mayor of

South Bend, Indiana, look to reclaim lost momentum not by punching upward but by reemphasizing their own visions for America.

Biden, who has led most national and early state polls since he joined the field in April, is downplaying the prospects of a titanic clash with Warren, despite their well-established policy differences on health care, taxes and financial regulation.

"I'm just going to be me, and she'll be her, and let people make their judgments. I have great respect for her," Biden said recently as he campaigned in South Carolina.

Warren says consistently that she has no interest in going after Democratic opponents.

Yet both campaigns are also clear that they don't consider it a personal attack to draw sharp policy contrasts.

A Washington Post-ABC poll this week found that among Democrats and Democratic-leaning voters, Biden garnered 29% support overall. Meanwhile, 45% thought he had the best chance to beat Trump, even though just 24% identified him as the "best president for the country" among the primary field.

## PM Johnson's suspension of Parliament illegal, judges rule

BY GRIFF WITTE  
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The Washington Post

LONDON — A panel of three Scottish judges ruled Wednesday that Boris Johnson's decision to suspend Parliament was illegal, escalating an already passionate debate over whether the British prime minister respects the rule of law and throwing into greater doubt his plans for Brexit.

The ruling does not mean Parliament will come back into session. But it does give the prime minister's opponents hope ahead of an expected Supreme Court hearing next week. Some raised the prospect that Johnson will have to resign if he loses that case.

The Scottish judges ruled that the government had been misleading — including, perhaps, to the queen — about its real reasons for the five-week suspension and that the move was "unlawful because it had the purpose of stymying Parliament."

The Supreme Court case will be heard Tuesday after the prime minister's office said it would appeal the Scottish ruling.

"We are disappointed by today's decision," Downing Street said.

A government spokesperson later ruled out recalling Parliament at least until the Supreme Court has a chance to weigh in.

Wednesday's ruling contradicts two other judgments. Courts in England and Wales had ruled that Johnson's move was legal. Another Scottish judge, meanwhile, had decided the courts did not have the authority to interfere in the suspension.

Scotland has a separate legal system from England and Wales; the Supreme Court, which is based in London, rules on matters relating to both jurisdictions.



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Johnson Cummings

Johnson critics celebrated Wednesday's decision saying they had been "vindicated."

"You cannot break the law with impunity, Boris Johnson," Joanna Cherry, one of more than 70 lawmakers who brought the case in Scotland, told reporters outside the court in Edinburgh. "The rule of law will be upheld by Scotland's courts, and I hope also the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom."

The leader of Cherry's Scottish National Party, Nicola Sturgeon, called for Parliament to be "recalled immediately to allow the essential work of scrutiny to continue."

The Labour Party joined that demand.

Dominic Grieve, a former attorney general, said fellow Conservative Johnson should step down if it turns out he "had misled the queen about the reasons for suspending Parliament," he told the BBC. "That would be a very serious matter indeed. Indeed, in my view, it would then be the moment for Mr.

Johnson to resign, and very swiftly."

Queen Elizabeth II had agreed to suspend Parliament, on the advice of the prime minister, as is customary.

The court battle over suspension could ultimately be a prelude to yet another legal battle that may arise from Brexit. Parliament last week passed a law requiring Johnson to seek an extension to the Oct. 31 deadline for Britain's exit from the European Union if Johnson cannot strike a deal before then.

To some, the brewing standoff reflects an executive that lacks the respect for laws and conventions that had been a given in previous governments.

"You have a world of the rule of law, and you have a world of Dominic Cummings," said Iain McLean, a politics professor at the University of Oxford, referring to Johnson's chief strategist.

Cummings was the mastermind behind the pro-Brexit campaign group Vote Leave, which was fined for breaking legal spending limits during the 2016 EU referendum. Cummings was also found in contempt of Parliament after he refused to appear before a parliamentary group investigating fake news.

# Al-Shabab tax racket squeezes Somalia

Extremist group's hold over nation strengthens

BY OMAR FARUK AND MAX BEARAK  
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MOGADISHU, Somalia — The calls from an unknown number had been coming for weeks, but Osman, a household-goods trader in the Somali capital's largest market, disregarded them — until he got the text message.

"Will you pick up our call? Yes or no. This is the mujahdeen," it said. The mujahdeen, the Islamist militants, al-Shabab. He knew right away what they wanted: to capture him in a protection money racket that the extremist group has been expanding across Somalia for years.

"My heart could barely pump blood in that moment," said Osman, 45, a father of seven, who spoke on the condition that only his first name be used out of fear for his life. "If I don't pay, they kill me."

When Osman replied "yes," he found that al-Shabab knew the size of his business and even how many containers of goods he imported through the city's seaport. Don't lie to us, they told him, we have the manifests from the ships to cross-check.

Interviews with a dozen business owners in Mogadishu reveal al-Shabab's quickly growing ability to tax the country's most lucrative businesses, which analysts and former government officials say earns the group tens of millions of dollars per year, which it uses to fund its attacks on government and military targets, as well as on those who refuse to pay up.

In most of rural Somalia, al-Shabab is in firm control and operates a parallel government. It has its own courts, road tolls and tax collection. But that system is spreading into Somalia's capital, undermining the legitimacy of the U.S.-backed federal government in the only city that government reliably controls.

"It is a very scary situation," said Somali Finance Minister Abdirahman Beileh. "We have not been able to address it. It is the



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Al-Shabab taxes almost all the goods that enter Somalia, forcing traders to pay thousands of dollars at times.

number one problem in this country."

The growth of al-Shabab's tax revenue stands at odds with the federal government's claims that the insurgency is on its back foot — and in sharp contrast to the U.S. military's claims that its operations in Somalia are weakening the insurgency.

The United States, which has about 500 troops in Somalia, says it has conducted nearly 50 drone strikes this year, killing more than 300 fighters. Most analysts put the number of al-Shabab fighters somewhere just short of 10,000, though the true number is hard to discern, as many of the group's members blend in and out of civilian life.

Al-Shabab, in turn, has carried out more than 850 attacks — from kidnappings to large bombings — across Somalia this year, killing around 1,600 people, according to the Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project. The U.S. government has long feared that, as in Afghanistan, instability in Somalia could

provide international terrorist organizations a base for operations. The Islamic State, which sometimes clashes with al-Shabab over territory, has a small but active branch operating mostly in northeastern Somalia.

While armed conflict begets much of the country, Beileh's ministry and al-Shabab compete over the most basic function of governance: to collect revenue and provide services. The government brings in almost \$200 million per year, and although al-Shabab takes in only a small fraction of that, it collects from a broader base of businesses. That base now includes the seaport, the government's most lucrative source of income.

The Somali government is considering a law that would make it illegal to pay taxes to al-Shabab, but traders argue that such a move would put an even greater burden on them. Many complain that the government can barely keep them safe and that criminalizing their payments to al-Shabab

would endanger their lives.

Osman and other traders described how, in the past year, al-Shabab has instituted a simple, tiered system for taxing almost all the goods that enter Somalia through Mogadishu's seaport, stemming from the group's ability to get ship manifests by threatening shipping agents.

A 40-foot container is taxed at \$160, while 20-foot ones cost \$100. Although the exact number of traders that al-Shabab taxes isn't clear, analysts think the group's new ability to tax imports could add millions to its annual revenue on top of what it collects from business owners. Ahmed Washington, the port's manager, did not respond to requests for comment.

"When I told (al-Shabab's tax collector) I had two containers at the port, he called me back and said, 'No, you have three this month. You have lied to me,'" said Hilowle, 48, who has traded in curtains, clothes and footwear at Mogadishu's Bakara market for 20 years. He was

shocked that al-Shabab knew about containers before they even arrived — his third would only reach Mogadishu a few weeks later.

Paying al-Shabab's taxes is relatively straightforward and happens through banks, mobile money transfers and the age-old "hawala" system of money-lenders prevalent in Somalia and some Middle Eastern countries, the traders said. The money is then redistributed to al-Shabab cells throughout the country.

For the annual "zakah" tax on businesses, the group's agents often start with huge requests but then negotiate. Both Osman and Hilowle were initially asked for \$10,000 in addition to taxes on their imports.

Hilowle's "tax collector" threatened him and his family, then used one of Hilowle's close relatives as a middleman to haggle.

"I insisted on \$1,000," Hilowle said. "I told him, 'If I could afford that kind of money, I wouldn't have spent one single night in

Mogadishu, I would have relocated to the UAE.'"

But those who don't pay tax to al-Shabab often pay dearly in other ways. One of Mogadishu's staunchest opponents of al-Shabab's tax is Gurey Haji Hassan, the owner of what was once the Makka al-Mukarama Hotel, a busy place filled with Mogadishu power brokers on the city's central thoroughfare.

For years, Hassan had openly expressed his views against paying. And every year since 2013, his hotel was bombed or attacked by al-Shabab. He rebuilt it each time. But after the last attack, in March, in which 25 people were killed, and another at a different hotel the previous November, in which the owner was killed, he has given up on the hotel business but not his convictions.

"If we pay, there will be no solution. If we resist, maybe there will be a solution. I believe this very strongly. I will never stop. We need more people like me, who say no," he said by phone from Canada, where he was visiting relatives.

## Vaping

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cigarettes in the past 30 days — up from a little over a fifth in 2018. The overwhelming majority of students said they used fruity or menthol or mint flavors.

The administration's move comes as health officials across the country investigate more than 450 cases, including six deaths, of lung disease linked to vaping. Many patients have reported using cannabis-related products, but authorities have not ruled out any specific type of vaping. With the picture still murky, vaping critics have seized the moment to press for tougher regulation of conventional e-cigarettes, which come in sweet and fruity flavors that have been embraced by many young people.

Azar said the Food and Drug Administration is working to finalize a plan on flavored e-cigarettes in the next several weeks that would likely take effect a month after that. The policy, he said, would require the removal from the market of most flavored-e-ciga-

rettes, including mint and menthol. The flavored products would not be allowed back on the market until — and if — they receive specific approval from the FDA.

The policy being developed wouldn't affect tobacco-flavored e-cigarettes, whose manufacturers would have until next May to file for approval. People on both sides of the issue said that the industry might sue the FDA to try to block the policy.

"Vaping targets kids, and these flavors — mint, menthol, gummy bear, Unicorn Milk, lung candy — have been essential to the industry luring children into this new addiction," said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., who recently told Sharpless to ban flavors or resign as commissioner. "Finally, the FDA is doing its job."

Matt Myers, president of the anti-tobacco group Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, said the plan is a "long way from the finish line," but added, "if, in fact, they pull flavored e-cigarettes from the market, it is an extraordinary step in the face of a real crisis."

He said that flavored e-cigarettes are fueling an



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epidemic of youth e-cigarette use "which apparently has gotten dramatically worse over the last year."

A ban on flavors would be a huge blow to companies such as San Francisco-based Juul, which has grown into a multibillion-dollar business by selling mint, fruit and dessert flavored-nicotine products.

Juul and other manufacturers argue that their products are intended to help adult smokers wean themselves off traditional paper-and-tobacco cigarettes. But

there is little evidence that e-cigarettes are effective for helping smokers quit.

A 2009 law banned all flavors from traditional cigarettes except menthol. But that law did not apply to e-cigarettes, which were then a tiny segment of the tobacco market.

The Vapor Technology Administration, an industry group, said it would be a "public health travesty" to ban flavored e-cigarettes. Such "government overreach," the group said, will result in the closure of

thousands of small vape shops and force many Americans "to switch back to deadly cigarettes."

Gregory Conley, president of the American Vaping Association, a consumer group, warned, "in the history of the United States, prohibition has never worked."

The administration move comes as states, communities and members of Congress called for tougher e-cigarette regulation.

E-cigarette products do not have FDA approval;

rather, they are marketed under an FDA called "enforcement discretion."

Scott Gottlieb, who stepped down as FDA commissioner in April, said in a tweet that Juul bore particular responsibility for forcing the administration's action.

"Unfortunately, the entire category of e-cigs was put at risk largely as a result of the youth abuse of mostly one manufacturer's products," Gottlieb said.

Wednesday's announcement came despite months of lobbying by Juul, which spent \$1.9 million in the first half of the year to try and sway the White House, Congress and the FDA.

Several former White House officials, including communications aide Josh Raffel, and Johnny DeStefano, who served as counselor to Trump, have gone on to work for Juul.

Federal law prohibits e-cigarette and other tobacco sales to those under 18. But last year, 1 in 5 high school students reported vaping in the past month, according to government survey figures.

Associated Press contributed.

## Smartphone, Matchbox cars among Toy Hall of Fame finalists

Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — The smartphone is being considered for induction into the National Toy Hall of Fame this year in recognition of its impact on how people play and interact.

The other finalists announced Wednesday are: Care Bears, the coloring book, Fisher-Price Corn Popper, Jenga, Magic the Gathering, Masters of the Universe, Matchbox cars, My Little Pony, Nerf Blaster, Risk and the top.

The smartphone earned a place among the 12 finalists because of its status as a platform for countless mobile games and playful interactions, including sending GIFs and altering photos, hall of fame officials said.

The winners will be inducted Nov. 7.

"These 12 toys represent the wide scope of play — from the simple, traditional spinning top that has been played with since pre-history to the ultra-modern smartphone which has dra-



NATIONAL TOY HALL OF FAME

matically changed how people of all ages play and connect," said Christopher Bensch, vice president for collections.

To make it into the hall, toys have to be innovative, widely recognized, shown to be more than a passing fad and foster learning, cre-

ativity or discovery through play. Sixty-eight toys currently occupy the National Toy Hall of Fame.

More about some of this year's finalists from the hall of fame:

**The coloring book:** No longer just for kids, a new genre of coloring books featuring more complex designs has caught on with adults.

**Jenga:** The game in which players stack blocks and then try to remove them

without toppling the tower was created by Englishwoman Leslie Scott based on wooden blocks from her childhood in Africa.

**Matchbox cars:** The toy cars debuted in 1952 and, by 1960, were selling at a rate of more than 100 million a year in the United States.

**My Little Pony:** Introduced in the 1980s and reintroduced in 2003, the pastel ponies outsold even Barbie for several years at the peak of their popularity.

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## Senators pitch president on wider gun background checks

WASHINGTON — Senators pushing to require background checks for private gun sales made a fresh pitch to President Donald Trump on Wednesday amid gridlock over legislation to curb gun violence.

GOP Sen. Patrick Toomey of Pennsylvania and Democrats Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Chris Murphy of Connecticut cautioned that they did not win Trump's endorsement of their bill

during their 40-minute telephone conversation.

Trump, speaking to reporters, said he and lawmakers were "working very, very hard" and "seeing if we can come up with something that's acceptable to everybody."

The bill in question failed to pass in 2013 and many Republicans oppose the idea as an infringement on gun rights. The senators said they hoped to hear back from Trump on Thursday.

## Tentative list of the missing in Bahamas has 2,500 names

FREEPORT, Bahamas — An estimated 2,500 people are listed as missing in the Bahamas in Hurricane Dorian's aftermath, the government said Wednesday. But it cautioned that names had yet to be checked against the rosters of people evacuated from the islands or staying in shelters.

A spokesman for the country's National Emergency Management Agency said he expected

the list to shrink as the names are checked.

More than a week after Dorian smashed thousands of homes on the country's Grand Bahama and Abaco islands, the death toll stood at 50 and was expected to rise.

While power has returned to much of Grand Bahama, Smith said the electrical infrastructure around Marsh Harbour, Abaco's largest city, was destroyed.

## Canada's Trudeau begins bid for reelection in Oct. 21 race

TORONTO — Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has launched his reelection campaign ahead of an Oct. 21 vote.

Trudeau kicked off his bid to remain in office Wednesday after meeting the country's governor general.

Trudeau said Canadians need to decide whether they want to go back to the failed policies of a conservative government that believes in cuts

and austerity.

Trudeau channeled the star power of his father when he won power in 2015. But the son of late Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau could be in trouble. Polls say the opposition Conservative party is running close to Trudeau's Liberals.

Not since 1935 has a government that won a majority of seats in Parliament in its first term lost power in the next election.



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A man carries a flower arrangement to be placed in front of the presidential palace in Santiago, Chile, on Wednesday, the anniversary of the 1973 coup that toppled President Salvadore Allende and began the 17-year dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet.

## Trump disparages his ousted national security adviser

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Wednesday that ousted national security adviser John Bolton made "some very big mistakes," citing his views on a panoply of foreign conflicts, his sour relations with North Korea dictator Kim Jong Un and his electrical infrastructure around Marsh Harbour, Abaco's largest city, was destroyed.

"John's known as a tough guy," Trump said disparagingly. "He's so tough he got us into Iraq. That's tough."

He added, "John wasn't in line with what we were doing."

One of the Bolton allies,

speaking on the condition of anonymity to talk candidly, said Bolton was not surprised by Trump's latest outburst after working alongside him and becoming familiar with his behavior.

"He is quiet — for now," this ally said, noting that Bolton could write a book or give a major television interview, among other options.

One senior administration official close to Bolton described him as frustrated with the president's vacillating positions, his willingness to meet with any world leader without con-

ditions and dysfunction within the administration.

The president said he had five people who want to be the next national security adviser and that he would make an announcement next week. He did not name the candidates.

Three top allies of Bolton also resigned in the wake of his departure.

Garrett Marquis and Sarah Tinsley, who ran the National Security Council's strategic communications operation, quit Tuesday. Christine Samuelian, who served as Bolton's personal assistant, also opted to depart the White House.

## Hundreds of Nigerians on flight to flee S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG — A group of Nigerians boarded a free flight from Johannesburg to Lagos on Wednesday, following a week of violence targeting foreigners in South Africa that has stoked tensions between Africa's two largest economies.

It was not immediately

clear how many people were on board the flight, operated by the private Nigerian airline Air Peace, but Nigeria's government said it estimated 313 people would board.

In total, 640 Nigerians living in South Africa had registered at Nigerian missions to take the flights

offered by the airline last week after bands of South Africans launched violent attacks against foreign-owned shops and stalls, looting and burning the small businesses and attacking some of the shopkeepers.

The violence has killed at least 12 people.

## Top court OKs nationwide enforcement of asylum rule

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court is allowing nationwide enforcement of a new Trump administration rule that prevents most Central American immigrants from seeking asylum in the United States.

The justices' order late Wednesday temporarily undoes a lower court ruling that had blocked the new asylum policy in some states along the southern border.

The policy is meant to deny asylum to anyone who passes through another country on the way to the U.S. without seeking protection there.

Most people crossing the southern border are Central Americans fleeing violence and poverty in their home countries.

They are largely ineligible under the new rule.

Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor dissented from the high court's order.

**In Zimbabwe:** The body of longtime ruler Robert Mugabe arrived in the capital, Harare, on Wednesday where it was met by President Emmerson Mnangagwa and a full military delegation.

Widow Grace Mugabe, dressed in black and with a black veil, was seated at a podium on the tarmac.

Mugabe's body will be displayed at historic locations for several days before burial.

Mugabe, who died at 95 in Singapore on Friday, was a guerrilla leader who led the fight to end white-minority rule in what was then Rhodesia, and ruled Zimbabwe from its independence in 1980 until he was deposed in 2017. Zimbabwe descended from prosperity to economic crisis during his 37-year authoritarian leadership.

T. BOONE PICKENS 1928-2019

## Colorful tycoon got rich in oil before mining Wall St.

BY CLIFF BRUNT  
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — T. Boone Pickens, a brash and quotable oil tycoon who grew even wealthier through corporate takeover attempts, died Wednesday in Dallas. He was 91.

Pickens was surrounded by friends and family when he died of natural causes under hospice care at his home, spokesman Jay Rosser said. Pickens suffered a series of strokes in 2017 and was hospitalized that July after what he called a "Texas-sized fall."

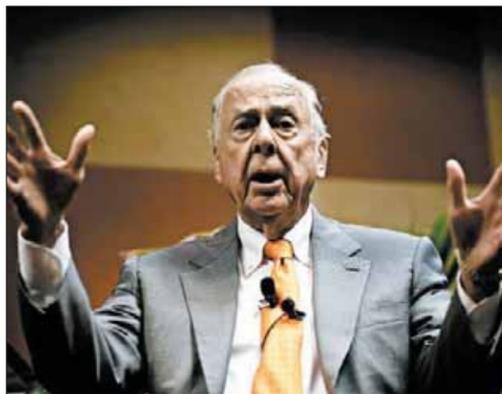
An only child who grew up in a small railroad town in Oklahoma, Pickens followed his father into the oil and gas business. After just three years, he formed his own company and built a reputation as a maverick, unafraid to compete against oil-industry giants.

In the 1980s, Pickens switched from drilling for oil to plumbing for riches on Wall Street. He led bids to take over big oil companies including Gulf, Phillips and Unocal, castigating their executives as looking out only for themselves while ignoring the shareholders.

Even when Pickens and other so-called corporate raiders failed to gain control of their targets, they scored huge payoffs by selling their shares back to the company and dropping their hostile takeover bids.

Later in his career, Pickens championed renewable energy including wind power. He argued that the U.S. needed to reduce its dependence on foreign oil. "I've been an oilman all my life, but this is one emergency we can't drill our way out of," he said in 2009.

Pickens couldn't duplicate his oil riches in renewable energy. In 2009, he scrapped plans for a huge Texas wind farm after running into difficulty getting



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T. Boone Pickens, the colorful billionaire philanthropist who made his money in oil, died Wednesday in Dallas.

transmission lines approved, and eventually his renewables business failed.

"It doesn't mean that wind is dead," Pickens said at the time. "It just means we got a little bit too quick off the blocks."

In 2007, Forbes magazine estimated Pickens' net worth at \$3 billion. He eventually slid off the magazine's list of wealthiest Americans. In 2016, the magazine put his worth at \$500 million.

Besides his peripatetic business and political interests, Pickens made huge donations to his alma mater, Oklahoma State University — the football stadium bears his name, and he gave \$100 million for endowed faculty positions.

"I firmly believe one of the reasons I was put on this Earth was to make money and be generous with it," he said on his website.

Pickens was born in 1928 in Holdenville, Oklahoma. His father was a landman, someone who secures mineral-rights leases for oil and gas drilling. His mother ran a government office that handled gasoline-rationing coupons for a three-county area during World War II.

Although only 5-foot-8, Pickens was a star guard on

his high school basketball team in Amarillo, Texas, and earned a sports scholarship to Texas A&M University. He lost the scholarship when he broke an elbow, and he transferred to Oklahoma A&M, now Oklahoma State.

After graduating with a degree in geology, he joined Phillips Petroleum Co., where his father, T. Boone Pickens Sr., was working.

After three years, he borrowed some money and found two investors to start his own business, called Petroleum Exploration. That was a predecessor to Mesa Petroleum, an oil and gas company in Amarillo, which Pickens took public in 1964.

Pickens' star faded in the 1990s. He lost control of Mesa, and his bullishness on natural gas prices turned out to be a costly mistake.

There were difficult times in his personal life. In 2005, one of his sons, Michael, was arrested on securities fraud charges — he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to five years' probation and ordered to repay \$1.2 million.

After his fall in July 2017, Pickens wrote on LinkedIn that he was still mentally strong, but "I clearly am in the fourth quarter."

## Water vapor found on possibly inhabitable 'Super Earth'

BY MARCIA DUNN  
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — In a tantalizing first, scientists have discovered water at a planet outside our solar system that has temperatures suitable for life.

Two research groups announced this week that they've found water vapor in the atmosphere of a planet 110 light-years away in the constellation Leo. This so-called Super Earth is just the right distance from its star to conceivably harbor life.

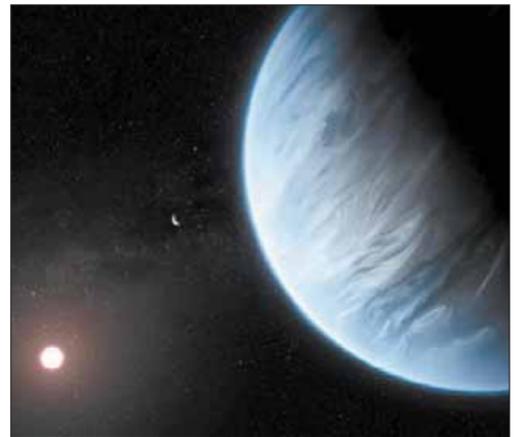
It's the only exoplanet known so far to have both water and temperatures needed for life, the University College London team reported in the journal Nature Astronomy on Wednesday. But lead author Angelos Tsiaras stressed, "This is definitely not a second Earth."

Its star and atmosphere are so different than ours, "Earth-like conditions are not possible," Tsiaras told reporters. "The only question that we're trying to ask here, and we're pushing forward, is the question of habitability."

A Canadian-led team announced similar findings Tuesday. In a paper just submitted to the Astronomical Journal for publication, these scientists suggest it might even be raining there.

"This represents the biggest step yet taken toward our ultimate goal of finding life on other planets, of proving that we are not alone," the study's lead astronomer, Bjorn Benneke of the University of Montreal, said in a statement.

Discovered in 2015, the planet known as K2-18b is twice the size of Earth with eight times the mass. While it's thought to be rocky, no one knows if water's flowing on the surface. Its star, a red dwarf, is considerably smaller and cooler than our sun, a yellow dwarf, and its atmosphere is also different than ours.



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This artist's rendering shows exoplanet K2-18b, right, which is twice the size of Earth with eight times the mass.

Nonetheless, Tsiaras said K2-18b could help determine, "Is the Earth unique?"

The results are doubly exciting, Tsiaras noted, given this is not only the first Super Earth with water detected in its atmosphere but the planet also resides within the habitable zone of its star.

The research teams used archived data from the Hubble Space Telescope and other spacecraft to analyze the planet's atmosphere. Further observations are needed to determine whether the planet is indeed a true water world, using next-generation observatories like NASA's James Webb Space Telescope and the European Space Agency's Ariel, both due to launch in the 2020s.

Future telescopes on Earth and in space should help uncover more Super Earths orbiting red dwarf stars — believed to be the most common planets and stars in our Milky Way galaxy. Super Earths are defined as having a mass greater than Earth but less than gas giants like Uranus and Neptune; more than 1,260 have been confirmed to date.

While water already has been identified in the atmospheres of hot gas giants circling other stars, the

latest findings represent the first detection of water vapor in the atmosphere of another type of exoplanet, Tsiaras said.

A NASA tally currently lists more than 4,000 confirmed exoplanets and another 4,000 potential candidates. Most have been detected using the transit method, where telescopes watch for a slight, fleeting dimming of a star's light as a planet passes in the field of view.

For now, scientists know K2-18b takes 33 days to orbit its star, so one year there is one month here. At this distance, temperatures range from minus-100 to 116 degrees Fahrenheit.

The star, glowing red in the day sky, is believed to bombard the planet with radiation harsh enough to quickly inflict any human visitors with cancer, although "life there may have evolved differently" in order to survive, noted the London team's Ingo Waldmann.

The surface, meanwhile, could be wet or dry. The London data suggest water vapor makes up anywhere between 0.01% and 50% of the atmosphere — "quite a big range," Waldmann acknowledged. Either way, given the planet's mass, it would be difficult to walk on the surface.

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## EDITORIALS

# A bleeding Chicago can't afford this Lightfoot-Preckwinkle kerfuffle

Three sentences atop a Tribune news story ought to infuriate anyone determined to see this metropolis quell its street savagery:

*After weeks of sniping over Chicago's struggle with gun violence, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle said she called Mayor Lori Lightfoot to request a face-to-face meeting that could start to settle an ongoing debate. Don't expect an immediate detente. "I personally called Mayor Lightfoot this morning and left a voicemail," Preckwinkle told reporters Thursday.*

That's it? The best you've got? An unanswered voicemail? Even as relentless gun-play shreds neighborhoods, and law-abiding citizens fear their children will be tucked into body bags?

Yes, apparently, that's it. We're told there has been no subsequent communication between Preckwinkle and Lightfoot since The Voicemail.

Mind you, Preckwinkle's office is on the fifth floor of the Cook County Building; Lightfoot's office is on the fifth floor of Chicago's City Hall. Yet the County Building and City Hall are *the same structure*, split by function more than architecture.

**That's right, same building, same floor. Preckwinkle could walk to Lightfoot's office** in less than a minute, and vice versa. Or they could meet mid-corridor and argue about bond reform. Because on the surface, bond reform is what this kerfuffle between the two government executives is all about.

Lightfoot essentially thinks Preckwinkle's bond reform initiative is freeing defendants accused of serious gun crimes from Cook County Jail, allowing them to terrorize their communities, commit new violence and intimidate witnesses. Preckwinkle thinks her initiative, as implemented by the county justice system, allows poor defendants to rejoin their families and

return to work rather than languish in jail; she says relatively few of the alleged offenders who are freed or placed on electronic monitoring then commit serious new crimes.

Some of those defendants do, though, commit crimes after they're freed from jail. How often does that happen? Lightfoot and Preckwinkle wield contradictory evidence.

**Beneath their policy squabble**, there's lingering animosity from the mayoral election in which Lightfoot bested Preckwinkle by a nearly 3-to-1 ratio. Yet other force vectors, such as professional pride and political survival skills, may be more powerful here:

Mayors and their police superintendents take the brunt of public criticism when street violence surges. Lightfoot speaks sympathetically about the victims and doesn't want to wear the jacket for crimes attributable to Preckwinkle's population reduction at the jail. Similarly, county offi-

cial and judges take the blame when defendants commit new crimes while they're out of jail, awaiting trial. Preckwinkle doesn't want to admit that the bond reform she champions may need tightening.

**Preckwinkle surely sees that Lightfoot has focused media and public scrutiny** on the release of defendants facing serious charges. Every crime reporter in the city has this bond dispute top of mind. Preckwinkle would wear the jacket if Chicagoans see more of those freed defendants committing new violence.

And as this needless standoff continues, Chicago bleeds. Ms. Preckwinkle, Ms. Lightfoot, this city and many of its suburbs can't afford your unwillingness or inability to work together to assure that Cook County's bond system is safe for the rest of us. Remember, your urgent mission isn't to keep reenacting the mayoral campaign. It's to curtail bloodshed that each year exterminates young lives by the hundreds.

## The Art Institute goes for a refresh because only portraits stand still

The Art Institute of Chicago, founded in 1879 as both museum and school, is a treasured institution that holds one of the world's finest collections. Stepping into its wide halls, lined with humanity's most significant and beautiful creations, inspires awe.

**Yet even the Art Institute** doesn't get to rest on its laurels, or its Impressionist water lilies. Change is coming: The museum has hired a Barcelona architectural team that could transform the sprawling Michigan Avenue campus, reports Steve Johnson in the Tribune. "At some point we need to be understood as more of a porous social platform than an impervious temple to culture," said Art Institute Director James Rondeau.

No knock on its renowned collections, or impressive recent exhibitions including the just-ended "Manet and Modern Beauty" and the 2018 "Charles White: A Retrospective," but over the years the museum campus itself has become something of a patchwork. Seven buildings have been added, a confusing hodgepodge when examined as a whole. The iconic lions at the Michigan Avenue entrance, who wear wreaths at the holidays and sports gear during Chicago team championships, will stay put. Yet it's easy to imagine, drawing clues from the Modern Wing, a more expansive approach to the museum's architecture and greater openness in how it greets the world. Opened in 2009, the glassy modern addition brought a new entry point and breath of fresh air to the museum campus.

**Great institutions, and cities, must constantly evolve.** The world has changed just outside the museum's doors, presenting a vibrant new setting for architects to consider. Previously moribund surroundings gave way to Millennium Park, a triumph of visitor-friendly design. It has become the city's top tourist attraction, drawing millions of visitors each year who interact with the Cloud Gate sculpture known as The Bean, Crown Fountain and



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Architectural change is coming to the Art Institute of Chicago, which could mean a transformation of the Michigan Avenue campus.

Pritzker Pavilion by touching them, wading into them and taking selfies.

Culturally, smartphones and social media have redefined the museumgoing experience too. Art has every reason to thrive in an era when people are obsessed with visual impact. Perhaps the new art lover appreciates the work by posting a meme instead of musing over a pencil sketch. So be it. Museums may be repositories of the past. They can't get stuck there.

**The process of remaking the Art Institute has just begun**, though prize-winning firm Barozzi/Veiga has been evaluating the campus for a couple of years. "We're really just at the point of saying that we've enlisted thought partners to dream the future," Rondeau said. There will be design proposals and financial realities to consider. There will be civic debate too: Chicago can be quite fierce about its museum architecture.

The architects, who say they recognize this as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, will need to craft a worthy design that ensures the Art Institute excites, engages and provokes visitors for generations to come. And Chicagoans should be open to ideas that challenge their thinking, as befits a city on the move.

Remember, even the Impressionists, whose work now looks mild and pretty, were viewed as radical in their time.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Let me stipulate at the outset that I harbor no prejudice toward the elderly. As a sexagenarian myself, not to mention as Politico's labor policy editor, I'm fully mindful of the scourge of ageism. (I've had the misfortune on occasion to experience it firsthand.) But to affirm that America must work harder to include the elderly within its vibrant multicultural quilt is not to say it must be governed almost entirely by duffers. ...

If you calculate the median age of the president, the speaker of the House, the majority leader of the Senate, and the three Democrats leading in the presidential polls for 2020, the median age is ... uh ... 77. It doesn't stop there. We heard a lot last November about the fresh new blood entering Congress, but when the current session began in January, the average ages of House and Senate members were 58 and 63, respectively. ...

As the journalist Michael Tortorello reported three years ago in Politico Magazine, cognitive functioning declines dramatically on average after age 70, and the types of intelligence that decline most sharply on average are "the capacity to absorb large amounts of new information and data in a short time span and apply it to solve problems in unaccustomed fashion."

It would seem advisable to have at least a few more people in the higher reaches of government on whom we can rely still to possess this skill in youthful abundance.

**Timothy Noah, Politico**

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President Donald Trump seems to split his time between finding ways to rattle commerce and blaming the Federal Reserve for not cleaning up after him.

## Trump is throwing sand in the gears of the US economy



STEVE CHAPMAN

Democratic political consultant James Carville once said that if he were reincarnated, he'd want to come back as the bond market because "you can intimidate everybody." Donald Trump is not intimidated by the bond market. On the contrary, its fear of him has caused yields to fall.

What scares him is my profession. "The Economy is great," he tweeted last week. "The only thing adding to 'uncertainty' is the Fake News!" If we in the news media industry had such power over the economy, we'd be directing it so our business would be booming, which it is not.

But Trump's instincts are never tethered to reality. He divides his days between finding ways to disrupt commerce and faulting the Federal Reserve for not cleaning up his mess. On Wednesday, he called the Fed governors "boneheads" and demanded that they "get our interest rates down to ZERO."

Fed Chairman Jerome Powell, while holding out the possibility of

another rate cut, recently noted the obvious fact that "uncertainty around trade policy is causing some companies to hold back now on investment." He explained: "For businesses to particularly make longer-term investments in plants or equipment or software, they want some certainty that the demand will be there."

A reduction in interest rates that are already low will not stimulate borrowing and building when businesses are paralyzed by the uncertainty that Trump's trade policies are fueling. When CEOs have no idea what their government will do next, the prudent thing for them to do is nothing.

Business people mistakenly assumed Trump would look after their interests. The ceaseless churn he has generated, however, undermines the policies they welcomed.

The corporate tax cut he signed was supposed to unleash a flood of capital investment. But as The Wall Street Journal reports, "U.S. manufacturers are investing less in their factories and workforces as the trade dispute with China makes it more difficult to anticipate costs and demands."

One company, Wisconsin-based GHL International, has put off a \$4 million investment that would add upward of 40 jobs because the future is so murky. "You can't play roulette," chief executive John Lipscomb told

the Journal. "You can't gamble with 30 years of work."

Trump's trade wars have made business planning the equivalent of walking through a minefield in the dark. He's called on U.S. companies to pull out of China and build plants in the U.S. — but if he lifts his tariffs tomorrow, that could be a disastrous mistake. Those firms that are located here but depend on exports to China, meanwhile, find Beijing slapping retaliatory tariffs on their goods, costing them sales.

Companies with plants in the U.S. whose supply chains run through China are at risk of losing critical components or paying more for them. Firms that could move operations from China to another country, such as Vietnam or India, have to wonder if that country will be Trump's next target.

All this amounts to sand in the gears of the economy. In August, the Institute for Supply Management's Manufacturing Index fell to its lowest level since January 2016, indicating a contraction that could be a harbinger of a recession. ISM's survey found "a notable decrease in business confidence."

Farmers are among the victims. Exports are down, and farm bankruptcies and loan delinquencies are up. American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall said, "Many farmers and ranchers cannot with-

stand continued uncertainty in trade."

It's not helping the rest of us, either. Economists at the Atlanta Federal Reserve estimate that the trade uncertainty could shave more than 1% off our GDP until at least early next year. GDP growth fell from 3.1% in the first quarter to 2.1% in the second quarter, and the Atlanta Fed forecasts it will drop to 1.5% in the third quarter. All this under a president who said in 2017 that with his Midas touch, growth "could go to 4, 5, and maybe even 6%, ultimately."

Those injured by Trump's antics should expect little sympathy from the administration. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue asked an audience of farmers in Minnesota: "What do you call two farmers in a basement? A whine cellar." Trump himself claimed, "Badly run and weak companies are smartly blaming these small Tariffs instead of themselves for bad management."

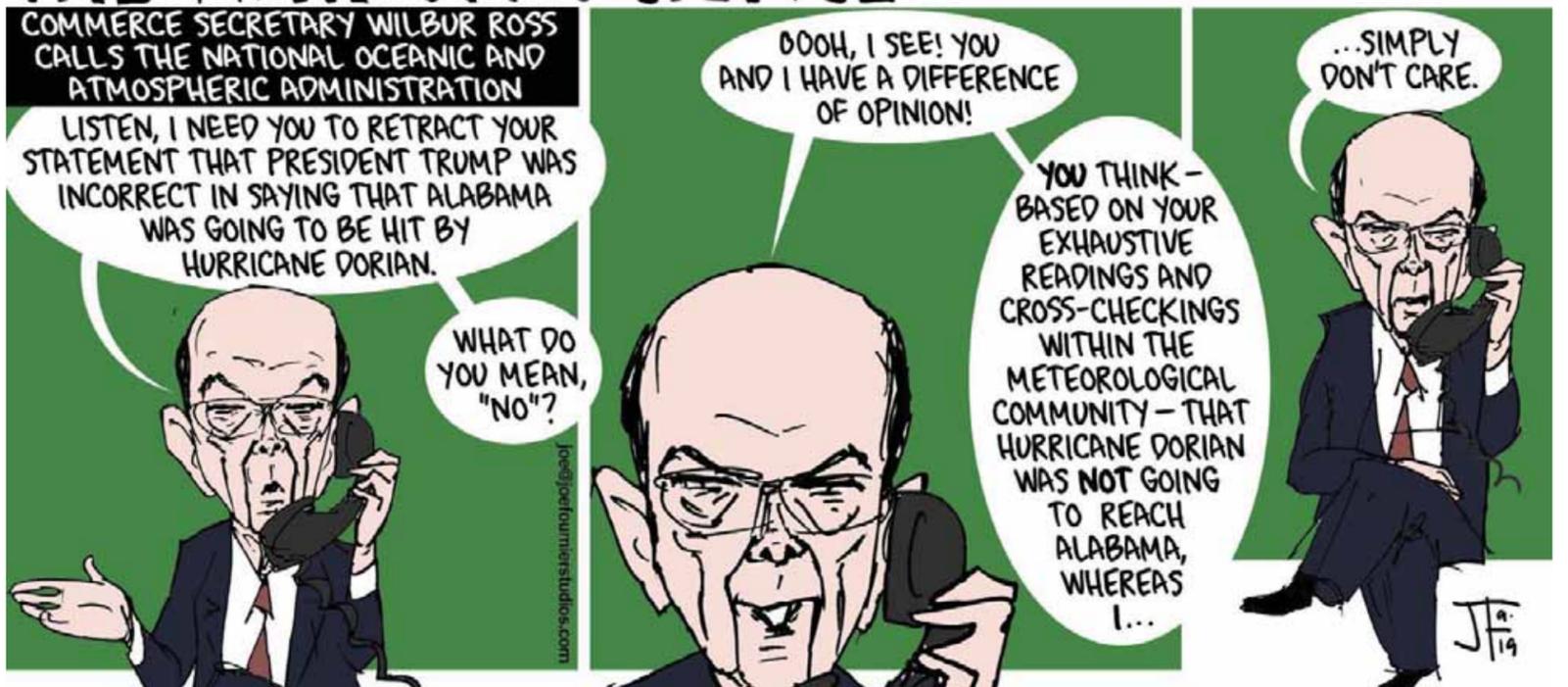
Plenty of presidents have seen the economy crater because of factors beyond their control. Trump seems intent on proving he's not like them: He can kill a recovery all by himself.

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Ex-White House press secretary Sean Spicer, shown in 2017, is set to take part in a panel discussion at Northeastern Illinois University.

## The Spicer, Brazile event hasn't been canceled. Smart move, Northeastern.

BY DANIEL L. GOODWIN

College campuses have a long history of serving as the battlegrounds for upholding the idea of free speech. I'm proud to see that tradition on full display this week on the campus of Northeastern Illinois University.

But it's not because former White House press secretary Sean Spicer and Democratic strategist Donna Brazile are taking part in a panel discussion about the 2020 presidential election that I'm proud. Instead, it's because the university is welcoming the protests from a group of Northeastern Illinois faculty members.

The protesters have asked that the university cancel the forum, "Politics, the Press and the Presidential Election," which will be moderated by WTTW-Ch. 11 journalist Phil Ponce.

To their credit, university officials, including University President Gloria Gibson, have decided to move forward with the event as planned.

But Gibson isn't stopping there. In the spirit of free expression, she is accommo-

dating the protesters by providing them a forum to respectfully demonstrate, allowing their voices to be heard before the program.

She also has taken steps to ensure the protests take place in a safe environment and protect every protester's ability to share their views.

For the past few years, I've made donations to cover the costs of speaking fees for visiting lecturers. As part of the lecturer series, other guests have included Mary Matalin and James Carville, Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, Terry Savage, Erin Brockovich and Jackie Joyner-Kersey. No university funds are involved.

As a proponent of higher education and learning, I believe encouraging an atmosphere that creates a free exchange of ideas from a variety of individuals with differing backgrounds and divergent viewpoints is critical to a student's learning experience — even if not everyone is comfortable with that.

Freedom of speech and First Amendment rights have served as an integral

principle in America and a central tenet of democracy since the birth of our nation. It is celebrated and protected, regardless of political affiliation, and is guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution while being continuously upheld by the courts.

Given the unprecedented polarization at a national level, it is more critical than ever that we allow for a wide range of opinions — even the ones that stir controversy.

One's constitutional right to free speech guarantees that the government — and institutions of higher learning — will take no role in limiting it. However, it also guarantees the criticism that may accompany it.

And that's why NEIU is making the right choice in embracing healthy debate and discussion on campus, which is central to core values of fostering academic freedom and encouraging open discourse at Northeastern Illinois University.

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## Ms. Monopoly's 'woke' rules are bad for girls, devalue women

BY RACHEL GRESZLER

I have three girls and three boys. Some of them have recently gotten into Monopoly, the classic board game.

But my kids won't be playing Hasbro's new version, Ms. Monopoly, which gives women 20% more than men when they pass go.

As an economist, I love classic Monopoly and its real-world financial lessons.

As a person, I like the message conveyed by the new Ms. Monopoly cover — that young, hip women can be as successful, if not more, than old white men in stuffy suits and top hats.

The problem is what's inside the box. Ms. Monopoly's unequal rules not only distort real-world realities; they would surely incite conflict between my boys and girls.

Don't get me wrong. I'm a woman. I have three sisters. I have three daughters. I fully embrace the contributions women make to society and their families, and I celebrate the substantial gains and accomplishments women have made in education, earnings and career advancements over the last half-century.

But I do not see how a game that gives women a head start supports or encourages either women or men. Instead, it just embeds inequity and incites resentment.

If my children played this game, I'm sure my girls would be thrilled — at first — over the advantages it offers. No doubt they'd gloat as they passed go and pocketed 20% more than their brothers. And I'm equally sure these things would upset my boys, leading them to retaliate with verbal jabs at their sisters.

If one of the girls won, the boys would give her no credit, claiming it was only because the rules of the game were unfair. And if one of the boys won. Wow. I can hear the disparagements now, about how girls must be really lame if they can't win even with a huge advantage.

Either way, the girls wouldn't come out feeling good about themselves, and the boys would be either angry and resentful or prideful.

The same thing happens when organizations and politicians tell women they get paid less than men for performing the exact same job and attempt to legislate equal paychecks across genders.

It is true that across the U.S., the average woman makes about 80% as much as the average man. But it's also true that the average woman works significantly fewer hours, chooses a lower-paying occupation and values benefits and flexibility more than the average man.

After accounting for all the measurable factors that employers take into account when determining pay, studies find the apparent "pay gap" is actually much smaller: between 5 and 7 cents according to a 2009 Department of Labor study; a mere 2 cents according to a 2018 payscale.com study.

Harder-to-measure factors such as differences in workplace flexibility and benefits likely account for some of the remaining gap.

Women tend to value flexibility more than men do, but that quality-of-life advantage would be the first to go if Congress attempts to close the so-called gender pay gap through legislation such as the Paycheck Fairness Act.

Far from helping women, such attempts to force wage equality bring about rigid pay scales, rigid work rules, lower wages, lower productivity and hiring discrimination.

Women already have both the law and free markets on their side. Equal pay for

equal work has been the law of the land for more than five decades, and the free market penalizes employers who discriminate against women by putting them at a disadvantage against competitors who don't discriminate.

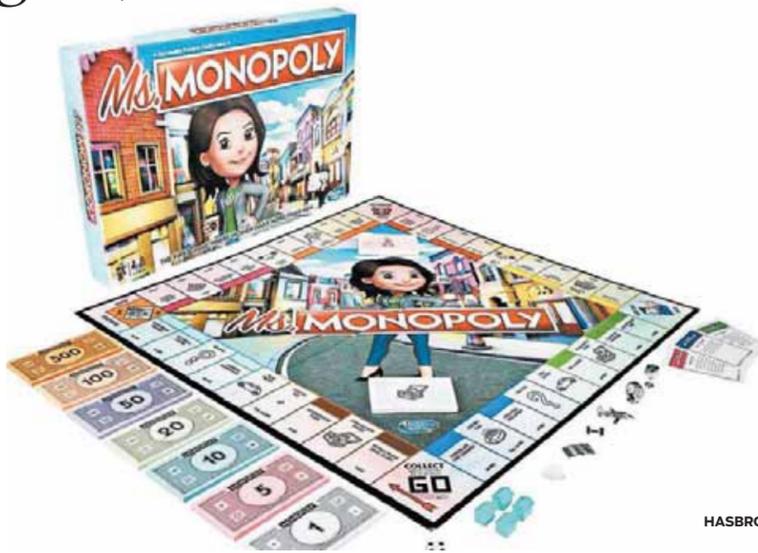
Women don't need politicians to paint them as victims and then step in and save the day. They can stand on their own accomplishments when it comes to being paid for what they produce.

And they don't need special-edition games intended to "empower" women by applying discriminatory rules that suggest women cannot win without special treatment and undue advantage.

That's not a message I want my girls or boys to embrace. Instead, I want them to believe that they are equally capable of achieving what they set their minds to. And I want the paychecks they receive to reflect the choices they make, the effort they put forth, and the results they achieve as opposed to the value that some government official or stacked game deck assigns to them.

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### Do more to stop the ethylene oxide threat

The Tribune Editorial Board's latest editorial on Sterigenics regarding public officials' responsibility to keep our communities safe does not go far enough ("With Sterigenics cleared to reopen, it's up to state, federal officials to keep residents safe," Sept. 9).

Ambient air monitoring has not proved to be a sufficient tool to identify increased risk and protect our community. In fact, one of the many challenges has been to identify and deploy testing equipment that can detect the carcinogenic gas ethylene oxide, or EtO, even at extremely dangerous levels.

Furthermore, regulators have proved incompetent at protecting our community from this carcinogen for many decades, and few (if any) have any confidence that regulators now have the technology and expertise required to contain this threat.

The Tribune Editorial Board should be calling on public officials to ban the use of EtO in close proximity to all residential communities in Illinois.

Additionally, it should take a stand supporting Illinois House Republican Leader Jim Durkin's proposed legislation to allow a home rule unit of local government to adopt an ordinance that prohibits emissions of EtO within its boundaries.

— Drew Sikula, Hinsdale

### Use 'Baby on Board' buttons, moms-to-be

In my 80s, bus trips, usually for a doctor's appointment, are limited. However, recently, on a crowded bus, happily standing while holding on to the hanging strap, I noticed an attractive lady sitting in front of me.

This woman smiled and nodded toward me. Well, old but still handsome (though married), I returned her winsome smile with the practiced acknowledgment of 1960s movie star Robert Mitchum.

Well, she stood up and offered me her seat. Assuming she was departing, I sat. The bus stopped, but she remained standing.

Only then did I observe she was at least six months pregnant, and she continued smiling at me. She was the one needing "to take a load off," but she gave me her seat!

Humiliated, I busied myself with my smartphone; later, when I related this indignity to my wife, she laughed.

Yes, moms-to-be, please wear the CTA's "Baby on Board" buttons (to let riders know you're pregnant) and remain sitting (if you have a seat).

— Jon Brightman, Chicago

### President hits the links a lot

Regarding reader Earl Beal's Aug. 6 letter "Let Trump take a break": Candidate Donald Trump proudly boasted and tweeted that if elected president, he would be too busy to play golf while working for the people, and he criticized then-President Barack Obama for playing.

As president, Trump has a completely different attitude about playing golf. Since taking office, he is a regular visitor at golf clubs he owns in Virginia and Florida. As of Aug. 31, the president has visited and played golf on his own golf course for a total of 228 days, or roughly 25% of his time.

Trump's message before being elected, "the country is going to hell and Obama is out playing golf," is just another indication of how he deceives the American people to gain their support.

The cost of the president's golf games to American taxpayers runs in the tens of millions of dollars. Also, it directly benefits him economically in the form of golf course revenues.

— Paul Love, Wauconda

### The joys of a cable news-free life

Regarding Stephen J. Lyons' Sept. 9 commentary "Who won the week? Me, because I stopped watching cable news": How gratifying it is that Lyons has discovered the pleasures of not watching cable news. I have never subscribed to cable and do not watch the news on the free television networks.

However, I am fully informed, preferring to gather information about national and world events the old-fashioned way. I subscribe to the Chicago Tribune, the Chicago Sun-Times and The New York Times, and also read books and magazines. The amount of knowledge an individual can gain from the printed word is much more than what can be gained from watching television. As Will Rogers once stated, "All I know is just what I read in the papers."

With one very important exception: Podcasts from the BBC World Service are informative and invaluable. BBC broadcasters and reporters are very professional, and you never hear the shouting and tirades that I read about concerning programs aired on Fox and other U.S. cable networks.

— Larry Vigon, Chicago

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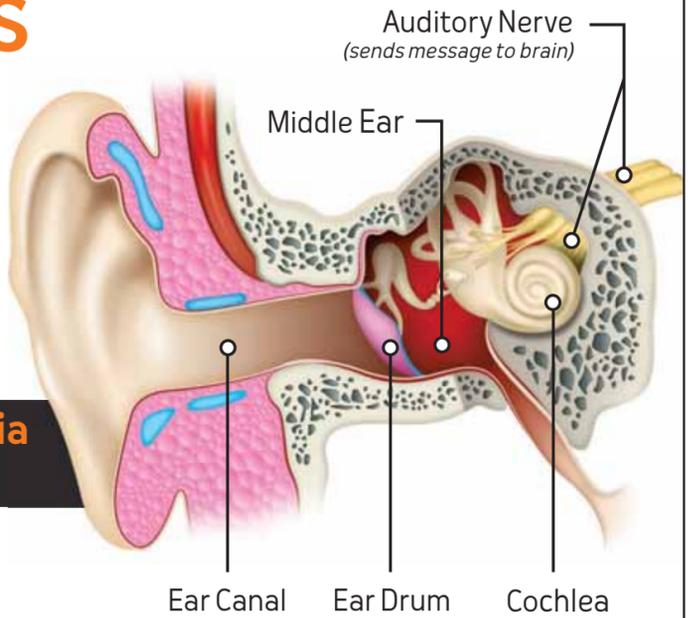
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## OxyContin maker tentatively settles lawsuit

Purdue Pharma deal might be worth up to \$12B, sources say

BY AARON DAVIS, LENNY BERNSTEIN, JOEL ACHENBACH AND SCOTT HIGHAM  
The Washington Post

Purdue Pharma, manufacturer of blockbuster painkiller OxyContin, has reached a tentative settlement with 22 state attorneys general and more than 2,000 cities and counties that sued the company over its role in the opioid crisis of the past two decades, people close to the deal said Wednesday.

The executive committee of lawyers representing the cities, counties and other groups in a consolidated federal lawsuit against Purdue and other drug

companies is recommending the deal be accepted. But some attorneys general, who sued Purdue and its controlling family, the Sacklers, in state courts are opposed to a deal.

Under terms of a plan that has been under discussion for months, the Sacklers would relinquish control of their company, Stamford, Conn.-based Purdue Pharma. Purdue would declare bankruptcy and be resurrected as a trust whose main purpose would be to combat the opioid epidemic.

The deal was said to be worth \$10 billion to \$12 billion, including a \$3 billion payment from the Sacklers' personal funds. It also would include at least \$1.5 billion from the sale of the family's international drug conglomerate, Mundipharma, according to people close to the talks.

The federal plaintiffs and many



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The Sacklers, the controlling family of Stamford, Conn.-based Purdue Pharma, would give up control of the firm.

attorneys general apparently felt the proposal was good enough. Those lawyers "agreed to recom-

mend the MDL claimants move forward in support of the current proposal subject to satisfactory

documentation of the essential terms and final documents," they said in a statement. "We feel good progress has and will continue to be made."

But some states objected the Sacklers were not contributing enough cash from their personal fortunes, built almost entirely on the sale of OxyContin and taken out of the company in recent years.

Connecticut Attorney General William Tong said he remained opposed to any deal.

"I cannot speak to other states ... but Connecticut has not agreed to any settlement," he said. "The scope and scale of the pain, death and destruction that Purdue and the Sacklers have caused far exceeds anything that has been offered thus far."

It was not clear Wednesday

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## GameStop shuttering upward of 200 stores

Retailer expects to close more locations as video game sales sink

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

Acting with a sense of urgency amid falling video game sales, ubiquitous strip mall retailer GameStop is pulling the plug on up to 200 stores by early 2020 — with a much larger set of closings expected within the next two years.

The Texas-based retailer has about 3,800 stores in the U.S., including more than 140 in Illinois. The company did not respond to a request Wednesday to identify which, if any, of the dozens of Chicago-area stores are targeted for closing.

Plans to close stores were outlined Tuesday, shortly after GameStop reported a second-quarter net loss of \$415 million, and a 14.3% year-over-year sales decline.

"We are committed to taking quick and deliberate action to improve the performance of the company and set it on the correct strategic path," George Sherman, CEO of GameStop, said during an earnings call with analysts.

GameStop pointed to a 41% decline in gaming console sales during the second quarter as the primary negative driver, but falling sales of new and used software also weighed on results. The company said it hopes that next-generation console launches in 2020 will rev up store sales, but it is also looking to improve the efficiency of its retail footprint by closing "overlapping" store locations, and remodeling some remaining stores.

In addition to closures, GameStop is launching remodeled store concepts to create "a social and cultural hub of gaming within each GameStop store," Sherman said. The company has begun testing out "experiential offerings" in the Tulsa, Okla., market to improve profitability. GameStop does not plan to completely remodel its chain of stores, however.

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EPA chief Andrew Wheeler seeks to eliminate all requests and funding for the use of animals to test toxicity of chemicals by 2035.

## EPA to scale back testing on animals

But environmental group calls plan 'gift' to chemical industry

BY RICHARD LARDNER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency is aiming to reduce and eventually eliminate the use of mammals to test the toxicity of chemicals, a move backed by animal rights groups but criticized as irresponsible by a leading environmental organization.

A directive signed this week by EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler said that "scientific advancements exist today" that permit the agency to better predict potential hazards to humans while reducing or avoiding

animal testing.

Wheeler, a former coal industry lobbyist, has overseen President Donald Trump's campaign to roll back Obama-era environmental regulations. His testing directive was welcomed by the chemical industry and came with the added twist of winning support from animal rights activists, who aren't typically viewed as being aligned with the Trump administration.

The plan approved by Wheeler said EPA will cut back on its requests for and spending on mammal studies by 30% by 2025 and eliminate all requests and funding for animal testing by 2035.

He's directing EPA's leadership team to form a working group of agency experts to come up with a plan within six months

"to ensure that the agency's regulatory, compliance and enforcement activities, including chemical and pesticide approvals and agency research, remain fully protective of human health and the environment."

Among the options to animal testing that Wheeler mentioned are computer modeling and in vitro methods, which involves tests using human cells and tissues.

"This is the science that is being realized right now and will be the science of the future that will truly protect public health and the environment," said Sara Amundson, president of the Humane Society's Legislative Fund.

But the Natural Resources Defense Council said in a statement that it's a mistake to scale back animal testing, which can

help scientists discover life-saving treatments and identify chemicals harmful to people and the environment.

The alternative methods mentioned by Wheeler can be useful but may not be sufficient, according to the organization.

Jennifer Sass, a senior scientist for the organization, said EPA is phasing out the tools that lay the groundwork for protecting the public from dangers like formaldehyde and chlorpyrifos, a pesticide used on crops, animals and buildings.

The EPA's plan is a "gift" to the chemical industry that will result in a "rigged system that gives the green light to harmful chemicals," she said.

"Our concern is not with the

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## Cambria hotel workers' strike drags into second year



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Workers picket outside of the Cambria Hotel Magnificent Mile hotel in Chicago on Wednesday.

Standoff continues over workload for housekeepers

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

When Samuel Yolo walked off the job at the Cambria Chicago Magnificent Mile last September to join thousands of cooks, housekeepers, bellmen and other workers striking at 26 Chicago hotels, it never occurred to him that he would still be picketing a year later. "Never in my wildest imagination," the 53-year-old doorman said.

But as the one-year mark passed this week, Yolo and a handful of his co-workers continued to march in front of the sole hotel where

workers remain on strike, drawing honks of support from passing cars even as many neighbors have grown frustrated with the noise from their protests.

The Cambria's location next door to Lurie's Children's Hospital in Streeterville has weakened the sympathy some neighbors say they would otherwise feel for the protesters, who for months banged on drums and yelled through bullhorns day and night to draw attention to their cause. Lurie had complained to police that the noise was disturbing their bereavement rooms.

The city's Law Department in June sent a cease and desist letter to the workers' union, Unite Here Local 1, stating the protesters had gotten louder despite multiple re-

quests from the hospital to quiet down and were in violation of the city's noise ordinance. The city also said the picketers were violating a December settlement agreement with the union governing noise at the Cambria picket line.

The drums and bullhorns are gone now, and about 10 picketers marched quietly Wednesday morning, pausing to let pedestrians pass on the sidewalk. They typically march from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., but Yolo said occasionally the picketers surprise the hotel with overnight protests and chanting to ruffle some feathers and show they are not backing down. The city permits late-night protests as long as they don't use sound amplifiers.

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# United offers discounts for Gen Z passengers

BY HANNAH SAMPSON  
The Washington Post

Airlines are known for trying to please their high-rolling frequent flyers, the ones who pony up for business class seats and master the airport lounge life. But with an eye on the very long term, executives at United Airlines are reaching out to up-and-coming travelers who might be starting to book flights on their own.

The carrier announced Tuesday a new promotion to reach the oldest members of Generation Z: travelers between ages 18 and 22.

"They represent a smaller portion of our customers today," says Luc Bondar, United's vice president of loyalty and the president of its MileagePlus program. "But we know that they are going to be an increasingly important customer segment for us going forward."

United is offering a discount of up to 10% on flights booked between now and the end of the year for passengers between the ages of 18 and 22. There are some rules: Flights must be booked through the airline's

mobile app; passengers have to be members of the loyalty program; and discounts are available only for economy or the no-frills class known as "basic economy."

Flights within the United States, Canada and Mexico will be discounted 10%, and international flights that are sold in the United States and originate there will be discounted up to 10%.

And in a nod to concerns about the environmental impact of flying — see Gen Z member and climate activist Greta Thunberg's recent boat trip across the Atlantic — United is pledging to offset carbon emissions for the first 25,000 people who take advantage of the promotion.

"There is a level of activism and awareness around the decisions that we make every day that is probably more pronounced than older generations, and so it absolutely played into sort of the planning and decision process here," Bondar says.

Global research released earlier this year by the travel company Booking.com shows that 54% of those born after 1996, the group

now known as Generation Z, say they consider the environmental impact on a destination an important factor when they decide where to go. Fifty-six percent say they want to stay in eco-friendly lodging and 60% want to use greener ways of getting around once they've reached their vacation spot, the study says.

Jason Dorsey, president and lead researcher at the Center for Generational Kinetics, a consulting firm, said members of the group have interests that could be in conflict.

"At a high level, what our research shows is that Gen Z more than any other generation right now is very concerned about the impact on the environment of the decisions that they make," he says. "At the same time, though, that is running up into the reality of often limited options to accomplish what they want, such as travel. The reality is that they still want to see the world — and as a generation, they feel so connected to it through social media that they physically want to go there."



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United Airlines on Tuesday announced a 10% discount targeted for passengers ages 18 to 22.

At the same time, Dorsey said, the generation is "very frugal" and practical with money. Research from Expedia Group Media Solutions, the advertising arm of online booking company Expedia Group, shows that 82% of Gen Z travelers say budget is a consideration. United's approach, Dorsey said, is tackling a couple of the roadblocks that might stand between very young consumers and their travels.

"It's pretty genius in the sense of, 'We're going to give you a discount because we

want to encourage you to see the world, which you say is important, and we're going to offset the environmental side effects of the travel,'" he says. "The combination really is a powerful message."

Bondar said United has not previously made overtures to this generation. And he hasn't seen other airlines do so either. Air France famously launched a new airline, Joon, in 2017 that was aimed at millennial travelers. It was not well-received, and the brand

folded earlier this year, with operations absorbed back into the parent carrier.

"I think the idea of creating an airline or a business that only serves one customer segment when you're anything like the scale that United has is just inherently a challenging thing to do," Bondar says. He says that while most consumer-focused companies have a millennial strategy, his airline wants to know much more about the group that comes next.

"As Generation Z really comes into the market, we think this is just a huge opportunity to explore," he says.

Dorsey says he'll be watching to see how millennials handle United's new Gen Z focus.

"They would love to get the same discount," he says. "It'll be interesting to see how millennials react, because for the last 15 years, millennials have been the generation of young consumers everyone has tried to win over. Now in a way, United is saying, 'No, we're moving to the next generation.'"

## Rivian gets \$350 million investment as it gears up to open Illinois factory

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

Rivian, which is opening a factory in downstate Normal, is getting a \$350 million investment from Cox Automotive, the latest equity partner to take a stake in the electric truck startup.

In addition to the investment, announced Tuesday, the companies will explore opportunities to team up in areas such as logistics and digital retailing as Rivian gets closer to launching its electric pickup truck and SUV late next year.

"As part of this, we are excited to work with Cox Automotive in delivering a consistent customer experience across our various touchpoints," RJ Scaringe, Rivian founder and CEO,

said in a news release. "Cox Automotive's global footprint, service and logistics capabilities, and retail technology platform make them a great partner for us."

Rivian will remain an independent company, while Cox Automotive, which owns such brands as Autotrader, Kelley Blue Book and Manheim auto auctions, will become a minority partner and add a member to the Rivian board.

Last month, Cox announced it was closing Manheim Arena Illinois, a wholesale auto auction in southwest suburban Bolingbrook, while maintaining its auction site in nearby Matteson.

The investment is the third major vote of confi-

dence this year in the startup. In April, Rivian announced a \$500 million investment from Ford, following a \$700 million investment round led by Amazon in February.

Founded in 2009, Rivian's mission is to become the Tesla of trucks, drawing investors and consumer interest long before the first vehicles roll off the line at a former Mitsubishi plant in Normal currently undergoing renovations.

The company unveiled sleek prototypes of its electric pickup truck and SUV models last year. Rivian says the high-end model of its pickup, the R1T, will be able to go from zero to 60 mph in about 3 seconds and travel up to 400 miles on a single

charge.

Rivian has set an annual target of 20,000 to 25,000 vehicles over the first two years of production, with the ambitious goal of eventually producing 250,000 vehicles per year. In addition to \$4 million in local incentives, Rivian is set to receive \$49.2 million in state tax credits over 15 years if it meets employment and investment targets at the Normal facility. Those goals include creating 1,000 new jobs by 2024.

There are currently more than 130 employees at the Normal plant, Rivian spokeswoman Amy Mast said.

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## China exempts 16 imports but keeps tariffs on soybeans

BY JOE McDONALD  
Associated Press

BEIJING — China on Wednesday announced it will exempt American industrial grease and some other imports from tariff hikes in a trade war with Washington but kept in place penalties on soybeans and other major U.S. exports ahead of negotiations next month.

The move applies to raw materials for farmers and factories, suggesting Beijing wants to limit damage to its slowing economy from the fight with President Donald Trump over trade and technology.

It adds to indications that both sides might be settling in for extended conflict even as they prepare for talks in Washington aimed at ending the dispute that threatens global economic growth.

A list of 16 items, including lubricants, fish meal for animal feed and some other chemicals, will be exempt from penalties of up to 25% imposed in response to Trump's tariff hikes on Chinese products, the Ministry of Finance said.

Punitive duties on soybeans, the biggest U.S. export to China, and thousands of other items were left unchanged.

"The exemption could be seen as a gesture of sincerity towards the U.S. ahead of negotiations in October but is probably more a means of supporting the economy," Iris Pang of ING said in a report.

Word that talks are going ahead has helped

calm jittery financial markets.

But there has been no sign of progress.

The two governments "are unlikely to reach a deal this year," Pang said.

Beijing's earlier tariff hikes avoided processor chips and other U.S. technology required by Chinese industry.

Chinese leaders are resisting U.S. pressure to roll back plans for government-led creation of global competitors in robotics and other industries.

Washington, Europe, Japan and other trading partners say those plans violate China's market-opening commitments and are based on stealing or pressuring companies to hand over technology.

Washington and Beijing have raised tariffs on billions of dollars of each other's products. That has battered farmers and manufacturers on both sides and fueled fears a global economy that already was showing signs of a slowdown might tip into recession.

Trump has imposed or announced penalties on about \$550 billion of Chinese products, or almost everything the United States buys from China. Tariffs of 25% imposed previously on \$250 billion of Chinese goods are due to rise to 30% on Oct. 1.

China has raised duties on \$120 billion of U.S. products, economists estimate. Some have been hit with increases more than once, while about \$50 billion of U.S. goods is unaffected, possibly to avoid disrupting Chinese industries.

## Strike

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Neighbor Sara Schwarzbaum said the protest isn't as noisy now but for months she lost hours of sleep as the ruckus poured into her 32nd-floor condo on North Michigan Avenue. She grew so angry that she started to organize her neighbors to protest the protesters. Several times she briefly walked the strikers' picket line carrying her own sign pleading for a stop to the noise.

"I have sympathy for the cause of the strikers," said Schwarzbaum, 66, a couples counselor who went on strike herself amid failed contract negotiations when she worked as a professor at Northeastern Illinois University. "I don't have sympathy for the disruption after hours that they inflict on sick children and me."

Despite the length of the strike, Yolo said he feels energized as ever, as workers who previously had little reason to interact have become unified.

"There is no question that we are going to win," said Yolo, who has gotten by without his regular paycheck by taking a temporary job as a banquet server at another hotel. The union also gives the workers strike

pay. "I could be here for another year. Whatever it takes," he said.

The Cambria workers have remained on the picket line for a year because of a standoff with management over housekeeper workload, even as the 25 other hotels that were part of last year's broad strike reached contract agreements with their workers within five weeks. The original battle cry for the broad strike was year-round health insurance for workers who get temporarily laid off during the slow winter months.

Housekeepers at the Cambria, managed by Dallas-based Fillmore Hospitality, currently clean 13 rooms per shift, and management wants to increase the requirement to 15. Tom Goodwin, president of Fillmore Hospitality, said 15 rooms is standard for Chicago hotels and the Cambria shouldn't be held to lower productivity standards.

"The union is completely unwilling to negotiate with us," Goodwin said in an email Wednesday. "We remain willing and eager to execute the same agreement that Local 1 has entered into with every other similar hotel in Chicago. We will sign it today!"

But the union says no other agreement included an increase in housekeeper room quotas.

Requiring housekeepers to clean more rooms per shift would increase injuries many already suffer as a result of hauling dirty linens and other physical tasks, and would result in layoffs, workers say.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot, in a statement, said "it's time for the management of Cambria Hotel to resolve the strike."

"Chicago will always stand with our workers, and I hope to see a speedy resolution," she said.

Of the 35 Cambria employees who originally went on strike, some have returned to work at the hotel. Yolo said seven have done so, but Goodwin said it's more like 60%. The union declined to provide a number.

Goodwin said the Cambria has replaced the employees who continue to strike, and "hotel operations go on as usual."

But the strike has affected business. Unite Here Local 1 said that since the start of the strike at least 17 organizations or events worth an estimated \$300,000 in hotel business have canceled room blocks, relocated events or removed the hotel from promotional materials.

Goodwin said Cambria has "lost some pieces of business and picked up others" but declined to assess the union's estimate because he cannot comment on the hotel's financial performance.

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Phil Bailey-Cox, 49, of Indianapolis, canceled his weekend booking at Cambria in July after he read Yelp reviews that mentioned the strike. His dad had been a member of the United Autoworkers for more than 30 years and "always told us kids that you don't cross a strike line." He stayed at the Marriott instead.

Hoping to put additional pressure on the Cambria, the union has warned that the loss of business could negatively impact the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, which is an investor in the joint venture that owns the Cambria. Several striking workers traveled to Columbus in July to update the pension fund on the financial impact of their strike.

On Tuesday, a group of 29 Democratic state lawmakers from Ohio sent a letter to the pension fund urging it to work to settle the strike immediately.

"We worry that through prolonging the strike, you are exposing the state's pension investments to unnecessary risks," they wrote.

The retirement system says its board has adopted a position of neutrality and will not dictate terms of the contract.

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## Testing

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alternative tests themselves," Sass said. "Our concern is with how EPA is interpreting the data from them. If the tests themselves are not indicating a toxic effect, then EPA is presuming there is no toxic effect."

Prof. Aaron Bowman, head of Purdue University's School of Health Sciences, said the overall goal of Wheeler's plan is commendable.

But added he's worried

about the "absoluteness" of setting such a specific timeline for eliminating animal testing.

"The new testing methods may not capture fully all of human physiology," Bowman said. "So animal models help us avoid missing something unexpected and dangerous."

Wheeler sidestepped a question about whether the chemical industry had pushed for EPA to cut back on tests that use animals, which can take longer and cost more than alternative methods.

"I've not been lobbied by a single chemical company

on this," Wheeler said, adding he wasn't aware if any chemical companies had talked to EPA staff about the initiative. "This is a longstanding issue of interest to me, personally, and that's what brought this about."

Alluding to the plan's 16-year time frame, Wheeler said the success of the initiative will fall to the EPA's career staff, he said.

Wheeler says the EPA also is steering \$4.25 million to five universities to further research alternatives to animal testing. The schools are: Johns Hopkins University, Vanderbilt Uni-

versity and Vanderbilt's Medical Center, Oregon State University and the University of California-Riverside.

The EPA said the number of new pesticides submitted to the agency each year varies, and it estimated the number of vertebrates used annually in toxicology studies ranges from 20,000 to more than 100,000. The testing is conducted on a variety of species, including rats, mice and rabbits. The agency said testing waivers have led to savings of thousands of animals and millions of dollars over the last two years.

# Iran's dark tanker fleet a mystery

Tehran keeping some oil flowing amid US sanctions

BY GRANT SMITH  
Bloomberg News

While one Iranian tanker gained global attention, oil watchers remained glued by a bigger mystery: the hunt for the rest of Iran's fleet.

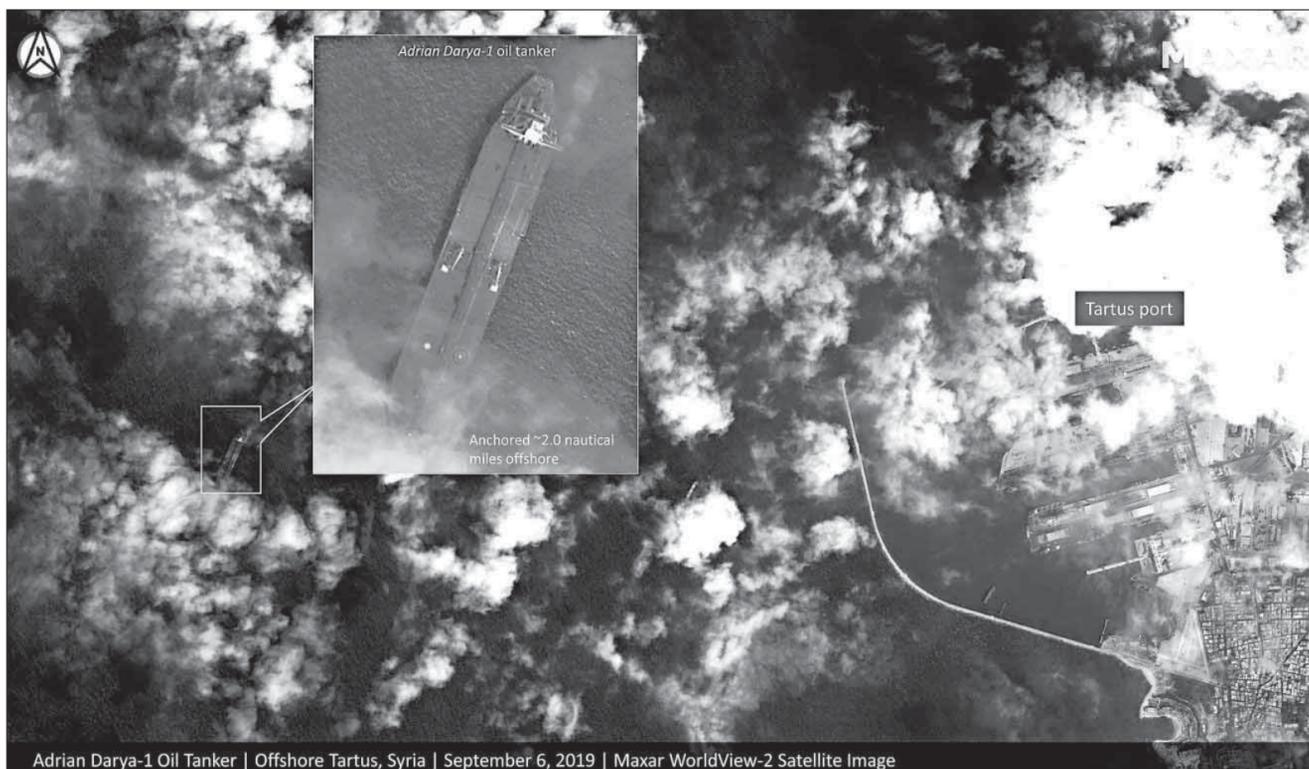
The quest has led to ever more inventive methods of tracking ships, and divergent views on the amounts of crude secretly slipping into world markets. That's because the vessels have mostly "gone dark" since sanctions were tightened this year, switching off transponders that would reveal their location.

"Iran is a black box, but it's also not a black box" as there are ways to uncover secretive activity, said Devin Geoghegan, global director of petroleum intelligence at Genscape Inc. in Denver. "Iran is simply doing a better job of putting their oil into other people's hands — or their own storage tin-cans — than anybody has expected."

After tearing up a previous accord on Iran's nuclear program, President Donald Trump is squeezing trade to pressure Tehran into accepting a different deal. The clash has triggered a range of hostilities, from the targeting of Saudi oil tankers to the shooting down of a U.S. spy drone. It's also captivated crude traders, hungry for insights that could influence global prices.

While the State Department aims to shrink Iran's exports to "zero," Iranian Oil Minister Bijan Zanganeh has insisted his nation is working "day and night" to keep sales going, and has a number of clandestine options to enable this.

If there's one point on which the companies monitoring Iran agree, it's that the U.S. hasn't achieved its goal: Oil is still flowing.



Adriatic Darya-1 Oil Tanker | Offshore Tartus, Syria | September 6, 2019 | Maxar WorldView-2 Satellite Image

MAXAR TECHNOLOGIES

A satellite image appears to show the Adriatic Darya 1 oil tanker last week. The Associated Press reported that it was near the Syrian port of Tartus.

But because of their varying methodologies, the analysts differ on how much. Daily exports could be as little as a couple of hundred thousand barrels, or exceed the 1 million a day shipped during previous sanctions under Trump's predecessor Barack Obama.

"Iran is as secretive now as any time over the past 40 years," said Daniel Gerber, chief executive officer of Geneva-based tanker-tracking firm Petro-Logistics.

Iran is now barely shipping a third of the amount it sold during the previous round of sanctions imposed earlier this decade, Gerber said. Some other estimates have been inflated because they include all the oil that's been loaded onto tankers, or put into domestic storage, rather than just what's been shipped overseas, he said.

"The Trump administra-

tion has been successful at curtailing Iran's exports on an unprecedented scale," according to Gerber, who said Petro-Logistics is able to obtain details on the volumes and crude-type of individual cargoes, as well as on the counter-parties buying them.

For some Iran-watchers, commercial satellite imagery is key.

Kpler, an analytical company founded in Paris, cross-references such images with other information like customs data and reports from port agencies. It estimates that Iran has managed to maintain limited flows to China, its biggest customer, and some to Turkey and Syria.

The Adriatic Darya 1 tanker, the focus of worldwide attention when it was seized near Gibraltar by the U.K. military in early July, was detected recently using

satellite imagery near the Syrian port of Tartus, according to The Associated Press.

Iran is employing a range of techniques to try to avoid detection, including "several ship-to-ship transfers off-radar," according to Kpler analyst Samah Ahmed.

Nonetheless, exports have largely been choked off, slumping 90% since Trump abandoned the nuclear pact in May 2018 to just 400,000 barrels a day, Kpler says.

"The goal of bringing Iran's exports down to zero was never attained," said Homayoun Falakshahi, an analyst at the firm. Yet "the Trump administration has been obviously very successful in bringing maximum pressure."

The actual volume that Iran is selling for cash is probably even lower, ac-

ording to Sara Vakhshouri, head of consultants SVB Energy International in Washington, D.C.

Some cargoes are sold to repay debts to China, and others are moved into so-called bonded storage there without passing customs, meaning they're still owned by Iran. As a result, total sales in July may have been as little as 100,000 barrels a day, she said.

In contrast, Genscape's Geoghegan detects "a substantial amount of production above and beyond" other assessments.

Instead of using satellite imagery of tanker traffic, he uses satellite photos of gas flaring at oil fields to gauge the level of activity there and calculate production. Iran continues to drill "full speed ahead" at new fields in the West Karoun region, Geoghegan said.

Genscape estimates that

combined output of crude and condensate has only fallen by 15% since the first quarter of 2018, and may currently be as much as 3.9 million barrels a day, with exports of about 500,000 to 1 million a day. That extra production isn't necessarily being sold, and appears to be moving into storage both on land — including underground facilities that aren't widely acknowledged — and at sea.

Consequently, the resilience of Iran's oil industry may not last much longer. As storage fills up, output may need to be lowered.

"We have seen every tin-can that they have got filled up, and we've seen oil fill up in areas that they haven't historically used," Geoghegan said. "They're going to hit a brick wall at some point, and their production is going to take another leg down."

## Trump steps up attacks on Fed to lower interest rates

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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump upped his attacks on the Federal Reserve on Wednesday, demanding the central bank slash interest rates to zero, or even push them into negative territory, claiming that he wants this change to make it cheaper to refinance government debt.

Trump has complained for weeks that some European governments have adopted negative interest rates, and he has said this is unfair and disadvantages the U.S. economy.

But Wednesday was the first time he called for the Fed to do the same, pushing what would be an extraordinary policy change that could unleash unknown forces in the U.S. economy.

His directives were delivered in a series of early morning tweets and came with an extra dose of vitriol for Federal Reserve officials. He called them "boneheads" for not moving more quickly to lower interest rates at a time when he said there was low inflation.

The Fed has five governors on its board. Trump has appointed four of them, including Chair Jerome Powell, who has been the focus of many White House attacks.

"The USA should always be paying the lowest rate," Trump tweeted. "No Inflation! It is only the naivete of Jay Powell and the Federal Reserve that doesn't allow us to do what other countries are already doing. A once in a lifetime opportunity that we are missing because of Boneheads."

Trump's tirade comes on the heels of a disappointing jobs report and a week before the Fed board's next meeting, where officials will decide whether to cut rates. Trump has tweeted dozens of times in the past month about his Fed grievances,



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President Trump called the five governors that make up the Fed board "boneheads." He appointed four of them.

stepping up calls it slash the funds rate as recession fears have grown, but central bank officials remain divided on whether even a modest cut is warranted.

In July, the Fed cut the benchmark interest rate for the first time in more than a decade, by a quarter-point to just below 2.25%. At the time, Powell said the central bank would do whatever it takes to "sustain the expansion," but he stopped short of committing to further reductions.

The last time the Fed cut rates to zero was during the Great Recession, and it has never adopted negative rates.

"The president is calling for what essentially are emergency monetary policy measures at a time when unemployment is at a 50-year low, the U.S. economy is doing better than its peers and is still growing," said David Wessel, director of the Hutchins Center on Fiscal and Monetary Policy.

The president's call to refinance the nearly \$17 trillion outstanding public debt also is oddly timed. Since the 2008 financial crisis, the government already has extended the average maturity of its debt to more than 69 months from around 48, according to the

Treasury Department.

As investors have grown more nervous about the global economy, they have poured money into U.S. treasuries, seeking the assurance of a guaranteed return and liquid markets. That has driven the federal government's borrowing costs to near-record lows: just 1.7% interest to borrow money for 10 years and just 2.2% for 30-year funding.

Last month, the Congressional Budget Office reduced by \$1.4 trillion its estimate of the interest payments the federal government will make over the next decade, saying it expected borrowing costs will be lower than projected in May.

Government debt, now at a historic high, has risen by more than \$2 trillion on Trump's watch and is expected to grow by \$12 trillion over the next decade, according to CBO.

That's because the government is spending much more than it brings in each year through taxes. The Republican-authored 2017 corporate and personal income tax cut and big spending increases from Congress in recent years have widened the budget deficit, projected to exceed \$1 trillion this fiscal year.

## Closing

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Beyond the cycle of gaming console and blockbuster titles — GameStop said there have been no games this year rivaling 2018's top-selling "Red Dead Redemption 2" — there are broader trends at work putting the retail video gaming sales model into question. Most notable is the rise in buying downloaded games versus physical software.

Historically, GameStop has "had a preference for physical games versus digital games," but the company is focusing on making the digital sales process easier going forward, Sherman said. That includes digital purchases both in-store and online through the company's recently relaunched website.

"Our assumption is that we'll have a piece of both businesses," Sherman said. "Obviously, we have a very,



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An employee assists customers shopping for video games inside a GameStop Corp. store in Louisville, Ky.

very significant share when it comes to physical games. Physical games are still a significant portion of the overall gaming industry today."

Online gaming competition is heating up, with Apple set to launch its Arcade subscription service next week, featuring more than 100 games that can be downloaded and played on Apple devices and computers. Google is planning to launch Stadia, an online gaming service,

in November.

Founded in 1996, GameStop bills itself as the world's largest video game retailer, with more than \$8 billion in annual revenues and 53,000 employees worldwide.

The publicly traded company's stock price closed down nearly 10% on Wednesday, to \$4.59 per share.

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Institution	Int Acct	Chk Mkt	Money Acct	3 mo CD	6 mo CD	12 mo CD	18 mo CD	24 mo CD	36 mo CD	60 mo CD	Phone / Website
Synchrony Bank	NA	1.20	0.75	1.00	2.40	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.55	800-869-3813 www.synchronybank.com
	NA	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	

### Savings Update

#### Majority of Americans are bank loyal, but many don't know what they earn

Bank loyalty is the norm in America, even when you don't know exactly what you're getting, according to new survey data from DepositAccounts.com.

Responses from about 1,000 American consumers with a bank account show that 3 in 4 say they feel loyal to their bank (75 percent), and even more say no, they aren't interested in switching banks (85 percent).

In fact, 40 percent of respondents reported they have never switched, with three-quarters of those adults saying it's because they're satisfied with their current bank.

Yet when asked what they earn on their savings account, almost half had no idea (47 percent). Not only that, but if asked what type of bank pays the best rates, 75 percent have it wrong.

About 4 in 10 believe traditional banks offer the best rates (41 percent), while 34 percent predicted you can earn the most at credit unions. Only a quarter speculated that online-only banks pay the highest rates.

Perhaps surprisingly, younger consumers were more likely to expect the most from traditional banks, with 63 percent of Gen Z and 55 percent of millennial respondents believing that's where you can make the most of your savings.

In fact, however, an analysis of DepositAccounts.com's data on thousands of banks and credit unions shows that the average APY earned by a savings account at an online-only bank sits at 1.52% APY. Compare that to 0.26% at traditional banks and 0.23% at credit unions.

Still, about a third of respondents said they wouldn't consider opening an online savings account, with the most common reason being that they're content with what they have (38 percent).

DepositAccount.com's survey was conducted by Qualtrics in mid May 2019, among 1,005 U.S. adults with a bank account. Findings were released Aug. 5.

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MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 27,137.04 Low: 26,885.48 Previous: 26,909.43



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+85.52 (+1.06%)	+21.54 (+.72%)	+32.72 (+2.12%)
Close: 8,169.68	Close: 3,000.93	Close: 1,575.71
High: 8,169.68	High: 3,000.93	High: 1,575.83
Low: 8,081.56	Low: 2,975.31	Low: 1,541.88
Previous: 8,084.16	Previous: 2,979.39	Previous: 1,542.99

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
+0.03 to 1.73%	+4.10 to \$1,494.40	+0.36 to 107.79/\$1	+0.0034 to .9086/\$1	-1.65 to \$55.75

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +2.97	NASD +2.42	S&P +2.15	DOW +6.51	NASD +5.09	S&P +5.64	DOW +4.38	NASD +2.71	S&P +3.88

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 19	489	489	477.50	477.50	-6.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 19	349.75	349.75	344.75	348.25	-.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 19	853.75	854	851.50	854	-5.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Sep 19	28.67	28.73	28.67	28.73	+0.35
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Sep 19	291.80	291.80	288.90	289.60	-3.30
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Oct 19	57.89	58.30	55.61	55.75	-1.65
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Oct 19	2.581	2.600	2.529	2.552	-.028
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Oct 19	1.6016	1.6208	1.5645	1.5699	-.0209

LOCAL STOCKS

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	84.52	+1.31	Equity Commonwith	N	33.83	+0.14	Middleby Corp	O	121.01	+2.20
AbbVie Inc	N	69.49	+1.31	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	130.24	+1.60	Mondelez Intl	O	54.51	+1.18
Alstatae Corp	N	106.15	+0.47	Equity Residential	N	84.77	+0.31	Morningstar Inc	O	156.35	-1.56
Aptargroup Inc	N	118.63	-0.48	Exelon Corp	N	48.73	+0.38	Motorola Solutions	N	165.31	+0.88
Arch Dan Mid	N	41.05	+0.78	First Indl RT	N	38.52	-0.03	NISource Inc	O	29.34	+1.17
Baxter Intl	N	86.71	+0.80	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	54.74	+1.22	Nthn Trust Cp	O	97.37	+2.90
Boeing Co	N	382.94	+13.45	Gallagher AJ	N	87.95	-0.13	Old Republic	O	22.69	+2.28
Brunswick Corp	N	54.30	+1.26	Grainger WW	N	295.00	+4.27	Packaging Corp Am	N	108.09	+3.89
CBOE Global Markets	N	114.99	-0.24	GrubHub Inc	N	66.61	+2.30	Paylocity Hldg	O	95.05	-1.10
CDK Global Inc	O	47.25	+1.01	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	106.13	-0.01	RLI Corp	N	91.40	+2.10
CDW Corp	O	112.81	+1.31	IAA Inc	N	45.74	-0.23	Stericycle Inc	O	51.12	+2.35
CF Industries	N	50.38	-0.40	IDEX Corp	N	167.68	+1.45	TransUnion	N	79.83	-0.79
CME Group	O	202.58	-2.85	ITW	N	159.54	+2.18	Tribune Media Co A	N	46.63	-0.01
CNA Financial	N	48.55	+0.46	Ingredion Inc	N	82.03	+0.71	US Foods Holding	N	41.09	+0.44
Cabot Microelect	O	137.52	+3.32	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	143.89	+0.15	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	228.15	-3.27
Caterpillar Inc	N	133.09	+2.80	Kemper Corp	N	75.82	-0.55	United Airlines Hldg	O	88.38	+8.82
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	29.50	+0.05	Kraft Heinz Co	O	29.28	+0.32	Ventas Inc	N	71.46	-0.50
Deere Co	N	165.15	+1.11	LKQ Corporation	O	29.08	+0.42	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	58.06	+1.18
Discover Fin Svcs	N	84.39	+0.07	Littelfuse Inc	O	181.93	+7.62	Wintrust Financial	O	66.27	+2.27
Dover Corp	N	99.21	+2.16	McDonalds Corp	N	210.20	+0.52	Zebra Tech	O	197.42	+4.78

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Chesapck Engy	1.83	...
Gen Electric	9.36	+0.22
AT&T Inc	38.74	+1.16
Bank of America	29.46	+1.11
Penney JC Co Inc	1.25	+0.24
Mallinckrodt plc	3.36	-0.52
GameStop Corp	4.59	-0.50
Ford Motor	9.42	...
Teva Pharm	8.32	+1.19
Transocean Ltd	5.80	+0.31
VEREIT Inc	9.65	+0.26
EnCana Corp	4.74	+0.04
Sthwstn Energy	2.32	+0.11
Denbury Res	1.33	-0.03
CenturyLink Inc	13.31	+0.71
Aurora Cannabis Inc	6.49	+0.21
Ambev S.A.	4.65	+0.05
Macy's Inc	17.84	+0.74
Freepor McMoran	10.08	-0.04
Vale SA	11.81	+0.08
Wells Fargo & Co	48.85	+0.54
Schlumberger Ltd	37.32	-0.14
Snap Inc A	15.31	+0.29
Callon Petrol	4.65	-0.07

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	38.74	+1.16
Alibaba Group Hldg	176.09	+1.10
Alphabet Inc C	1220.17	+14.17
Alphabet Inc A	1220.00	+14.30
Amazon.com Inc	1822.99	+2.44
Apple Inc	223.59	+6.89
Bank of America	29.46	+1.11
Berkshire Hath B	210.91	+2.60
Exxon Mobil Corp	71.93	-0.14
Facebook Inc	188.49	+2.32
HSBC Holdings prA	26.14	+0.07
Home Depot	232.66	-0.34
JPMorgan Chase	117.19	+0.32
Johnson & Johnson	131.17	+1.62
MasterCard Inc	269.95	-2.38
Microsoft Corp	136.12	+0.04
Procter & Gamble	121.27	-1.39
Visa Inc	174.98	-1.37
WalMart Strs	116.02	-0.03

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	32.12	+2.0	+1.4
American Funds AmrnBAlA x	27.71	-0.1	+6.2
American Funds CptWldGrInca	448.79	+1.4	+4.9
American Funds CdtInclBldrA x	61.22	-0.7	+6.5
American Funds FdmTlInvsA m	60.01	+0.37	+3.7
American Funds GrfAmrca m	50.13	+0.31	+1.5
American Funds InvCAMrca m	22.76	-0.08	+6.5
American Funds InvCAMrca m	38.58	+0.27	+2.8
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	44.91	+0.37	+5.4
American Funds WAMTInvsA m	46.85	+0.22	+7.2
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.13	...	+8.7
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	41.31	+0.27	+1.0
Dodge & Cox Stk	190.86	+1.00	+7.7
DoubleLine TlRetBdI	10.74	...	+7.5
Fidelity 500dInvsPrm	104.67	+0.75	+6.0
Fidelity Contrafund	13.06	+0.09	+1.2
Fidelity TlMktDInvsPrm	85.21	+0.72	+4.6
Fidelity USBdInvsPrm	11.93	...	+9.7
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.31	...	+5.4
Metropolitan West TlRetBdI	11.03	-0.01	+9.9
PIMCO Incl2	11.94	...	+6.3
PIMCO Inclnstl	11.94	...	+6.4
PIMCO TlRetIns	10.46	...	+10.0
Schwab SP500Idx	46.51	+0.34	+6.0
T. Rowe Price BCGStk	116.31	+0.74	+5.8
T. Rowe Price GrStk	69.16	+0.46	+5.6
Vanguard 500dAdmrl	277.98	+2.01	+6.0
Vanguard BalldAdmrl	37.82	+0.18	+7.0
Vanguard DivGrInv	30.25	+0.10	+1.7
Vanguard EqInclAdmrl	77.03	+0.50	+6.9
Vanguard GridAdmrl	86.59	+0.57	+6.8
Vanguard HCAmrl	82.08	+0.76	-2.6
Vanguard InTrnGAdmrl	10.03	-0.01	+10.5
Vanguard InTrnTEAdmrl	14.50	-0.03	+7.9
Vanguard InslDInvs	272.77	+1.97	+6.0
Vanguard InslDInvsPlus	272.79	+1.97	+6.0
Vanguard InstlSMInPls	64.78	+0.54	+4.6
Vanguard MDCpIdAdmrl	209.35	+1.47	+4.1
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	140.53	+1.32	+1.0
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.72	-0.01	+5.7
Vanguard SmCpIdAdmrl	75.66	+1.13	-2.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	32.29	+0.14	+6.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	19.38	+0.09	+6.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	35.34	+0.20	+5.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.70	+0.14	+9.7
Vanguard TtBMDInclAdmrl	11.07	...	+9.7
Vanguard TtBMDInvs	11.07	...	+9.8
Vanguard TtInBdAdmrl	23.41	+0.02	+10.5
Vanguard TtInBdInvs	35.12	+0.02	+10.5
Vanguard TtInBdInxv	11.71	+0.01	+10.5
Vanguard TtInSdAdmrl	28.01	+0.22	+2.0
Vanguard TtInSdInvs	112.02	+0.87	+2.0
Vanguard TtInSdInvsPlus	112.04	+0.87	+2.0
Vanguard TtInSdInxv	16.74	+0.13	+1.9
Vanguard TtSMIdAdmrl	74.55	+0.62	+4.6
Vanguard TtSMIdInvs	74.56	+0.62	+4.6
Vanguard TtSMIdInxv	74.51	+0.62	+4.5
Vanguard WngtInAdmrl	73.47	+0.25	+9.2
Vanguard WlslyInAdmrl	65.96	+0.10	+10.2
Vanguard WndrInAdmrl	64.96	+0.46	+3.6

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Adv Micro Dev	29.76	-0.47
Apple Inc	223.59	+6.89
FuelCell Energy	3.36	-0.07
NY Mortgage Trust	6.08	-0.20
Micron Tech	50.48	+1.09
Zscaler Inc	49.67	-11.93
Microsoft Corp	136.12	+0.04
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.49	+1.13
Endo Intl plc	4.05	+0.05
Altaba Inc	69.99	-0.06
Intel Corp	52.79	+0.97
Cisco Syst	50.03	+0.82
Roku Inc	149.76	+5.62
IQV Inc	19.32	+1.27
T2 Biosystems	2.61	+1.18
Zynga Inc	5.76	+0.04
Lexicon Pharma	2.20	+0.48
Lyft Inc	46.53	+1.08
Huntgtn Bancshs	14.61	+2.24
Comcast Corp A	46.40	-0.05
JD.com Inc	31.07	+0.20
Michaels Cos	9.74	-0.33
Facebook Inc	188.49	+2.32
American Airlines Gp	29.76	+0.64

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3008.81	-12.4/-4
Stoxx600	389.71	+3.3/+9
Nikkei	21597.76	+205.7/+0
MSCI-EAFE	1884.30	+1.2/+1
Bovespa	103445.80	+414.3/+4
FTSE 100	7338.03	+0.7/+1
CAC-40	5618.06	+24.9/+4

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.90	1.89
6-month disc	1.83	1.84
2-year	1.65	1.65
10-year	1.73	1.70
30-year	2.21	2.18

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1494.40	\$1490.30
Silver	\$18.031	\$18.041
Platinum	\$940.20	\$936.60

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.25
Discount Rate Primary	2.75
Fed Funds Target	2.00-2.25
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.67

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys...	
Argentina (Peso)	56.1766
Australia (Dollar)	1.4575
Brazil (Real)	4.0671
Britain (Pound)	0.8113
Canada (Dollar)	1.3201
China (Yuan)	7.1169
Euro	0.9086
India (Rupee)	71.531
Israel (Shekel)	3.5394
Japan (Yen)	107.79
Mexico (Peso)	19.5479
Poland (Zloty)	3.95
So. Korea (Won)	1191.19
Taiwan (Dollar)	31.14
Thailand (Baht)	30.58

## OBITUARIES

**ALISON CHEEK** 1927-2019

# First female priest to administer sacraments in an Episcopal church

BY MATT SCHUDEL  
The Washington Post

The Rev. Alison Cheek, who battled canon law and centuries-old traditions to become one of the first female priests in the Episcopal Church and in 1974 was the first woman to administer the sacrament of Communion in an Episcopal parish, died Sept. 1 at an assisted-living facility in Brevard, North Carolina. She was 92.

The death was confirmed by a son, Timothy Cheek, who said he did not know the exact cause.

Cheek, who was raised as a Methodist in Australia, moved with her family to Northern Virginia in 1957 and began attending St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Annandale because it was the closest church to her home.

She became increasingly interested in theology and began to study at the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia, while raising her four children. She became a deacon in 1972 and two years later was one of 11 women ordained by three retired bishops who supported the cause of women in the priesthood. Because the ceremony took place in Philadelphia, they became known as the "Philadelphia 11."

They faced strong opposition from traditionalists. At the time, the Episcopal Church allowed only men to be ordained, and the hierarchy of the church considered Cheek and the other female priests to be renegades.

"At our ordinations, when the time was set aside for objections," Cheek told The Washington Post in 1976, one priest said, "These women can offer up nothing but the sight and smell of perversion." So that makes me see how very thin is the veneer of civilization over this fear of women's sexuality."

In a prolonged battle, the church hierarchy sought to have the female priests' ordinations thrown out as illegal under canon law. The women successfully argued that their ordinations were "irregular" but not illegal. Many of the 11, including Cheek, took up pastoral duties.

When Cheek was sched-

uled to celebrate the Eucharist at St. Stephen and the Incarnation Episcopal Church in Washington, the church's rector, William Wendt, was forced to cancel the service on orders from his bishop, William Creighton.

Later, on Nov. 10, 1974, Wendt and Cheek tested the authorities again. Wearing a clerical collar and vestments, Cheek performed Communion at Wendt's church — the first time any female priest had conducted the sacrament in an Episcopal sanctuary. A report in The Post noted that the service "ranged from solemn prayer to joyous hugs and bursts of spontaneous applause."

The event led to two years of upheaval and soul-searching in the Episcopal Church. Bishop Creighton, who supported the ordination of women, took action after 18 priests signed a letter of complaint. Wendt was tried by an ecclesiastical court for disobeying the bishop's orders.

"It was very hard, Sunday after Sunday, to do my work at the altar as a deacon in the church which oppresses me," Cheek said at his trial.

Wendt was admonished, but in an act of defiance he hired Cheek as an assistant pastor at St. Stephen. As other women became ordained as "irregular" priests, the Episcopal Church as a whole became embroiled in a fierce internal battle. Cheek and the other members of the Philadelphia 11 were featured on the cover of Time magazine in January 1976 as "Women of the Year."

"I think the visual image of a woman behind the altar is important," Cheek told the Houston Chronicle in 2006. "I don't like to generalize, but I think we bring a more human touch, and that can create a different atmosphere."

In September 1976, the governing bodies of the Episcopal Church voted to approve women as ordained members of the clergy. Liberal elements of the faith were jubilant, but some conservative factions broke away from the church for good.

In the years since Cheek first stood before a congregation in Washington, women have entered the Episco-

pal priesthood in increasing numbers and now make up close to half of the church's clergy.

"Every woman in a leadership position in the Episcopal Church owes our vocation and freedom to those very strong women," Mariann Edgar Budde, who is the first woman to serve as bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, said in an interview. "It's almost impossible for us to imagine the costs and their scars. This was hard. We stand on their shoulders, every single one of us, men and women."

Alison Mary Western was born April 11, 1927, in Adelaide, Australia, and grew up on her family's fruit farm.

She graduated from the University of Adelaide in 1947 and married her economics professor, Bruce Mansfield Cheek. They settled in the Washington area when he took a job with the World Bank.

At St. Alban's in Annandale, the parish priest, John Frizzell Jr., encouraged Alison Cheek's budding interest in theology. She received a master of divinity from the Virginia Theological Seminary in 1969.

In addition to her duties at St. Stephen, Cheek had a pastoral counseling practice. After her husband died in 1977, she became a priest at a church in Philadelphia. She later helped advance the movement for female priests in Australia and moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts, where she received a doctorate in ministry from the Episcopal Divinity School in 1990 and directed its program in feminist liberation studies.

In 1996, she became a counselor and teacher at the Greenfire Community and Retreat Center in Tenants Harbor, Maine, where she also served as a priest. She retired in 2013 and moved to North Carolina.

Survivors include four children, Bruce Malcolm Cheek, Jonathan Cheek, Timothy Cheek, and Bronwen Cheek; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In 2014, looking back on the 40th anniversary of her ordination, Cheek said that she "sort of risked everything" in her quest to become a priest.

"I would do it again," she said.

## Chicago Daily Tribune

ON SEPTEMBER 12 ...

In 1609, English explorer Henry Hudson sailed into the river that now bears his name.

In 1938, Adolf Hitler demanded self-determination for the Sudeten Germans in Czechoslovakia.

In 1942, during World War II, a German U-boat off West Africa torpedoed the RMS Laconia, which was carrying Italian prisoners of war, British soldiers and civilians; it's estimated more than 1,600 people died while some 1,100 survived after the ship sank. The German crew, joined by other U-boats, began rescue operations.

In 1943, German paratroopers extracted Benito Mussolini from the hotel where he was being held by the Italian government.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. Army troops entered Germany for the first time, near Trier.

In 1954, "Lassie" made its television debut on CBS.

In 1960, Democratic presidential candidate John Kennedy addressed the issue of his Roman Catholicism, telling a Protestant group in Houston, "I do not speak for my church on public matters, and the church does not speak for me."

In 1984, the Bulls selected Michael Jordan as its No. 1 draft choice; Jordan was chosen third overall, behind Hakeem Olajuwon and Sam Bowie.

In 1990, representatives of the World War II allies and West and East Germany signed a treaty in Moscow giving international sanction to German unity.

In 1992, the space shuttle Endeavour blasted off, carrying with it Mark Lee and Jan Davis, the first married couple in space; Mae Jemison, the first black woman in space; and Mamoru Mohri, the first Japanese citizen to fly on a U.S. spaceship.

In 2000, Hillary Rodham Clinton became the only first lady to win an election as she claimed victory in the New York Democratic Senate primary, defeating little-known opponent Dr. Mark McMahan.

In 2001, stunned rescue workers continued to search for bodies in the World Trade Center's smoking rubble a day after a terrorist attack that shut down the financial capital, badly damaged the Pentagon and left thousands dead.

In 2002, raising the specter of war, President George W. Bush told skeptical world leaders at the United Nations to confront the "grave and gathering danger" of Saddam Hussein's Iraq — or to stand aside as the United States acted.

In 2003, in the Iraqi city of Fallujah, U.S. forces mistakenly opened fire on vehicles carrying police, killing eight of them.

In 2013, torrential rain and floodwaters killed at least eight people and damaged or destroyed as many as 2,000 homes in Colorado as Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper and President Barack Obama declared a state of emergency.

## WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

**ILLINOIS**  
Sept. 11  
Powerball ..... 06 17 24 53 57 / 03  
Powerball jackpot: \$50M  
Lotto jackpot: \$4.25M  
Pick 3 midday ..... 073 / 0  
Pick 4 midday ..... 3861 / 2  
Lucky Day Lotto midday ..... 01 02 23 24 38  
Pick 3 evening ..... 558 / 4  
Pick 4 evening ..... 1215 / 7  
Lucky Day Lotto evening ..... 11 22 33 42 44

Sept. 13 Mega Millions: \$172M

**WISCONSIN**  
Sept. 11  
Megabucks ..... 09 14 16 29 30 31  
Pick 3 ..... 937  
Pick 4 ..... 5673  
Badger 5 ..... 02 06 09 23 25  
SuperCash ..... 03 09 17 22 38 39

**INDIANA**  
Sept. 11  
Lotto ..... 01 07 12 23 35 42  
Daily 3 midday ..... 234 / 3  
Daily 4 midday ..... 6257 / 3  
Daily 3 evening ..... 986 / 4  
Daily 4 evening ..... 3441 / 4  
Cash 5 ..... 19 30 36 38 42

**MICHIGAN**  
Sept. 11  
Lotto ..... 05 06 09 10 36 44  
Daily 3 midday ..... 017  
Daily 4 midday ..... 5826  
Daily 3 evening ..... 336  
Daily 4 evening ..... 4353  
Fantasy 5 ..... 02 07 12 13 23  
Keno ..... 03 07 10 18 21 22  
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#### Bernard Avello

Today, I celebrate our 66th Wedding Anniversary without you. I miss you still and love you more  
Mary Ann

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#### Alleruzzo, Salvatore

Salvatore Alleruzzo; age 92, beloved husband of Carmela, visitation Sunday 1-6 PM at Williams-Kampff Funeral Home located at 430 E. Roosevelt Rd. in Wheaton. Funeral Monday, prayers from the funeral home at 9:15 AM. Procession to St. Irene's Catholic Church 28W441 Warrenville Rd. in Warrenville for a 10:00 AM Funeral Mass. Entombment Queen of Heaven Mausoleum in Hillside. Mass Cards and donations preferred to St. Irene, Warrenville or St. Bernadine, Forest Park or charity of your choice. For info 630-668-0016 or [www.williams-kampff.com](http://www.williams-kampff.com)

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#### Baldwin, Evelyn A.

(nee Stasik). Beloved Wife and best friend of the late Robert Baldwin CFD. Loving Mother of Paul (Patricia) Baldwin, John CPD (Debbie) Baldwin & Christine (John CFD) O'Hara. Cherished Grandmother "Busia" of Ryan (Natalie), Erin, Matthew & Kevin. Dear Sister of Nancy (late Raymond) Helman & the late James Stasik. Gram, Aunt & Friend to countless others. Visitation Friday, September 13th from 3:00 p.m. until 9 p.m. Chapel prayers Saturday, September 14th, 9:00 a.m. at the KERRY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CARE CENTER, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights proceeding to Incarnation Church, Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. [www.kerryfh.com](http://www.kerryfh.com) ~ (708) 361.4235 ~ [www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral](http://www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral)

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#### Baranski, Geraldine A.

Geraldine Anne Baranski, age 83, passed away Tuesday evening, September 10, 2019 in Prospect Heights, IL. Beloved wife of the late Richard; loving mother of Susan (Richard) Kehoe, Richard, Jr. (Barbara), Stacie (Marek) Rachelski, and Sandra (Paul) Janis; cherished grandmother of Stephanie, Jonathan and Jeffrey Pestka, Matthew (Stephanie), Emily and Nicholas Janis, and the late Timothy Baranski; fond sister of the late Theresa (the late Anthony) Stankiewicz; dear daughter of the late Joseph and the late Victoria Bednarz; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Long time parishioner of St. Constance Church and member of American Legion Auxiliary Post #740. Visitation Friday from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Muzyka & Son Funeral Home, 5776 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. Funeral Saturday 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Constance Church, 5843 W. Strong St. Chicago. Mass 10 a.m. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607 or <https://donate.mercy-home.org/>. For more info, call (773) 545-3800.

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#### Bartkus, Anthony A.

ANTHONY A. BARTKUS, cherished husband, beloved father and Teti (grandfather) died peacefully at Hinsdale Hospital on September 10, 2019. Tony was born on March 2, 1939 in Taurage, Lithuania. As a very young and mischievous child, he traveled with his parents and brother Al through war-torn Europe to seek safety in the American Zone in Germany. After several years there, his family arrived in Chicago, joining many relatives and friends.

He graduated from St. Ignatius College Prep. and received a Bachelors in Electrical Engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology. He was the Manager of the Engineering Dept of Material Service/General Dynamics Company. He was also very active in Chicago's Lithuanian community for many years as Captain of the Neris Basketball Team, President of the Nativity BVM Lithuanian School, President of the Lithuanian Ski Club, an active member of the Tennis Club, and a supporter of Nerija, the Lithuanian Sea Scouts. Tony was also a talented carpenter who enthusiastically enjoyed life. You could always count on him to get things done. His laughter, pranks and common sense will be desperately missed by his wife, Dalia; daughters, Lisa Harwood (Peter) and Lara Barber (Robert); granddaughters Tessa, Vija, Gately, Lilia and Amelia; brother, Al Bartkus (Selma); sisters-in-law Rasa Dilger (Timothy) and Vida Bartkus-Murray (Charles); godsons Alexas Bartkus and Peter Dilger; nieces Andrea Hayes, Alida Coury (Nick) and Karolin Buhrmester (Chris); nephews Andrew Bartkus (Lauren) and Andy Dilger (Carrie), and many other family members and friends. We will celebrate the life of this amazing man on Saturday, September 14, at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 S. Grant Street in Hinsdale from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please consider a donation to one of Tony's favorite organizations in lieu of flowers: Nerija, checks can be written to LSA-Nerija and be sent to: Julie Stankaitis, 6910 Waterfall Place, Downers Grove, IL 60516 or Lithuanian World Center, checks can be written to Lithuanian World Center and sent to: Lithuanian World Center, 14911 127th Street, Lemont, IL 60439, appreciated. For Information: 630-323-0275 or [www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com](http://www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com)

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#### Becker, Jr., H. William

Bill Becker, a longtime resident of Evanston and Rockford, died peacefully September 9th, 2019 after a long illness. Raised in the Edgebrook neighborhood of Chicago, he attended Taft High School, the University of Illinois and the University of Illinois Graduate School of Business. He began his career with DuPont, and subsequently joined Bell & Howell, where he served as Vice President of International Sales. In 1982 he joined Newell Division. He retired as President of the firm's international division, Newell International, in 1997. A traveler by profession and avocation, he visited over 70 countries through the years. He was predeceased by wife and favorite travel companion Meredith (nee Osman) in 2009. He is survived by daughter Barbara (Ramesh Mani) of St. Paul, MN; daughter Amy (Erik Lindberg) of Superior, CO; son Bill (Jennifer Wright) of Evanston; and granddaughter Amelia Mani. His good humor and wise counsel will be missed. Services pending. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to American Cancer Society, the Lewy Body Dementia Association or the charity of your choice.

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#### Blaylock, Judy L.

Judy Lucy Blaylock, 58 of Paddock Lake, WI passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Saturday, September 7, 2019. Born February 2, 1961 in Algoma, WI, the daughter of the late Sylvester and Margaret Salzsieder. On July 14, 2001, she married Herbert Blaylock in Kenosha. Judy worked for the convenient stores of Speedway for over 20 years in many capacities and was a respected expert in her field with her final title of Field Marketing Coordinator. Survivors include her husband of 18 years, Herbert Blaylock; four children, Kurtis (Hannah) Ehlers, Sara (David) Chang, Jacob Blaylock and Justin Blaylock; grandchildren, Elliott, Katelyn, and Christian; siblings, Robert (Sharon) Salzsieder, Carl (Tammy) Salzsieder, Larry (Evelyn) Salzsieder, Mike (Jamie) Salzsieder, Marie (John) Dekeyser, Linda Salzsieder, Karen (Christopher) Fordham, Nancy (Scott) Neuberger, and Shirley Nell; mother-in-law Joan Smith, sister-in-law Cheryl Blaylock Koons, and brother-in-law Keith (Amy) Blaylock; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Judy was preceded in death by her brothers-in-law "Big" Mike Nell and David Koons.

Memorial visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 14th at Proko Funeral Home, Kenosha, WI. Memorial services will commence at 4:00 p.m. Saturday. Those desiring may make contributions to the American Cancer Society, in Judy's memory.

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#### Boyaris, Betty Jean

Betty Jean (Hunter) Boyaris, age 88, loving wife of the late Ernest Boyaris, passed away peacefully at Jerseyville Manor on Sunday, September 8, 2019, surrounded by family. Betty is survived by her two daughters, Barbara (Donald) Dickey and Karen (Jim Smith) Boyaris. She also is survived by her beloved grandchildren Rachel Dickey, Gwendolyn (Jason) Brunaugh, Peter Smith, Joseph Smith, and her adored great grandchildren Jaxon and Makenna Brunaugh. Betty was predeceased by her parents Howard and Iva Lou Hunter and her brother Bill Hunter.

No visitation will be held. Private burial will take place at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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#### Crandus, Norman

Norman Crandus, age 88. Beloved husband of Laurel nee Zisook. Loving father of Shlomo (Oli) Crandus, Hillel (Nava Cohen) Crandus, Margo (Mike) Steinmetz and Ben (Nancy Berglas) Highton. Proud grandfather of 7. Dear brother of the late Harold Crandus.

Private service & interment will be held today. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. For shiva information, please contact Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjfinfo.com](http://www.cjfinfo.com)

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#### Greene, John

John Kaul Greene, 89, passed peacefully in his sleep on September 4, 2019. He is survived by his beloved wife Jean, his son Paul, daughter and son-in-law Valerie and Mark Flynn, and son and daughter-in-law John and Katey Greene. He is also survived by his three granddaughters Casey, Heather, and Alex Flynn and two

grandsons John Greene Jr. and Kyle Greene. John was born October 10, 1929 in Birmingham, Alabama. At the age of 13, in 1944, he enrolled at St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire. John then attended Yale University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Administration. After Yale John joined the US Marines and was eventually recruited by the U.S. Clandestine Irregular Warfare Operation. He was stationed in Alaska for two years in this role. John and Jean were married on March 2, 1957 and began their lives together in San Francisco with John working at IBM. In 1958, IBM appointed John to manage their European division in Paris where John and Jean lived for four years. William McCormick Blair then recruited John to lead his company's European business, thus beginning John's 42 year career with William Blair & Company. John served on numerous boards throughout his career. The organizations he served the longest include: The Chicago Botanic Garden (54 years), Vulcan Materials Company (26 years), Hazelden Addiction Treatment Center (20 years), Kaul Land Company (Pennsylvania, 20 years), The Hugh Kaul Foundation (Birmingham, Alabama, 20 years), and the Illinois Children's Home & Aid Society (15 years).

To honor his enduring and enthusiastic support as one of the longest-serving members of the Chicago Horticultural Society Board of Directors, John was awarded the 2018 Chicago Horticultural Society Medal. John's personal lifelong interests included skiing, hunting and fishing. He devoted considerable time and resources to the St. Paul's School Scholarship Fund for Alabama Students, a perpetual commitment to allow selected students the opportunity to experience the life changing education he received at the school. John will be remembered for his wide ranging intellect, his gentle sense of humor and his unique wisdom that changed many lives for the better. A church service will be held on Saturday, October 12th, 2pm at the First Presbyterian Church in Lake Forest, IL. A celebration of John's life will follow at Shoreacres Country Club in Lake Bluff at 4 pm. In lieu of flowers, the Greene family requests donations be made in John's honor to either Lake Forest Open Lands or the Illinois Children's Home & Aid Society. Info: [Wenban Funeral Home](http://www.wenbanfuneralhome.com) (847) 234-0022 or [www.wenbanfuneralhome.com](http://www.wenbanfuneralhome.com)

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### Kalinich, Patricia Ann (Moore)

Patricia Ann (Moore) Kalinich, passed away at her home in Asheville, NC, on May 2, 2019, of natural causes. She was a lifelong Chicago sports fan, especially an enthusiastic supporter of the Bears and Cubs (she annually took her children out of school for opening day as a "cultural experience"). Born December 5, 1933, in Chicago, IL, to Orval Kelley and Eleanor Jones Moore, Pat grew up in Elmhurst and graduated from York Community High School, attending the University of Illinois, where she majored in English Literature and was a member of Delta Gamma sorority and Alpha Lambda Delta scholastic honorary society. She was a devoted alumna and fan of Illini teams, particularly the Rose Bowl football teams (attended 1952 as a student and 1984 with her family), and the Final Four basketball teams of 1989 and 2005. A longtime resident of Glen Ellyn, she enjoyed playing tennis, bridge, skiing, travel and family picnics at DuPage County Forest preserves, was an active member of the PTA, PEO, the First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn, and volunteered for countless grade school, junior high and Glenbard West High School activities. Pat was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her children: Kelley Kalinich of Glen Ellyn, IL; Kevin (Gail) Kalinich of Glen Ellyn, IL; Kyle (Alicia) Kalinich of Elmhurst, IL; Kraig (Monaka) Kalinich of Manhattan Beach, CA; and seven grandchildren: Adam, Chaney, Alexandra, Tyler, Lauryn, Grange and Grayson Kalinich. She is also survived by her brother, Richard (Sandra) Moore, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. Her love of life was focused on nature and gardening, a passion and enjoyment she passed on to her children. Services will be private. Memorials may be made to Glen Ellyn Youth & Family Counseling Services, 535 Forest Avenue, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137, [www.geyfc.org](http://www.geyfc.org).

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### Kennedy, Bryan J.

Age 66. Loving father of Katie, Patrick and Colleen Kennedy. Former spouse of Debbie (nee Walsh). Cherished brother of Joan (Mick) Shanahan and the late Patricia (late Steve) Kirka. Dear brother-in-law of Ginny (Jack) Caulfield, Patti (Dave) Brown, Mary (Mike) Caffrey, Tim Walsh, and Tom Walsh. Fond uncle, great-uncle and friend of many. World class Uber driver. Visitation Friday 5-9 p.m. Funeral Service Saturday 10:00 a.m. at the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL. Interment private [www.sheehyfh.com](http://www.sheehyfh.com) 708-857-7878

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### Kilcran, Lawrence P. "Larry"

Lawrence P. Kilcran "Larry," 84, of Grayslake formerly of Chicago, passed away surrounded by his loving family on September 7, 2019. He was the beloved husband for 58 years of Eleanor Kilcran nee Arnoldsen; loving father of Nancy (Michael) Ward and Beth (Patrick) Flannery; proud Pappa of Ben Malcolm, Emma, Eleanor, Anna and Michael Ward, Aidan and Sean Flannery; brother of Michael Kilcran and the late James Kilcran and Barbara Toral. He was also a cherished brother-in-law and uncle of many. Additionally, Larry was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army National Guard as a Second Lieutenant in the artillery division. A memorial service will be held Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 3 pm at Wrenward Farm, 30399 N. Chardon Lane, Grayslake. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Skin Cancer Foundation, 205 Lexington Avenue, 11th Floor, New York, New York 10016 ([www.skincancer.org](http://www.skincancer.org)) or The American Diabetes Association, 55 E. Monroe, Suite 3420, Chicago, IL 60603 ([www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org)). Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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### Kohutynski, Jr., B. Leroy "Toyota Kid"

B. Leroy Kohutynski, Jr., "Toyota Kid", age 59, cherished son of Dorothy (Stearns) and the late B. Leroy Kohutynski, Sr. Loving brother of David (Miki) Kohutynski and Cheryl Kohutynski. Dear uncle of Nolan and Payton. Also many aunts, uncles and cousins. Visitation Friday from 3pm to 8pm. Funeral Services Saturday 11am at **RICHARD J. MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**, 12641 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen. Private inurnment Resurrection Mausoleum. 708-301-3595 or [rjmodelfh.com](http://rjmodelfh.com).

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### Maurizi, R.N., Joan R.

Joan R. Maurizi (nee Bartusiewicz), Age 86, Born into Eternal Life on September 9, 2019. Together Forever with her beloved husband, the late Dr. Dino G. Maurizi, M.D. on the 50th Anniversary of his journey to eternal life (September 9, 1969). Loving mother of Michael G. M.D., Capt., MC, (FMF), USN (Tina), Lisa, Stacey (Mike) Hennigan, Joan (José) Colón, and the late Dino W. and Stephen V. Maurizi. Proud and loving grandma of Anna, Claire, Teresa, Chrissy, Jorie, Patrick, Gabriella, Samuel, Carmen, and Isabel. Devoted sister of the late Gertrude Maurizi and the late John Bartusiewicz. Dear sister-in-law of Francine Petrarca. Joan was a dedicated R.N. for over 30 years primarily at LCM Hospital. Founding Team Member of the Heart Connection Grief Program at LCM. Former CK Choir Member, School Chaperone, and Church Grandmother to many. Visitation Friday 4-7pm and Saturday morning 11:00am-1:00pm at Christ the King Church 9235 S. Hamilton Ave., Chicago, IL 60643. Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday at 1:00pm. Interment Assumption Cemetery in Glenwood, IL. Memorials to Christ the King School Foundation or Little Company of Mary Cancer Center, 2800 W. 95th St., Evergreen Park, IL 60805 are most appreciated. Funeral Info: **Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors**, 708-636-5500 or [www.heeneyfh.com](http://www.heeneyfh.com)

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### Nathan, Robert L.

Age 85, died Tuesday, September 10, 2019 in Pittsburgh, PA, formerly of Chicago, IL. Services at **Ralph Schugar Chapel, Inc.**, 5509 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh on Friday, September 13, 2019 at 12 Noon. Interment Beth Shalom Cemetery, Shaler Township, PA. [www.schugar.com](http://www.schugar.com)

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### Poulakidas, Angelos G.

Angelos G. Poulakidas, 92, of Morton Grove, beloved husband of Maureen; loving father of Evan (Peggy) and Fran (Raymond) Brody Anderson; dear grandfather of Erin, Nik, Brian, Chad, Greg, Kevin, Gus, Claire, Max, Amber, and Katelyn; cherished great grandfather of Emersyn, Kameron, Hayes, and Amalia; fond brother of Tom (Athena) and the late Jim and Alexander. Visitation at Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church 1401 Wagner Rd. Glenview, IL 60025 Friday from 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:15 a.m. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Sign online guest book at [www.simkinsfh.com](http://www.simkinsfh.com). (847) 965-2500

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### Prignano, Charlotte Theresa

Charlotte Theresa Prignano (nee Foleno) age 95 of Bloomingdale, formerly of Melrose Park, co-founder and co-owner of The Rosewood Funeral Home in Bellwood, IL., member of Knights of Columbus Auxiliary Council # 3671, and active in the Bellwood Lions Club, began her new journey on Sept. 10, peacefully surrounded by her loving children and grandchildren. Beloved wife for 54 years of the late Peter; cherished mother of Ann (the late Jack) Stahelin, Patti (Dwight) Dahl, Mary and the late Carla (Thomas) Cappilupo; dearest nonnie of Anthony, Robert, Annette, Teresa, Rachael, Natalie, Claudia, Jacqueline, and Thomas; great grandnonnie of Anthony Jr., Grace, Ben, Ella, Sam, Mabel, Janice, Evelyn, Emmeline, Nicholas, Joseph, Mila and Royce; dear daughter of the late Nero and Edith Foleno; loving sister of the late Alwin Foleno and the late Florence (Richard) Radtke; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Saturday, family and friends are asked to gather 9:45 a.m. at **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels** 450 W. Lake St. Roselle, IL. 60172 (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Rd.) to St. Isidore Church. Mass 10:45 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3:00-9:00 p.m. For info 630-889-1700 or [www.salernofuneralhomes.com](http://www.salernofuneralhomes.com)

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### Rizzo, Dorothy

Dorothy Rizzo of Woodstock formerly of Morton Grove; beloved wife of the late Herbert; dear mother of Herbert (Laura), Robert (Jim), Linda (Rhonda), Laura (Anthony) Mariani and the late James; loving grandmother of Jason, Michelle (Eric), Rene'e (Tony), Natalie (fiance Peter), Michael, Nicholas and Matthew; cherished great grandmother of Ryan, Gracie and Harper. Visitation at Simkins Funeral Home 6251 Dempster St. Morton Grove Friday 3 to 8 p.m. Family and friends will meet at St. Mary's Episcopal Church 306 S. Prospect Ave. Park Ridge Saturday for Funeral Service at 2 p.m. Interment private. 847-965-2500

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### Rosenbaum, Gloria S.

ROSENBAUM, GLORIA S. Born January 1, 1924. Passed away September 10, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Irving M. Rosenbaum. Cherished mother of Mark Rosenbaum (Mary-Ann Wilson) and N. Rosie Rosenbaum (Shimon Layani). Treasured grandmother of Libby Rosenbaum (Michael Raftery), Ted Rosenbaum (Mandy Kovach), Sharon Layani, and Karen Layani. Adoring great-grandmother of Gus Raftery and Leo Raftery. Loving daughter of the late Louis Satin and the late Anna (Lask) Satin. Dear sister of the late Shirley (the late Irving) Klain and the late Howard Satin. Fond aunt of Mike Klain (Janet Putnam) and Robert Klain (Peggy Cosgrove). Caring great-aunt to Emily Klain, Ellen Klain Marshall (Jonathan Marshall), Rachel Klain, and Michael Klain. Austin High School; University of Illinois; Illinois realtor. Longtime resident of Highland Park, Mission Hills Country Club in Northbrook, and the Sedgewood Senior Living Community in Lincolnshire. Active in Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago, Hadassah, O.R.T., Lyric Opera, National Jewish Health (of Denver, via Midwest Region), Institute for Learning in Retirement (Northwestern U), and many other organizations. Member of North Suburban Synagogue Beth El of Highland Park, Beth Shalom of Northbrook, and Sedgewood Shabbat services. Avid book and film discussion group member, devoted attendee at plays and theaters throughout the North Shore, and lousy Mahjong player. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory to J.U.F. ([www.juf.org](http://www.juf.org)), National Jewish Health ([www.nationaljewish.org](http://www.nationaljewish.org)), or the charity of your choice. Services Thursday 2 PM at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette, IL 60091. Interment Memorial Park. Funeral information: 847-256-5700.

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### Sahr, William Carl

William Carl Sahr, Of Oak Lawn, was born March 20, 1942 to the late Carl and late Christine Sahr. William passed away September 5, 2019; William was the Beloved Husband of Marian Susan, nee Ceh; The Loving Father of Angela (Matthew) Barrett and Elizabeth (Jeremy) Bowden; Devoted and Proud Papa of Zachary and Nicholas Barrett, and Chloe and Cooper Bowden; Brother of John (Marjorie) Sahr, and Brother-in-Law of Joseph and the late Loretta Lang; Proud Air Force Veteran, Illinois Master Gardener, and Knights of Columbus Council 14553; Visitation Friday, September 13, 2019 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday 10:00 a.m. from Curley Funeral Home, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to St. Linus Church, 10300 S. Lawler Ave., Oak Lawn; Mass 11:00 a.m.; Entombment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to Advocate Christ Hope Children's Hospital, Oak Lawn, IL

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### Schmidt, William Andrew

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### Scudiero, Dominic J.

Dominic J. Scudiero, 90 of Hillside, beloved husband of the Late Anne Marie; loving father of John (Lynn) & Joseph Scudiero; dear grandfather of Maryanne (Bruce) Bowman; great grandfather of Karianne & Kaylie; fond brother of Joseph (Ellen) Scudiero; uncle of many. Visitation Friday 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Hursen Funeral Home & Crematory**, SW Corner of Roosevelt & Mannheim Rds, Hillside/Westchester. Mass Saturday 10:00 a.m. at St. Domitilla Church, Hillside. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Funeral info: 800-562-0082 or [www.hursen.com](http://www.hursen.com)

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### Seymour, Maryann V.

Maryann V. Seymour, 76, of Deerfield, IL passed away on September 11, 2019. Beloved wife of Arthur; loving mother of James (Marsha), Stacey (John) and Joseph (Jennifer); cherished grandmother of 11. A visitation will be held on Friday, September 13, 2019 from 4-8 pm at **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home**, 1787 Deerfield Rd, Highland Park, IL 60035. A funeral mass will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2019 10:00 am at Holy Cross Church, 724 Elder Lane, Deerfield, IL 60015. Interment Ascension Cemetery, Libertyville, IL. For info or directions please contact **Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home** at 847-831-4260 or [www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com](http://www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com)

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### Stillman, Donald

Donald Stillman. Beloved husband of the late Dolores nee Provus. Loving father of Michael (Marcy) Stillman, Mindy Stillman and Bradley (Susan) Stillman. Proud grandfather of Joshua (Fiancée Emma Epstein), Adam (Alexandra), Daniel, Jacob, Benjamin, Gabriel and Naomi Stillman. Dear brother of Morton (Sheila) Stillman, Roberta (Larry) Miller. Service Friday 11:00 am at Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, 1201 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, IL 60015. Interment Shalom. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Congregation B'nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim, [www.bjbe.org](http://www.bjbe.org) or Dysautonomia Foundation, Inc., 315 West 39th Street, Suite 701, New York, NY 10018, [familialdysautonomia.org](http://familialdysautonomia.org) would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjfinfo.com](http://www.cjfinfo.com)

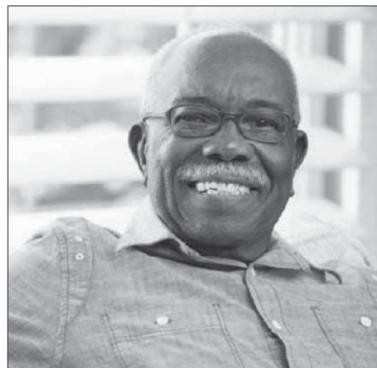
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### Watson, Donald Thomas

Donald T. Watson of Merritt Island, FL, was born to Thomas and Florence Watson on March 26, 1937, in Jay, NY. He went home to our Lord on January 1, 2019, in Orlando, FL, after a long illness. Don graduated from AuSable Forks High School and Siena College. He taught high school in Newcomb, NY, before joining U.S. Customs where he enjoyed an illustrious career for 29 years including 15 years in the Chicago Region. He is preceded in death by his son, Christopher, and his beloved Crowley Aunts and Uncles. He is survived by his wife Virginia Lunneborg Watson; daughter Jennifer McAllister; son Gregg Watson; sister Dorothy Landis; Aunt Kathleen Crowley; and cousins: Robert Crowley; Thomas Crowley; Richard Crowley; Christine Jacob; Patrick Crowley; John Allen; Mary Ann Crear; Ed Ryan; as well as many very special nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Life will be held Thursday, September 19, 2019, at Holy Name Catholic Church in AuSable Forks, NY, led by Father Kris Lauzon. Interment will follow at Black Brook Cemetery, per Don's wishes. Memorial contributions may be made to: Wilmington Volunteer Fire Department, Wilmington, NY. Arrangements have been entrusted to John Thwaites, **Thwaites-Zaumetzer Funeral Home**, 3 College Street, AuSable Forks, NY, 12912. (518) 560-0966.

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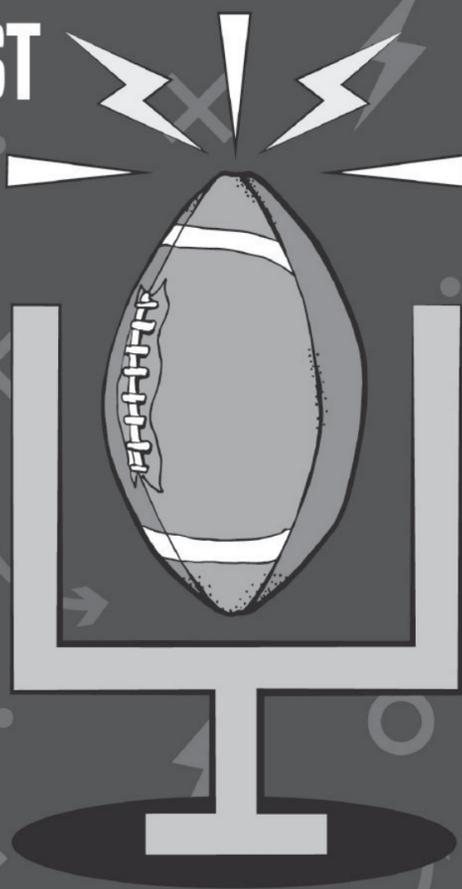
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Application Filing Period: September 13, 2019 through November 22, 2019. Examination Date: December 7, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of assistant civil engineer practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under immediate supervision, performs entry-level civil engineering work in the design, construction, maintenance and operation of water reclamation plants and sewers. May supervise sub-professional personnel. Pay: \$72,075.12 per year

Assistant Electrical Engineer (Original & Promotional) Application Filing Period: September 13, 2019 through October 25, 2019. Examination Date: November 9, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of assistant electrical engineer practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under immediate supervision, performs entry-level electrical engineering work in electrical power and lighting systems design; construction inspection and scheduling review; and preparation of electrical estimates. Performs field inspections of electrical installations or assists in supervision of electrical equipment maintenance. Pay: \$72,075.12 per year

Assistant Mechanical Engineer (Original & Promotional) Application Filing Period: September 13, 2019 through November 1, 2019. Examination Date: November 16, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of assistant mechanical engineer practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under immediate supervision, performs entry-level mechanical engineering work in mechanical design, construction inspection and plant maintenance or operation. May review the work of sub-professional personnel. Pay: \$72,075.12 per year

Assistant Structural Engineer (Original & Promotional) Application Filing Period: September 13, 2019 through November 8, 2019. Examination Date: November 23, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of assistant structural engineer practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under immediate supervision, performs entry-level structural engineering work in the design of steel, wood and reinforced concrete structures. May supervise sub-professional personnel. Pay: \$72,075.12 per year

Budget & Management Analyst (Original & Promotional) Application Filing Period: August 30, 2019 through September 27, 2019. Examination Date: October 12, 2019 at St. Rita High School, 7740 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of budget and management analyst practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under direction, performs work in the analysis, preparation and administration of the annual budget and in the conduct of organization, staffing and methods studies. Pay: \$72,075.12 per year

Principal Storekeeper (Promotional) Application Filing Period: August 30, 2019 through September 27, 2019. Examination Date: October 19, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of principal storekeeper practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under general supervision, is responsible for the operation of a moderate-sized stockroom, stocking a large and diversified inventory. Pay: \$44.22 per hour

Storekeeper (Original & Promotional) Application Filing Period: August 30, 2019 through September 27, 2019. Examination Date: October 19, 2019 at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. Scope of Examination: Knowledge of storekeeper practices. Nature of Position and Duties: Under supervision, assists in the maintenance of stocks and records in an assigned storeroom. Pay: \$41.48 per hour

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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 Alejandra Lopez

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Liliana Lopez (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00724

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Oscar Santana (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on July 10, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge John Huff in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 10/02/2019, at 11:00 AM in CALENDAR 14 COURTROOM N, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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 12, 2019

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IN THE INTEREST OF Amaire Dushone Grisson AKA Amarie Grisson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Briana London (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00724

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on April 14, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Patrick Murphy in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 10/02/2019, at 11:15 AM in CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS September 12, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Angelina Dawn Contreras

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Cynthia Contreras (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00358

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Abel Rivas AKA Able Rico AKA Chewy AKA Chewie (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on August 6, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Patrick Murphy in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 10/02/2019, at 9:00 AM in CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS September 12, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Janel Gardner Marvell Gardner

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Dana Gardner (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00720 19JA00721

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Dana Gardner (Mother), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on July 10, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Patrick Murphy in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 10/02/2019, at 11:30 AM in CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS September 12, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Marvell Gardner

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Dana Gardner (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00721

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IN THE INTEREST OF Princess Rivera

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Damarys Rivera (Mother)

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MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Phylicia Young (Mother)

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**BEARS**

# Like it never happened

**Mitch Trubisky** needs a 'next-play' mentality for the Bears offense to bounce back. That means no more talking about the Packers game.

**BY RICH CAMPBELL**

Nothing gives meaning to the term "long weekend" like scoring three points in a Thursday night game. And when that game is a 10-3 home loss to your division rival in a supposed Super Bowl-season kickoff party, the countdown clock to Week 2 can feel like it's ticking upward.

On Wednesday, Mitch Trubisky acknowledged the wait and the weight.

The Bears quarterback had three extra days to ponder how he struggled to command the offense against the Packers. To relive his contributions to a collective offensive failure. And to contemplate the letdown after an offseason full of expectations inflated by his experience in coach Matt Nagy's system.

"It was a long, weird weekend," Trubisky said.

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Bears quarterback Mitch Trubisky walks to the sideline after the Packers' Adrian Amos intercepted him in the fourth quarter in last week's opener.  
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**CUBS AT PADRES**

## Bryant's 2-homer game gives Cubs hope

Healthy slugger could be critical down stretch in season's final games

**BY MARK GONZALES**

SAN DIEGO — After coping with an achy right knee for more than two months, Kris Bryant broke out Tuesday night with his

first two home runs since Aug. 21 in the Cubs' 9-8 loss to the Padres.

The Cubs likely will need more of that production from Bryant if they are to maintain their precarious hold on the last National League playoff berth.

"As frustrating as it has been in those (last) 20 games when you're not feeling good, you have to keep going and realize you're eventually

going to come out of it and have big games and can't hang your head," Bryant said late Tuesday.

The Cubs rotation entered Wednesday night's game with a 7.24 ERA in the first six games of this eight-game trip that ends Thursday, offsetting signs that the offense is nearing optimum production.

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PAUL SULLIVAN

## Final days of Cubs' WGN run

As the Cubs count down season, the magic number for WGN-TV has been reduced to five.

The station's 72-year run of televising Cubs games on free TV will come to an end after this season, and only five games remain on the schedule.

For those keeping score at home, WGN's last three home games are Sunday against the Pirates, Sept. 18 versus the Reds and Sept. 21 against the Cardinals, while the two remaining road games are Sept. 25 in Pittsburgh and Sept. 27 in St. Louis.

Except for a dozen games reserved for national broadcast, all Cubs games will be televised on the club's new Marquee Sports Network in 2020 at a cost yet to be announced.

As anyone who has been watching the Cubs on WGN knows, there have been few mentions of the imminent end of their seven-decades-long association with the team. And though they will address the situation during their final home telecast on Sept. 21 and their final telecast Sept. 27, don't expect endless cut-ins during games of great moments of WGN's past.

"It's not really about us," WGN producer-director Marc Brady said. "The legacy itself is always going to be there. But for us to try to blow things out, it almost becomes self-serving, especially because the Cubs aren't going anywhere. We just may not be involved with them, but they'll still be here. So there is no finality in the Cubs broadcasts, just for us.

"It's a very unique situation, especially because we have a contending team. I think the reason fans enjoy WGN is we allow the game to be the game. It would be hypocritical to flip it at the end and make it about us. It's always about the team. We just don't feel it's our place to celebrate us."

Brady, the camera operators and the dozens of other WGN employees who work to produce the sights and sounds you hear on a Cubs telecast don't know if they'll be part of the new venture, so this is a bittersweet time. Announcers Len Kasper and Jim Deshaies will be part of the move to Marquee.

But Brady said WGN's employees just have to do their jobs as if it were a normal ending to the season.

WGN began broadcasting Cubs games in 1948 and has the longest relationship with a major-league team. It celebrated the 70th



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Harry Caray, left, and Jack Brickhouse were staples of WGN's coverage of the Cubs.

anniversary of the first telecast with a special in April of 2018, and that will have to suffice for nostalgia.

But you'll still be able to see clips of Ernie Banks' 500th home run, Ken Holtzman's no-hitter in 1969 and Kerry Wood's 20-strikeout game on the Marquee Network, which will have complete access to all the Cubs archives from WGN.

"And no matter what, the WGN legacy will always be there," Brady said. "For me, the perfect way to end it was (Monday night's) game in San Diego, the next big Cubs rookie (Nico Hoerner) plays his first game on WGN.

"It reminded me of a rookie that burst onto the scene in 1998 when I started here, a guy named Kerry Wood. That was sort of when the Cubs went to another level, and having Nico wrap things up in a nice little bow with his debut was perfect. Doing the

postgame interview with Nico, for me, it was almost like I'd come full circle. He was not nearly as nervous as Kerry Wood after his (20-strikeout) game.

"The world has changed, and Nico had already probably done a million interviews, so it was like, 'No problem.'"

The world has changed TV-wise too. WGN for years was the only station to air Cubs games, but now you have to work to find out which station they're on every day.

But the farewells will be muted, and the Cubs' chase for the division title or a wild-card spot won't be interrupted by Jack Brickhouse's call ("C'mon, Moose") of Walt "Moose" Moryn saving Don Cardwell's 1960 no-hitter or any other memorable highlight from the old days.

"In the end, we're fans too," Brady said. "And we know nothing makes a fan more discouraged than us talking about us."

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<b>2:40 p.m.</b> Cubs at Padres	NBCSCH WSCR-AM 670
<b>3 p.m.</b> Cardinals at Rockies	MLB
<b>6 p.m.</b> Braves at Phillies	FOX-32
<b>FOOTBALL</b>	
<b>7 p.m.</b> Prep: Longview at John Tyler	ESPN2
<b>7:20 p.m.</b> Buccaneers at Panthers	NFL
<b>GOLF</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m.</b> European: KLM Open	Golf
<b>1 p.m.</b> PGA: Greenbrier	Golf
<b>SOCCER</b>	
<b>7 p.m.</b> Women: N.C. State at Minnesota	BTN
<b>TENNIS</b>	
<b>10 a.m.</b> USTA: Pro Circuit Cary	Tennis
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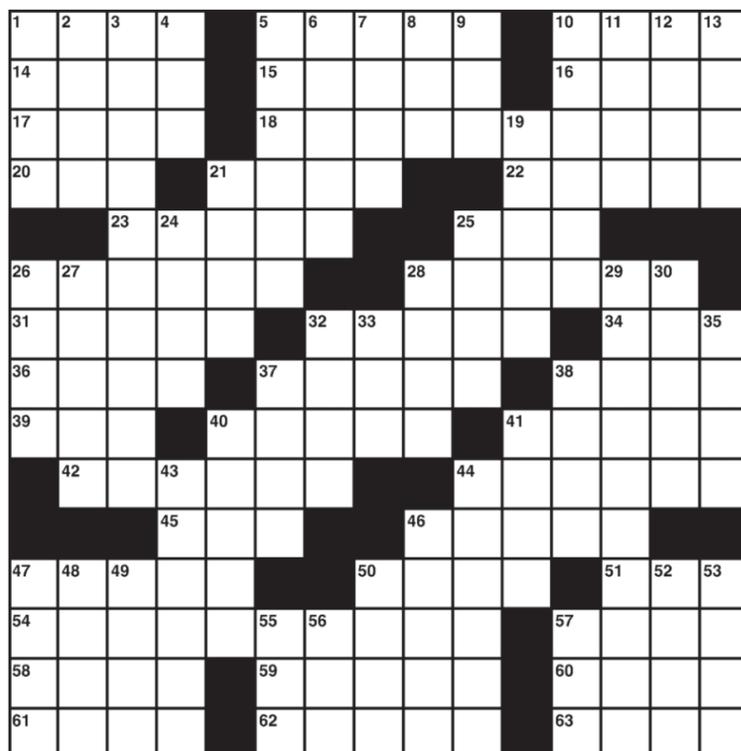
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## Crossword



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- ACROSS**
- 1 Feel the loss of
  - 5 One of the Obamas
  - 10 Deadly vipers
  - 14 Prolonged pain
  - 15 Hatred
  - 16 Boyfriend
  - 17 Encounter
  - 18 Home for nearly 40% of New Yorkers
  - 20 Suffix for passion or decor
  - 21 Bottle stopper
  - 22 Loses color
  - 23 Means of communication
  - 25 Actress Taylor
  - 26 Pea pod, e.g.
  - 28 Most unusual
  - 31 Joint often sprained
  - 32 "\_\_\_ and the Man"; Freddie Prinze sitcom
  - 34 \_\_\_ artist; swindler
  - 36 In a \_\_\_; pouting
  - 37 Hit hard
  - 38 Dorothy's dog
  - 39 Moral transgression
  - 40 Marsupial with no tail
  - 41 Hell's ruler
  - 42 Chaperone
  - 44 Geometric figure
  - 45 Strange
  - 46 Word in 2 U.S. state names
  - 47 Extreme
  - 50 Potpie ingredients
  - 51 Earth tone
  - 54 Analgesic
  - 57 Actor Christian
  - 58 "Lean \_\_\_"; hit song of the '70s
  - 59 Peruses
  - 60 Pinnacle
  - 61 Horner's home
  - 62 In a \_\_\_; sort of
  - 63 Relaxation

- DOWN**
- 1 Cradle rocker, often
  - 2 Popular actor & rapper
  - 3 Diplomas
  - 4 "Ready, \_\_, go!"
  - 5 Casual farewell
  - 6 Venerate
  - 7 Bathroom feature
  - 8 Embrace
  - 9 "What Kind of Fool \_\_\_?"
  - 10 On fire
  - 11 Marine mammal
  - 12 Window glass
  - 13 Soap lather
  - 19 VP Agnew
  - 21 Scoop holder

### Solutions



- 24 To the \_\_\_; fully
- 25 Be without
- 26 Peggy of TV
- 27 Musical about an orphan
- 28 Poza \_\_\_, Mexico
- 29 Gift wrapper's need
- 30 Sum
- 32 Informal talk
- 33 Actor Holbrook
- 35 Zero
- 37 Dictionary entry
- 38 Lip-puckering agcy.
- 40 Camera brand
- 41 Gentlemen
- 43 Brass instrument
- 44 Like very rough sandpaper
- 46 Requires
- 47 Come \_\_\_; find
- 48 "Penny \_\_\_"; Beatles song
- 49 Russert & Conway
- 50 Think ahead
- 52 Brewed beverages
- 53 On deck
- 55 Tax-collecting agcy.
- 56 Gen. Robert E. \_\_\_
- 57 Tavern

## CUBS

## Shift of responsibilities

McLeod moved from scouting to senior VP of player personnel

BY MARK GONZALES

SAN DIEGO — The Cubs made a significant shift in their baseball operations department Wednesday, announcing that Jason McLeod will transition from senior vice president of amateur scouting and player development to senior vice president of player personnel.

McLeod, who has interviewed for multiple general manager openings in recent years, will be involved in all aspects of the major-league team with a concentration on roster construction and day-to-day operations. The move also signals a change in the supervision of the amateur scouting department.

"I do think there is something to be said for bringing in a new skill set, a new perspective," said McLeod, who has overseen the Cubs' last eight drafts. "As we were thinking about me potentially moving into this role, we had a lot of conversations about where we want to take player development and amateur scouting.

"We have so many talented people there. Having overseen those departments for the last eight years, I don't want to say there was any stagnation of any sort. Getting new ideas, whether it's from somebody who was already here or going outside the organization, is a good thing."

McLeod looks forward to his new duties but retains ambitions of overseeing an entire baseball department. The Red Sox, his former employer, are looking for a new leader after firing President Dave Dombrowski only one season after he built a World Series champion.

"Of course, Theo (Epstein) and Jed (Hoyer) would have to play a big part of that," McLeod said of the Cubs president and general manager. "I do aspire to someday lead an organization."

McLeod's first four drafts with the Cubs produced Albert Almora Jr. (2012), Kris Bryant (2013), Kyle Schwarber (2014) and Ian Happ (2015) in the first round. But the Cubs have not drafted and developed a deep pool of pitchers.



McLeod

"Jason has made immense contributions to the organization in his eight years supervising amateur scouting and player development," Epstein said in a statement. "He helped build and grow two departments that were crucial in the Cubs' rebuild, championship and run of sustained success."

"As his career has evolved, Jason is prepared for new challenges at the major-league level, where his strengths in evaluation, development and culture-building will be quite impactful."

Conversations regarding a transition lasted for at least a year. McLeod said he's proud of his department's contributions that led to the 2016 World Series title and four consecutive playoff berths.

"But at the same time, looking back, we feel we could have been better too," McLeod said. "As we move forward, that continues to be the directive, the goal for all of us. We're still under the Cubs umbrella. And whoever and however we decide to take the department going forward, that's going to be the singular goal."

## WHITE SOX



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In 122 minor-league games this season, Luis Robert hit .328 with 32 home runs.

## ROYALS 8, WHITE SOX 6

## Getz has high hopes for Robert

BY LAMOND POPE

Top White Sox prospect Luis Robert has created huge expectations with the season he had across three levels of the minor leagues.

The outfielder is the No. 5 prospect in baseball, according to MLB.com. Robert has handled the hype well, according to Sox director of player development Chris Getz.

"Some guys are just kind of made for this, and I think he's one of those players," Getz said Tuesday at Guaranteed Rate Field. "He doesn't shy away from attention. He's not looking for too much attention. He lets the game and his performance speak for who he is."

"He's very comfortable in his own skin and he's a professional, and once he joins our major-league club, he's going to blend in and blend in quickly."

While the Sox held off on calling up Robert this September, all signs point to him being a factor in 2020 and beyond.

Getz broke down what's ahead for the highly touted trio of Robert, second baseman Nick Madrigal and first baseman Andrew Vaughn on Tuesday.

## Luis Robert

Getz said Robert had a "tremendous year."

In 122 games at Class A Winston-Salem, Double-A Birmingham and Triple-A Charlotte, Robert had a .328 batting average, 32 home runs and 92 RBIs. He also stole 36 bases, becoming the first Sox minor leaguer since at least 1988 to join the 30-30 club.

"Playing at three levels, and he didn't slow down," Getz said. "With every challenge we gave him, he seemed to perform even better. You look back at the year, you dive into some of the things he was able to accomplish. There's some 'Wow' in the numbers, but you dive in a little bit deeper, there's some things he does still need to refine."

"He's such an aggressive athlete, which works in his favor, but when it comes to making decisions at the plate, he's going to have to refine that a bit. When you get up here pitchers are going to attack you a little bit different and see if you'll chase pitches out of the zone or swing at pitches that you prefer not to. But he's a young player who can square up a lot of different types of pitches and drive it a long way, so I certainly get the excitement when he walks to the box."

## Andrew Vaughn

Vaughn, the No. 3 prospect in the organization according to MLB.com, hit .278 with six home runs and 36 RBIs in 55 games at three levels, with the Arizona League White Sox in rookie ball, low Class A Kannapolis and high Class A Winston-Salem.

"If you really break down his swing, a very strong base," Getz said. "He's got good rhythm, there's athleticism in there."

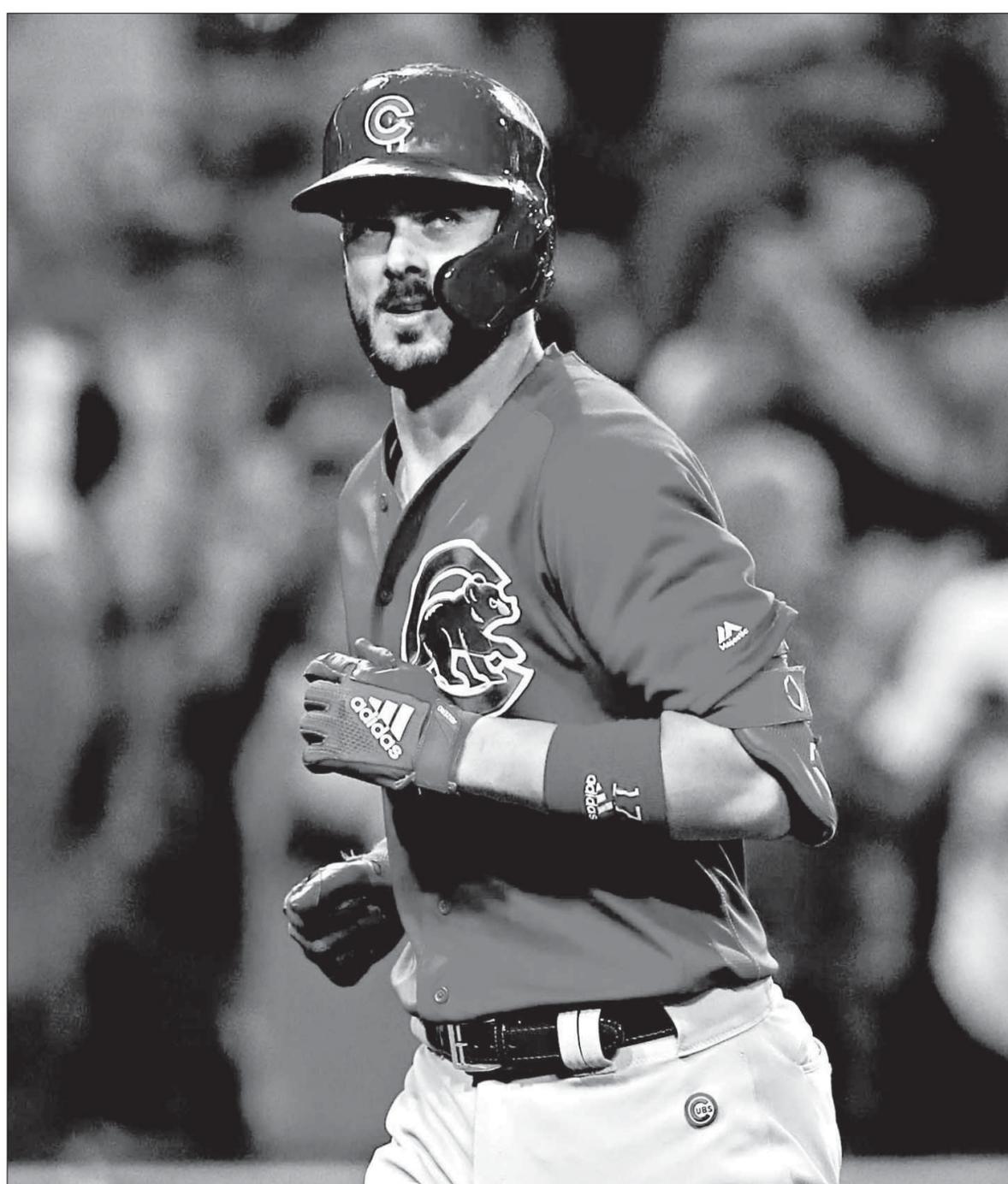
Getz said it's too soon to project where the first baseman will start 2020.

"It's more about digesting what has just happened this past half season for him," Getz said. "We'll see how the offseason goes and see how it kind of fits for him next year."

## Nick Madrigal

Like Robert, Madrigal saw time and had success at Winston-Salem, Birmingham and Charlotte. The organization's fourth-ranked prospect hit .311 with 27 doubles in 120 games. He struck out just 16 times in 473 at-bats.

"He's got elite batted-ball skills," Getz said. "We knew that going in. He's been able to continue to do that. It's really about continuing and being consistent with the approach."



GREGORY BULL/AP

The Cubs' Kris Bryant reacts after hitting a two-run home run during the eighth inning against the Padres on Tuesday night.

## Cubs

Continued from Page 1

Kyle Schwarber and Jason Heyward have prospered after being moved out of the leadoff spot with the return last week of Ben Zobrist, who had led off in six of the last seven games before Tony Kemp batted there Wednesday.

Entering Wednesday, Schwarber was batting .275 since Aug. 2 with six doubles, 11 home runs, 28 RBIs and a 1.019 OPS.

Heyward, who batted .156 with a .276 on-base percentage in August, was 6-for-10 with a double and three home runs in his last two games, including a two-homer performance Tuesday that included a tying home run in the eighth.

Bryant, however, stands to make the biggest difference down the stretch if he can manage any lingering discomfort after receiving a cortisone shot Sunday in Milwaukee and sitting out a second straight game Monday.

The injection seemed to help his back leg on his swing Tuesday. After getting fooled on a slider from Roland Bolanos for a called third strike in his first at-bat, Bryant pulled a similar breaking pitch on a 2-2 count over the left-field fence in the fifth.

Nor was Bryant fooled in his next at-bat, when he ripped a 99 mph fastball from reliever Andres Munoz over the fence in left-center in the eighth.

"I was very happy with how I responded and think (the shot) was the right thing to do," said Bryant, who missed 50 games in 2018 because of a left shoulder bruise that affected his production. "I'm not putting any of the performance into getting a shot, but it's nice going up there and not having to think about it or thinking about my routine before the game."

## Kimbrel could miss another week as he recovers from elbow inflammation

BY MARK GONZALES

SAN DIEGO — Cubs closer Craig Kimbrel likely won't return from right elbow inflammation until late next week.

"One day at a time, seeing how it recovers," Kimbrel said Wednesday before playing catch.

Kimbrel is eligible to be activated from the injured list Thursday but has yet to throw a bullpen session.

That puts Kimbrel on a path to return probably sometime around Sept. 19, when the Cubs open a four-game series against the National League Central-leading Cardinals at Wrigley Field.

"That's a reasonable thought," manager Joe Maddon said. "Anything that happens before that would be gravy, in a good way. But I have no expectation, except for him to play catch and feel good

about it."

Kimbrel hasn't pitched in a game since Sept. 1, when he allowed a home run to Christian Yelich of the Brewers in the ninth inning of a 4-0 loss.

In addition, infielder Addison Russell won't play in the final two games of the Padres series that concludes Thursday. Russell remains in the concussion protocol after being beamed by a pitch Sunday by Adrian Houser of the Brewers.

"He's doing better, feeling better," Maddon said. "The symptoms are lessening a bit, but he's not out of the woods. But he is feeling better."

Maddon emphasized to Russell that his only objective is "to get well."

Second baseman Ben Zobrist, who fouled a pitch off his right knee Tuesday, was wearing a brace but could return to the lineup as soon as Thursday, Maddon said.

"(The knee) is a little sore but not painful, which is nice."

Nick Martini singled between Bryant and shortstop Nico Hoerner in the seventh Tuesday, but manager Joe Maddon thought Bryant "moved well" in catching Austin Hedges' popup near the Cubs dugout in the eighth.

With only day off left (Sept. 23), the Cubs are hoping Bryant can finish this roller-coaster season on an upswing.

After batting .230 with three home runs through April — resurrecting questions about his health after the shoulder issues the previous summer — Bryant responded by batting .333 with 10 homers, 22 RBIs and

1.162 OPS in May.

He dipped to .248 with five homers in August, but Tuesday's performance indicated he might be primed for a strong finish.

Meanwhile, Thursday marks his final game of the season at Petco Park, where he is a career .313 hitter with five home runs in 48 at-bats entering Wednesday.

"I like hitting here," said Bryant, who often is supported by friends from his University of San Diego days. "I like this field. It's probably my favorite park to play in. The lights are brighter here. Everything about this place is awesome, so I like coming here to play."

## WHITE SOX RECAP

Jorge Soler hit two two-run home runs to lead the Royals to an 8-6 win against the White Sox on Wednesday night at Guaranteed Rate Field. The Royals hit five homers, four against Reynaldo Lopez. In his first start since his one-hitter against the Indians, Lopez (9-13) allowed nine hits and six earned runs in 4 2/3 innings. Soler went 4-for-5 with a double, and his two homers extended his Royals season record to 43. Jose Abreu's two-run home run in the eighth inning cut the Royals' lead to 8-6. Eloy Jimenez hit a three-run homer in the first. For more on Wednesday's game, go to [chicagotribune.com/sports](http://chicagotribune.com/sports)

BASEBALL

American League

Table with columns: EAST, CENTRAL, WEST, W, L, PCT, GB, WCGB, L10, STR, HOME, AWAY. Lists standings for teams like New York, Tampa Bay, Boston, Toronto, Baltimore, etc.

Late games noted below; x-clinched division

THURSDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

Table listing probable pitchers for National League and American League teams, including names, times, and statistics.

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Toronto 8, Boston 0
Baltimore 7, L.A. Dodgers 3
Washington 6, Minnesota 2
Oakland 5, Houston 3
Cleveland 5, L.A. Angels 3
Kansas City 8, Chi. White Sox 6
Texas 10, Tampa Bay 9
Seattle 5, Cincinnati 3
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FRIDAY'S GAMES
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Baltimore at Detroit, 6:10 p.m.
Minnesota at Cleveland, 6:10 p.m.
Oakland at Texas, 7:05 p.m.
Houston at Kansas City, 7:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels, 9:07 p.m.
Chi. White Sox at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Milwaukee 7, Miami 5
Washington 6, Minnesota 2
Colorado 2, St. Louis 1
Pittsburgh 6, San Francisco 3
Seattle 5, Cincinnati 3
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CINCINNATI AT ARIZONA, 8:40 P.M.
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BOX SCORES

Box score for Atlanta 3, Philadelphia 1. Includes batting and pitching stats for both teams.

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National League

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Jonathan Villar's HR in the Orioles' win was the 6,106th hit in the majors this season.

MLB

Mark set for most HRs in season

Associated Press
Major League Baseball hitters have punctuated a power-packed year by shattering the record for most home runs in a season.

Jonathan Villar of the Orioles connected Wednesday night for the 6,106th homer. That topped the mark of 6,105 set in 2017.

There are plenty more to come, too — the record was broken with 18 days left in the regular season. The rise in home runs during recent seasons has been tied to changes in the

baseballs that have made them fly farther.

Villar's three-run shot off Caleb Ferguson of the Dodgers at Camden Yards was the 22nd home run of the night. It was Villar's career-high 21st homer. "Somebody told me after the homer. That's unbelievable," Villar said. "That's impressive for me, not for me, it's for the team because we hit it here. That's awesome. They put the bat in the Hall of Fame. I'm excited for that."

The Orioles have allowed a record 280 homers. "The home runs are up

everywhere and it's tough to keep the ball in the ballpark. It's tough to keep the ball in this park on a humid night," Orioles manager Brandon Hyde said after a 7-3 win.

"I've seen enough home runs here from the other side so it's nice to get one from our side."

Mets rookie Pete Alonso leads the majors with 47 home runs.

The Twins top the majors with 277 after Jorge Polanco connected against Nationals ace Stephen Strasburg. The Twins' total is the most for a team in a season.

AROUND THE HORN

Brewers: Mike Moustakas homered twice, including a tiebreaking, two-run shot in the ninth as the Brewers beat the Marlins 7-5 in Miami in their first game following star outfielder Christian Yelich's season-ending injury. The Brewers won their sixth in a row. Yelich, the reigning NL MVP, broke his right kneecap in Tuesday night's game when he fouled a ball off himself. He returned to Milwaukee earlier Wednesday for additional tests. "The hope is we can provide an update (Thursday)," Brewers manager Craig Counsell said. The team had initially said Yelich would miss the rest of the regular season. They didn't say whether he might be able to return for the playoffs if they make it — the Brewers entered Wednesday's game one game back of the Cubs for the second NL wild card.

Mets: Todd Frazier and Jeff McNeil each homered twice, helping the surging Mets beat the Diamondbacks 9-0 in New York. The Mets have won the first three games of the pivotal four-game series to move past the D'backs in the race for the second NL wild card. The D'backs lost their fourth straight. Steven Matz (10-8) tossed six scoreless innings for the Mets, who jumped on D'backs ace Robbie Ray (12-8) for five runs before chasing him with two outs in the first.

Nationals: Ryan Zimmerman homered and drove in three runs in support of Stephen Strasburg, who gave the Nationals six strong innings to beat the Twins 6-2 in Minneapolis for just their third win in the last nine games. Strasburg (17-6) gave up a two-run HR to Jorge Polanco in the third, but he allowed only four hits and two walks with seven strikeouts. The Nats hold the first NL wild-card spot. Astros: Sean Murphy and Marcus Semien homered, hyped pitching prospect Jesus Luzardo looked sharp in his major league debut, and the A's beat the Astros 5-3 in Houston. The A's won for the fourth time in five games. They began the day 1 1/2 games behind the Rays for the top AL wild card and a half-game ahead of the Indians for the second spot. Semien hit his career-high 28th HR leading off the fourth, and Murphy homered leading off a four-run sixth. Luzardo was promoted from Triple-A Las Vegas on Monday. He allowed one hit in three innings — a solo HR to Martin Maldonado — and struck out two.

Yankees: CF Aaron Hicks will miss the rest of the season after receiving a second opinion on what the Yankees called a strained flexor tendon in his right elbow. The Yankees said they cannot be sure that his ulnar collateral ligament hasn't been damaged. A compromised UCL can be treated with a platelet-rich plasma injection and rehabbed, but it also can require Tommy John surgery. Hicks, 29, last played Aug. 3. He hit .235 with 12 HRs and 36 RBIs in 59 games after signing a seven-year, \$70 million extension during the spring. ... The Yankees game against the Tigers on Wednesday in Detroit was postponed because of bad weather and rescheduled as part of a doubleheader Thursday.

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SKY



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Sky guard Diamond DeShields starts a fast break after a steal in the first half Wednesday night against the Mercury at Wintrust Arena.

SKY 105, MERCURY 76

## DeShields' 25 points power Sky into 2nd round of WNBA playoffs

BY PHIL THOMPSON

Diamond DeShields put her signature on her first career playoff game, leading all scorers with 25 points and making several key defensive plays to propel the Sky to a 105-76 first-round win over the Mercury in Wednesday night's single-elimination game at Wintrust Arena.

The fifth-seeded Sky move on to face the fourth-seeded Aces at 4 p.m. Sunday on ESPN2.

DeShields hounded Mercury forward DeWanna Bonner on defense, blocking a shot and swiping the ball from her hands as Bonner tried to set a play before taking the steal the other way for a layup.

DeShields spent a lot of time under the basket and all but sealed the game with 5:20 left in the fourth quarter, grabbing a rebound and weaving through the defense for a layup. She was fouled on the play and she let out a scream before sinking the free throw to push the Sky to a 90-70 lead.

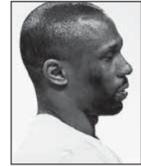
With Mayor Lori Lightfoot and WNBA Commissioner Cathy Engelbert in attendance, the Sky were looking to keep Mercury center Brittney Griner in check, and the game took a pivotal turn in their favor when Griner left in the second quarter with an apparent left knee injury.

Griner jogged back onto the court shortly before the second half and played part of the third quarter before leaving again with six points.

## Wade makes some WNBA history

First Sky coach to win league's top honor

BY PHIL THOMPSON



Wade

Sky coach James Wade presided over a seven-game turnaround from last season, orchestrated the team's first playoff berth since 2016 and guided a roster that fielded three players to the All-Star Game,

one of whom set a new all-time mark in assists.

And now the rookie coach can add one more thing to his resume: WNBA Coach of the Year.

League officials announced the news late Tuesday, and on Wednesday WNBA Commissioner Cathy Engelbert presented the award to Wade at Wintrust Arena hours before the Sky tipped off their first-round playoff game against the Mercury.

Wade, who also serves as the team's general manager, is the first coach in the Sky's 14-year history to win the award.

The first-year coach made a compelling case, leading a revamped and youthful roster to a 20-14 record and the team's first playoff berth since 2016. The Sky went 12-22 and 13-21 in 2017 and 2018 under former coach Amber Stacks.

Point guard Courtney Vandersloot, who broke her own team record with 300 assists this season, said it was easy to buy into Wade's program.

"I'm so excited for James," she said. "He really deserved this award. What he was able to do for this franchise, to turn us around and put us back into the playoff run in just one year, it's incredible.

"From the beginning, he believed in it. He took over this team knowing what we could do and that a deep playoff run was something that was in the cards for us this year, so I'm glad that he's being recognized for that."

Added guard Allie Quigley: "He has given us everything he has since day one. Every single day, he's told us how good we are and can be. This belief in ourselves and each other grew all summer because of him."

Wade thanked his players "Ifor buying in right away. It wasn't a hard sell."

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## SPORTS

## NFL's social justice work is just a slick PR ruse



SHANNON RYAN

At a news conference in August, rapper Jay-Z and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell pledged that the Inspire Change initiative would bring "action" and become the next step in the social justice movement ousted NFL

quarterback Colin Kaepernick began.

The deal was met with heavy skepticism. Yet there remained a prove-me-wrong window for the NFL to exceed its deserved low expectations.

Just one week into the season, Panthers safety Eric Reid's description of the deal as "disingenuous" proved accurate. The NFL's supposed commitment to social justice is nothing more than a poorly operated public relations campaign meant to undermine Kaepernick's movement.

When the season kicked off Thursday night with the Bears-Packers game in Chicago, the Inspire Change platform announced it had donated \$400,000 to Crushers Club and Better Boys Foundation — Chicago nonprofits the NFL and Jay-Z's Roc Nation vetted. Unearthed tweets by Crushers Club founder Sally Hazelgrove display beliefs that run counter to social justice activism and perpetuate harmful stereotypes about young black men.

Two tweeted photographs, later deleted, showed Hazelgrove, a white woman, holding up black boys' locs to her scissors as she prepared to cut them as a symbol of the boys' commitment to "a better life."

Another tweet mentioned "All Lives Matter," widely used to criticize the Black Lives Matter movement. Another mentioned a desire for a Chicago curfew and suggested the city needed help from President Donald Trump, who called protesting NFL players who kneel during the national anthem "sons of bitches" and said they should be fired.

Hazelgrove's account shows a tweet that describes herself as an "anomaly" in Chicago for loving the country.

This is what the NFL calls the next step in Kaepernick's movement? Only if Goodell and Jay-Z were talking about taking a step backward.

Kaepernick, the former 49ers quarterback, knelt on the sideline during the national anthem before a game in 2016 as a form of peaceful protest to highlight the nation's racial inequalities

and police brutality. He has not played in the NFL since the end of that season and has accused the league of blackballing him before reaching a settlement with the league last year. He remains a thorn to the NFL.

"The NFL sees this as a PR issue and not a serious PR issue because that would require more time," said Allen Linton II, a University of Chicago doctoral student in political science and former educator at the Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture. "It's shortsighted and speaks to the arrogance of the league. 'Hey, we're the No. 1-watched program, we have more fans than anyone, you walk down the street and everyone is in our jerseys. We have Thursday, Sundays and Mondays on lockdown. We'll be OK. We're not going to spend the same amount of care and energy to get this right. We'll spend enough to get us by.'"

Hazelgrove, who said she has training on race relations, is one of many unqualified white people who see themselves as saviors to low-income black communities and insert themselves into leadership roles, winning community awards along the way.

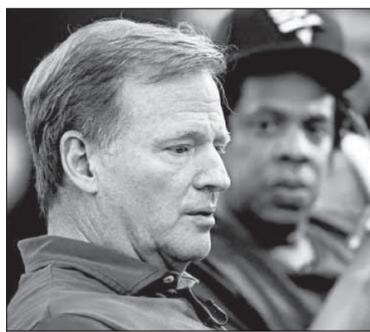
She told the Tribune on Friday, "This was all his idea," referencing one of the black boys who was photographed with her before having his locs snipped at the boxing and mentorship club she founded in 2013. She said she was "just trying to be supportive" despite having no training in cutting hair, particularly locs.

She said she didn't know Trump has been critical of the NFL's black players or used racist dog whistles to comment on Chicago violence. "I don't watch the news," she said, noting she has only Netflix and Hulu. She said she tweeted "All lives matter" in a post referring to police shootings in Dallas because she was "trying to be inclusive" and "didn't know at the time" many considered it an anti-black phrase.

"I understand how my social media posts could be interpreted as being insensitive," Hazelgrove said. "It was two, three years ago. I did not mean any type of disrespect. We do not have a hair policy. The two boys, they asked me to cut their hair and then did go to a barber. I can understand how that post caused a lot of uproar."

Asked what she takes from the criticism, she said: "I would be much more sensitive to what I say."

Jay-Z doesn't get a pass either. He has complicated his previous position as a



NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and Jay-Z attend a press conference at ROC Nation on Aug. 14 in New York.

Kaepernick supporter and proponent of social justice by helping undermine the quarterback's mission.

"We've moved past kneeling," Jay-Z said at that August news conference.

Music to the NFL's ears. Yet while lambasting Jay-Z and Hazelgrove, let's not forget to place the bulk of the blame on the NFL. A quick Twitter search would have unearthed Hazelgrove's cringe-worthy tweets.

Goodell continues a slick public relations ruse that sweeps under the turf all the important social justice issues Kaepernick raised.

The league has done a fantastic job of creating a false equivalence between charity and activism. Let's stop falling for it.

Kaepernick forced America to confront uncomfortable truths when he knelt.

He held informational and empowerment sessions for youths in Chicago, among other cities, through his Know Your Rights camps. He donated \$1 million to nonprofit groups, including Assata's Daughters and Life After Hate — Chicago organizations dedicated to disrupting the roots of systemic injustices.

Both organizations are more about action than good intentions and would have been deserving of an NFL donation.

But the NFL isn't looking for deep answers.

Since the partnership with Jay-Z, the Inspire Change platform has found multiple ways to convince skeptics its investment in social justice is hollow. There was a concert with artists including pop singer Meghan Trainor, the announcement of upcoming T-shirt sales and this donation to a problematic nonprofit.

"It's another example of classic co-opting of the wrong types of issues and ultimately undercutting larger causes," Linton said. "It misses the larger point of what was an overall benign protest (by Kaepernick). It speaks to the lip service all of this is."

It's all cheap talk and hollow action by the NFL.

## FIRE

## Move to Soldier Field a step closer

Minimum 3-year deal would begin with 2020 season

BY MORGAN GREENE

The Chicago Fire are a step closer to playing at Soldier Field as soon as next year.

The Chicago Park District voted at its monthly board meeting Wednesday to continue negotiations and enter into a permit and operating agreement for the Fire to use the 61,500-seat stadium starting in the 2020 Major League Soccer season.

Main elements of the agreement include a three-year term with extension options for eight more years, said Juliet Azimi, chief administrative officer. The Fire would pay the Park District a use fee and for operating expenses for home games. The Park District also would receive a share of net revenue from parking, concessions and merchandise sales.

Past expected attendance was between 10,000 and 15,000, which Superintendent Michael Kelly said officials would be happy with.

"But we'll be happier if they achieve more than 25,000," he said.

Kelly said he was asking to continue negotiations and execute the agreement — but if there are any outstanding issues, they would be run past the board before the agreement is executed.

The Fire released a statement that said: "Given today's positive vote, we're excited to continue working with the Chicago Park District to finalize an agreement."

The Fire for months have been engaged in negotiations to play at Soldier Field after negotiating to amend their current lease with Bridgeview and leave SeatGeek Stadium.

In July, the team and village announced an agreement for the Fire to leave the soccer-specific stadium in the southwest suburb for \$65.5 million. The lease originally ran through the 2036 season.

Moving to Soldier Field, where the Fire played home matches from 1998 to 2001 and from 2003 through part of 2006, means sharing with an NFL team.

"It's been challenging to get here for many fans," Rodriguez said of SeatGeek Stadium. "Soldier Field is well-known, easier to get to, and even on events like the Gold Cup final, which had 62,000 fans, it clears out pretty easily and pretty quickly."

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Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	13	43	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	3	33	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
WEST										
W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Oakland	1	0	0	1.000	24	16	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	40	26	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
L.A. Chargers	1	0	0	1.000	30	24	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
Denver	0	1	0	.000	16	24	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
NFC										
EAST										
W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	35	17	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	32	27	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
Washington	0	1	0	.000	27	32	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	17	35	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0
SOUTH										
W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	NFC	AFC	DIV
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	30	28	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	27	30	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	12	28	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	17	31	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
NORTH										
W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	NFC	AFC	DIV
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	10	3	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	28	12	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
Detroit	0	0	1	.500	27	27	0-0-0	0-0-1	0-0-1	0-0-0
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	3	10	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
WEST										
W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	NFC	AFC	DIV
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	31	17	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
L.A. Rams	1	0	0	1.000	30	27	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	21	20	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
Arizona	0	0	1	.500	27	27	0-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-1	0-0-0

**WEEK 2 THURSDAY'S GAME**  
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 7:20 p.m.

**SUNDAY'S GAMES**  
Seattle at Pittsburgh, noon  
Indianapolis at Tennessee, noon  
Arizona at Baltimore, noon  
New England at Miami, noon  
L.A. Chargers at Detroit, noon  
Dallas at Washington, noon

## WNBA PLAYOFFS

**WEDNESDAY, RD. 1 (single elimination)**  
#5 Chicago 105, #8 Phoenix 76  
#6 Seattle 84, #7 Minnesota 74

**SUNDAY, RD. 2 (single elimination)**  
#6 Seattle at #3 Los Angeles, 2 p.m.  
#5 Chicago at #4 Las Vegas, 4 p.m.

## SOCCER

### MLS

EASTERN										
W	L	T	PT	GF	GA					
x-N.Y. City FC	15	5	9	54	36					
x-Philadelphia	15	8	6	51	42					
Atlanta	15	10	3	48	47					
Toronto FC	11	10	9	42	50					
D.C. United	11	10	9	42	39					
N.Y. Red Bulls	12	12	5	41	47					
New England	10	10	9	39	42					
Montreal	11	15	4	37	42					
Orlando City	9	13	8	35	37					
Chicago	9	13	10	34	44					
Columbus	8	15	7	31	33					
Cincinnati	5	21	3	18	29					
WESTERN										
W	L	T	PT	GF	GA					
x-Los Angeles FC	19	4	6	63	32					
Real Salt Lake	14	11	4	46	41					
Seattle	13	9	7	46	46					
Minnesota	13	10	6	45	46					
San Jose	13	11	5	44	44					
Portland	13	11	4	43	45					
FC Dallas	12	10	7	43	47					
LA Galaxy	13	13	3	42	42					
Sporting KC	10	12	7	37	42					
Colorado	10	14	6	36	49					
Houston	10	15	4	34	49					
Vancouver	6	15	9	27	30					

### WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Toronto FC 1, N.Y. City FC, 1  
Houston 2, Minnesota 0  
Colorado 2, LA Galaxy 1  
Real Salt Lake 1, San Jose 0

### NWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
North Carolina	11	4	4	37	40	18
Portland	10	5	6	36	39	29
Chicago	11	8	2	35	33	26
Utah FC	9	6	4	31	20	15
Reign FC	8	5	6	30	19	21
Washington	7	7	4	25	22	19
Houston	6	9	4	22	18	31
Sky Blue FC	4	12	4	16	16	27
Orlando	14	2	14	20	41	

### WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Chicago 1, Orlando 0  
North Carolina 6, Portland 0

### ODDS

### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE				THURSDAY			
NY Yankees	-260	at Detroit (G1)	+230				
NY Yankees	off	at Detroit (G2)	off				
at Chi White Sox	-174	Kansas City	+162				
Boston	-133	at Toronto	+123				
Tampa Bay	-150	at Texas	+140				
at Houston	-255	Oakland	+225				
NATIONAL LEAGUE				THURSDAY			
Milwaukee	-130	at Miami	+120				
at NY Mets	-134	Arizona	+124				
St. Louis	-154	at Colorado	+144				
Chi Cubs	-133	at San Diego	+123				
at San Fran.	-off	Pittsburgh	+off				
Atlanta	-125	at Philadelphia	+115				
INTERLEAGUE				THURSDAY			
LA Dodgers	-115	at Baltimore	+195				
Washington	-114	at Minnesota	+104				
at Seattle	off	Cincinnati	off				

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

SP	O/U	FRIDAY
at Wake Frst	3 66½	N. Carolina
at Bos. Coll.	21 51	Kansas
Wash. St	9 73½	Houston
SP	O/U	SATURDAY
Ohio State	16½ 61	at Indian
at Miss. St	8 52	Kansas St.
Alabama	6½ 45½	at W. Virginia
Maryland	7 65½	at Temple
at Cincinnati	17 49	Miami Ohio
at Penn St	17½ 52½	Pittsburgh
at Illinois	7½ 55	E. Michigan
at Georgia	32 58	Arkansas St
at Colorado	4½ 58½	Air Force
San Diego St	15½ 50	at N. Mex. St.
FAU	2½ 64½	at Ball State
at Notre Dame	34½ 63	N. Mexico
at C. Mich.	3 46½	Akron
at UCF	7½ 61½	Stanford
Alabama	25½ 51	at S. Carolina
at Navy	-7 53½	E. Carolina
Army	17 45	at UTSA
USC	3½ 56	at BYU
at Minnesota	15½ 47	Ga. So.
at N'hwestern	18½ 53½	UNLV
Oklahoma	14 65	at Tulsa
Memphis	18½ 57½	at S. Ala.
Iowa	2½ 44½	at Iowa State
at Arkansas	10 64	Colorado St
Louisville	10 51½	W Kentucky
at Mich. St	14 42½	Arizona St
at California	14 50½	North Texas
at Marshall	10½ 58½	Ohio
at Auburn	6 55½	Kent St
Florida	2½ 49	at Kentucky
at W. Mich.	20 66½	Georgia St
at SMU	5½ 49	Texas St
Duke	35½ 52½	at Mid. Tenn.
at Wash.	8 50	Hawaii
TCU	9 69½	at Purdue
Clemson	17½ 62	at Syracuse
at Virginia	6½ 50½	Florida St
Oklahoma	2½ 59	at UCLA
at Nebraska	2½ 51	N. Illinois
Texas	28 62½	Rice
Texas Tech	7½ 58	at Arizona

### NFL

SP	O/U	THURSDAY
at Carolina	7 49	Tampa Bay
SP	O/U	SUNDAY
at Tennessee	3 44½	Indianapolis
LA Chargers	2½ 47½	at Detroit
Buffalo	1½ 43½	at NY Giants
at Baltimore	17 47	at Arizona
New England	19 47½	at Miami
Dallas	4½ 46½	at Wash.
at Houston	8½ 43	Jacksonville
Pittsburgh	4 46	Seattle
at Cincinnati	2 45	San Fran.
at Green Bay	3 44	Minnesota
Kansas City	7½ 53	at Oakland
at LA Rams	2½ 52	New OrL.
Chicago	2½ 40½	at Denver
Philadelphia	1 51	at Atlanta
SP	O/U	MONDAY
Cleveland	2½ 45½	at NY Jets

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Jacksonville at Houston, noon  
San Francisco at Cincinnati, noon  
Buffalo at N.Y. Giants, noon  
Minnesota at Green Bay, noon  
Kansas City at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.  
Chicago at Denver, 3:25 p.m.  
New Orleans at L.A. Rams, 3:25 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:20 p.m.

**MONDAY'S GAME**  
Cleveland at N.Y. Jets, 7:15 p.m.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

Kansas at Boston College, 6:30 p.m.  
N. Carolina at Wake Forest, 5 p.m.  
Houston at #20 Wash. St., 8:15 p.m.

### SATURDAY'S GAMES

**Top 25**  
#1 Clemson at Syracuse, 6:30 p.m.  
#2 Alabama at S. Carolina, 2:30 p.m.  
Ark. St. at #3 Georgia, 11 a.m.  
NW St at #4 LSU, 6:30 p.m.  
#5 Oklahoma at UCLA, 7 p.m.  
#6 Ohio State at Indiana, 11 a.m.  
N. Mex. at #7 Notre Dame, 1:30 p.m.  
Kent St. at #8 Auburn, 6 p.m.  
#9 Florida at Kentucky, 6 p.m.  
Idaho St. at #11 Utah, 3:15 p.m.  
Rice vs. #12 Texas, 7 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at #13 Penn St., 11 a.m.  
Montana vs. #15 Oregon, 9:45 p.m.  
Lamar at #16 Texas A&M, 6 p.m.  
Stanford at #17 UCF, 2:30 p.m.  
Ariz. St. at #18 Mich St, 3 p.m.  
#19 Iowa at Iowa State, 3 p.m.  
#21 Maryland at Temple, 11 a.m.  
Portland St. at #22 Boise St., 9:15 p.m.  
Hawaii at #23 Washington, 6:30 p.m.  
#24 USC at BYU, 2:30 p.m.  
Florida St. at #25 Virginia, 6:30 p.m.

### East

Catholic at Georgetown, 11 a.m.  
Stetson at Marist, 11 a.m.  
Merrimack at St. Fran. (Pa.), 11 a.m.  
NC St. at W. Virginia, 11 a.m.  
Sacred Heart at Lafayette, 11:30 a.m.  
Fordham at Bryant, noon  
N. Dakota St. at Delaware, noon  
Albany (NY) at Monmouth (NJ), noon  
Dayton at Robert Morris, 2 p.m.  
E. Carolina at Navy, 2:30 p.m.  
Lincoln (Pa.) at Delaware St., 3 p.m.  
Hampton at Howard, 3:30 p.m.  
Villanova at Bucknell, 5 p.m.  
Wagner at Stony Brook, 5 p.m.  
Towson at Maine, 6 p.m.

### South

Kansas St. at Miss. St., 11 a.m.  
Chattanooga at Tennessee, 11 a.m.  
Furman at Virginia Tech, 11 a.m.  
The Citadel at Georgia Tech, 11:30 a.m.  
Norfolk St. at Coastal Carolina, 1 p.m.  
Morgan St. at James Madison, 2:30 p.m.  
Memphis at S. Alabama, 2:30 p.m.  
N. Greenville at W. Carolina, 2:30 p.m.  
E. Washington at Jacksonville St., 3 p.m.  
Bethune-Cookman at Miami, 3 p.m.  
SE Louisiana at Mississippi, 3 p.m.  
Louisville at W. Kentucky, 3 p.m.  
Kennesaw St. at Alabama St., 5 p.m.  
NC A&T at Charleston Southern, 5 p.m.  
UMass at Charlotte, 5 p.m.  
Fort Vall. St. at Florida A&M, 5 p.m.  
NC Cent. at Gardner-Webb, 5 p.m.  
Buffalo at Liberty, 5 p.m.  
Elon at Richmond, 5 p.m.  
SC St. at S. Florida, 5 p.m.  
S. Miss. at Troy, 5 p.m.  
Colgate at William & Mary, 5 p.m.  
Samford at Wofford, 5 p.m.  
Ohio at Marshall, 5:30 p.m.  
WV Wesleyan at Davidson, 6 p.m.  
New Hampshire at FIU, 6 p.m.  
Alcorn St. at McNeese St., 6 p.m

## BEARS

FILL IN THE BLANK '85 BEARS EDITION

## When I look at the current Bears defense and consider its potential, my first thoughts are \_\_\_\_\_.

DAN HAMPTON  
Hall of Fame defensive lineman

## For a defense to be good, it has to have special players.

Well, Khalil Mack is a special player. Akiem Hicks is a special player. Eddie Jackson is a special player. Those three guys right there elevate everything. They're special. Danny Trevathan brings a lot. He's strong; a really good player. Now they need a couple more. Leonard Floyd has to learn how to get off blocks. Eddie Goldman needs to play like a Pro Bowler. And there's no reason why he can't. I look at that defense and they are on the cusp. Last season was an extraordinary year with balls bouncing up in the air and they grab it and run it in for a touchdown. Those things are great. Last year was great. But in the playoffs, when Philadelphia needs to put together a (12-play, 60-yard drive) to win and you can't stop them, you're not there yet. You have to be able to stop people when you need to stop them.

OTIS WILSON  
Two-time All-Pro linebacker

## They have the opportunity to be something.

They have the opportunity to do something great. But you have to keep in mind that today's football is not like the football we played. Because when we played, you had to impose your will on somebody. You had to beat the other team down for four quarters. Now it's so much more controlled. Obviously, we understand what the NFL is trying to do. One, keep everybody safe. And two, keep that money out there. Keep those stars on the field. But with this defense right now, it's all there. Defense wins championships, man. They're good up front. They have a hell of a linebacking corps. They've got great heart. Now they have to put the pieces together in the secondary, which I believe they will. And if I were to identify any question mark, it's that I'm not sure what's behind (the starters). If somebody were to get hurt, what then?

GARY FENCIK  
Three-time All-Pro safety

## How can you not be impressed with Khalil Mack?

How are (offenses) going to adjust to that? But talk about a guy opening my eyes or turning my head? Man, it's Akiem Hicks. Whoa! That guy. From the day he came on, you looked and thought, "How did the Patriots let him get away?" (Bill) Belichick, right? There must be some major flaw here that I haven't seen. But we certainly haven't seen it here. And for me, I also enjoy watching corners. I know how difficult it is to cover. And I don't think that (Kyle) Fuller and Prince (Amukamara) get enough credit. Fuller completely turned around his career. I was like, "Ehhh. I'm not sure on him. Is he really a first-round draft choice?" And then whatever got into him (in 2017), he played great. And then I thought "OK, is he going to relax?" And he didn't. He really loves the challenge.

## 3 years of hard grind pays off

Former undrafted free agent Robertson-Harris emerges as force

BY COLLEEN KANE

Roy Robertson-Harris' first splashy play of the Bears season came on his first snap against the Packers.

On third-and-10 on the Packers' first drive, Robertson-Harris bowled over left guard Lane Taylor, then leaped over Taylor from a kneeling position to take down quarterback Aaron Rodgers. Taylor was called for holding, but the Bears declined the penalty in favor of the sack.

"I guess you could call that holding — it's more like survival at that point," NBC announcer Cris Collinsworth said on the broadcast.

So much is expected of Bears defensive stars such as Khalil Mack, Eddie Jackson and Akiem Hicks that Robertson-Harris' strong start in the opener felt like a surprise bonus — at least to outsiders.

That was his only sack on the stat sheet, but he also had a piece of Akiem Hicks' sack in the second quarter and chased Rodgers into throwing the ball away in the third quarter. Robertson-Harris said it was one of the best games of his career, one defensive line coach Jay Rodgers has seen him grind toward since he joined the Bears as an undrafted free agent out of Texas-El Paso in 2016.

"I see a guy who wants to be a good football player," Rodgers said. "He hasn't been worried about the depth chart since I got here. Just keep grinding, just keep working, whether you're on the third team or first team. At the end of the day, you're going to be evaluated on what you do, and so that's what I see from him, a guy who comes to work every day."

It has been a slow build for Robertson-Harris.

He missed the 2016 season because of a heat-related illness. He then switched from outside linebacker to defensive end before the 2017 season, first eating and lifting weights to put on body mass and then absorbing the intricacies of defensive line play. He totaled 35 tackles and five sacks over his first two seasons, gaining more confidence last year after spending the 2018 offseason studying his own film, he said.

Rodgers said the 6-foot-5, 292-pound lineman has gotten better at everything.

"Run game, hands, feet, being able to recognize blocks," Rodgers



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Bears defensive end Roy Robertson-Harris celebrates after sacking Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers in the second quarter on Sept. 5.

said. "He's able to anticipate some things, have some anchor. There's a lot of things that go into playing defensive line you don't do when you play outside, and he's done a really good job of working on that stuff."

Robertson-Harris said his approach to improvement is competing only with himself — and doing whatever is asked of him to

help the Bears win.

"Winning last year was the most fun I ever had in football," Robertson-Harris said.

"So to lose (Thursday), I don't want to go back down the losing road again. I just want to win games. I said it before, stats and all that stuff will come. I just want to win."

Of course, it will help if Rob-

ertson-Harris continues to flash as he did in the opener.

He called his sack of Rodgers a "confidence-builder," but he also is keeping in mind a saying from defensive coordinator Chuck Pagano — "Be where your feet are" — as he tries to build on his performance heading into Sunday's game against the Broncos.

"Enjoy the moment, don't think

too far ahead and don't reminisce on the past," Robertson-Harris explained. "If you have a bad play, put it in the past, think about the next play. If you have a great play — for instance, I had a great game, I feel like, but I'm not going to think, 'I had a great game, it's going to be a Pro Bowl season.' Naw, I mean, right now I'm thinking about Denver."

## Bears

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"But we're positive around here. We're on to the next play and on to the next game."

That's a standard approach to the NFL's weekly grind, win or lose. But when it conflicted with a line of questioning during Trubisky's first media session since immediately after the opening loss, it revived year-old questions about the difficulty Trubisky can have discarding negative plays and games.

In the context of a failed run-pass option on third-and-1 against the Packers, Trubisky was asked: "Can you walk us through everything you're evaluating when you're deciding whether to give it or keep it or throw?"

Such a direct question about strategy comes with a bright red flag for any player or coach. From Trubisky's place on the dais, he

turned to a team spokesman, who said, "No."

"I was told not to talk about the last game," Trubisky then said with a smile.

When asked who told him not to, the third-year quarterback identified the team spokesman "amongst other people."

That moment of candor added a new dimension to the public forum about Trubisky's ability to process negative results and the team's intent to manage his confidence.

Resuscitating the offense Sunday against the Broncos depends partly on leaving Week 1 behind, especially given how Trubisky's critics rediscovered their voice as details of the Packers game were dissected and left to decompose during the unusually long layoff between games.

Nagy is leading that effort this week, as usual. Since last season, he has impressed upon Trubisky the importance of a so-called next-play mentality after he recognized the quarterback could, to

his detriment, get stuck on unfavorable outcomes.

"Offensively, you identify the problem, you fix it and you move on," Nagy said Monday. "You don't dwell on it. I don't deal with that well, so I'm not going to sit here and be negative. I'm not going to dwell on it; I'm going to use it."

Trubisky echoed that Wednesday, having reviewed video of the Packers game Friday and participated in the game-planning process Monday and Tuesday.

"All the mistakes we made, they're all fixable," he said. "So we're going to come in here with solutions, come in with a positive work attitude and go to work. And make sure we're bouncing around at practice today, fixing our mistakes and moving on to the next game."

At issue is Trubisky's confidence, a critical ingredient to any quarterback's success, according to Nagy and position coach Dave Ragone, both former pro quarterbacks.

For Trubisky to maintain confidence after a performance like last

Thursday's, he must rely on the hours he has spent practicing and studying, Ragone said.

"Go back and trust your fundamentals and trust your eyes," Ragone said. "It's a constant trust-your-eyes, trust-your-feet mentality, regardless of how many years you have in this league."

But an honest review of the game also was imperative.

Trubisky did not consistently throw in rhythm, and the offense failed to score on 11 of 12 possessions. Open receivers were not targeted on some plays. When they were, his throws weren't consistently accurate or on time. His staredown of receiver Allen Robinson resulted in an interception in the end zone on the Bears' penultimate possession.

Nagy, Ragone and Trubisky are determined to correct those mistakes, knowing the Broncos defense is coached by Vic Fangio. Fangio's reputation for confusing quarterbacks by disguising coverages and creatively blitzing is

still part of the Bears fabric after his four years as the coordinator here.

For Trubisky to operate efficiently, then, he must see the defense clearly so he knows where to throw. How do the Bears ensure he does that better than he did against the Packers?

"Just by understanding the actual concept, in and out, versus every coverage," Nagy said. "It's really just a matter of knowing where the bones are buried in a lot of these plays."

"The more we do it, the more that his trust in the play and my trust with him knowing where to go within the play (increases). That's where, if you start getting too crazy with too much volume of plays, then you don't become an expert at that play. And that's what I want to make sure I help Mitch do."

They can help Trubisky only so much, though. It's up to him to clear his mind and command the offense.

The next time he does, it'll be worth talking about.

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Wisconsin assistant and former UIC head coach Howard Moore lost his wife, Jennifer, and 9-year-old daughter Jaidyn in a May car crash that left him severely injured.

## Seeking 'normalcy'

### Badger basketball learning to cope after Moore tragedy

BY JIM POLZIN

The Wisconsin State Journal

A shelf in Greg Gard's office at the Kohl Center is filled with books, with topics ranging from leadership to communicating to Xs and Os.

But there's nothing in that mini-library that could have prepared the University of Wisconsin men's basketball coach for the tragedy that rocked his program in May or the aftershock that came a month later.

"There isn't a manual anywhere," Gard said.

Gard met with beat reporters from the State Journal and Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on Monday afternoon, providing an update of how the Badgers' extended family is coping three-plus months after assistant coach Howard Moore was seriously injured in a multiple-vehicle crash that caused three fatalities, including Moore's wife Jennifer and 9-year-old daughter Jaidyn.

The Moore family was traveling to Michigan to spend time with Jennifer's family over Memorial Day weekend when their SUV collided with a vehicle driven by a wrong-way driver shortly after 2 a.m. on May 26 near Ann Arbor. Jaidyn Moore died at the scene, while Jennifer, 46, was taken off life support later in the day after being transported to the hospital.

Howard Moore sustained severe burns and his son, 13-year-old Jerell, escaped with minor injuries. Samantha Winchester, the 23-year-old wrong-way driver who also died in the crash, was found to have a blood alcohol content level of 0.207, about 2 times more than Michigan's legal limit of 0.08.

After spending two weeks at University of Michigan Hospital, Howard Moore was transported back home and was coping with the loss of Jennifer and Jaidyn as best he could. He told friends he didn't want to move to a different house, because that was their home and where he wanted to raise his son. He set a goal of returning to work by September, when preseason practices would be starting up.

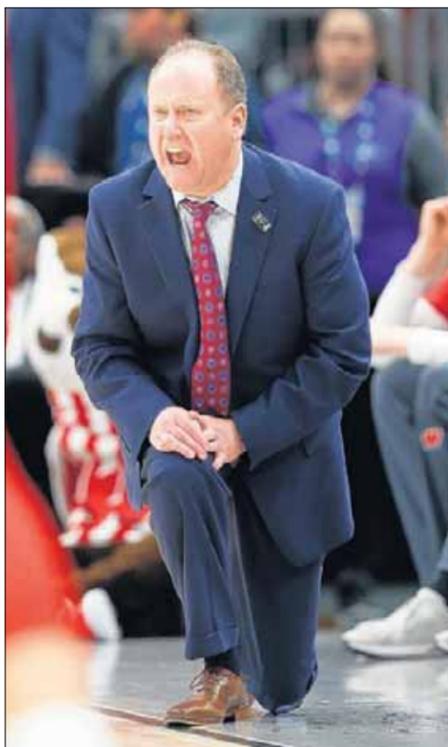
On June 18, Wisconsin players and coaches gathered at Moore's home in Middleton, just outside of Madison. For some, it was their first time seeing him since the crash. Naturally, there was some trepidation, because what do you say to a man grieving the loss of his wife and daughter? But Moore was his typical positive, jovial self that day and made those around him feel at ease.

Less than a week later, Moore was found unconscious in his home and went into cardiac arrest in the ambulance en route to UW Hospital, where he spent weeks there in the intensive care unit. Moore's family released a statement July 29 saying he'd been moved to a long-term care and rehabilitation facility and won't coach this season.

Due to privacy issues and concerns about spreading disease, there are limits on who can visit Moore. Gard has been in to see Moore recently, but none of the players have spent time with him since that day in June at his home.

Slowly but surely, the Badgers are getting back into a routine. They started classes last week, and strength and conditioning drills this week. Practice for the 2019-20 season officially will start later this month, and Gard acknowledged staying busy is a good distraction.

"I think you try to have some normalcy," Gard said. "I think you try to have some normalcy. You have to keep moving forward. Obviously, this world doesn't stop spinning. You acknowledge what is going on. That doesn't go away. But at the same time, you have to take a step forward."



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Wisconsin head coach Greg Gard, above, is trying to re-establish some sense of 'normalcy' around the program in the wake of the Moore family tragedy.

### Filling in

One difficult but necessary step in the process of moving forward was cleaning out Moore's office so it could be used by interim coach Alando Tucker, the program's all-time leading scorer.

"That office sat empty and the door closed for a long time," Gard said. "I wouldn't even walk in it. I couldn't go in it."

The Badgers miss Moore's smile and booming voice, among other things. But Tucker's presence has helped fill the void.

Gard said it wasn't an easy decision for Tucker, who has a young family, to move from his job in the UW athletic department to the long and crazy hours that come with coaching. But Tucker and Moore have a strong relationship that dates to 2005, when Tucker was a junior and Moore had started his first stint as an assistant coach at his alma mater.

Tucker was unavailable to talk for this story because he was on the road recruiting. But he made it clear in an earlier statement he took the job because of how he feels about Moore: "I owe it to him," Tucker said.

Gard called Tucker "the right person at the right time" and said his transition to a staff that also includes Joe Krabbenhoft and Dean Oliver has been seamless.

"He's got street cred to no end," Gard said. "He's got a lot of horsepower when he walks into the gym. They know who he is."

Krabbenhoft, who played with Tucker for two seasons at UW, said his former teammate is "a natural" as a coach.

"We're lucky to have him from a basketball perspective," Krabbenhoft said. "He'll be great with our guys. He'll be great in the community. He'll be great with the game. With recruits, he's a rock star."

### Team effort

One memory that will stick with Krabbenhoft forever is how Moore had command of the room that day in June when the players visited him. Moore's passion for UW had that effect on people. "The guys were locked in," Krabbenhoft said. "It was like they're in the locker room listening to coach Moore talk to get them ready for Purdue."

Moore's message that day was inspiring, according to those who were there. He stressed the importance of not taking life for granted. He talked about how he'd be back in September and the team would have a terrific season.

Even though he won't be on the sidelines with the Badgers, Moore's words still serve as motivation.

"At the end of the day, we've got a job to do," UW senior guard Brevin Pritzl said, "and that's what he'd want us to do."

But it's not the Badgers' only job. Pritzl and other players have kept tabs on Jerell Moore, who attended UW practices over the summer and keeps in touch with some of the Badgers via Snapchat. Pritzl, junior point guard D'Mitrik Trice and junior forward Aleem Ford took Jerell to "Toy Story 4" one night this summer and played video games with him afterward.

"For the most part, I've never seen him shed a tear, I've never seen him really down," said Trice, who said Jerell reminds him of Howard. "He's still that same, energetic, happy, smiling kid that I've always known."

The players, coaches and their families will miss Jennifer and Jaidyn, both of whom made lasting impressions with their kindness and bubbly personalities.

Jennifer was the ringleader on trips to tournaments, always making sure there was something to do for wives and children while Gard and his assistant coaches were busy at practice or prepping for games. Pritzl said the thing he'll miss most about Jennifer is how she was always there outside the Kohl Center locker room, ready to deliver a hug and words of support.

"Jen was a good match for Howard," Krabbenhoft said. "They had so much fun together. She was fun. She just made you laugh."

So would Jaidyn who, for reasons unknown, would call players "Jimmy" when they got on the bus. If Jennifer was the team mom, then Jaidyn was a mini-version of her mother in how she interacted with the other children in the group. During an early morning trip home from California during the 2019 NCAA tournament, Jaidyn kept a close watch over Krabbenhoft's 3-year-old daughter, Aneta, on the bus and plane.

"She was just so kind and nice to all the kids. Like her mom," Krabbenhoft said. "Everybody liked Jen, everybody thought Jen was cool. She could just relate and get along with anybody from anywhere. I was a kid from South Dakota. We had nothing in common and we got along, we could talk about anything. Same with Jaidyn."

With no how-to manual in his library and no magical words to say that could make everything OK, Gard is counting on instinct to help him through these tough times.

Gard and others have realized the best thing they can do is follow the Moore family way: Just be there for people.

"Jen would be pretty upset if we didn't handle this the right way, if we weren't saying and doing the right things for Howard now and for her son," Krabbenhoft said. "So I think about that. If I'm feeling sad or can't do it, I'm letting her down. She needs me to help in my little way. I can't make this better, but I can pull my weight."

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NICK WASS/AP

Members of the Dodgers pose for photos after Tuesday night's win in Baltimore that gave them a seventh straight National League West title.

## Something's missing

### Dodgers own regular season but need World Series title to enter larger debate

BY DAVE SHENIN  
The Washington Post

BALTIMORE — The Los Angeles Dodgers' celebration of their National League West title started modestly Tuesday night, with a leisurely, unremarkable gathering on the infield at Camden Yards that looked like any post-win handshake-line. It gained steam as two carts arrived near the mound, and they all stripped to the waist to don commemorative T-shirts and caps — “October Reign,” they said — then posed for a group picture, the B&O Warehouse looming incongruously in the background.

And within an hour, the Dodgers had lain waste to the visitors' clubhouse, its plastic-covered floor flooded with a half-inch of champagne and beer, everyone within sight now soaked to the bone.

By this point, the Dodgers are the unrivaled masters of the September champagne celebration.

Every September, almost without fail, these Dodgers celebrate the clinching of another division title as if it were their first. They have done so in every season since 2013 — the only exception being 2018, when they clinched on Oct. 1. Otherwise, October has been mostly unkind to the Dodgers, whose six previous trips to the playoffs have ended in two losses each in the World Series, the NL Championship Series and the Division Series.

But just getting to October with such consistency is an impressive feat on its own; the Dodgers' run of seven straight division titles is the third-longest of all-time. In this decade, no other franchise comes close to matching it.

“You come into spring training, and you have that big goal to make it back to the World Series,” veteran third baseman Justin Turner said. “But you don't just show up for the World Series — you've got to take the steps to get there, and this is the first step of being able to do that.”

If this one felt different, it was because it was the earliest clinch in this run of seven straight titles — coming after Game 146, with the Dodgers holding an NL-best 94-52 record. It came following a 7-3 win over the Baltimore Orioles, which featured right-hander Walker Buehler tossing seven shutout innings and the Dodgers bashing three homers, two of them by shortstop Corey Seager, to push their season total, already a league record, to 258.

“Everything we do going forward is to win 11 games in October,” said Dave Roberts, the Dodgers' manager for the past four division titles. “The question we're all going to get asked is, are we going to let our guard down, lose our edge going into the postseason? That's something I don't expect from our team, and (Wednesday) we're going to expect to win a baseball game.”

With the clincher behind them, the Dodgers now have some three weeks, ahead of Game 1 of the Division Series at Dodger Stadium on Oct. 3, in which to find answers to some of their pressing questions heading into the postseason:

Who, among candidates Hyun-Jin Ryu, Clayton Kershaw and Buehler, is their Game 1 starter? Should 21-year-old phenom shortstop/second baseman Gavin Lux, Baseball America's minor league player of the year, make the postseason roster? Can converted starters Kenta Maeda, Julio Urias and Tony Gonsolin help



JULIO CORTEZ/AP

Enrique Hernandez douses catcher Russell Martin during a celebration in the locker room after the Dodgers' division-title clinching win.

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— Dave Roberts, Dodgers manager for the last four division titles

build a dependable bridge to closer Kenley Jansen? And is Jansen, muddling through the worst season of his career, even the best choice to pitch the ninth inning?

And in the meantime, the Dodgers still have something to play for, as they entered Wednesday trailing the New York Yankees and Houston Astros by one game in the race for the majors' best record and home-field advantage throughout the playoffs. (On the NL side of the bracket, they lead the Atlanta Braves by four games.) This is no small matter given the Dodgers' 56-20 record at home this season.

“Just short of all-in,” Roberts said when asked how motivated the Dodgers would be to secure home-field advantage, over the opposite motivation to rest their regulars. “I think it's certainly very important considering how we've played at home. But there's still a cost in everything, and I think the main thing is keeping guys healthy, keeping guys sharp, and not trying to redline just to win by any means necessary. If we play to our potential, that should take care of itself.”

But those are all issues for another day. This moment, between Tuesday night's raucous celebration and the coming tumult of October, is a perfect time to take a step back and appreciate what these Dodgers have accomplished.

Their seven straight division titles, assuming this year's margin remains around its current 18½ games, will have come by an average of more than eight games over the second-place finisher. Only three players, all of them pitchers — Kershaw, Ryu and Jansen — have been with the franchise for all seven titles.

The glaring lack of a World Series title to validate this run, of course, looms large over this franchise, which hasn't won it all since 1988. But this fall brings another opportunity, and it is worth pondering what a championship would do for the legacy of this group. With next month bringing the final World Series of the 2010s, the Dodgers are a championship away from inserting themselves into a fascinating team-of-the-decade debate.

At the most fundamental level, the race for Team of the 2010s was decided before the decade was half over, given the San Francisco Giants' World Series titles in 2010, 2012 and 2014. (Curiously, though, they will end the decade with only two division titles; their 2014 World Series win came as a wild card.) The Boston Red Sox could also make a strong case, despite this year's disappointment, with championships in 2013 and 2018 and a total of four division titles.

But what if the Dodgers go on to win the

World Series this fall? Their team-of-the-decade case would look like this:

■ The seven division titles, all of them consecutive — topped only by the 14 straight of the 1991-2005 Atlanta Braves and the nine straight of the 1998-2006 New York Yankees — and three more than anyone else during the 2010s.

■ Three straight pennants, the most since the 1998-2001 Yankees (four) and the most by an NL team since the 1942-44 Cardinals (three).

■ A single World Series title — again, we are pondering a hypothetical here — would still pale against the Giants' three and the Red Sox's two. But by every other objective measure, a one-championship Dodgers team would have a strong case. One of those measures: consistency. The Red Sox, in between titles, have suffered three sub-.500 seasons in this decade; the Giants are on their way to a third. But the Dodgers' only losing season this decade came when they went 80-82 in 2010.

There is a long way to go — those 11 wins in October — before the Dodgers can make their argument. But the only way to win the ultimate prize is to keep putting yourself in position to do so, and if the Dodgers keep spraying champagne in September, chances are they will eventually do so in the waning days of October.

**BOOK REVIEW**

# Praise be for new novel

Atwood's follow-up to 'Handmaid's Tale' an anticipated sequel

By **RON CHARLES**  
 The Washington Post

Almost 35 years after "The Handmaid's Tale" shocked the world, Margaret Atwood has finally given birth to "The Testaments."

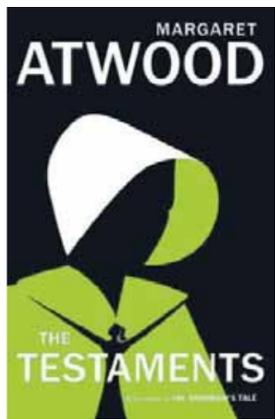
This isn't just the most anticipated novel of the year; it's one of the most anticipated sequels of the modern age — like Harper Lee's "Go Set a Watchman" flying in on Harry Potter's broom. Last fall, the Annunciation of "The Testaments" was heralded around the world. In August, blessed reviewers received preview copies printed with a false title and author, lest the book's revelations slip preemptively into the wrong hands. A week before the novel was published, it was already short-listed for the Booker Prize. And on Tuesday, Atwood's sold-out, publication-day appearance at the National Theatre in London was to be live broadcast to 1,300 cinemas from Canada to Malta.

Blessed be the fruit! A confluence of political and cultural forces has made "The Testaments" as vital as a baby in Gilead. First, the election of President Donald Trump cattle-prodded "The Handmaid's Tale" back up the bestseller list. Then Hulu's adaptation starring Elisabeth Moss inspired millions more to care about the plight of the fertile few. And now that our reproductive freedom hangs on the frail health of a single 86-year-old Supreme Court justice, red-cloaked Hand-

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## 'The Testaments'

By Margaret Atwood, Talese, 432 pages, \$28.95



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Author John Green, above, reads the poem "Poetry" in the new YouTube series "Ours Poetica." Series curator and poet Paige Lewis, top left, and actor Shailene Woodley, top right, also appear.

# How do you reach people with poetry?

'Fault in Our Stars' author John Green and Chicago's Poetry Foundation are teaming up for a new YouTube series

By **STEVE JOHNSON**

The words on the page reveal themselves first with a title and then a phrase at a time.

"Poetry  
 "I too dislike it:  
 "There are things that are important beyond all this fiddle."

That's how "Poetry," Marianne Moore's early-20th-century poem about the venerable art form, is presented via a wholly new art form, the YouTube video.

The voice reading those words, the hands holding the battered copy of the "Norton Anthology of Poetry" contain-

ing them, belong to John Green, the best-selling author of "The Fault in Our Stars" and other works in the young-adult canon.

In another video from the same new series, you can see — but mostly hear — actor Shailene Woodley read Kahlil Gibran's "On Love," a poem that she says "really showed me the truth of what love could be."

The idea of bringing together the ancient written format that so many learn to dislike in school and the modern video one that so many use to divert themselves from, say, schoolwork originated with

Green and his wife, the art curator Sarah Urist Green.

"My wife Sarah and I both love poetry," Green says. "We both subscribe to the notion that poetry does not have enough readers. We were just at home one evening, talking about how amazing it would be if there were a cool YouTube show about poetry."

They got together with Chicago's Poetry Foundation and the result of the collaboration, debuting Thursday, is the ambitious Ours Poetica, a YouTube channel and series that will present one poet or actor or other person reading a poem they like three times a week for the next year.

There's a launch event at the foundation's Chicago building Thursday that will feature Green and the poets Paige

Lewis, who is the series' curator, and Kaveh Akbar, plus screenings and discussion of some of the videos. That, alas, is sold out.

But the essence of the series is in the videos. They are beautifully constructed little moments that give you a flash of the reader and why the work is important to that reader.

Green, for instance, says that reading the poem "Poetry" in high school — in that very same Norton Anthology he brought before the camera — was deeply influential.

"There's a line in it about 'imaginary gardens with real toads in them,' and for me that's what fiction writing is," he says.

But then the focus shifts wholly to the poem. You see the

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# Country music's raging identity crisis

For Ken Burns, that's a 100-year-old story

By **RANDY LEWIS**  
 Los Angeles Times

On the surface, rapper Lil Nas X's record-setting smash "Old Town Road" seems to have little connection with the forthcoming multipart film documentary "Ken Burns' Country Music."

One is an offhandedly radical merging of two styles of music — hip-hop and country — that historically have occupied distant ends of the musical spectrum; the other is a measured, exhaustively researched examination of nearly a century of American music and cultural history.

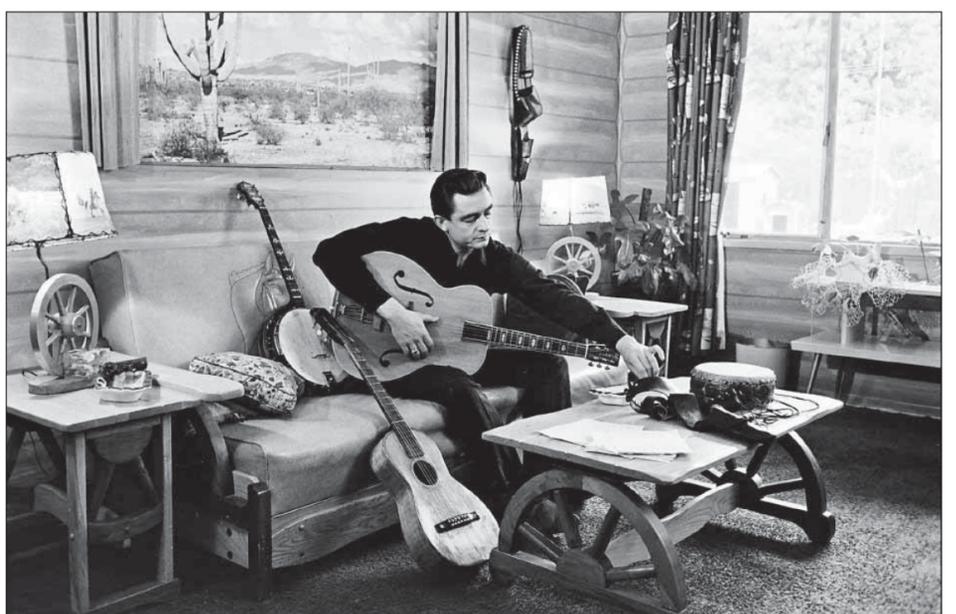
The common element, however, is that both home in on and illuminate — without definitively

answering — the same question: What is "country music"?

"Old Town Road" has engendered countless debates and probably more than a few bar fights at a jukebox over its country music credentials. What defines country music and distinguishes it from other forms of popular music also is at the heart of Burns' eight-part, 16-hour series, which premieres Sept. 15 on PBS.

Veteran songwriter Harlan Howard famously asserted that "Country music is three chords and the truth." In one of many revealing juxtapositions over the course of Burns' series, critically

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Johnny Cash pushed the boundaries of country convention by releasing a string of albums about social issues in which he passionately believed. The Ken Burns documentary "Country Music" airs later this month.

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Serena Williams walks the runway with daughter Olympia during Fashion Week in New York on Tuesday.

## From tennis court to runway: S by Serena

NEW YORK — Only three days after her loss in the U.S. Open final, Serena Williams went from the court to the runway to present the latest collection of her fashion label, S by Serena.

And she brought her baby along for the ride: As she made her traditional post-show bow, wearing a snake-skin-style miniskirt that she designed, she was carrying daughter Olympia, 2, in her arms.

Williams had some prominent fans in attendance, notably Kim Kardashian, TV host Gayle King and Vogue editor Anna Wintour. Also attending: #MeToo movement founder Tarana Burke, who said Williams was “strong in so many ways, not just physically. I’ll always support her.”

The runway show in midtown Manhattan began with a lush brown trench-style coat, followed by a suit in the same fabric with an asymmetrical wrap skirt. Pants and slouchy sweaters followed, then a series of dresses, tops and coats in an animal-style print.

The 37-year-old Williams showed herself to be a fan of bold prints, in hues like purple or bright blue, or in black and white. But perhaps the most striking and creative sight on the runway came when two models wore the same outfit together, side by side, one in a plus size and one not — an effective statement about size diversity.

Williams noted later on the red carpet that her intention was “to show diversity of all colors and all backgrounds and all sizes — just beautiful women.”

— Associated Press



EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION

### Whoopi takes ‘Stand’:

Whoopi Goldberg has officially been cast in “The Stand” at CBS All Access. “The View” co-host revealed she is joining the forthcoming Stephen King adaptation during King’s appearance on her ABC talk show Wednesday. Based on King’s novel, “The Stand” presents an apocalyptic vision of a world decimated by plague and embroiled in an elemental struggle between good and evil. The fate of mankind rests on the frail shoulders of Mother Abigail (Goldberg) and a handful of survivors.

### National pride:

During an appearance to promote her Netflix series “Monarca,” actress Salma Hayek was asked why she doesn’t use her social media presence to draw more attention to Mexico’s ills. Hayek said she doesn’t believe an Instagram post can change things because most of her followers don’t live in Mexico. At the same time, she added, a critical post puts negative attention on Mexico elsewhere in the world, and “that can affect us with tourism, with people who are trying to invest in Mexico.” She said she doesn’t want to hurt her country.

### Sept. 12 birthdays:

Actor Ian Holm is 88. Actress Linda Gray is 79. Actor Joe Pantoliano is 68. Drummer Neil Peart is 67. Original MTV VJ Nina Blackwood is 64. Composer Hans Zimmer is 62. Singer Ben Folds is 53. Rapper 2 Chainz is 42. Actor Ben McKenzie is 41. Singer-actress Jennifer Hudson is 38. Actress Emmy Rossum is 33. Country singer Kelsea Ballerini is 26. Actor Colin Ford is 23. Actress Sydney Sweeney is 22. Singer Laine Hardy is 19.



## ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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## Enabling mom creates imbalance

**Dear Amy:** My mother-in-law’s older son, “Adam,” was a “wanted” child. A few years later, my husband, “Bill,” came along. In the 20-plus years my husband and I have been together, she has told Bill he exists only because his father was too chicken to get a vasectomy. I’m not kidding.

The sun rises and sets on Adam, in spite of failure after failure. Mom is constantly bailing him out. His kids fail equally, and she bails them out, too. She cannot pass 90 seconds with our family without telling us what Adam has been up to and what she has given him and his latest spouse and kids. She cites dollar figures, which are astounding. Adam can’t pay his bills or stay married, but he sure walks on water in her eyes.

She has pretty much ignored us for nearly 22 years. When she gets bored, she expects us to fill the gap. When we give in to this, she regales our children with how much she has done for their cousins. She barely remembers our kids at their birthdays and does nothing for them at Christmas. NOTHING. Not even a card, to any of us.

Bill lets this roll off his back. He’s an amazing person, he’s worked hard, put himself through school, and is a great husband and awesome father.

I know she won’t change. I want to learn how not to care. If not for Bill’s sake, for our kids’, because they are equally amazing, but unlike their dad, they feel the imbalance and are hurt. So, Amy, teach me not to care?  
— Frustrated Wife

**Dear Frustrated:** You seem to have mastered the first step in not caring, which is acceptance. Yes, she won’t change. You also seem to acknowledge that her toxic enabling has actually damaged “Adam” and his family members. Now you need to understand that you and your wonderful family have won the family sweepstakes. Imagine how different things would be if your mother-in-law turned her firehose of bad parenting and enabling in your direction!

Your husband tolerates this because she is his mother. His tolerance is a testament to his character.

You could try to behave differently when she is with you. You don’t seem to have expressed how you feel about her behavior. “Marge, it has always been clear that you prefer Adam. But I find it hurtful, and I really don’t want to hear about it. Let’s find something else to discuss.”

And to your children, you need only say, “Your grandmother doesn’t seem to know how to love everyone equally. Her real gift to you is a lesson in how NOT to behave.”

**Dear Amy:** I am one of four adult siblings, all in our 40s. One of my siblings and I have devoted ourselves to help counter the negative impacts of pet breeders and irresponsible pet owners, by fostering and spay/neuter volunteerism.

Recently, our sister announced she will be buying a dog from a breeder! She clearly is not interested in putting in the effort or caring about the impact of her actions.

Amy, I can’t tell you how upset we are about this. The sister making this awful decision cannot be redirected. She has been enabled by our parents her entire life and, as an underdeveloped adult, lives in a bubble without any consideration of her impact on the environment.

How would you best recommend we handle this slap in the face?

— Sibling of the Unconscionable

**Dear Sibling:** My first suggestion is that you stop seeing this as being about you and your values. This is about her and her values. She is not slapping you in the face; she is making a choice, which you vehemently disagree with.

She might be ignorant, wasteful and deliberately rejecting your activism. So, message received.

You could respond by trying to create a “dog-neutral” balance to this behavior, by donating to a shelter the amount of money she paid for the dog, or by fostering a dog specifically in her honor.

**Dear Amy:** “Sad Mom” was upset that her youngest child missed her birthday two years in a row. Although I love to get calls on my birthday, I think it is OK if a mom initiates the call. Placing the call yourself is worth it if it causes less stress after the fact.  
— Been There

**Dear Been There:** Great advice.

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## Poetry

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book, the hands, the work on its page inside the book. Some nifty post-shooting magic blanks out all but one phrase at a time, and as it is read the poem reveals itself, gaining momentum like a ball rolling downhill.

And then the hands close the book.

“We want to emphasize the text,” Green says. “We want to make the videos as clean and beautiful as possible and just have it be the voice and the text.”

From a poet’s perspective, this presentation is significant, Lewis says.

“I think that a lot of the YouTube poetry videos online right now focus more on the reader themselves and their performance of the poem,” she says. “And I know that poets spend a lot of time deciding how their poem will appear on the page — like a stanzas

arrangement or the end of the line or the use of white space. All of that is very intentional.

“The viewer can follow along really closely and also experience that text placement as the poet originally intended.”

People who don’t use YouTube, or who don’t have school-age kids, might not realize how natural it was for the Greens to think about making a new web video show. We’ll let John Green do the explaining, which is also a thing he does well in his hugely popular “Crash Course” video series.

“To borrow a line from (Walt) Whitman, YouTube is vast and it contains multitudes,” Green says. “I think a lot of people close their eyes and think of YouTube and see, you know, young bloggers and video gamers screaming into microphones.

“That certainly (is) a big part of YouTube. But there’s also a really vibrant world

of educational video on YouTube, which is the world that we come from.

“Sarah’s been making a show (“The Art Assignment”) with PBS digital about contemporary art for the last five years. And my brother Hank and I have been making educational videos for over a decade. So to us, it doesn’t seem counter-intuitive that there would be a poetry show on YouTube.”

After they had their poetry video inspiration, the Greens quickly reached out to Lewis and new husband Akbar, whom they knew a little bit from arts circles in the Indianapolis area, where they all live.

Actually, Akbar was Lewis’ very new husband.

“When they first emailed me about this project that they wanted to collaborate on, I was on my honeymoon in Paris,” Lewis recalls. “I remember delaying our day at the Louvre because I was so excited to write potential lists of read-

ers for this series.”

The Green brothers’ company Complexly is by now a pretty big outfit (it lists 37 people under “Our Staff”). It can boast YouTube view counts in the hundreds of millions. So when the Greens approached the Poetry Foundation about partnering on this new idea, it wasn’t hard to get excited, says Sarah Whitcher, the foundation’s marketing and media director.

“Our goal is to introduce people to the best poetry — and as many people as possible,” says Whitcher. “Digital has been a more challenging space in which to figure out how to engage people deeper, and especially video has been challenging in that way.

“And I think that Paige and John and the team have discovered literally a white space in poetry video. You’ll see a lot of the heavily animated videos or the talking-head videos. And this really brings something new and

fresh. It’s really elegant and intimate at the same time.”

The collaboration will carry through the first year.

Other readers include Ashley C. Ford, Jacqueline Woodson and Ilya Kaminsky. Chicagoans who have already recorded poems include José Olivarez, Erika L Sanchez, Aviya Kushner and Faisal Mohyuddin, and more are scheduled to take part in recording sessions at the foundation Thursday, including science video-maker Emily Graslie, writer Jessica Hopper and chef Carlos Gaytán.

But there is potential to continue if the series is well received, the people involved say. And there’s certainly no shortage of material.

“You can publish five poem videos a day and never, ever run out of amazing poems to share,” says John Green.

And there is no shortage of potential listeners, either.

“There are so many people who love poetry but

who don’t know that they love poetry because they’ve been told that poetry is one thing or another or because they’ve, you know, felt intimidated in a high school English class,” he says. “But my experience at least is that when you encounter contemporary poetry in all of its diversity, you find that there is a lot for you.

And so we really want to reach the people who love poetry but don’t know it yet.”

“I think that sometimes just the word ‘poetry’ scares people away,” says Lewis. “There’s this surrealist poet Andre Breton who called poetry ‘a room of marvel.’ And I love the idea that this collaboration we’re doing with the Poetry Foundation is a way to unlock that room and reveal those marvels one poem at a time for people who are a little bit scared of what poetry might mean.”

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## Early look at Chicago Film Fest

By MICHAEL PHILLIPS

The full lineup of the 55th Chicago International Film Festival will be unveiled Sept. 18. But festival artistic director Mimi Plauché announced Wednesday titles for the gala and special presentation programs.

Many recently made their world premieres at the Toronto film festival. Several premiered at the Venice festival; others got the jump on Toronto at the Telluride festival in Colorado.

“Last Jedi” writer-director Rian Johnson’s Trumpler Agatha Christie whodunit, “Knives Out,” takes the Centerpiece Gala slot. The cast includes Daniel Craig, Chris Evans, Michael Shannon, Jamie Lee Curtis, LaKeith Stanfield and Christopher Plummer.

Gala presentations also include Kasi Lemmons’ Harriet Tubman biopic “Harriet,” starring Cynthia

Erivo; “Just Mercy,” a true-crime drama featuring Michael B. Jordan and Jamie Foxx, the toast of the current Toronto festival; and screenwriter-director Scott Z. Burns’ “The Report,” starring Adam Driver and Annette Bening.

Already a festival darling, another Driver project, Noah Baumbach’s beautiful “Marriage Story,” co-stars Scarlett Johansson and will be one of the Chicago festival’s Special Presentation offerings.

Others announced Wednesday:

■ “The Aeronauts,” about the 19th-century daredevil balloon pilot Amelia Wren (Felicity Jones) and meteorologist James Glaisher (Eddie Redmayne).  
■ “A Hidden Life,” director Terrence Malick’s World War II story, controversial at Cannes but with many critics calling it the strongest Malick film in years.  
■ “Honey Boy,” from director Alma Har’el, written

and starring Shia LaBeouf in a semi-autobiographical saga of a young actor’s coming of age.

■ “Jojo Rabbit,” a black comedy from director Taika Waititi in which Waititi plays the “idiotic imaginary friend” Adolf Hitler of a lonely German boy in World War II.

■ “Ordinary Love,” featuring Lesley Manville and Liam Neeson star in love story of adversity, survival and other everyday miracles.

■ “Seberg,” starring Kristen Stewart as the actress Jean Seberg, target of the FBI because of her affair with African-American civil rights warrior Hakim Jamal.

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# Catching up with 'Downton Abbey'

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NEW YORK — Does it feel like forever since we lost the style, splendor and scandals of "Downton Abbey?"

Well, dust off your jewels and put on the kettle because the twists and turns at your favorite Yorkshire estate in early 20th-century Britain are back with a feature film, to the delight of fans.

The film is set in 1927, hinged on a visit to Downton by King George V (Simon Jones) and Queen Mary (Geraldine James). It is scheduled for a Sept. 20 release.

In the meantime, what to do about all those delicious details that may have faded after the six-season, upstairs-downstairs series ended in 2016? We've got you covered with this guide to Downton's past, but first a quick catch up on the cast.

Key aristocrats and their original actors are back, including the Crawleys, of course. Hugh Bonneville is Robert Crawley, the 7th Earl of Grantham, and Elizabeth McGovern is Cora, his countess. They have three daughters, including their eldest, the opinionated Lady Mary, played by Michelle Dockery.

Maggie Smith reprises her role as the wry matriarch Violet Crawley, Dowager Countess of Grantham. So does her frenemy, Isobel Crawley Grey, played by Penelope Wilton.

Below stairs, Joanne Froggatt remains Anna May Bates, lady's maid to Mary, and Brendan Coyle returns as her selfless hubby, John Bates.

**Where we left things:** The PBS series concludes on New Year's Eve, heading into 1926. The rich are selling off their estates in the crash and the middle class is ascending, but there's even bigger news: Anna procures a shiny silver electric hair dryer at Mary's request. You know, because progress. And it's a beaut. Daisy, the assistant cook, can't resist it, making a mess of her hair.

In other Anna news, She gives birth in Mary's bedroom, on New Year's Eve during Edith Crawley's wedding, no less, as the series winds down.

Sadly, Mr. Carson (the estate's top dog as butler) has "the palsy,"



Jim Carter played head butler Mr. Carson during the six-season run of "Downton Abbey" on PBS.

which did in the careers of his dad and granddad. He agrees to emeritus status, letting the villainous Thomas Barrow take over.

Leading up to her wedding, Lady Edith (the former spinster and one of Mary's sisters) is surprised at The Ritz by Bertie Pelham, who had previously broken her heart.

Pelham begs Edith's forgiveness before the show concludes with their nuptials. First, Edith comes clean about her daughter, Marigold, who was born out of wedlock, and fends off the initial "damaged goods" qualms of Bertie's judgy mother.

"Edith is going to be happy. Just think about that," gushes her American mom, Cora.

"Hoorah," rejoices Lord Grantham.

**"Lord knows they don't deserve their luck, those two":** That's how Robert once summed up the Bateses. Before their happily ever after, with a brand new son, Anna and John had virtually no luck at all.

Anna was sexually abused by her stepfather and fought back with a knife — she only cut him — before arriving at Downton. John

is an injured war hero (he uses a cane after taking shrapnel in one leg) who was Robert's soldier-servant during the second Boer War and saved Robert's life in an explosion. Robert repays the debt by employing John as his new valet, but John must withstand all manner of resistance from doubters on staff who think his disability makes him unsuitable for the job.

John's personal life was equally challenging. His horrid first wife, Vera, killed herself with arsenic and set it up to look like he murdered her.

Specifically, 1924 wasn't kind to Anna and John.

Anna was attacked and raped by a visiting valet, Alex Green, but she tells only Mrs. Hughes, the housekeeper. Green turns up dead after mysteriously being pushed or falling into traffic at Piccadilly Circus. Anna is charged after a witness reports seeing her near the body on the busy London road.

John is desperate to see Anna cleared. He falsely confesses to the murder as she awaits trial and then flees to Ireland. The two are eventually let off the hook and reunited.

Got that?

**"It is, delicious":** Gladys Denker. Septimus Spratt. Violet Crawley. Is there anything more fun on "Downton" than these three?

In 1924, Violet hires Denker as her lady's maid to replace Collins. The sharp-tongued Denker is an issue for Spratt, her butler.

The scheming is divine, especially in the episode in which Denker lies about her ability to make a good chicken broth. She doesn't, and Spratt sets out to make sure Violet is well aware, including a sink dump of Daisy's good soup intended to masquerade as one made by Denker.

When Denker is forced to attempt a broth, which is awful — to the delight of Spratt — his scheming backfires. Violet covers for Denker as she samples the foul soup:

"It is, delicious," Violet manages, spoon in hand. "There's a point, Spratt, where malice ceases to be amusing." Denker huffs at Spratt during a Christmas party: "God, you are a dreary little man."

**Dead but not forgotten:** The series spans 14 years, starting in 1912, and the dead sort of piled up. Let us honor some of them here.

Robert had no sons so his first cousin, James Crawley, was his presumptive heir. James' only son was Patrick, who was unofficially intended for Mary, though she had little use for him. James died and Patrick was presumed dead in the sinking of the Titanic at the beginning of the series.

That's how Matthew Crawley — a distant relative — became Robert's new heir. Matthew fell truly, madly, deeply for Mary, but Mary — being Mary — took her time over eight tumultuous years before she finally accepted his second marriage proposal. They married in May 1920. Sadly, Matthew died shortly after their son, George Crawley, was born in September 1921. Matthew was killed in a car accident after visiting his wife and newborn at the hospital.

Lady Sybil, the youngest daughter of Robert and Cora, died of complications after childbirth. That's how the former chauffeur, Tom Branson, became a single father to their daughter Sybbie, who was named after her mom. Tom was eventually welcomed into the family after a rough road for the Irish socialist.

There are more, including Robert Crawley's beloved Isis, one of his golden retrievers. Show creator Julian Fellowes insists the dog's death was not intended to eliminate her name and its terrorist connotations from the series. He said the prize animal was named after the Egyptian goddess. The Granthams had another dog named Pharaoh.

**Those guest appearances:**

Shirley MacLaine played Martha Levinson, mother of Cora. Paul Giamatti was Harold Levinson, Cora's blunt-speaking playboy of a brother.

Theo James played the drop-dead gorgeous Turkish diplomat Kemal Pamuk, who died while in bed with Mary during Season 1. He's mentioned on occasion after that.

Iain Glen, who was Jorah Mormont on "Game of Thrones," played a newspaper mogul, Sir Richard Carlisle. He was a short-lived love interest of Mary.

Richard E. Grant, Tim Pigott-Smith, there were oh so many more guests, but we'd need to write a book.

## BOOK REVIEW

# Showing #DisabledandCute is more than just a hashtag

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I walk with leg braces and a cane. Not long ago, a busker with a mic and a giant white tuba was booming a tune near the Dupont Circle Metro (D.C.) station. From a distance, I briefly gawked at the tuba. I thought other people would do the same. Then I saw that their eyes were in fact glued on me. Frankly, sometimes I just want to pick up a few tacos in peace. But other times are for rocking the difference — in a dress, on the bus, at the job and in changing hearts, minds and policies.

So I eagerly approached Keah Brown's essay collection, "The Pretty One: On Life, Pop Culture, Disability, and Other Reasons to Fall in Love With Me." That frothy title has fight and pain in it. Brown, 27, is a debut author with cerebral palsy who is working to change how disabled people are viewed — when we are included at all — in popular entertainment and society generally.

Brown was already an accomplished freelance journalist when she created the hashtag #DisabledandCute in a Twitter post in 2017. It went viral, leading to an agent and this book. Her recent magazine writing includes a profile of Brie Larson for Marie Claire UK and a cover story on disabled models in the fashion industry for Teen Vogue.

Brown is emotionally honest but knows to put readers at ease first with relatable-girlfriend charm and playful, fizzy humor. She makes the opening essay, "Can We Sit for a Sec?," a half-joking paean to seats where she can rest: "My longest relationship has been with chairs," she begins. "We are very happy



## 'The Pretty One'

By Keah Brown, Atria, 242 pages, \$17

together, committed and strong, in sickness and in health, till death do us part." In "You Can't Cure Me, I Promise It's Fine," she conjures up an imagined Disability Be Gone! mart that sells quack cures.

When the subject is pop culture, Brown's sharp writing achieves the Venn diagram center of her interests. "Black people with disabilities are all but invisible. We simply don't exist" in TV and in movies, she writes.

Brown identifies herself as a disabled black woman, a proud feminist, a sister, daughter, aunt, niece, friend and cousin, and a human being. "We are free from the expectations of others when we choose to be fully who we are and choose how to label ourselves," Brown says. Down to earth and fun, she is fluent in terms such as intersectionality, representation and marginalization: "We don't talk enough about comfort and accessibility," she points out. "The conversation hasn't fully hit mainstream spaces, because they operate under the assumption that it is never an issue

for anyone occupying space in the rooms where conversations about inclusion and representation happen." As for the etiquette around adults staring, she comments dryly: "No one wants to feel like an animal at the zoo on display without choice, not even those animals at the zoo."

Even as Brown delves into race, feminism, rom-coms and red carpets, it is her personal experience of life with disabilities that ties this collection together, giving it an authoritative immediacy, a beauty. "I grew up hating mirrors," she writes. "My happiness and joy are still relatively new because I started embracing them only four years ago." Her cerebral palsy affects the right side of her body; she also has chronic migraines, seasonal depression and anxiety.

Tasks like "clasping pants, opening bottles, zipping jackets, carrying more than one thing at a time and balancing myself" are daunting for her, she explains. Doing her own ponytail became a mission after she graduated from college. She studied YouTube tutorials, then practiced in secret in tears for weeks. In 2016, she finally mastered the ponytail: It felt "like a revolutionary act, a celebration of disability and of me."

In the title essay, Brown muses, "as a disabled person, living in a disabled body, I am not supposed to be beautiful, but I have been proving people wrong all my life, so why stop now?" With this engaging and necessary collection, she asks us to think from a deeper place — and gets me to totally smile.

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## AUDIOBOOK REVIEWS

# Gore Vidal's 'Lincoln' and other best audiobooks for summer's end

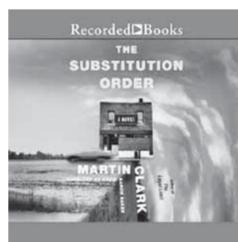
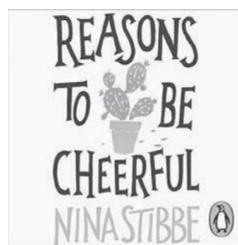
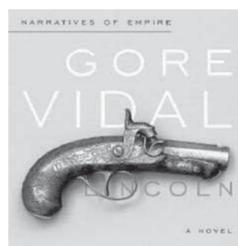
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**"Lincoln: A Novel" by Gore Vidal, narrated by Grover Gardner, Brilliance Audio, 33 hours**

Six of the seven books making up Gore Vidal's brilliant cycle of novels, "Narratives of Empire," have not been available in audio form for years, and, indeed, had never been released as audio downloads — until this year. Now you can listen to "Burr," "Lincoln," and "1876," which are read magnificently by Grover Gardner. They are all first-rate, but "Lincoln" is my favorite, not only because it is the longest, but because of the complexity of Vidal's portrait of this determined, flawed and tragic man. Beginning with Lincoln's inauguration and ending shortly after his death, the book goes through the Civil War not only as it was directed — and misdirected — by Lincoln, his cabinet and his passel of generals, but also how the war affected the town of Washington itself, a hive of secessionists, spies and assassins. Vidal gives wicked, witty renditions of the infighting, backstabbing and vainglory of such troublesome men as Gen. George B. McClellan, Treasury Secretary Salmon P. Chase and John Wilkes Booth. But he draws Lincoln — his voice like "a tenor trumpet" as Vidal puts it and Gardner fulfills — with compassion and genius, making this one of the truly great historical novels.

**"Reasons to Be Cheerful" by Nina Stibbe, narrated by Gemma Whelan, Penguin, 9 hours**

Nina Stibbe's third, semiautobiographical novel follows "Man at the



Helm" and "Paradise Lodge," and is just as exuberantly witty as its predecessors. It's 1980, and the central character, Lizzie Vogel of Leicester, England, is now 18 with no special skills except the ability to blow perfect smoke rings and do spot-on impressions of Prince Charles. She is working as a dental assistant and, on occasion, as a dental practitioner — for which she has no qualifications aside from bravado. The dentist himself is an unlovely specimen — racist, ungenerous and vain — a man whose two ruling goals are to become a Freemason and to continue his bloodline. Lizzie lives in a small apartment whose great feature is its washing machine, an irresistible lure to the young man upon whom she has de-

signed. Gemma Whelan (who played Yara Greyjoy in "Game of Thrones") narrates the story in a clear, young English voice. She delivers its many droll observations with flawless timing, while still conveying the some of the poignancy of a young woman becoming an adult.

**"The Substitution Order" by Martin Clark, narrated by David Aaron Baker, Recorded, 13 hours**

Martin Clark's fifth ingenious legal thriller presents us with the unhappy spectacle of Kevin Moore, disbarred trial lawyer, once of Roanoke, now on parole working in a sub shop in Stuart, Virginia, thanks to his conviction on drug charges. He has lost his wife and his reputation but intends to keep his nose clean and regain his license. Alas, he is seized upon as a useful tool by some major league scam artists. When he refuses to take part in their multimillion-dollar insurance-fraud scheme, he is set up with planted cocaine and a phony drug test. Shortly after, he suffers a stroke, a misfortune that is compounded by his health insurance company attempting to stiff him. But Kevin is nobody's patsy, and he puts together a truly diabolical plan of revenge ("some impressive, head-snapping three-ring mojo," exclaims an admiring friend) that will bring gladness to every listener's ears. The book is narrated by David Aaron Baker, a Southerner himself and an accomplished actor whose calm, rueful delivery records with the sly humor of this terrifically entertaining book.

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# Burns

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acclaimed singer-songwriter Rodney Crowell agrees, then points out: "It's about the truth, even when it's a big, fat lie."

Other artists have taken stabs at crystallizing what they do.

"Country songs are the dreams of the working man," Merle Haggard said.

Waylon Jennings offered a broadly inclusive outline: "Country music isn't a guitar, it isn't a banjo, it isn't a melody, it isn't a lyric. It's a feeling."

Hank Williams addressed the question by saying, "You ask what makes our kind of music successful. ... It can be explained in just one word: sincerity."

Veteran filmmaker Burns and his New Hampshire-based crew spent more than eight years, conducted more than 175 hours of interviews with more than 100 subjects, pored over thousands of photographs and feet of vintage film footage, and crisscrossed the nation in making their exploration of that quintessentially American style of music.

Yet ask Burns or the show's writer, Dayton Duncan, to define country music, and despite — or perhaps because of — the depth of their research, you're likely to get an enthusiastic, richly informed dissertation rather than a pithy bromide. But not for lack of trying.

"One of the central themes of our film is that country music isn't, and never was, just one style of music," Duncan said recently. "That's probably the biggest thing that kept hitting me in the face (while) doing the research."

"From the get-go it's been a mixture of hymns and blues and minstrel songs and work songs and sentimental songs and old work songs and ballads from the British Isles. It never did congeal into any one thing. I'm mixing my metaphors here, but it came from many roots and then started its own branches."

Today those branches include significant elements of pop, rock, R&B and hip-hop music, nowhere more up front than in "Old Town Road." Those genres have intersected with and informed "traditional" country music increasingly over the last decade or more.

Among the most prominent examples: Jason Aldean's 2011 hit "Dirt Road Anthem," Sam Hunt's breakthrough 2017 single "Body Like a Back Road," pop-R&B singer-songwriter Bebe Rexha and country duo Florida Georgia Line's No. 1 2017 collaboration "Meant to Be" and Kane Brown's new duet with EDM producer and DJ Marshmello, "One Thing Right."

For Burns, a key mission of his project has been to look beyond the clichés and the quips often served up about country music to reveal its origins in some of the poorest regions of America's rural South as well as to highlight often deceptively simply stated expressions of the subjects' country songs address.

"There's something that we do in our culture in which we're OK with sentimentality and nostalgia," Burns said. "I don't know why, but that's the enemy of good anything."

"We're frightened of real, deep emotions, so we mask (discussions of country music) with jokes about pickup trucks, dogs, girlfriends and the beer. When, in fact, it's about elemental things: birth, death, falling in love, out of love, seeking redemption and erring and all the things human flesh is heir to. That's the stuff



JASON KEMPIN/GETTY

Rapper Lil Nas X's "Old Town Road" has engendered countless debates over what "country music" is.

country music is about."

"It is part of who we are as Americans — as much as the New Deal and the Civil War and the slave trade," said Rosanne Cash, a key voice in Burns' film, commenting both from the perspective of an outsider who fought to establish her own musical identity in the late 1970s and as the daughter of country icon Johnny Cash.

"All the violence and all the beauty — it's part of who we are, and we should know it."

## Just check the charts

Whether "Old Town Road," "The Git Up" or other tracks that buck tradition qualify as country is, on one level, an easy call, said Chuck Aly, vice president and general manager for Country AirCheck, a radio monitoring service.

"The answer for me is the airplay charts," he said. "And for us, country music is what's on the charts."

Yet country radio has long been resistant to innovation, both in terms of gender and race, whether it was singer Charley Pride, whose music was initially sent out by his record label in the '60s with no photos to give away that he is black, or stations that refused to play Loretta Lynn's "The Pill."

Indeed, female musicians have faced an uphill battle to win airplay on country radio going back to the 1930s, despite the pioneering contributions noted in Burns' film of influential figures such as Lynn, Maybelle and Sara Carter of the Carter Family, Patsy Montana, Kitty Wells, Patsy Cline, Dolly Parton, Tammy Wynette, Emmylou Harris and Rosanne Cash.

Combine that with the hurdles facing African American country musicians, and the result is a double whammy for performers such as Dona Mason, Rissi Palmer and Mickey Guyton.

For a time in the late 1980s, the '90s and early 2000s, female musicians rode high on the country charts regularly while a few, including Shania Twain, Faith Hill, the Dixie Chicks and Martina McBride, expanded their reach beyond the core country audience and won fans in the broader pop music world as well. That pendulum swing toward women gave way over the past decade to the "bro-country" surge — songs celebrating the

tailgate-party culture, rural life and comely women commonly outfitted in song in cutoff jeans. The male-centric genre saw the rise of such acts as Luke Bryan, Florida Georgia Line, Aldean and Blake Shelton, among others.

Concurrently, country radio — the most popular radio format in the U.S., with more than 2,100 stations among the nation's 15,500 AM and FM broadcast outlets — scaled back on the amount of airtime devoted to records from women. In December, Billboard noted that for the first time since the publication launched its Country Airplay chart in 1990 to measure the most popular songs on the airwaves, not a single record in the top 20 of that ranking was by a female artist or female-fronted group.

"The disparity on the country charts just doesn't make sense and doesn't reflect the female talent we have in our midst," Johnny Chiang, director of operations for Cox Media Group Houston, told Billboard at that time. "I don't know whose fault it is, but everyone needs to look at themselves in the mirror and ask if they're contributing to this issue."

As much as radio programmers work to get listeners to tune in, they are equally, or more, concerned with existing listeners tuning out, which engenders a conservative approach to including new voices and new sounds into radio playlists so as not to threaten stations' all-important advertising revenues. The condensing of ownership of radio stations into fewer corporate hands has only exacerbated a risk-averse approach.

"Country tends to be more artist-focused than other formats," explains Michael Gray, senior museum editor for the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Nashville.

"Whether a musician is playing 'Old Town Road' or mainstream country, the question becomes, 'Is he someone who's going to continue to make country music? Has he participated in the community of country music the way other people have who are building a career in country music?'"

Career-building has long been a function of the degree to which artists court the country music establishment in Nashville, which has been something akin to the all-encompassing studio system of old Hollywood. Artists were

often told what songs to record as well as which producers, musicians and recording studios they could use.

"A lot of pop and rock artists have tried to transition to country, but how many have had success?" Country AirCheck's Aly said. "The one shining example in all of it is (Hootie & the Blowfish singer) Darius Rucker. He came into the format and proved to everyone how important and how real it was — that it was not a part-time job for him."

"That's part of the reason Blanco Brown is getting airplay for 'The Git Up.' He's gone out on a radio tour and (he) is showing people that country music is important to him."

That practice is an important part of what's opened doors for rising country singer Jimmie Allen.

"Growing up in Delaware, my dad listened to country and my mom listened to Christian music," he said. "When I was a teenager, people said, 'You're black, you should do R&B.' But music is supposed to be a representation of the person, and I'm a little country boy. Now the music I make has country lyrics with pop-rock production and pop-R&B melodies."

That, however, also speaks to the hurdles facing African American musicians in country music, whether it was harmonica player and Grand Ole Opry star DeFord Bailey in the 1920s, singing cowboy Herb Jefferies in the 1930s and '40s, Charley Pride in the '60s, '70s and '80s on through Allen, Kane Brown and Blanco Brown today.

"I think Kane Brown has done a lot to prove his bona fides," said historian Charles Hughes, author of "Country Soul: Making Music and Making Race in the American South" and director of the Lynne & Henry Turley Memphis Center at Rhodes College in Memphis.

"That's a very common thing for black performers to do. They're constantly having to say 'I'm country; I'm legit.' Charley Pride had to do that, Stoney Edwards did that, Darius Rucker certainly did it and Kane Brown is doing it too."

The relationship between white and black music has been evident in country from the beginning, yet it's often obscured by the dominance in the genre of white performers. Burns' film cites the musical marriage that

took place in the rural American South in the 18th and 19th centuries that set the stage for what became country music: the meeting of the violin from European classical and folk traditions with the banjo, which came to the States from Africa because of the slave trade.

Biographical portraits of some of country's foundational figures highlight their collaborations or influences with African American musicians.

Carter Family patriarch A.P. Carter gathered songs from the hills and hollers of Appalachia with invaluable but often overlooked help from African American musician Lesley Riddle, who had a facility for remembering melodies and music, while Carter focused on the lyrics and stories. Jimmie Rodgers carried water to African American laborers while working in railroad labor camps. Hank Williams often cited blues musician Rufus "Tee Tot" Payne as his only true musical mentor and teacher. Bluegrass patriarch Bill Monroe said the same about African American fiddler and guitarist Arnold Schultz.

All get their moments onscreen in Burns' film, an important first step toward recognition for musicians who haven't simply been forgotten, according to Rhiannon Giddens, another key contemporary voice in Burns' film. The singer, songwriter and banjo virtuoso has spent much of her adult life tracing the history of African American folk and country music.

"African American musicians are not just slighted — they get erased," said Giddens, the recipient of a 2017 MacArthur Foundation "genius" grant who scored the music for "Lucy Redux," the first ballet written for an African American ballerina and which premiered earlier this year by the Nashville Ballet.

"Why didn't they record black people singing country music? They had this thing they had to sell. It's all about what is being sold, why it's being sold and who it's being sold to."

## Demise of the gatekeepers

If the general arguments over what constitutes "authentic country" is repetitive over the decades, an important element that's unique to the latest iteration of the conversation stems from the role of social media and music streaming.

"To a degree, yes, this is cyclical," said RAC Clark, interim executive director of the West Coast-based Academy of Country Music. "Yet because of the way music is consumed, things are just so different today from when everyone got their music over the radio or by buying a record."

"Today's new artists didn't grow up listening to full albums. They're shuffling songs from any genre onto their playlists."

As musicians and fans find new ways to discover and listen to music, it affects the music itself.

"This is the first time that the gatekeepers of the genre are losing the power to determine what exactly is country music," said author-historian Hughes. "The lines are starting to break down because the audience, through streaming and other things, has a great deal more power over music. Lil Nas X, Kane Brown and Blanco Brown — all of them are doing something that's very much a kind of millennial or post-millennial moment."

"As important as country radio and the Billboard charts continue to be, these agents of change have created an opening for that. It's an interesting moment of freedom."

# Atwood

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maids have swarmed capitols across the country. Consequently, the terrain of Gilead is probably more familiar to Americans than the geography of the United States.

Fans of Atwood's dystopian classic will remember that Offred, the narrator of "The Handmaid's Tale," concluded her secret testimony by acknowledging, "Whether this is my end or a new beginning I have no way of knowing."

Now we know.

"The Testaments" opens in Gilead about 15 years after "The Handmaid's Tale," but it's an entirely different novel in form and tone. Inevitably, the details are less shocking — at least in part because the horrors of Gilead's male-centered theocracy are already so well known.

Atwood responds to the challenge of that familiarity by giving us the narrator we least expect: Aunt Lydia. It's a brilliant strategic move that turns the world of Gilead inside out. In "The Handmaid's Tale," Aunt Lydia is the orthodox teacher whose platitudes and instructions cycle



ARTHUR MOLA/INVISION

In "The Testaments," her highly anticipated sequel to "The Handmaid's Tale," Margaret Atwood has a surprising narrator.

through Offred's mind. But in "The Testaments," Aunt Lydia speaks directly to us in all her conflicted complexity. She has become the supreme matriarch of this masculine cult. As a living legend, the very model of moral perfection and feminine wisdom, she enjoys a special position of extraordinary power — and she knows just how precarious that is.

"Only dead people are allowed

to have statues," she begins, "but I have been given one while still alive. Already I am petrified."

That little pun is typical of Aunt Lydia's wry wit, which endows "The Testaments" with far more humor than "The Handmaid's Tale" or its exceedingly grim TV adaptation. This Aunt Lydia is publicly devout but privately defiant, outwardly pious but inwardly sardonic.

Writing in a journal at night in

a library forbidden to all but a chosen few, Aunt Lydia reveals the story of her previous life, her traumatizing transition to the Republic of Gilead and her crafty political intrigue. She's Sun Tzu and Machiavelli with a cup of cinnamon tea. Through a combination of good luck and her own ruthless instincts, she has survived and thrived to become the spider at the center of a vast web of "shameful information" to trap female competitors and intimidate her male superiors. Aunt Lydia is a mercurial assassin: a pious leader, a ruthless administrator, a deliciously acerbic confessor. "Whoever said consistency is a virtue?" she asks.

But Aunt Lydia is not the only narrator of "The Testaments." Interlaced among her journal entries are the testimonies of two young women: one raised in Gilead, the other in Canada. Their mysterious identities fuel much of the story's suspense — and electrify the novel with an extra dose of melodrama.

Together, this trio of voices allows Atwood to include broader details about how other countries respond to the Republic of Gilead. Freed from the intense but narrow constraints of Offred's point of view in "The Handmaid's Tale," "The Testa-

ments" sketches out protest movements abroad, an underground railroad to ferry women north, the internecine conflicts rotting out the center of Gilead, and the Republic's efforts to manipulate its image on the world stage.

"The Handmaid's Tale" famously ends with the line, "Any questions?" And last November, Atwood told her 1.9 million Twitter followers that "The Testaments" was inspired by "everything you've ever asked me about Gilead and its inner workings." That certainly appears to be the case — the story is full of revealing back stories — but readers hoping for a complementary classic of dystopian literature may be disappointed. "The Testaments" is not nearly the devastating satire of political and theological misogyny that "The Handmaid's Tale" is. In this new novel, Atwood is far more focused on creating a brisk thriller than she is on exploring the perversity of systemic repression.

But, of course, that's not a fair complaint. Although the story of Gilead has long been called to the service of this or that contemporary cause, it remains entirely Atwood's possession.

Gilead will never be the same. Praise be.

## WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



George Stephanopoulos

**"ABC News Democratic Candidates Debate"** (7 p.m., ABC): The qualifying candidates for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination swap viewpoints on gun control, climate change, health care and other hot-button topics in this, the third in a series of nationally televised debates. Moderating the three-hour proceedings will be George Stephanopoulos, David Muir, Linsey Davis and Jorge Ramos.

**"Million Dollar Listing New York"** (8 p.m., 10:30 p.m., Bravo): The new episode "Polar Opposites" finds Ryan interviewing eager young agents for his new rental team, but he finds himself facing some difficult questions himself when an unhappy seller calls to question the lack of viable offers on his property. Steve and his buddy Phil are totally pumped when they go to the gym to work out and weigh a number of investment properties they've seen.

**"Ax Men"** (8 p.m., 12:04 a.m., History): In "Untethered," the Season 10 finale, Jason Rygaard races to finish clearing a hillside in time to fill four logging trucks. Elsewhere, Jay R. Harkness takes his life in his hands quite literally as he fights desperately to control the untethered Tigercat on a steep, snow-covered mountainside. Meanwhile, Bucking Billy and his son Hogan battle a forest of hang-ups and widow-makers, and Mike Pihl and his son Danny confront a devastating loss.

**"Beat Bobby Flay"** (9 p.m., 12 a.m., Food): Talk show host Seth Meyers ("Late Night With Seth Meyers") and Iron Chef Michael Symon think chef Bobby Flay is overdue for a lesson in humility as this hit culinary competition opens Season 22 with a premiere called "It's Gonna Be a Late Night." First, though, they must decide which challenger will take Bobby on.

**"Mr Inbetween"** (9 p.m., 10 p.m., FX): Series creator and star Scott Ryan returns for Season 2 of this critically acclaimed sitcom from Australia, but if you think the life of his character — criminal-for-hire Ray Shoesmith — is likely to be any more manageable, think again. Ray's trying not to screw up a promising new romance with paramedic Ally (Brooke Satchwell).

**"The Dead Files"** (9 p.m., 12 a.m., TRAVEL): A new episode called "The Blurry Man" finds former homicide detective Steve DiSchiavi and medium Amy Allan in Highland Park, Ill., in response to a distress call from a panic-stricken family. Members of the household report that paranormal activity in their home has escalated to the point where life there is an utter nightmare.

## TALK SHOWS

**"Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Gerard Butler.\*

**"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Jennifer Garner; comic Jim Jefferies; Megan Thee Stallion performs.\*

**"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.\*

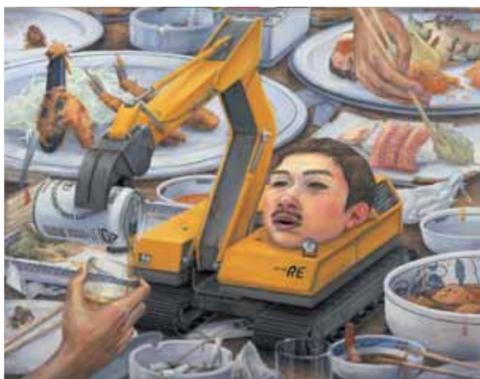
**"Jimmy Kimmel Live"** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Sean Penn; actress Danielle Macdonald.\*

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## THURSDAY EVENING, SEP. 12

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	
BROADCAST	<b>CBS</b> 2	Young Sheldon ©	Young Sheldon ©	Big Brother (N) (Live) ©	FBI: "This Land Is Your Land." ©	News (N) ♣			
	<b>NBC</b> 5	Superstore (N) ©	Superstore (N) ©	Hollywood Game Night (N) ©	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: "Diss." ©	NBC 5 News (N) ♣			
	<b>ABC</b> 7	ABC News Democratic Candidates Debate (N) (Live) ©						News at 10pm (N) ♣	
	<b>WGN</b> 9	black-ish ©	black-ish: "VIP." ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©	WGN News at Ten (N) ♣		
	<b>Antenna 9.2</b>	Alice ©	Alice: "Pilot." ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©	3's Comp.		
	<b>This TV 9.3</b>	Secret Admirer (R,'85) **	C. Thomas Howell. ©			Valley Girl (R,'83) **	Nicolas Cage. ♣		
	<b>PBS</b> 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		9/11 Inside the Pentagon ©		Independent Lens: "Dolores." © ♣			
	<b>CW</b> 26.1	The Outpost (N) ©	Horror (N)		Horror	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©	
	<b>The U</b> 26.2	Dr. Phil (N) ©	Tamron Hall (N) ©				The Steve Wilkos Show	Cops ©	
	<b>MeTV</b> 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett	
<b>H&amp;I</b> 26.4	Star Trek: "Mirror, Mirror."	Star Trek: Next				Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ♣		
<b>Bounce</b> 26.5	The Game	The Game	In the Cut	Family Time	Menace II Society (R,'93) *** © ♣				
<b>FOX</b> 32	* (6) MLB Baseball: Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies. From Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia. (N) ©					FOX 32 News at Nine (N)	Later with Leon		
<b>Ion</b> 38	Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago P.D. ©				Chicago P.D. ©	Chicago ♣		
<b>Telem</b> 44	* Exatlón EE. UU. (N)	El final del paraíso (N) ©				Preso No. 1 (N) ©	Chicago (N)		
<b>MNT</b> 50	Chicago P.D. ©	The Good Wife ©				The Good Wife ©	Chicago ♣		
<b>UniMas</b> 60	* (6) Enamorándonos	Apocalipsis ©				Nosotr.	Nosotr.		
<b>WJYS</b> 62	* Paid Prog.	* Paid Prog.	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Christian	Dn. Carson	Monument		
<b>Univ</b> 66	* (6:55) El debate democrata ©							Nosotr.	
CABLE	<b>AE</b>	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam ♣	
	<b>AMC</b>	Pearl Harbor (PG-13,'01) ** Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett. ©						Pearl Harbor ♣	
	<b>ANIM</b>	River Monsters: "Legend of Loch Ness." ©						River Monsters: "American Killers." ♣	
	<b>BBCA</b>	Vegas Vacation (PG,'97) * Chevy Chase. ©						Vegas Vacation (PG,'97) * © ♣	
	<b>BET</b>	* (5) Juice (R,'92) **		Harlem Nights (R,'89) **		Eddie Murphy, Richard Pryor. ♣			
	<b>BIGTEN</b>	Women's College Soccer: NC State at Minnesota. (N)						BTN Football in 60 ©	
	<b>BRAVO</b>	Million Dollar Listing		Million Dollar Listing New York (N) ©		Below Deck	Watch (N)		
	<b>CLTV</b>	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©	Politics		
	<b>CNN</b>	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♣	
	<b>COM</b>	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily (N)	
	<b>DISC</b>	Naked and Afraid ©		Naked and Afraid: "Surviving the Elements." © ♣					
	<b>DISN</b>	Raven	Roll With It	Bunk'd ©	Bunk'd ©	Coop	TBA	TBA ♣	
	<b>E!</b>	The Parent Trap (PG,'98) *** Lindsay Lohan, Dennis Quaid. ©						Nightly (N)	
	<b>ESPN</b>	CFB 150 (N)	College Football 150 - Football Is US	ESPN Documentaries (N)		ESPN Documentaries (N)			
	<b>ESPN2</b>	High School Football: Longview (Texas) at John Tyler (Texas). (N) (Live)						CFB 150	
	<b>FNC</b>	Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) ©				The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News	
	<b>FOOD</b>	Chopped ©	Chopped ©				Beat Flay	Flay List (N)	
	<b>FREE</b>	Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13,'11) ** Johnny Depp. ©						700 Club ♣	
	<b>FX</b>	* (6) The Fate of the Furious (PG-13,'17) ** ©				Inbetween	Inbetween	Inbetween	
	<b>HALL</b>	The Perfect Catch (NR,'17) Nikki DeLoach. ©						Golden Girls	
	<b>HGTV</b>	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip (N)	Flip or Flop	Hunters	Hunt Intl (N)	Going (N)	
	<b>HIST</b>	Ax Men: "Snappin' Trees."		Ax Men: "Untethered." (Season Finale) (N)		(9:03) Knife or Death (N) © ♣			
	<b>HLN</b>	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
	<b>IFC</b>	Knocked Up (R,'07) *** Seth Rogen, Katherine Heigl. ©						Campaign ♣	
	<b>LIFE</b>	Wife Swap: "Heene/Silver." Married at First Sight (N) ©						Married (N)	
	<b>MSNBC</b>	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)		
	<b>MTV</b>	Jersey Shore (N)		Ex on the Beach (N) ©		Jersey Shore--Vacation		Ghosted:	
	<b>NBCSCH</b>	Fantasy Football (N)						MLB Baseball: Chicago Cubs at San Diego Padres. © ♣	
	<b>NICK</b>	Men in Black (PG-13,'97) *** Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith. ©				Friends ©	Friends ©		
	<b>OVATION</b>	No Reservation						No Reservation	
<b>OWN</b>	20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 ♣		
<b>OXY</b>	Killer Affair (Season Finale) (N)		Nancy Grace		Killer Couples ©		Killer ♣		
<b>PARMT</b>	* (6:30) Remember the Titans (PG,'00) *** ©						Remember the Titans (PG,'00) *** ♣		
<b>SYFY</b>	* (5:30) Edge of Tomorrow		Mad Max: Fury Road (R,'15) *** Tom Hardy. ©						
<b>TBS</b>	Big Bang	Big Bang	Chasing the Cure (N) (Live) ©		Big Bang	Conan ©			
<b>TCM</b>	On Her Majesty's Secret Service (PG,'69) *** George Lazenby.						Diamonds Are Forever ♣		
<b>TLC</b>	Unexpected		Pregnant Behind Bars ©		Pregnant Behind Bars ©		My Crazy		
<b>TLN</b>	Humanit	Wretched	Everlasting Love		Life Today	Like You	Humanit		
<b>TNT</b>	* (5:30) Kong: Skull Island		Chasing the Cure (N) (Live) ©		Cowboys & Aliens *** ♣				
<b>TOON</b>	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick, Morty		
<b>TRAV</b>	The Dead Files ©						The Dead Files (N) ©		
<b>TVL</b>	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King		
<b>USA</b>	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam		
<b>VH1</b>	Black Ink Crew ©		Black Ink Crew: Compton		Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out		
<b>WE</b>	Growing Up Hip Hop: N.Y.		Growing Up (N)		Beyond the Pole (Season Finale) (N) ©		Growing ♣		
<b>WGN America</b>	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man		
PREMIUM	<b>HBO</b>	The Shop						How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days (PG-13,'03) **	
	<b>HBO2</b>	Towers	Balls ©	The Shop	(8:35) Mortal Engines (PG-13,'18) ** Hera Hilmar. ♣				
	<b>MAX</b>	The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13,'11) ** Matt Damon. (8:50) U-571 (PG-13,'00) ** ♣							
	<b>SHO</b>	* David Bowie   The Affair: "503." ©						The Happytime Murders (R,'18) * ©	
	<b>STARZ</b>	* Sorcerer's Apprentice		2 Fast 2 Furious (PG-13,'03) ** Paul Walker.				Earth ♣	
<b>STZNC</b>	* Jumanji: Welcome		Jeepers Creepers (R,'01) ** ©		(9:34) The Omen (R) ** ♣				



# TETSUYA ISHIDA

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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Sept. 12): Good fortune smiles on your family this year. Persistence with passion projects or romantic visions delivers. Love bursts into beautiful flower this winter, before friends interrupt with new directions. Household changes next summer inspire an unforgettably sweet gathering.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 6. Your concentration could get interrupted. Don't be hasty or take risks. Review and consider privately. Some worries are well founded.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 7. Keep your tone polite and respectful. Listen more than you speak. Check public opinion, and consider yours carefully before attempting expression.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 7. A professional controversy swirls. Avoid provoking jealousies or sensitivities. Take charge, and provide a solution. One door closes, and another one opens. Consider options.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Pack lightly and carefully. Traffic delays could slow the action. Plan ahead for different scenarios. Make a long-distance connection.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Things could get expensive. Monitor closely to avoid fees. Cut unused subscriptions or services. Communications helps with a shortfall.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Keep your patience with someone. Support each other through a transition. Share the load to begin a new phase. You can do this.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. A shift with your work, health or fitness requires adaptation. Avoid risky business. Make technical improvements, upgrade equipment and work with a good coach.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Keep an open mind. Romantic changes have your attention. Relax, and review the facts. Avoid jumping to expensive conclusions. Wait for developments.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Handle domestic chores and projects while considering upcoming changes. Fix something before it breaks. Listen to your intuition, especially with family. Serve comfort food.

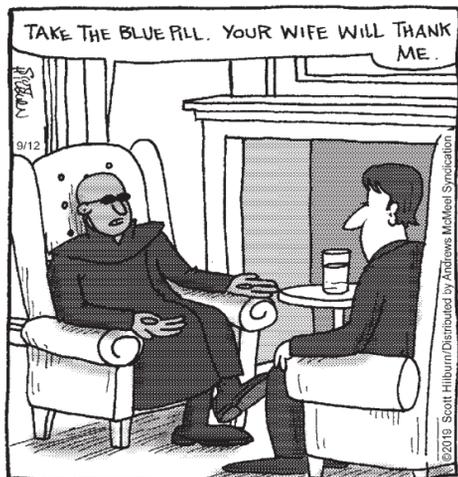
**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. There are plenty of changes affecting your interests in the news. Monitor what's happening in real time. Prepare your messaging, and keep your tone respectful.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Don't treat the whole gang; save a cushion for the unexpected. Stick to your schedule, and budget to keep deadlines. Stay in communication. Send invoices.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Take charge of your destiny. When one road is blocked, choose another. Invest in something solid. Your ideas are attracting attention.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



### Bridge

Neither vulnerable, West deals

**North**  
 ♠ Q J 10 8  
 ♥ 5 4 2  
 ♦ Q 3  
 ♣ A J 7 3

**West**  
 ♠ 9 6 2  
 ♥ K J 10 7 3  
 ♦ A K J 8  
 ♣ 2

**East**  
 ♠ 3  
 ♥ 9 8  
 ♦ 9 7 6 5 2  
 ♣ Q 9 6 5 4

**South**  
 ♠ A K 7 5 4  
 ♥ A Q 6  
 ♦ 10 4  
 ♣ K 10 8

West's decision to bid two diamonds was a poor choice. Even though he caught five-card support for his second suit in partner's hand, his bid served primarily to give declarer a roadmap for the play of the hand.

West cashed his top two diamonds and shifted to a low spade. South won in hand with the ace and led a trump to dummy's queen, learning that West started with three spades. West had advertised five hearts and at least four diamonds in the auction, leaving him with, at most, one club.

**The bidding:**

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	Pass	1♠
2♦	2♠	3♦	4♠

All pass  
**Opening lead: Ace of ♦**

needed four club tricks to make his contract. South led dummy's jack of clubs, prepared to run it if East played low. He would pay off to a singleton queen in the West hand, but there were five small clubs missing and only one queen, so the odds were five-to-one in his favor. At the table, East covered the jack with the queen, and declarer won the trick with his king. He crossed back to dummy with the jack of spades, drawing the last trump, and led a low club to his eight for the guaranteed finesse. He cashed the 10 of clubs and could still get back to dummy with a trump to cash the ace of clubs and bring his trick total up to 10. Nicely played!

— Bob Jones  
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### Dilbert



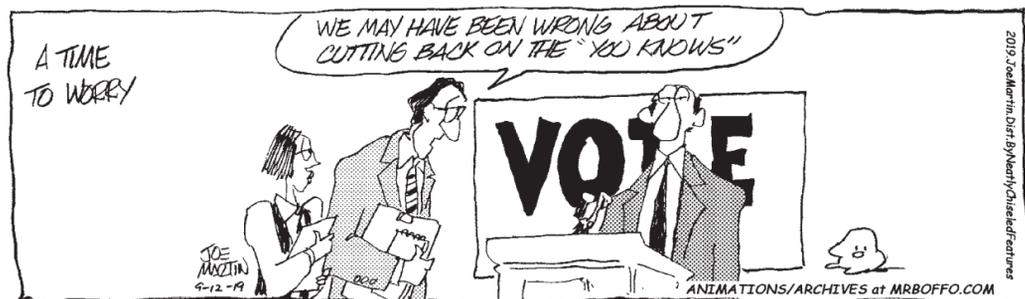
### Baby Blues



### Zits



### Mr. Boffo



### Frazz



### Classic Peanuts



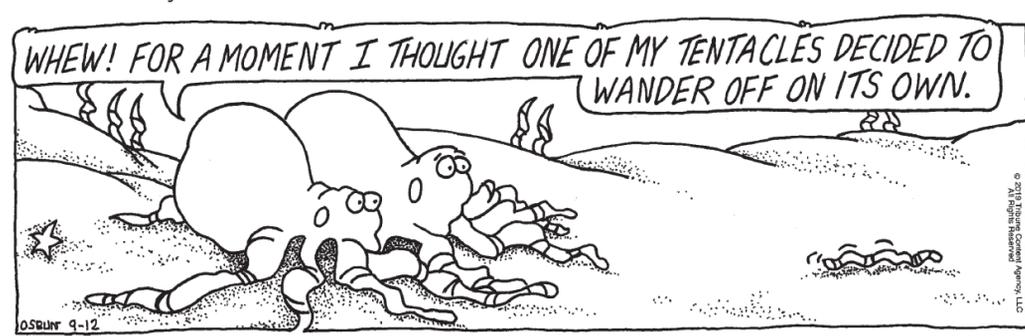
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### Dick Tracy



### Animal Crackers



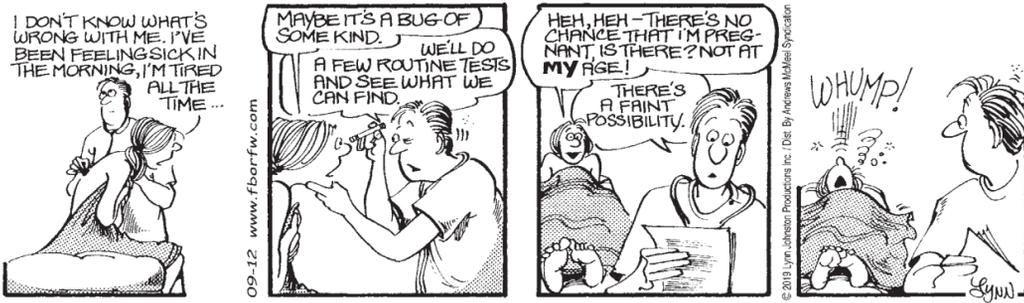
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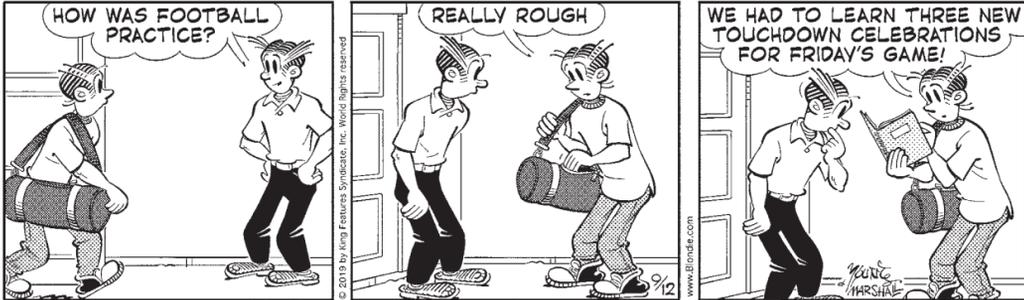
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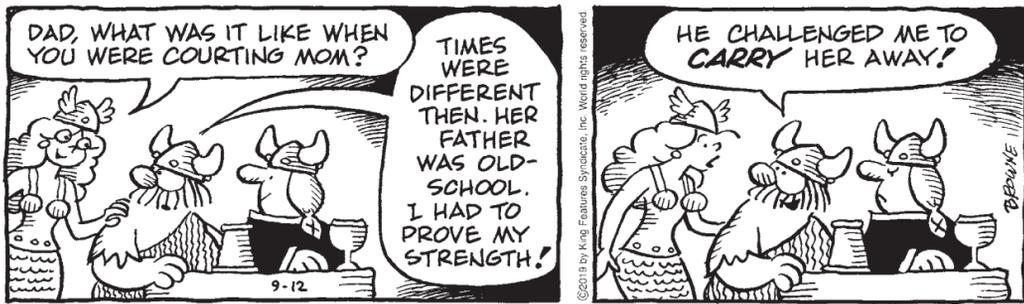
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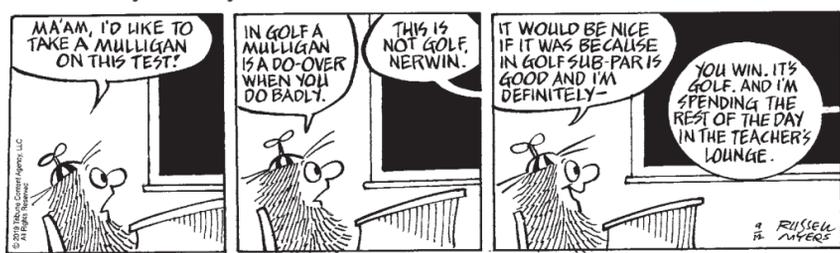
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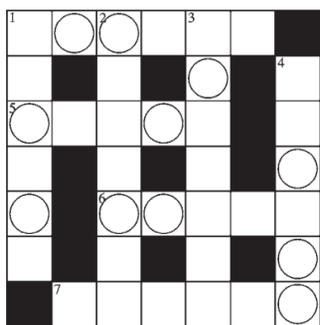
**Permian High School is the setting for which of these books?**

A) "Carrie"  
 B) "Friday Night Lights"  
 C) "Looking for Alaska"  
 D) "The Perks of Being a Wall-flower"

Wednesday's answer: Mattamuskeet, Walla Walla and Vidalia are types of sweet onion.

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**Jumble Crossword**



9-12-19 **CLUE:** The character of \_\_\_\_\_ first appeared in October 1941.

**BONUS** ○○○○○○○○○ ○○○○○○○○○

**ACROSS**

**CLUE**

1. Pulp magazine  
 5. Injury  
 6. White  
 7. Enclosed, bordered

**ANSWER**

MPEACO  
 DNOWU  
 SNEOI  
 MRAFDE

**DOWN**

**CLUE**

1. Type of alloy  
 2. Funeral attendee  
 3. Atomic symbol Cd  
 4. Prudent, astute

**ANSWER**

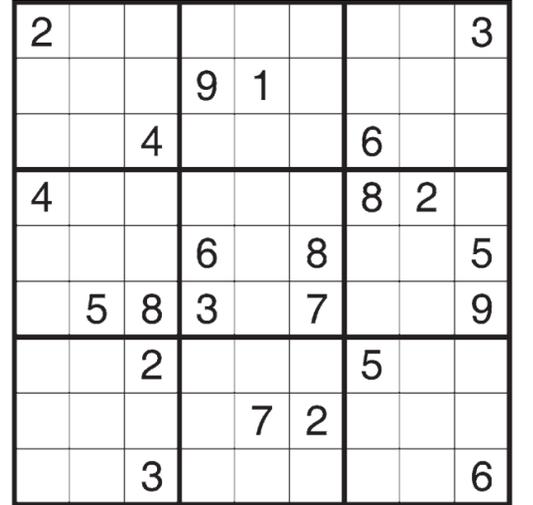
UORPET  
 JORREMN  
 MCAUDIM  
 HSDRW

How to play - Complete the puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

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7	1	9	8	3	5	2	4	6
5	8	4	7	6	2	1	9	3
6	3	2	4	1	9	7	5	8
3	7	6	1	9	8	4	2	5
2	9	1	5	4	3	6	8	7
8	4	5	2	7	6	9	3	1
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4	5	8	6	2	1	3	7	9

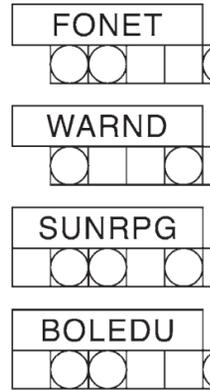
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**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 ○○○○○○○○ ○○○○○○○○

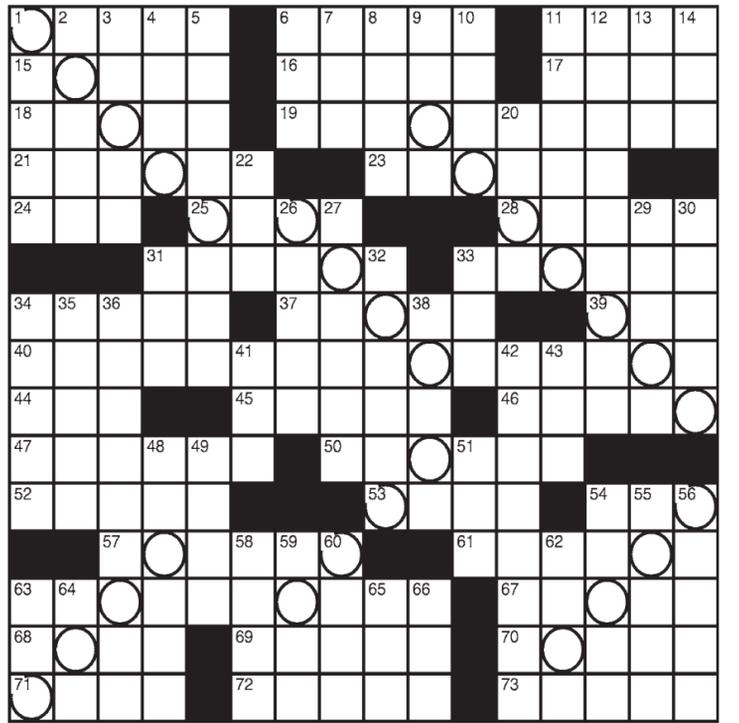
**Wednesday's answers**

Jumbles: CHAIR STUNT HAMPER MIGHTY  
 Answer: The tennis player was doing quite well in the tournament, until he — MET HIS MATCH

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**Crossword**

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**Across**

1 "Are you getting 100%?" cereal  
 6 Lover  
 11 Excludes  
 15 Place to play  
 16 Gulf of Oman vessel  
 17 Neutral tone  
 18 Charcuterie fare  
 19 Quaint sleeping coach  
 21 Target, as a receiver  
 23 "Moonlight Sonata" opening movement, e.g.  
 24 Stand buy  
 25 Dromedary feature  
 28 Hybrid fruits  
 31 Cheerleader's cry  
 33 Top —  
 34 "Garfield: \_\_\_ of Two Kitties"  
 37 Deceptive appearance  
 39 — Plains  
 40 Classic American board game symbolized by this puzzle's circles

**Down**

1 — Bay Rays  
 2 Nymph associated with Artemis  
 3 Needle  
 4 Tiny tunnelers  
 5 Eighteenth, usually  
 6 Clotheshorse  
 7 Sch. with a Brooklyn campus  
 8 Penne — vodka  
 9 Fuse  
 10 Writer Bombeck  
 11 Inoffensive  
 12 Praise  
 13 New Deal agency  
 14 — La Table: cookware shop  
 20 Bonn : Wasser :: Barcelona : —

**44 Fish often fried**  
**45 Famille member**  
**46 Out of practice**  
**47 Deceptive**  
**50 Took to heart**  
**52 Sleep soundly?**  
**53 Classic movie theaters**  
**54 Maple yield**  
**57 Martial arts teacher**  
**61 Knesset country**  
**63 Brit's afternoon drink**  
**67 Raised landform**  
**68 Stable baby**  
**69 Befuddled**  
**70 It was originally a sitting meditation pose**  
**71 Capital on the Tiber**  
**72 With 22-Down, intimidate**  
**73 Reach**

**22 See 72-Across**  
**26 Soccer star Rapinow**  
**27 Beer belly**  
**29 Unlikely to react**  
**30 Likely to react?**  
**31 "Scram, varmints!"**  
**32 2017 "Hello, Dolly!" Tony winner**  
**33 TV's Arthur**  
**34 Billing nos.**  
**35 "This \_\_\_ / Doth to our rose of youth rightly belong" (Shakespeare)**  
**36 Intrusive MP3 files**  
**38 Aerodynamic**  
**41 — sauce**  
**42 Bridal gown storage option**  
**43 It'll never work**  
**48 Big Easy cuisine**  
**49 Co-worker of Lane and Olsen**  
**51 "Where \_\_\_ sign?"**  
**54 Pulled a chair up to**  
**55 Insurance giant**  
**56 Skirt fold**  
**58 Dove, e.g.**  
**59 Young salamanders**  
**60 Wee**  
**62 Sleight of hand**  
**63 Egypt's cont.**  
**64 Jack of "Barney Miller"**  
**65 Common Market letters**  
**66 Hot tub sigh**

**Wednesday's solution**

ASS BAEZ GAVORT  
 LEA ABLE OLIVIA  
 LAVALAMP ROMEO  
 UMAMI SPINNER  
 ENTROPY TAO EAU  
 ODAMAE DATE  
 HUDSON RIVER  
 BIAS ZANTAC  
 OWN ERA ECOLAW  
 BOULDERDAM DALI  
 KEISTER KEYIN  
 TAKEOTO TAMAROCK  
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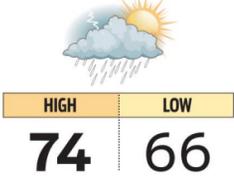
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THURSDAY, SEPT. 12 NORMAL HIGH: 76° NORMAL LOW: 56° RECORD HIGH: 96° (1952) RECORD LOW: 44° (2014)

## Heat, humidity to exit area amid storm threat

### LOCAL FORECAST



■ Deep low pressure over the northern plains keeps tropical air flowing into the Midwest.

■ Another muggy, hazy start to the day. Considerable clouds brings a chance of isolated storms.

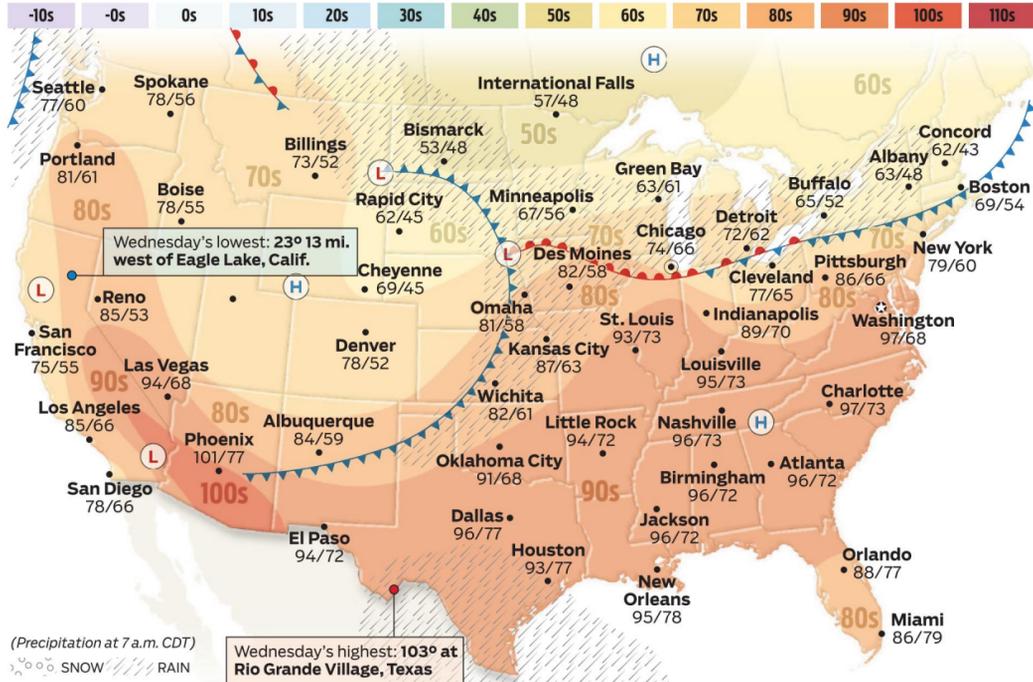
■ Turning variably cloudy. Light winds become SE at 10-20 mph.

■ Afternoon temps range from low 70s N and near the lake, to the mid-upper 80s far S suburbs.

■ Scattered t-storms may erupt any time in unstable air mass, but are most likely mid-late afternoon.

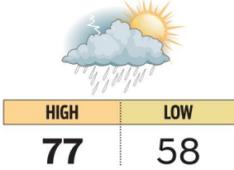
■ More widespread storms overnight as a cold front approaches.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



After a period of cool weather that brought five days of sub-normal temperatures earlier this month, our weather has undergone a reversal. Winds aloft have turned southwest, allowing mid-summer level heat and humidity to overspread much of the Midwest. Temperatures Tuesday and Wednesday reached 90-degrees at many locations, including Midway airport. Clusters of severe thunderstorms have been riding the periphery of this heat dome. Softball-size hail fell in eastern Wyoming, while floods and wind damage occurred from Nebraska, to Minnesota and Michigan. Thunderstorms, some containing heavy rain and gusty winds will be on the increase across Chicago as cooler air settles over part of the metro area Thursday. A more robust front will sweep across the region late Thursday night or Friday morning.

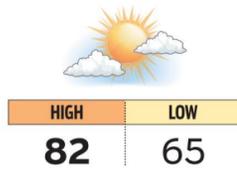
### FRIDAY, SEPT. 13



Showers/t-storm possible early, then clearing. Turning breezy and much less humid as dew points fall off to the upper 50s by evening. Temps reach the 75-80 degree range. SW-W winds 20-25 mph.



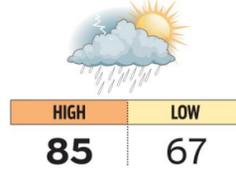
### SATURDAY, SEPT. 14



Mostly sunny and trending warmer. Temps peak in the low 80s most locations. Some clouds begin to build later in the day, leading to a chance of t-storms at night. Light winds become SW 15-20 mph.



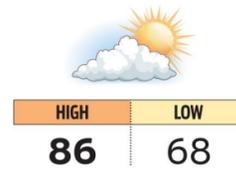
### SUNDAY, SEPT. 15



T-storms may be ongoing early, then partly sunny. Warm, more humid. Temps peak in the low-mid 80s. Clouds build again in the afternoon bringing a chance of more storms. SW winds 15-20 mph.



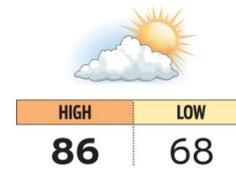
### MONDAY, SEPT. 16



Summer in September continues. Partly, to mostly sunny skies raise temps to the mid 80s. Scattered clouds bring an outside chance of isolated late day/evening t-storms. SW-S winds 10-15 mph.



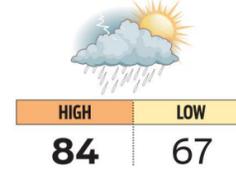
### TUESDAY, SEPT. 17



Little change. Large upper level high over the eastern U.S. keeps tropical air in place. Continued quite warm and humid. Chance of an evening t-storm, but most areas stay dry. S winds 10-15 mph.



### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18



Warm and humid. Clouds build midday leading to a chance of afternoon/evening t-storms. High temps again reach the mid 80s. S-SW winds 10-20 mph.



### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
How long did Dorian travel and was that a record?

Ken Shapiro  
Chicago

Dear Ken,  
Dorian became a named tropical cyclone storm on Aug. 24 and lost its tropical characteristics 15 days later on Sept. 7. However, that was far from the all-time longevity record of 31 days established by Hurricane/Typhoon John that roamed the Pacific in 1994. John formed off southern Mexico on Aug. 11 and strengthened to a 175 mph Category 5 storm on Aug. 23. Continuing west, it crossed the date-line on Aug. 28 and was reclassified as Typhoon John. Eleven days later, the storm, now moving eastbound, again crossed the dateline and regained its hurricane title before it dissipated in the North Pacific on Sept. 11. Two Atlantic hurricanes lasted for 28 days: the San Ciriaco Hurricane in 1899 and Hurricane Ginger in 1971.

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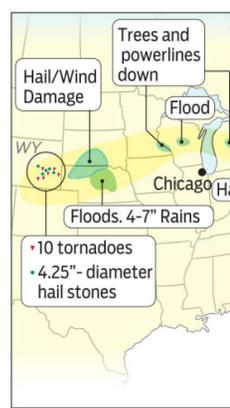


## Seasonable temps headed this way but summer isn't over yet

### "RING OF FIRE" PATTERN

Pattern stays mostly west-north of our area

Storm clusters bring tornadoes, winds, giant hail and flooding

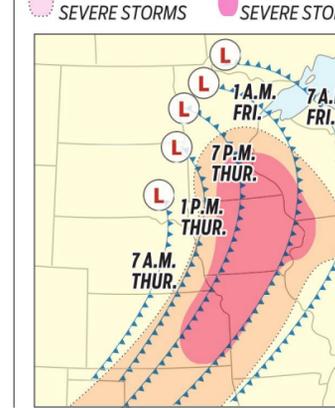


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### APPROACHING FRONT TO TRIGGER POTENTIALLY SEVERE STORMS

Severe thunderstorm outlook

Thursday and Thursday night

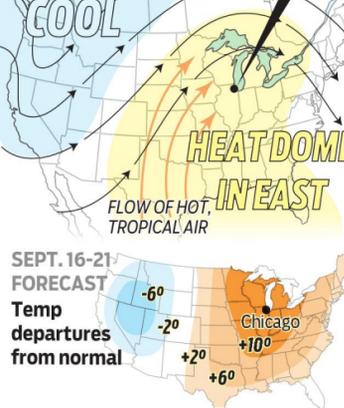


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### FRONT TO BRING BRIEF COOL-DOWN, BUT HEAT TO RETURN BY NEXT WEEK

Forecast upper-level wind pattern

(Centered Tuesday, Sept. 17)



PAUL MERZLOCK, THOMAS VALLE / WGN-TV

### MIDWEST CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	su	93	71	ts	88	63
Carbondale	su	90	70	ts	82	56
Champaign	su	89	70	ts	81	58
Decatur	su	89	70	ts	81	58
Moline	su	89	69	pc	75	57
Peoria	su	89	69	pc	77	58
Quincy	su	90	68	pc	78	60
Rockford	su	79	68	pc	72	55
Springfield	su	89	71	pc	80	58
Sterling	su	84	67	pc	73	54
Indiana	su	89	70	ts	88	60
Bloomington	su	93	71	ts	91	65
Evansville	su	93	71	ts	91	65
Fort Wayne	su	86	65	ts	85	56
Indianapolis	su	89	70	ts	88	60
Lafayette	su	89	71	ts	83	56
Louisville	su	83	67	ts	79	56
Wisconsin	su	89	70	ts	88	60
Green Bay	su	89	70	ts	88	60
Kenosha	su	70	67	ts	75	56
La Crosse	su	73	60	ts	66	53
Madison	su	71	65	ts	68	53
Milwaukee	su	76	65	ts	73	55
Wausau	su	60	57	ts	63	49
Michigan	su	89	70	ts	88	60
Detroit	su	72	62	ts	82	61
Grand Rapids	su	70	64	ts	76	59
Marquette	su	61	56	ts	70	52
St. Ste. Marie	su	69	53	ts	65	55
Traverse City	su	69	53	ts	65	55
Iowa	su	85	56	ts	73	54
Ames	su	84	58	ts	71	54
Cedar Rapids	su	82	58	ts	75	59
Des Moines	su	79	61	ts	68	53
Dubuque	su	79	61	ts	68	53

### OTHER U.S. CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albion	su	94	72	ts	90	69
Albany	su	63	48	ts	72	55
Albuquerque	su	84	59	pc	86	63
Amarillo	su	88	62	ts	82	63
Anchorage	su	60	50	ts	61	50
Asheville	su	89	64	ts	86	66
Aspen	su	66	36	ts	74	42
Atlanta	su	96	72	ts	96	72
Atlanta City	su	85	63	ts	70	64
Austin	su	95	73	ts	97	74
Baltimore	su	95	66	ts	74	66
Baltimore	su	73	52	ts	80	52
Birmingham	su	96	72	ts	96	74
Bismarck	su	53	48	ts	66	50
Boise	su	69	54	ts	83	54
Brownsville	su	91	77	ts	91	76
Burlington	su	65	52	ts	76	64
Butte	su	77	60	ts	80	52
Charlottesville	su	97	73	ts	91	69
Charlottesville	su	84	73	ts	84	75
Charlottesville	su	92	66	ts	93	70
Chattanooga	su	98	72	ts	98	72
Cheyenne	su	69	45	ts	76	50
Cincinnati	su	92	69	ts	92	66
Cleveland	su	77	65	ts	84	68
Colorado	su	77	60	ts	80	52
Columbia MO	su	90	69	ts	81	61
Columbia SC	su	97	72	ts	94	72
Columbus	su	91	69	ts	90	67
Concord	su	63	43	ts	67	42
Corpus Christi	su	89	78	ts	90	76
Dallas	su	96	77	ts	96	76
Daytona Bch.	su	85	79	ts	85	78
Denver	su	78	52	ts	83	50
Des Moines	su	51	49	ts	55	46
El Paso	su	94	72	ts	89	75

### WORLD CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Palm Beach	su	86	80	ts	85	79
Palm Springs	su	103	77	ts	109	78
Philadelphia	su	90	61	ts	73	62
Phoenix	su	101	77	ts	105	82
Pittsburgh	su	86	66	ts	84	67
Portland, ME	su	62	48	ts	65	48
Portland, OR	su	81	61	ts	73	59
Providence	su	68	51	ts	69	50
Raleigh	su	94	72	ts	83	68
Rapid City	su	62	45	ts	75	53
Reno	su	85	53	ts	91	54
Richmond	su	97	70	ts	97	70
Rochester	su	65	50	ts	76	63
Sacramento	su	95	60	ts	96	62
Salem, Ore.	su	81	58	ts	75	55
Salt Lake City	su	72	52	ts	80	58
San Antonio	su	95	75	ts	97	74
San Diego	su	78	66	ts	81	67
San Francisco	su	75	55	ts	76	55
San Juan	su	89	79	ts	90	80
Santa Fe	su	78	50	ts	79	53
Savannah	su	88	72	ts	88	75
Seattle	su	77	60	ts	72	60
Shreveport	su	97	74	ts	97	75
Sioux Falls	su	74	54	ts	70	54
Spokane	su	78	56	ts	74	56
St. Louis	su	93	73	ts	94	62
Syracuse	su	65	48	ts	74	59
Tallahassee	su	94	70	ts	95	73
Tampa	su	93	77	ts	90	77
Topeka	su	84	58	ts	82	62
Tucson	su	97	72	ts	102	76
Tulsa	su	92	69	ts	86	69
Washington	su	97	68	ts	72	65
Wichita	su	82	61	ts	85	66
Wikes Barre	su	75	53	ts	66	54
Yuma	su	102	77	ts	108	77

### WORLD CITIES

THURSDAY	FC	HI	LO	THURSDAY	FC	HI	LO
Acapulco	cl	88	78	Kingston	pc	89	81
Algiers	pc	86	69	Lima	pc	64	58
Amsterdam	pc	69	61	Lisbon	su	91	71
Ankara	su	84	55	London	pc	76	57
Athens	su	88	73	Madrid	pc	87	65
Auckland	su	60	50	Manila	ts	86	77
Baghdad	su	104	73	Mexico City	ts	75	55
Bangkok	su	95	78	Montreal	ts	86	69
Barbados	su	88	80	Nassau	ts	84	77
Barcelona	su	81	67	Nassau	ts	84	77
Berlin	su	87	68	New Delhi	pc	79	55
Bermuda	su	84	78	Oslo	pc	61	46
Bogota	su	73	61	Ottawa	pc	69	44
Brussels	su	73	61	Paris	ts	86	76
Bucharest	su	82	57	Panama City	ts	77	59
Budapest	su	78	55	Prague	pc	67	46
Buenos Aires	su	64	42	Rio de Janeiro	su	95	71
Cairo	su	96	74	Riyadh	su	104	76

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# SWEET DREAMS

Expert advice for designing a calm, sleep-inducing bedroom **PAGE 4**



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# Tricks to keeping windows clean and free of streaks

BY PAUL F.P. POGUE  
HomeAdvisor

Window cleaning is never fun, but doing the job right involves much more than a quick wipe with a microfiber cloth and a spray cleaner. These five tricks will help you get perfect windows.

**Window tracks:** Window tracks attract dirt like few other areas in your home. You can clear gunk out of your window tracks in a hurry with this mixture: Blend equal parts vinegar and water in a spray bottle. (Add a bit of dish soap for extra punch.) Sprinkle baking soda along the inside of the window track, then spray. The mixture will foam up; just let it sit in the track for 5-10 minutes to loosen the grime. Clean out the foam and gunk with a toothbrush or painter's sponge, and your track will sparkle like new.

**Blinds:** Blinds take forever to clean by hand, but this trick will save time. Take a pair of kitchen tongs and wrap a rag around each end. Secure them with rubber bands. Spray cleaning solution on the rags, then lightly clamp them to a slat and swipe the dirt away. (Make sure the rags completely cover the tongs to avoid scratch-



DREAMSTIME

Getting grime off blinds is just one element of a thorough window-cleaning job.

ing your blinds.) Continue this process on every slat, and your blinds will be clean in no time.

**Squeegee:** You can get a flawless, streak-free shine by cleaning your windows inside or out the same way the pros do — with a

squeegee. You can buy one from a big-box store or order online. For cleaning solution, either buy from a store or make your own by mixing two tablespoons of white vinegar into one gallon of water. Apply your solution, squeegee it off (moving top to bottom, left to

right) and remove any drips with a clean microfiber towel. For particularly tough marks, use #0000 steel wool, a low-grit material that shouldn't scratch glass.

**Repair scratches:** You can

repair superficial window scratches on your own with a little effort. Only try this on standard windows; specialized windows require qualified care. And if the scratch is deep enough to catch a fingernail tip, it's probably too deep to repair.

For homemade scratch remover, mix a paste of water, white toothpaste and baking soda. Rub it into the scratch with a clean, slightly damp cloth. Rub the paste in a tiny circular motion and try to avoid applying it outside the scratched area. Once finished, use a clean soft cloth to wash the window. This process may take several attempts to minimize or completely hide the scratch.

**Screens:** People often overlook screens when cleaning windows, but they can quickly build up dust, gunk and insects. A horse-hair brush or even a vacuum cleaner with a brush attachment can get rid of most dirt. Outside screens or particularly dirty indoor screens may require a more thorough cleaning. Remove them, gently wash with a brush and soapy water, rinse them with a hose, then let them dry completely before putting them back. Many window-cleaning companies will also take care of screens, but this usually costs extra.

## Got the blues? Add some white hues to accentuate decor



SCOTT MORRIS/TNS

Blue artwork helps highlight a long hallway.

BY CATHY HOBBS  
Tribune News Service

Blue remains one of the most popular colors in fashion and home decor. A power color, blue is often highlighted best when paired with light colors such as white and cream.

Blue is rich and deep, while creams and whites are soft and light, which creates a powerful balance. The colors work especially well together in spaces in which you may wish to have a sense of strong contrast, such as living rooms and dining rooms.

Here are some ideas for how to incorporate blue and white into your space.

**Artwork:** Artwork is a key way to introduce or tie various colors together within a space.

**Area rugs:** Area rugs come in different shapes, sizes and color combinations that can help introduce blue and white into your home.

**Accessories:** From toss pillows to decorative items and even coffee table books, look for creative ways to tie blue and white together.

**Color map:** This is a design technique you can use to repeat a color or colors throughout a room so a space feels more cohesive.



DESIGN RECIPES

Denim blue chairs add a surprise burst of color in this dining space.

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# Create a sleep sanctuary

Reducing noise, light and stress are keys

BY EUSTACIA HUEN  
The Washington Post

Brain research has shown how relevant sleep is to health, so it's more important than ever to get a good night's sleep. In the bedroom, that means not just decorating in calming colors but also minimizing stressors and optimizing conditions for a restful night. We asked some experts for advice and products to achieve that.

## Minimize noise

A key obstacle to uninterrupted sleep is noise. To reduce it, Brooklyn-based architect and designer Adam Meshberg, founder of Meshberg Group, recommends soundproofing the walls - building an additional thin wall in front of the original, adding a layer of QuietRock sheetrock, or sealing any cracks or gaps within the walls. To a lesser extent, wall-coverings can also absorb sound, he says, though a padded wallcovering will do more than a simple wallpaper.

Cracks and gaps are also a problem when it comes to windows. Restoring or replacing drafty windows won't just improve your heating and cooling bills; doing so can make a huge difference in the amount of noise seeping in. If renovation isn't an option, some companies will install a thin window behind your existing window for extra soundproofing.

For a simpler fix, getting an upholstered headboard (or a bed that comes with one) helps with acoustics, says Florida-based designer Adriana Hoyos. Go for fabrics at least one millimeter thick; suede, velvet, leather and leatherette are stylish options for absorbing excess noise.

Andrew Bowen, director of staging at ASH NYC, suggests a combination of loose items — a large area rug (he likes the Rug Company's Deep Pile Merino Natural Rug, \$137 per square foot), floor-to-ceiling window drapery and a fully upholstered bed (he recommends Cisco Brothers' April Modern Classic White Linen Slipcovered Bed, \$2,375-\$3,000 at Kathy Kuo Home) — for a quiet, relaxing environment.



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Designer Ryan Korban says light floors lend themselves to a more serene sleeping environment. He used them in this New York City bedroom.



COLIN MILLER

A sleep-friendly bedroom is like a "good snuggle," you "feel embraced and safe," furniture designer and decorator Alex White says.

Alternatively, try white noise. A fan might do the trick, but Julien Baeza, assistant project manager at Four Seasons Hotel Los Angeles, suggests Spotify and sound-machine machines.

## Keep the lights out

Lights out is essential to bedtime. In particular, avoid exposure to the blue light from LED bulbs and electronic devices, says

Pablo Castillo, sleep medicine specialist at Mayo Clinic. "The body reacts to this artificial light as if it (were) still daytime," he said in an email, "and the pineal gland will stop producing the sleep hormone melatonin, resulting in poor sleep quality."

To lightproof the bedroom, "blackout window treatments are a must," said Greg Roth, a designer at Home Front Build in Los Angeles, by email. "Installing a cornice box at the ceiling level can help prevent light from escaping upward from the windows and reflecting off the ceiling." Meshberg recommends the Shade Store and Somfy for motorized shades.

## Go soft and simple

Simplify your space for sleeping only. It doesn't matter whether you live in a mansion or a studio, you can declutter for a calming effect, according to Meridith Baer, founder of staging company Meridith Baer Home.

A sleep-friendly bedroom is like a "good snuggle" — one that

makes you "feel embraced and safe," like a cocoon, Alex P. White, a furniture designer and decorator based in New York and Los Angeles, said in an email. So keep things "tonal and tactile with as many luxurious materials as your budget allows."

As for decor, keep things light and uncomplicated, says New York designer Ryan Korban. He recommends using light-colored paints that are warm and not stark (he likes Lily White from Benjamin Moore) and light-wood floors.

## Focus on the bed

No doubt, the most important component is the bed. That's why selecting the right mattress, sheets and pillows can help you get a good slumber. Meshberg recommends 200- to 300-thread-count organic cotton sheets such as the Classic Starter Sheet Set (starting at \$93, Brooklinen) and the Italian Vintage-Washed 464 Percale Sheet Set (\$369-\$429, Restoration Hardware). They "breathe well" and don't get "too satiny and shiny" like sheets with higher thread counts.

Also, "the quality and proper weight of your duvet and down comforter are essential in regulating your temperature," Meshberg wrote. Generally, 700-fill comforters are best for winter and 600-fill works well during summer. (Fill refers to down; synthetics might be labeled as heavy-weight or lightweight.) He recommends the down comforters from Brooklinen (\$199-\$299) and the Organic Italian Vintage-Washed 464 Percale Duvet (\$389-\$449) from Restoration Hardware. (The National Sleep Foundation also recommends setting your thermostat at 60 to 67 degrees.)

For a mattress, he suggests Casper's Original (\$595-\$1,195) or Wave (\$1,345-\$2,495) for those who prefer more support. The Beautyrest Recharge Dawson 12½-inch hybrid firm mattress (\$1,299-\$1,999, mattressfirm.com) works well for those sharing beds with restless sleepers because the memory foam won't move around as much, Meshberg says.

As for pillows, "synthetic is the best" because you can wash it, he says.

Before you plant a tree or shrub, it's beneficial to shave a half-inch or so all around the outside of the root ball. That will sever any misdirected roots and encourage proper root growth.



MORTON ARBORETUM

## Give trees, shrubs a root ball shave before planting

BY BETH BOTTS  
Morton Arboretum

When does a tree or shrub need a shave? Often, when you're planting it.

Trees and shrubs that are sold in large pots often have roots growing in the wrong direction, according to Julie Janoski, Plant Clinic manager at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle. Shaving off the outside of the root ball at planting time can reroute the misdirected roots.

"The wall of the pot can block a plant's roots and divert them to grow in a circle," Janoski said. "If we don't break that up, the roots may never leave the circle and branch out into the soil."

Circling roots cause a lot of problems. "They can't collect as much water and nutrients as roots that spread out," Janoski said. "They don't anchor a tree very well. In severe cases, they can even grow tight around the base of the plant and strangle it."

If you cut circling roots before planting, they'll grow outward from the cut ends, breaking the habit of growing in a circle. As they

grow, they'll also branch, widening the root network. The Arboretum recommends shaving the whole root ball of a container-grown tree or shrub before you plant it, Janoski said. Research has shown this helps trees get better established and start growing again more quickly after transplanting.

Here's how:

First, dig a wide, shallow hole. Then ease the pot off the ball of soil and roots.

If you see any large roots circling around the outside of the root ball, cut them with pruners. Then use a sharp knife or pruning saw to take a slice off the surface of the root ball, all around it and underneath.

"You don't need to cut off much," Janoski said. "Half an inch will do it, or maybe an inch for a very large plant."

Now, set the tree or shrub in the hole and double-check that you aren't planting it too deep, Janoski said. "Remember, you took a little off the bottom of the root ball," she said. "You may need to add some soil to the hole to make sure the plant sits at the right height." The plant

where the trunk flares out into the roots should sit at the surrounding soil level or a little higher.

Make sure the plant is standing straight, and fill in around the root ball with the soil you removed from the hole. Tamp it down, so the plant is well supported.

Water the plant by pouring water slowly and deeply right onto the root ball. A new tree will need about three 5-gallon buckets of water each week for the first three years.

Spread mulch in a wide, even layer over the root ball and in a wide circle surrounding it. The mulch will hold moisture in the soil, insulate it from extremes of heat and cold, and support beneficial microorganisms. "It's like a cozy blanket that will encourage new roots to spread out underneath it," Janoski said.

*For tree and plant advice, contact the Arboretum's Plant Clinic (630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org).*

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## What to do if your lawn has spots that indicate blight

BY TIM JOHNSON  
Chicago Botanic Garden

**Some dead areas that are somewhat circular in shape have started appearing in a section of my lawn. The grass has turned brown and is matted down. What is this problem, and what steps can I take to correct it?**

— Bob Jefferson, Northbrook

Your description sounds as if you are having a problem with a disease called pythium blight. All cultivated turfgrasses, especially annual bluegrass and ryegrasses, can be affected by this disease. Pythium blight can do considerable damage during hot (80 to 95 degrees Fahrenheit), wet, or very humid and calm weather.

A bad outbreak can kill large areas of seedlings or established turf in a couple of days when temperatures are above 90 degrees. Less severe attacks of pythium blight can also occur at cool temperatures (60 to 65 degrees) in spring and fall during prolonged wet weather. Generally, you will not notice the disease at this time without careful inspection. Pythium blight is usually more severe on grasses growing in heavy, poorly drained soils.

Look for small, distinct, round to irregularly shaped sunken patches of matted grass that are generally 1 to 2 inches wide but can also be as large as 6 to 12 inches wide that quickly appear during hot or cool, very wet, calm weather. Initially, the grass leaves appear water-soaked and dark during the early morning. Diseased areas quickly fade from reddish brown to light brown as the grass dies and then becomes matted.

Clusters of blighted grass plants may merge to form large irregular areas



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that are 1 to 10 feet in diameter or to form long streaks up to a foot wide or more. Pythium can be spread by water running off the lawn, mowing while the grass is wet or by foot traffic. A fluffy, white to purplish gray, cobwebby mold may cover blighted grass when the air is saturated with moisture.

There are some cultural practices you can implement to help combat this disease. Aerate the lawn to help reduce soil compaction, improve drainage and reduce thatch. Avoid mowing the lawn when it is wet, especially now that you may have the disease present in your lawn. Increase mowing height, and consider doing some grading if there are low areas in the lawn that tend to hold water. Avoid frequently light sprinkling of the lawn if you are irrigating, and water early in the day so that the lawn dries out before the evening. It is best to water less fre-

quently and deeper.

Since you have a more severe outbreak underway, it is a good idea to make preventive applications of fungicides during prolonged hot, humid and wet weather with temperatures of 80 degrees and above, and when night temperatures are expected to remain at or above 68 degrees. Repeat applications will be needed at five- to 21-day intervals as long as the weather stays hot and humid, so you should not need many applications this fall.

Go ahead and reseed any dead areas. Monitor for the disease next year, but there is no need to put a proactive spray program in place for 2020 just yet. Modifying your cultural practices will reduce the chances of having more pythium blight in the future.

*Tim Johnson is director of horticulture for the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe.*

# Dressing up your home

Explore the many options for vinyl siding before making final decision

BY TIM CARTER  
Tribune Content Agency

**Q: The house I grew up in had vinyl siding, and the trim around the windows was some thin, distasteful vinyl that had an end profile like the letter J. I thought it looked abominable. How can you make the vinyl siding look more like a traditional home that has wider trim pieces? What else can be done to make the vinyl siding look more attractive?**

A: It's impossible to list all the vinyl siding accessories and options that are available. For starters, don't think that you have to use just one color and one siding style on your home. Quite a few homes I see are incorporating white trim with two complementary colors and siding profiles.

If you want real inspiration, go online and look at photos of the paint schemes of some of the grand Victorian Ladies. Some houses incorporate three or more colors. I had horizontal lap siding at the last Queen Anne Victorian-style home I built for my family, but up in the gables I used traditional cedar shakes like those found on many homes built in the late 1800s.

You can achieve this same look with vinyl siding, and the vinyl shakes can be a different color. But it gets even better. J-channel is still available, but the better choice would be a flat-trim board that surrounds windows and

doors. These flat boards come with a rabbited edge that creates a hidden recess for the siding to slide behind. It works the same way the older J-channel works, but it's so much better looking.

The flat-trim boards come in various widths. The wider boards work better at the outside corners of the house, as it's important to maintain scale when trimming out a house. The narrow-trim boards used around windows and doors would look like pinstripes at the corners.

Don't forget to look at the striking door surrounds that will really make your doors the focal point of the front and rear of your home. Some are simply breathtaking. You can now get gorgeous mounting blocks for exterior lights and electrical outlets that also have built-in channels on the edges. These really dress up the look of a vinyl-sided home.

Attic ventilation comes into play here too. Older homes always had square, rectangular or triangular louver attic vents in the gable end. Those same vents are all available for vinyl siding — and, once again, don't be afraid to make them a complementary color. Color experts might agree that these should match the trim color around windows and doors. Study the vinyl siding brochures and you'll see what I mean about using a different color.

I would spend lots of time looking at the photo galleries at all the vinyl siding manufacturers'



TIM CARTER PHOTO

The flat white trim next to the window has a pre-cut groove that overlaps the vinyl siding.

websites. When you see a photo that puts your head on a swivel, study it and take notes on exactly what you like about the photo. There's no need to hope your new siding will look great. You can guarantee it by just finding a look you know looks superb.

**Q: I live in a condo and wonder what might be done to lessen the noise I hear coming from some of my neighbors' units. Are there any easy fixes that I might be able to tackle?**

A: Soundproofing spaces is a science. Do a small amount of research online to discover how radio broadcasting booths are soundproofed. Most are immune from the noise that's trying to get

inside the room and then into the live microphones.

Sound travels through the air. The easiest thing to do is to try to seal any air leaks between your condo and the ones around you. Imagine if your condo started to fill with water, where would it leak out? These are places the air is leaking into your condo. Remove the cover plates from electrical outlets and caulk the gap between the drywall and the side of the electrical box. I'd then install a foam gasket behind the outlet cover to try to stop other air leakage.

The sound could be leaking under the baseboards of your unit. If you have toe stripping, you may want to remove it and caulk

any gaps between the floor and the baseboard trim. Recessed ceiling lights are the toughest thing to seal because some need air space to ensure the fixture doesn't overheat.

Hallway noise infiltration can be minimized or eliminated by installing weather stripping around the door. Seal your door as if you were battling bitter cold air out in the hallway.

There are many things that can be done during construction to make condos soundproof. Trying to retrofit a condo can be prohibitively expensive. As a last resort, consider a subtle white-noise generator in your unit to combat unwanted noise. I've heard they work well.

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# NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

## New home advantages

Energy-efficient, state-of-art materials and features attract buyers to newly built homes

**W**hy buy a home to be built? Home builders point to several key advantages that make purchasing a new home an attractive investment as well as a chance to have important features that reflect buyers' personal preferences.

"New homes are more efficient, have valuable warranties and are built with state-of-the-art materials," says Anna Harmon, director of marketing and public relations for Shodeen Homes. "Energy-efficient new homes include new appliances and other features that ensure cost savings, and new homes include warranties that protect homeowners from problems. Shodeen Homes offers a one-year whole home warranty, a five-year basement water penetration warranty and a 10-year structural integrity warranty that gives buyers additional peace of mind.

"Since the features in the homes are new, less maintenance is required, and new homes have more safety features since they conform to today's strict building codes," she says.

"A new heating and air conditioning system, new roof and the newest technology,

including Cat 5 cable increase the enjoyment of a new home," says Jeremy Lund, sales manager for Shodeen Homes. "The roofing and siding is covered by warranties, and other brand new features mean that buyers don't have to worry about continuing repairs.

"In addition, buyers may choose the interior features, colors and special options to personalize their homes. And, for those buyers who want a new home but have a quick moving timetable, we have a selection of completed homes for quick move-in that are equipped with the features that today's buyers most desire in their homes," he says.

Shodeen Homes has several new home communities in the far western suburbs of Chicago and in the Lake Geneva region of Wisconsin.

When purchasing a home to be built, buyers can choose their location within the neighborhood, says Pat Curran, president of West Point Builders who offers semi-custom single-family homes and townhomes at Ashcroft Place and the Townes at Ashcroft Walk in Oswego.



Shodeen Homes offer open concept designs not found in many resale homes.



Toll Brothers offers buyers a wide variety of features that can be personalized in the new home.

"Buyers may choose a location overlooking a pond, a corner site or one overlooking an attractive country view," Curran says. "New homes also reflect the newest architecture, and construction that incorporates updated building codes, new energy ratings for a more efficient home and a variety of energy-efficient heating and cooling, appliances and our 1-2-10 warranty that is the standard with quality builders today."

The desire to have quality included features and a wide variety of options motivate many buyers to choose new construction.

New homes benefit from thoughtful consumer-friendly open concept designs and included features that can be hard to match in a resale home," Curran says. "Many people would rather wrap their preferred options into their mortgages and enjoy them from day one rather than look forward to remodeling projects in a resale home."

Presently, townhomes are available for quick move-ins at The Townes at Ashcroft Walk to accommodate buyers who need to move soon.

National luxury home builder Toll Brothers is respected for its high standards of craftsmanship, and offers a wide variety of features to personalize the homes.

"Today's buyers value new home designs with the latest architectural trends featuring floor plans that make thoughtful use of space and light-filled open concept living areas with integrated kitchens for easy interaction with family and friends," says Ashley Newberg, design consultant

at the Toll Brothers Design Studio at The Woods of South Barrington. "Our new homes convey a sense of grandeur with volume ceilings and larger doors, a variety of contemporary and traditional trim packages and other enhancements, plus more flex space for home offices, playrooms and other private uses.

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Toll Brothers offers new home communities at Bowes Creek Country Club in Elgin, Tanglewood Hills in Batavia and The Woods of South Barrington. A selection of quick move-in homes is available at Bowes Creek Country Club and at Tanglewood Hills.

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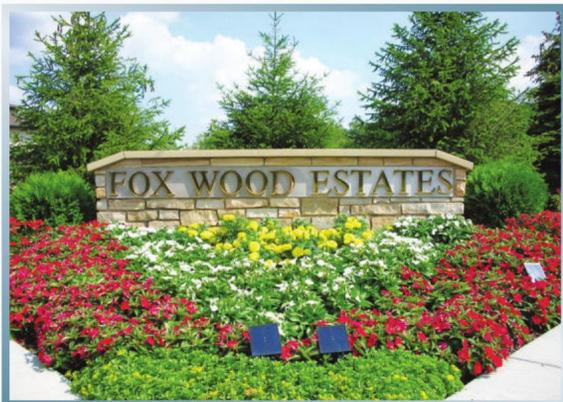


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Toll Brothers' offers savings on new homes during its National Sales Event through Sept. 29 at communities in Batavia, Elgin and South Barrington.

## Still time to save during Toll Brothers' National Sales Event

Toll Brothers, the nation's leading builder of luxury homes, will be offering new home buyers money-saving community and manufacturer incentives during its National Sales Event through Sunday, Sept. 29 at communities in Batavia, Elgin and South Barrington.

"New home buyers can select from a variety of housing styles, including ranch, two-story and first-floor master plans and enjoy special incentives per community as well as select savings on leading brands such as Kohler, Timberlake, Daltile, Whirlpool and more," says Jennifer Mencias, sales director for Toll Brothers' Chicago Division. "The exceptional savings allows buyers to add even more luxury to their homes. And, with interest rates still at historic lows, there's never been a better time to build your dream home."

The Toll Brothers' National Sales Event is offered at the following suburban communities:

### Tanglewood Hills in Batavia:

Tanglewood Hills offers 63 oversized homesites of 1/4 acre or more and a collection of ranch, two-story and first-floor master plans, ranging from 3,200 to over 3,600 square feet in size, with prices starting from the upper \$400s. Residents appreciate resort-style amenities, including two pools, a clubhouse, lighted sports courts, playgrounds and miles of walking trails. Children attend the neighborhood Grace McWayne elementary school as well as Rotolo Middle School and Batavia High School, which SchoolDigger.com ranks as the 44th best high school among Illinois' 646 high schools.

### Bowes Creek Country Club in Elgin:

Nestled in a picturesque setting amid views of the 18-hole public golf course designed by renowned golf course architect Rick Jacobson, Bowes Creek Country Club includes scenic walking trails, playground, an on-site restaurant and bar, Porter's Pub, and a convenient location near the Randall Road shopping and entertainment corridor. Toll Brothers offers two collections of spacious ranch and two-story single-family homes some offering golf course views. The Fairways collection is priced from the low \$300s with the Masters Collection priced from the upper \$300s.

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The sales centers at all three communities are open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. To learn more about Toll Brothers and National Sales Event, call 844-838-5263 or visit [tollbrothers.com/IL](http://tollbrothers.com/IL) or [tollsalesevent.com](http://tollsalesevent.com).

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Anets Woods of Northbrook is an intimate community featuring 32 luxurious residences nestled within a tranquil 16-acre wooded parcel along Voltz Road. Residents may choose from five elegantly appointed floor plans, each with first-floor master bedrooms, including two ranch plans.

All models, except the Hampton and Wellington Ranch, offer a second level with two additional bedrooms, lofts, plus a "bonus room" over the garage. All models include full basements. Exteriors feature natural stone and James Hardie siding, selected for aesthetic appeal, durability and low maintenance. Interiors include wood flooring, crown moldings, Kohler fixtures, chef's kitchen with stainless steel Thermador appliances and much more.

As with all Edward R. James communities, owners may personalize their home with an array of options and upgrades to fit their lifestyle. As a low-maintenance lifestyle community, Anets Woods combines fee-simple ownership with the support of a homeowners association to provide landscape maintenance, snow removal and other services. In addition, Anets Woods

is served by the highly rated Glenbrook School District 225. Visit the model and sales center at 1573 Woodview Lane in Northbrook. Sales hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, closed Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 847-955-1213 to schedule an appointment.

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Townhomes are available for immediate-to-fall move-in at The Townes at Ashcroft Walk in Oswego.

## Act now to move into The Townes at Ashcroft Walk in Oswego

Autumn is a great time to move into a new home, and West Point Builders is offering a selection of well-appointed townhomes for immediate-to-November delivery at The Townes at Ashcroft Walk in Oswego.

The Townes at Ashcroft Place include ranch and two-story floor plans that live like single-family homes, with generous back yards, full basements and two-car attached garages. In addition, they are appointed with the quality features that buyers have come to expect from award-winning West Point Builders, with its custom building background. West Point Builders is also building semi-custom single-family homes at the master-planned community of Ashcroft Place.

"The selection of quick move-in homes we are offering includes three floor plans, including the Douglas ranch," says Pat Curran, president of West Point Builders. "Each home has been equipped with special features, and are available for immediate-to-November delivery. They are ideal for those who want to celebrate the holidays in a new home."

The Townes at Ashcroft Walk offer up to 1,935 square feet of living space with a ranch design, two-story plan with a first-floor master bedroom and three traditional two-story plans.

An Aspen plan, priced at \$236,638, is a two-story, two-bedroom home with 1½ baths, and 1,395 square feet of living space. The Aspen for November delivery features a rough-in for a second bath in the basement, a patio and a cathedral ceiling in the master bedroom.

A collection of two-story Birch designs is offered with varied move-in dates. The Birch features 1,541 square feet of space with three bedrooms and 2½ baths.

The Birch for immediate move-in boasts a view of a pond, as well as a fireplace, hardwood flooring and granite countertops, priced at \$254,990.

The Birch for 30-day move-in has a cathedral ceiling in the master bedroom, oak railings, a tiled shower in place of a tub in the master bath and the rough-in for a powder room in the basement, priced at \$259,274.

A Birch for November delivery features a cathedral ceiling in the master bedroom, a 5-foot shower with tile, and oak railings, priced at \$266,641.

The Douglas is a ranch plan in an end location that includes 1,590 square feet of space with two bedrooms, a study, and two full baths. The Douglas for November move-in features cathedral ceilings in the great room and dining room, a 5-foot tiled shower and a patio, priced at \$283,838.

In addition to homes of enduring value, The Townes at Ashcroft Walk and its sister neighborhood, Ashcroft Place, enjoy a location that offers many advantages.

Ashcroft Place and The Townes at Ashcroft Walk are located at Plainfield and Wooley Roads in Oswego, and the sales center is located at 137 Dorset Drive. Sales center hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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## NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

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Buyers in the market for a new ranch or two-story home will want to take advantage of savings of up to \$25,000 during the Shodeen Homes' "Make Your Move" sale going on through Sept. 30.

"With interest rates still historically low and school back in session we wanted to offer new home buyers the opportunity to enjoy substantial savings on both quick move-in and to-be-built homes at our communities in Illinois and Wisconsin," says Craig Shodeen, president of Shodeen Homes. "New home construction not only offers today's desirable open concept floor plans and top-trending amenities, it provides energy-efficient features and our one-, five- and 10-year warranties not found in older homes."

The Geneva based builder, which is family-owned and operated for more than 58 years, offers a wide variety of housing styles that appeal to every budget. Buyers can enjoy savings of up to \$25,000 at the following communities in Illinois:

**Elburn:** Blackberry Creek is an established 625-acre community with a neigh-



Shodeen Homes is offering special saving on new homes through Sept. 30.

borhood elementary school as well as walking/biking trails and offers ranch and two-story homes ranging from 2,043 to 3,341 square feet with prices starting in the \$330s.

Elburn Station is Shodeen's newest master-planned community, offering three series of homes, including low-maintenance, single-family homes from the \$200s and two-series of traditional single-family homes priced from the \$270s, as well as walking/biking trails.

**Geneva:** South Mill Creek Village Homes offer buyers the final opportunity to own a new home in Mill Creek. The South Mill Creek Village homes are priced from the low \$300s and offer a low-maintenance lifestyle with home plans ranging from 1,043 to 2,076 square feet.

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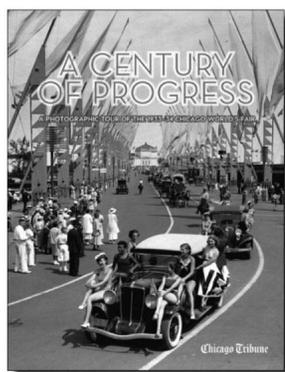
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## SAVINGS UPDATE

## Majority of Americans are bank loyal, but many don't know what they earn

Bank loyalty is the norm in America, even when you don't know exactly what you're getting, according to new survey data from DepositAccounts.com.

Responses from about 1,000 American consumers with a bank account show that 3 in 4 say they feel loyal to their bank (75 percent), and even more say no, they aren't interested in switching banks (85 percent).

In fact, 40 percent of respondents reported they have never switched, with three-quarters of those adults saying it's because they're satisfied with their current bank.

Yet when asked what they earn on their savings account, almost half had no idea (47 percent). Not only that, but if asked what type of bank pays the best rates, 75 percent have it wrong.

About 4 in 10 believe traditional banks offer the best rates (41 percent), while 34 percent predicted you can earn the most at credit unions. Only a quarter

speculated that online-only banks pay the highest rates.

Perhaps surprisingly, younger consumers were more likely to expect the most from traditional banks, with 63 percent of Gen Z and 55 percent of millennial respondents believing that's where you can make the most of your savings.

In fact, however, an analysis of DepositAccounts.com's data on thousands of banks and credit unions shows that the average APY earned by a savings account at an online-only bank sits at 1.52% APY. Compare that to 0.26% at traditional banks and 0.23% at credit unions.

Still, about a third of respondents said they wouldn't consider opening an online savings account, with the most common reason being that they're content with what they have (38 percent).

DepositAccount.com's survey was conducted by Qualtrics in mid May 2019, among 1,005 U.S. adults with a bank account. Findings were released Aug. 5.

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