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## Obama-era protection rules for water dropped

Disputes have long persisted over what should be regulated

BY JOHN FLESHER  
Associated Press

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — The Trump administration on Thursday revoked an Obama-era regulation that shielded many U.S. wetlands and streams from pollution but was opposed by developers and farmers who said it hurt economic development and infringed on property rights.

Environmental groups criticized the administration's action, the latest in a series of moves to roll back environmental protections put into place under President Barack Obama.

The 2015 Waters of the United States rule defined the waterways subject to

federal regulation. Scrapping it "puts an end to an egregious power grab, eliminates an ongoing patchwork of clean water regulations and restores a long-standing and familiar regulatory framework," Environmental Protection Agency chief Andrew Wheeler said at a news conference in Washington, D.C.

Wheeler and R.D. James, assistant secretary of the Army for Civil Works, signed a document overturning the rule and temporarily restoring an earlier regulatory system that emerged after a 2006 ruling from a sharply divided Supreme Court.

The agencies plan to adopt a new rule by the end of the year that is expected to define protected waterways more nar-



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EPA chief Andrew Wheeler said ending the Obama water rule "restores a longstanding and familiar regulatory framework."

rowly than the Obama policy.

The Clean Water Act requires landowners to obtain federal permits before developing or polluting navigable waterways such as rivers and lakes.

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## Hastert retreats on abuse admission

Ex-House speaker now says lawyers wrote his statement

BY CHRISTY GUTOWSKI

More than three years after former U.S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert made admissions in a federal criminal case that he mistreated and abused the trust of student-athletes he coached decades ago, the disgraced politician is backing away from those comments, according to a deposition filed in an ongoing civil lawsuit.

Answering under oath, Hastert said in the deposition his legal team crafted the statements and he went along with it to "get it over with." He denied sexually abusing the man behind the long-simmering Kendall County lawsuit who sued seeking the balance of \$3.5 million in hush-money payments.

Hastert, now 77, was never charged with sex crimes because of an expired statute of limitations, but he was apologetic during an April 2016 federal sentencing hearing regarding illegally structuring bank withdrawals to avoid reporting requirements — cash that would go to the man he coached in the 1970s at Yorkville High School.

The Sept. 25, 2018, deposition in the civil lawsuit offers a rare response from Hastert to the allegations that led to his stunning downfall. But it also could represent a significant development in



Hastert

"We have over 40 employees that will pretty much lose their jobs."

— Michael Menias, who owns nine Chicagoland vape shops under the Happy Daze name



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Reid Nuttall, owner of Cool Clouds Vapor Shop in Evergreen Park, defends his business, which he said helps people quit smoking.

## Flavor ban may mean vape shops' bitter end

Local owners fear pulling of most varieties in response to deaths, teen use

BY LISA SCHENCKER

Reid Nuttall sees all types of customers wandering into his Evergreen Park vape shop — cops, teachers, construction workers.

But one kind of customer sticks out in his mind: cancer patients who stop by his store, Cool Clouds Vapor Shop, after leaving Advocate Christ Medical Center, which is less than a mile down the road.

They want to learn how to vape, in hopes of trading traditional cigarettes for e-cigarettes, and Nuttall is proud of his work to help them.

But standing in his shop on Wednesday, the small business owner couldn't help but feel that stores like his, and vaping, have been unfairly targeted.

On Wednesday, the Trump administration announced plans to pull most e-cigarette flavors from stores, including menthol and mint but excluding tobacco, amid a rash of vaping-related illnesses, six deaths and increased use of the devices by teens. Health advocates say e-cigarettes are dangerous, and administration officials say flavors are partly to blame for kids' growing use of the devices.

But if the change takes effect, Nuttall said he and other vape shop owners — there may be as many as 600 shops in



Reid Nuttall keeps a variety of vaping brands in his Evergreen Park shop, including Juno, shown Wednesday.

Illinois — would likely be forced to close their doors. What's more, he and other advocates of e-cigarettes predict that many people who now vape would revert to smoking traditional cigarettes. Vape shop owners say the products they sell are not to blame for the spate of recent sicknesses.

Customers at Nuttall's store Wednesday included Michael Likes, of Chicago's South Side, who said he used to smoke a pack-and-a-half of cigarettes a day, until he switched to vaping about three years ago.

The 29-year-old machine operator said his breathing, sense of smell and sense of taste have improved since swapping cigarettes for vaping. After getting off work, he stopped at the store to buy some e-liquid. He debated between flavors before settling on 2 ounces of honeydew.

"The honeydew always gets me," he said.

Health advocates, however, worry that the flavors don't just appeal to adults trying to quit smoking. They say the

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## CPS agrees to feds' oversight to fight abuse

'Substantial overhaul' of policies loom under pact

BY HANNAH LEONE  
AND DAVID JACKSON

In what federal officials called a historic enforcement action to protect students from sexual violence, Chicago Public Schools has entered into a legally binding agreement with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights and pledged extensive reforms in its handling of abuse and assault cases.

"This is one of the deepest dives that we have done" of a major urban public school district, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights Kenneth Marcus said of his office's yearslong investigation.

"This is an extraordinary and appalling case," Marcus added. "It is one of the worst that we have seen in the elementary, secondary school context."

He said the civil rights office is now holding the district accountable.

The agreement includes "strong provisions" that require CPS to make what Marcus called significant changes in order to protect students from sexual assault and abuse. He said his office will monitor the district for three years, and noncompliance could affect federal funding.

"We're not talking about minor tweaks to policy. We're talking about a substantial overhaul," Marcus said. It was not immediately clear if the resolution would affect a pending federal lawsuit over more than \$4 million in withheld grant funding for magnet programs at three elementary schools.

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Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, makes his way to his seat with his wife, Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke, in May.



### JOHN KASS

## Chicagoans aren't born cynics, but it takes hold of us quickly

Is there anything more Chicago Way than the story about power couple Anne and Ed Burke?

No. He's the old-timey Chicago alderman under federal indictment for, guess what, corruption. And just the other day, she was named chief justice of the Illinois Supreme Court.

If Burke goes to trial, he'll stand before a federal judge dressed in a saintly black robe. If he's convicted, he'll be expected to beg mercy and a few blocks away, his wife will be wearing her own saintly black robe as the chief justice of the state Supreme Court.

And what will the people of Chicago say? How about "Please sir, may I have another?"

There was a time when I might have questioned this political power couple business. In my unenlightened days, I'd wonder about this and other pairings.

For example, I may have wondered how one spouse could hold public office, say, in the United States Senate, making moral pronouncements, while his spouse made a nice career as a lobbyist?

Or, what of a parent/child political partnership? What if a powerful political boss made his legally inexperienced daughter the attorney general?

What if daddy's critics — while condemning his unseemly boss politics — went out of their way to protect the daughter?

Is it just me, or has that ever happened around here? Ah, but all that was long before my sessions in the reeducation camp. And after a brief burst of pain, I evolved.

Now I'm happy to tell you that it is in extreme bad taste to suggest a spouse might leverage the political position of the other spouse so that both may prosper.

And if you dare think otherwise, I'll have you in Room 101 faster than you can say Fast Eddie Vrdolyak three times.

We don't live in the 1950s. Women have careers and they should pursue those careers to their best ability. But

if my wife, Betty, were a political spokeswoman, instead of a teacher, would you question me every time I wrote about her boss?

If you didn't, you'd be a chumbolone.

There are many in politics who say this Ed Burke/Anne Burke business is only about "bad optics," since she's in state court and his problems are federal.

If she'd abruptly stopped her ascension to the chief judge's post, it may have been viewed as an admission of her husband's guilt. And by going forward, others are seeing it as some big defiant Burkan finger to the U.S. Justice Department.

But all this has given me an idea, how Betty and I can make a pile of cash, just like a couple of well-connected Chicago Democrats, and no one can criticize? More on my dreams later. First the facts:

Ald. Ed Burke, 14th, is the powerful Chicago Democrat who got rich in his private law practice, lowering property taxes for the well-connected, while also running the city's Finance Committee for some 40 years.

During that time Burke had a hobby — picking judges and putting them on the bench. He's under a federal extortion indictment for allegedly squeezing the owners of several Burger King restaurants.

As you may know, Burke's wife, Anne, has been a justice on the Illinois Supreme Court since she was appointed in 2006. Her term as chief justice runs through October of 2022.

I've always found her to be a warm and gracious lady. And in his prime, her husband was ruthless and brilliant old school Chicago Irish pol worthy of respect in a tough business. He carved the great public roasts, and if he got the largest, bloodiest piece, well, he had made sure he was the one with the big knife.

But in January 2018, Ed Burke threw a fundraiser at the couple's home for Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, who is also chair of the Cook County Democratic Party.

Preckwinkle had hired the Burkes'

son and put him on the Cook County payroll in a \$100K job.

Lori Lightfoot used those public relations disasters to launch herself past the befuddled Preckwinkle and into the mayor's office.

And cleaning it all up, like cartoon janitors with push-brooms in those old "Mr. Peabody and Sherman" cartoons, complete with the ironic tuba music, came the state's Judicial Inquiry Board, which investigates complaints about judges.

The Judicial Inquiry Board ruled that Anne Burke didn't violate the rules when Ed threw the Preckwinkle fundraiser at their home. But the board wouldn't explain its ruling, saying it wasn't allowed to disclose "specifics regarding its decision, findings or information about its deliberations on any matter."

Translation: shudderyoumouth. And if that doesn't say Chicago, what does?

This being Chicago, I'm sure I wasn't alone in asking the important question: How can I take advantage of this — especially the part where we now don't dare question whether one spouse leverages the position of the other? I think I have the answer:

I should ask my wife to open a diner, and charge politicians \$10,000 for a single pork chop and \$50,000 for a steak. I expect them to tip generously. We'll tell everybody there is a "wall" between what she does and what I do. Can anyone say that's wrong?

Not by Chicago and Illinois political standards. And that's the sad thing. Because it is wrong.

This Ed and Anne Burke business isn't only about "bad optics." It is why Chicago is Chicago.

Chicagoans aren't born cynics. We've just had it beaten into us from birth.

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# My car broke down. I lost my bag. Strangers saved me.



MARY SCHMICH

Shortly after 7 p.m. on a pleasant evening last week, I got off the Brown Line and headed toward my car, a 2013 Toyota Prius, which I'd parked nearby so it would be handy when I got off the train. I unlocked the car. Got in. Punched power. The dashboard lights came on.

To be precise, they sputtered on, and not just the usual lights but other lights too. Orange, red, white. A kaleidoscope of lights that seemed to shriek, "Sister, you are in trouble!"

For the next 20 minutes I sat there — as the radio burped off and on, as a "malfunction" light flashed and vanished — trying everything I could imagine to get my car to either move or cut off.

No go.

Finally, I called Grossinger City Toyota. The phone rang and rang, as stones piled up in my heart. My thumb was poised to hang up when a man answered.

The service department was closed, he said. Another stone on my sinking heart. And then he said: Don't worry. I'll try to talk you through.

He suggested I put my key at least 15 feet away from the car. So I got out of the car — which was still running — and tucked the key under a black iron fence.

"I hope nobody steals it," I said. He laughed, and the simple fact of his laugh felt like a rainbow in the storm.

I won't belabor the details of the next few minutes, but finally my car started properly. The stranger on the line said I could bring it in and leave it to be checked out tomorrow.

"Thank you, thank you," I said. "What's your name?"

"Javaka," he said. "You can call me J. I'll wait for you."

My hero.

So I drove over to the dealership. J was there.

"You've turned my bad luck into good luck by being so nice," I said.

And in that moment of relief and gratitude, I had a revelation: my bag. The bag that contained my wallet, my laptop, my earbuds, my lip gloss and, most important,



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Harrison Turek, 17, and Chloe Starbuck, 17, both of Chicago, hold the bag belonging to columnist Mary Schmich they found along North Bissell Street.

the notes for the interview I'd just finished. Where was my bag?

And then I remembered: When I'd gotten out of the car to put the key under the fence, I took my bag out of the car. For safekeeping. Just in case, you know, something weird happened and I got locked out. I'd set it on the sidewalk. And then, in the giddiness of discovering that my car would now move, I drove away from it.

★★★

"I'll have someone drive you over there," my hero said.

He summoned one of the valets to drive me back to where my car had been. On the way, we talked. He told me he was a Loyola University student who worked 30 hours a week. I was impressed by his enterprise and his driving skills.

We arrived back at the scene of the breakdown. I searched the sidewalk for my bag. It was gone.

Hope is a hardy weed, however. Maybe I'd left it in my car after all?

The nice Loyola student drove

**Sure enough, when I got home, my bag was safely on my landing with a note: "Hey Mary, We found your bag on Bissell couldn't get in touch. My name is Chloe."**

★★★

I got my car fixed the next day. When I picked it up, I thanked Javaka again for his patience and good humor. His full name is Javaka Thompson. He's 25, a former captain of the Illinois State University basketball team, a car salesman while he aims toward medical school.

A few days later, I met Harrison Turek and Chloe Starbuck in the daylight. Turns out they're 17. That bottle of wine I'd dropped off on Chloe's doorstep as a thank-you a few days before? They'd had to give it to her older sister, who just turned 21.

Javaka, Harrison and Chloe. This is my public thank-you to them all. Three people who did the right thing, went the extra step, for a stranger.

It feels extraordinary, but really it's not, which is why it's important to tell the tale, in case we're tempted to forget the world is full of good.

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me back to the dealership.

The bag was not in the car.

And so I set off on foot for home, calling credit card companies to cancel cards as I walked, thinking about how quickly a good day can turn bad, and what do material possessions matter anyway, and when would I learn not to carry so much !@##\$ stuff in my bag?

★★★

I was a block from home, talking to a credit card company, when two people approached. The sidewalk was dark. The people were barely more than shadows.

"Mary?" one of them said.

I stopped. Peered. A man and a woman, in their 20s, I guessed.

How did they know my name?

"We found your bag," one said. "We just dropped it off with your neighbor."

His name was Harry. Hers was Chloe. They'd parked where I'd been parked. And stumbled on my bag. And brought it to my address. And somehow deduced that the woman walking down the sidewalk talking into her phone with a slightly crazed air would be the woman who had left a bag of valuables on a Chicago sidewalk.

Sure enough, when I got home, my bag was safely on my landing with a note: "Hey Mary, We found your bag on Bissell couldn't get in touch. My name is Chloe." She added a smiley face.

And that, my friends, is why the smiley face was invented.

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## Mogul gets 20 years for \$1.3B Medicaid fraud

BY DAVID JACKSON  
AND MARIO ARIZA  
South Florida Sun Sentinel

Former Illinois and Florida nursing home mogul Philip Esformes wept and pleaded for mercy Thursday before being sentenced to 20 years in prison for what the U.S. Justice Department called the largest single health care bribery and kickback scheme in American history.

A separate hearing will be held in November to determine the amount of money and property Esformes may be required to forfeit.

Esformes, who once controlled a network of more than two dozen health care facilities that stretched from Chicago to Miami, garnered \$1.3 billion Medicaid revenues by bribing medical professionals who referred patients to his Florida facilities then paid off government regulators as vulnerable residents were injured by their peers, prosecutors said.

He housed elderly patients alongside younger adults who suffered from mental illness and drug addiction — sometimes with fatal results. In Esformes' Oceanside Extended Care Center in Miami Beach, "an elderly patient was attacked and beaten to death by a younger mental health patient who never should have been at (a nursing facility) in the first place," prosecutors wrote in a pre-sentencing memo.

As he handed down the sentence, Judge Robert N. Scola Jr. said the length and scope of Esformes' criminal conduct were "unmatched in our community. ... Mr. Esformes violated the trust of Medicare and Medicaid in epic proportions."

But Scola meted out a punishment significantly less than the 30 years prosecutors requested, saying Esformes also had an extraordinary history of helping people in need. Attorneys for Esformes had described him as a selfless philanthropist who had donated more than \$15 million to synagogues, schools and needy individuals, often anonymously.

Said Scola: "I think he should get some consideration for his philanthropy, although it's dangerous to say because he was stealing money from Medicare, so people might say he was giving that money to charity. But the vast majority of the money he made, he made legitimately. More importantly he was a true friend to people known and unknown to him, and that is worthy of mitigation."

In arguing for a 30-year sentence, prosecutors said his yearslong bribes-for-patients schemes involved the corruption of medical professionals and government regulators, and entailed grievous injuries to a massive number of elderly patients.

"Miami is the epicenter of health care fraud, there was no one like Philip Esformes; he was king," prosecutor Allan J. Medina told the judge in court Thursday.

Many of his younger, drug-addicted patients spent the daylight hours wandering the streets of Miami while he collected government payments for services that were never delivered, prosecutors said.

"Phillip Esformes used deceptive and calculated means to orchestrate a fraud of the magnitude that we have not seen before," Medina said. "People who needed to get better, who wanted to get better, they had no shot."

"His fraud involved thousands of patients, 16 nursing homes, the systematic payment of bribes, a complex

web of bank accounts, and brazen obstruction of justice to try to prevent it all from coming to light," prosecutor Elizabeth Young wrote in a sentencing memo filed with the court this week.

Esformes, who has been in maximum security detention for 37 months since his 2016 arrest, called himself a shattered, repentant man when he stood before the judge. His shoulders drooped beneath his baggy khaki prison shirt as he began rocking back and forth.

"I want to apologize to, your honor, the United States. Sorry. And my community." As Esformes began to recite the names of his children, he briefly became incoherent. Groans and cries of "Oh God!" escaped from his family and supporters in the gallery.

"I've lost everything I love and cared about with the utmost intensity," he said. "There is no one to blame but myself, me."

While preparing his defense, Esformes told the judge, he had listened repeatedly to wiretapped conversations that revealed him arranging bribes. "I am disgusted by what I heard," he said, at one point pounding a courtroom podium with his fist. "The Phil Esformes you heard was reckless ... an arrogant man."

Esformes said he was studying the Torah and praying for redemption. "I won't miss that opportunity," he said.

Prosecutors said Esformes should be forced to pay \$207 million in restitution to Medicaid and Medicare; attorneys for Esformes sharply questioned that amount in court Thursday.

Judge Scola closely questioned prosecutors about how they calculated the value of the Medicaid proceeds Esformes stole over the years, ultimately finding the loss to be between \$4.8 million and \$8.3 million.

Federal authorities arrested Esformes at one of his \$2 million estates on the Miami Beach waterfront in 2016 and immediately placed him in the Miami Federal Detention Center.

At the time, he had a net worth of \$78.9 million, and hardly any debts, according to court papers filed by prosecutors. He maintained a Chicago Water Tower penthouse and a mansion in Los Angeles.

Esformes was deemed an extraordinary flight risk in part because he had been caught on a wiretap offering to help his business partner Guillermo Delgado flee from the U.S.

Delgado, who helped Esformes defraud Medicare for mental health and prescription drug services, instead helped federal investigators bring Esformes to justice. He and his brother Gabriel Delgado are now serving prison time.

The dozens of nursing facilities Esformes ran with his father and business partner Morris Esformes for decades earned millions of Medicaid and Medicare dollars annually despite repeated federal law enforcement probes and Chicago Tribune investigations alleging substandard care and incidents when disabled patients were assaulted by fellow residents.

Esformes sold his Illinois nursing facilities sometime around 2012 but kept offices in the Chicago suburbs as he continued to operate homes in Florida with his father, government records and Tribune interviews show.

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Esformes



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Freshmen Anna Krusinski, center back, arrives at her dorm room on the University of Illinois at Chicago on Aug. 21.

## Enrollment numbers are out

BY DAWN RHODES

After years of declining college enrollment in Illinois, several public universities are reporting upswings this fall. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and University of Illinois at Chicago broke their own enrollment records. University of Illinois at Springfield, Governors State and Chicago State report growing freshmen classes. Still, years of declines persist throughout the state. Enrollment fell significantly at Northern Illinois, Northeastern and U. of I. in Springfield. Though Chicago State's enrollment stabilized, it lags well behind where it was in recent years. Here's a closer look.

### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN: NEW RECORD OF 50,000+

Accelerated by an 11% boost in graduate students, U. of I. added more than 1,800 students to campus this fall, totaling nearly 52,000 students. "As one of the nation's top public universities, we have an opportunity to provide an excellent education at scale," Chancellor Robert Jones said in a statement. "This new milestone demonstrates our unmatched capacity to provide affordable access to a world-class educational experience."

### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO: FRESHMEN, NEW SCHOOL FUELS RAPID EXPANSION

The number of new freshmen increased by 6% at the Near West Side campus. UIC's merger with John Marshall Law School added more than 1,000 students to this fall's roster. Total enrollment increased by 5.4% to 33,390 students. "Our continued enrollment growth demonstrates that we are providing an accessible and affordable option for a world-class education at Chicago's only public research university," Chancellor Michael D. Amiridis said in a statement.

### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT SPRINGFIELD: FRESHMAN CLASS GROWS AMID OVERALL DECLINES

The freshman class enrollment in Springfield jumped 18% this fall to a record 373 students. "We are pleased to see the substantial increase in the size of our freshman class again this year," Chancellor Susan Koch said in a statement. "It affirms that an increasing number of prospective students and their families are choosing UIS for a student-centered undergrad experience — an experience that provides uniquely personalized educational opportunities that prepare our graduates for success in their careers and their communities." Overall enrollment dipped 6.6% to 4,275 students.

### NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY: FRESHMAN, GRADUATE ENROLLMENT REMAIN EVEN

The number of first-time students at the Northwest Side campus fell nearly one-half from 2017 to 2018. This year, enrollment remained almost identical, with 452 new freshmen. The number of graduate students also stabilized this year. Overall enrollment fell from 8,103 to 7,423. "We are encouraged by the growth in graduate students and by the leveling off of new freshman enrollment," spokesman Michael Hines said in a statement. "As other institutions have demonstrated, it is possible to stop and even reverse the enrollment de-

clines of recent years, and we believe our recruitment and retention efforts will prove fruitful in coming years."

### NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY: UPTICKS IN NEW FRESHMAN, GRADUATE STUDENTS

The number of freshman and graduate students in DeKalb each grew about 2%. Overall enrollment dropped 3.3%, to 16,609. School officials said they anticipated a decline in part because of large graduating classes. "This 10-day report affirms that our analysis and strategies are succeeding in attracting excellent students from diverse backgrounds to NIU," President Lisa C. Freeman said in a statement.

### GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY: LARGEST FRESHMAN CLASS

At 263 students, this year's is the largest freshman class since the University Park-based institution became a four-year institution in 2014. Overall enrollment dropped slightly to 4,789 students. President Elaine Maimon credited the state's Aim High scholarship program, state funding to entice local students to attend in-state schools. Governors received \$665,000 to support scholarships. "AIM HIGH has allowed Governors State to attract outstanding students who might otherwise have gone out of state — or even worse, nowhere," Maimon said in a statement.

### CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY: AFTER YEARS LONG SLUMP, SOME STABILITY

The Far South Side university has lost nearly 60% of its enrollment since 2010. This year's enrollment marks the first time in nearly a decade without a drop, totaling 2,967 students. Figures show significant increases in the number of first-time freshmen and transfer students, the latter of which comprises about 13% of Chicago State's new students. "The increase in new student enrollment is an indication that Chicago State is moving forward as a result of new academic programs, scholarships and recruitment," President Zaldwaynaka Scott said in a statement.

*The Tribune previously reported enrollment for Southern Illinois University, Western Illinois, Illinois State and Eastern Illinois.*

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## State revenue from casinos continues to drop

BY DAN PETRELLA

As Illinois embarks on a massive gambling expansion of up to six new casinos and the addition of slot machines and table games at horse tracks, revenue from the state's 10 existing casinos last year dropped more than 3%, continuing a decadelong slide.

The loss in revenue from casinos, however, was more than offset by a continued increase in the state's take from video poker and slot machines at bars, restaurants and truck stops, according to a report out Thursday from the legislature's bipartisan Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.

Overall, the state brought in more than \$1.4 billion in tax revenue from casinos, video gambling, horse racing and the lottery in the budget year that ended June 30, up 3.5% from the previous year, according to the report.

But the report, put out annually by the commission, raises concerns about whether new betting options authorized in the gambling expansion legislation Gov. J.B. Pritzker

signed in June — including new casinos in Chicago, Waukegan, the south suburbs, Rockford, Danville and southern Illinois — will continue to draw revenue away from the existing casinos.

"Increased competition from video gaming continues to be a major factor for these declines," the commission's report says. "These declines at the existing casinos may be exacerbated due to the significant increase in competition soon to come from new Illinois casinos, racinos, and from new casinos in nearby states."

The commission's analysis echoes concerns raised by the state's casino industry, which until this spring had succeeded in fending off the creation of new licenses for about a decade.

Riverboat casinos surpassed the lottery as the state's primary source of gambling revenue in 2003, generating \$554 million in taxes, compared to \$540 million from lotto sales. State casino revenue peaked at \$699 million in 2005 and generally has been trending downward ever since, hitting \$269

million last year — a nearly 62% decline.

Revenue from video gambling, which came online in 2012 after a long delay, surpassed casinos for the first time in 2017. The lottery retook its place as the state's greatest source of gambling revenue in 2008 and last year generated \$735 million — a little more than half of the tax dollars the state took in from wagering.

Pritzker is counting on revenue from newly authorized gambling — which also includes legalized sports betting, a new horse track in the south suburbs, and an expansion of video gambling — to help pay for building projects as part of his six-year, \$45 billion "Rebuild Illinois" infrastructure plan. When the legislation was signed, his administration estimated gambling would generate \$350 million in new annual revenue.

But problems already have emerged.

A study by an outside consultant for the Illinois Gaming Board and the city of Chicago determined that the law's proposed taxes on a city casino are so high that

the project could fail to attract a developer. Mayor Lori Lightfoot has said she plans to work with leaders in Springfield to find a solution.

Meanwhile, Churchill Downs Inc., which owns Arlington International Racecourse and a majority stake in Rivers Casino in Des Plaines and hopes to win the Waukegan casino license, has said it won't add slot machines or table games at Arlington because the share of revenue dedicated to purses for horse owners is so high that the track couldn't compete with casinos.

And sportsbooks in neighboring Iowa and Indiana already have opened while the Illinois Gaming Board is still drafting the rules to legalize sports betting in the state.

In a statement, a Pritzker spokeswoman said, "The administration understood the unpredictable nature of gaming revenue and took that into consideration when putting together the revenue projections for Rebuild Illinois."

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## Accused gunman in killing of boy, 9, drops bid to represent self

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

The accused gunman in 9-year-old Tyshawn Lee's slaying reversed course Thursday, announcing in court he no longer wanted to represent himself after the judge declined to delay his trial scheduled to start Friday.

The decision by Dwight Doty, 25, came less than two weeks after Judge Thaddeus Wilson had allowed Doty to defend himself after first rejecting the idea.

Wilson reappointed the Cook County public defender's office to represent Doty, but the judge rejected a plea by the court-appointed attorney for a delay in the trial because of the last-minute switch.

Assistant Public Defender Danita Ivory, who worked on Doty's case for months before he ditched his lawyers on Aug. 30, said she couldn't be ready for jury selection on Friday. Doty had not kept in contact with them over the last two weeks, and she had not been able to subpoena witnesses, she told the judge.

But Wilson remained adamant that the trial would proceed without delay, saying, "The defendant has orchestrated this situation."

Prosecutors allege that Doty and Morgan carried out Tyshawn's execution-style killing in the Auburn Gresham community on Chicago's South Side because his father was a member of a rival gang suspected of fatally shooting Morgan's brother and wounding his mother weeks earlier.

The 4-foot-8 fourth grader, who loved to play basketball, was lured into an alley near 80th Street and Damen Avenue in early November 2015 and shot multiple times. A basketball he always carried with him was found nearby.

A third co-defendant, Kevin Edwards, identified by prosecutors as the get-

away driver, pleaded guilty last week to first-degree murder in exchange for a 25-year prison sentence. There was no indication then that he would cooperate and testify against his co-defendants.

Last month, Wilson denied Doty's initial attempt to represent himself, saying it was an obvious delay tactic. But the judge reversed himself a few days later. In the numerous hearings since, Wilson has given Doty the opportunity to change his mind.

On Thursday, Doty first asked the judge to delay the trial, saying he could not be prepared in so little time.

In rejecting a delay, Wilson noted that he had warned repeatedly in the two weeks since Doty insisted on representing himself that the trial would not be postponed.

"You were the one who decided to represent yourself on the eve of trial," Wilson said.

It was then that Doty announced he wanted a lawyer, and Wilson reappointed the public defenders.

Wilson had kept them on as "standby counsel" over their objection after Doty took on his own representation.

Wilson tasked them with advising Doty, but Doty showed little interest in consulting Ivory and her colleagues. He had even indicated before Thursday that he did not want them sitting next to him during the trial.

Ivory said she hadn't any meaningful contact with Doty in recent weeks, prompting her request for a delay.

Wilson expects to pick a jury for Doty on Friday and then do the same for co-defendant Corey Morgan on Monday. Opening statements would take place Tuesday before the separate juries.

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Doty

## Cook County chief judge wins

Evans fends off rival to retain post in vote of his peers

BY JUAN PEREZ JR.

Timothy Evans, a Chicago political fixture and chief judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, retained his high-profile post atop one of the world's busiest judicial systems after a vote of his peers.

Local Circuit Court judges cloistered inside a jury assembly room on the 17th floor of the Richard J. Daley Center on Thursday and voted 143-102 for Evans over Judge Lorna Propes. The votes were cast as part of a secretive process conducted every three years and give Evans a seventh term directing Cook County's judiciary.

"I look forward to working with our colleagues for another three years to try to implement some of the plans that we have for restorative justice and for making sure our systems embrace healing more than punishment," Evans told reporters after the vote.

Evans has presided as chief judge for an 18-year stretch that's included no shortage of controversy. The former alderman and aide to Mayor Harold Washington was first



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Timothy Evans has won a seventh term directing Cook County's judiciary.

elected to the chief judgeship in 2001, and fended off another rival's challenge to win a sixth term after a 129-103 vote in 2016.

The vote means Evans will continue to preside over an office responsible this year for some 2,900 employees and a \$272 million budget that includes 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.

"I congratulate him," Propes said of Evans after the vote. "And of course we see, and we know, that Judge Evans is a well-loved man in the Circuit Court,

and that was evident in the vote. Our positions could have not been (more) different, and it was very clear what each of us stood for, and our colleagues made a choice. I respect that choice, and I look forward to returning to the job I love, which is being a judge in a courtroom."

Evans has presided over a sharp population drop at the Cook County Jail after requiring judges to set affordable bail amounts for defendants charged with nonviolent felonies.

Evans on Thursday said he plans to maintain his role in an ongoing debate over controversial county criminal bond system reforms that mark a recurring flashpoint between County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot.

Evans, who has joined forces with Preckwinkle in the debate, said he met with Lightfoot, and maintained that findings from his office showed felony defendants released on bail rarely picked up a new charge of violence.

Evans described the first-term mayor as "a marvelous person to work with" and said they agreed to meet again.

But Evans' tenure also has been subjected to rounds of criticism after

recurring scandals — including problems with the court system's adult probation unit and an embarrassing episode in which one of his former law clerks was accused of donning a judge's robe and hearing at least three traffic court cases in a south suburban courthouse.

Propes, a trial judge assigned to a court division that handles high-dollar lawsuits, targeted Evans' long tenure atop the court system with a platform that included 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.

"I think the deck is stacked against any challenger to an incumbent in any race, including the ones we know," Propes said.

"This is a human system. Everybody knows Judge Evans. He's given them all their assignments. They feel they like him. They feel, you know, a little bit of allegiance to him for his relationship with them — and that's human. That's human nature. And is it hard on a challenger? Sure it is. But still, I think I got my story out."

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## 6 cases of mumps at McHenry County jail

BY CLIFFORD WARD

McHenry County Health Department officials said Thursday there have been six cases of mumps reported this summer among detainees in the county jail.

The cases have been reported between June and September, a department spokeswoman said Thursday. Those diagnosed have all been detainees of the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, Keri Zaleski of the health department said Thursday.

ICE contracts with McHenry, among other counties, to provide detention space for detainees facing deportation or other immigration issues. The detainees affected by the mumps came to McHenry

from jails in Clay and Pulaski counties, Zaleski said.

Detainees deemed infectious are being isolated, while detainees believed to have been exposed are being quarantined, the health department said.

Health officials said they are distributing educational materials to detainees aimed at reducing conditions that could lead to the spread of the mumps virus.

The mumps virus is usually spread through the saliva or mucus of an infected person. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported it recorded almost 900 probable cases of the mumps in detention facilities since September 2018.

Clifford Ward is a freelance reporter.

## West Side building collapse injures 1

Chicago officials ordered the demolition of an abandoned building on the West Side after a man was injured when part of the building collapsed Thursday morning, authorities said.

The brick three-story building on the corner of Pulaski Road and Fifth Avenue in the Lawndale neighborhood, just south of Interstate 290, collapsed about 10 a.m. A portion of Pulaski was temporarily shut down while officials assessed the building.

A man was taken to Mount Sinai Hospital in good condition following the collapse, said Larry Langford, a Fire Department spokesman. The man was found near the building, but officials weren't

sure whether he had been inside the building.

Firefighters had not been able to go inside because of safety concerns, Langford said.

"The building is definitely unstable," he said.

By 1 p.m., an emergency demolition ordered by the city's Department of Buildings was underway, said Gregg Cunningham, a spokesman for the agency.

The building appears to have at one point housed a tavern with apartments above the business, but it looks like it's long been vacant, Langford said.

The building's owner was last cited in April by the city for failure to register the vacant building.

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# CPS

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The department began its investigations in 2015 but intensified the effort last year after the Tribune's "Betrayed" series documented more than 500 police reports of sexual assault or abuse of a child inside a Chicago public school during the prior decade, and uncovered child-protection failures that extended from neighborhood schools to the district's downtown offices and the state capital.

Less than two weeks after the series was published, the Office for Civil Rights sent the district a letter seeking files on issues raised in the Tribune series — such as faulty background checks of school workers and CPS' failure to alert other districts when staff accused of sexual misconduct applied for jobs elsewhere. Federal investigators also requested any data CPS had provided to the Tribune for the series, as well as copies of all the documents CPS had reviewed to formulate its responses to the Tribune.

Thursday's agreement resolves allegations in two specific cases involving former students and more broadly seeks to ensure the district's compliance with requirements of Title IX, the federal law that prohibits gender-based discrimination in schools. The agreement applies to all district-operated schools, including charter, contract and alternative schools. Its provisions range from how complaints are handled to how records are kept.

"The failures of Chicago Public Schools were widespread, glaring and heart-breaking," Education Secretary Betsy DeVos said in a statement to the Tribune on Thursday. "Too many innocent young students suffered because adults didn't do their jobs. We will continue to work to ensure every student can learn in a safe and nurturing environment, and we will continue to hold schools who fail their students accountable."

Marcus acknowledged that the district has already taken substantial steps forward. In the wake of the Tribune series last year it launched a new Office of Student Protections and Title IX, adopted a new Title IX policy, created new training materials, con-

ducted new background checks on regular employees and volunteers, realigned its Title IX office and finalized the district's first Student Bill of Rights.

CPS officials highlighted some of these improvements in a letter scheduled to be sent to "friends and supporters" Thursday morning. The letter, signed by schools chief Janice Jackson, framed the district's relationship with the Office for Civil Rights as a partnership and told recipients about the new agreement with the Department of Education, calling cases of student abuse "tragic incidents in which some students did not receive the comprehensive support they deserved."

"As a district, we have been working to ensure no student ever goes through that again," Jackson wrote.

The district has been rolling out a comprehensive Plan of Action to protect students, she wrote.

"Our agreement with OCR builds on that plan. It will help ensure our schools are free of harassment, abuse, and discrimination, and ensure our students have the supports they need to overcome challenges and reach their potential," Jackson wrote. "... Since 2018, we have left no stone unturned and taken significant steps toward improving Title IX compliance."

The civil rights office is hopeful Chicago will honor the agreement, which reflects the severity and gravity of OCR's findings, Marcus said. Though he said CPS officials have "taken some important early steps over the recent weeks and months" and provided the OCR with documentation of additional steps they're taking, Marcus also said substantial changes still need to be made.

Some of those include making sure students harmed in the past are aware of remedial services and new reporting requirements such as providing certain documents to OCR.

Between 1999 and December 2018, the district did not have a Title IX coordinator, a position Marcus called a "very basic and long-standing requirement of Title IX law." Now that the district does have the position filled, it needs to ensure that person has the authority to coordinate compliance with Title IX, including all investigations, according to the resolution.

The district must also take steps to avoid conflicts of interest, including a requirement that any attorneys involved in an underlying Title IX investigation must recuse themselves from handling related litigation against the district. By Nov. 27, CPS must submit documentation indicating it has made required structural changes.

The district must also review the action of current and former district employees who failed to respond appropriately after reports of sexual misconduct or to take appropriate measures against the employees who were responsible.

"We want to make sure that this doesn't happen ever again in Chicago Public Schools or anywhere else," said a federal official familiar with the resolution.

The investigation included interviews with current and former district staff and reviews of reports involving more than 400 schools, including 2,800 complaints of student-on-student harassment and 280 claims of adult-on-student complaints. Investigators reviewed documentation related to CPS' handling of complaints for the 2012-13 through 2017-18 school years. Though the cases reviewed are a representative sample, Marcus said the ratio was about 10 student-on-student complaints for each staff-on-student complaint.

In addition to investigating two specific complaints brought forth in 2015 and 2017, and based on "significant concerns" regarding the district's compliance with Title IX, the civil rights office opened a systemic investigation concerning whether CPS had failed to promptly and accurately respond to complaints of sexual harassment and assault.

The civil rights office concluded that the district violated Title IX by failing to properly respond to such complaints, citing the two specific cases along with a broad statement that the district had systemically failed to respond properly to other complaints involving both adult-on-student and student-on-student sexual harassment.

"What we found was a system that was broken and in disarray," Marcus said.

Over the last several years, Americans have become increasingly aware of sexual violence on college and university campuses,

but these findings "may be a wake-up call" that the problem also exists in elementary and secondary schools, Marcus said. Though the OCR has been getting several times more sexual violence complaints than it was a decade ago, its findings within CPS are still unusual, he said.

"It is an eye-opener and should be an eye-opener," Marcus said.

In one complaint, a student reported that during the 2012-13 school year, a teacher commented on her appearance, bought her gifts, texted her photos of himself and expressed his love for her, eventually taking her out, buying her alcohol, then kissing, fondling and forcing oral sex on her in his car despite her begging him to stop. Before the sexual assault, the district had received at least three complaints alleging sexual harassment by the same teacher.

In the other complaint, a student on her way home from school said she was surrounded by 13 boys, at least seven of them students she recognized from school, who repeatedly raped her inside a vacant building.

The OCR review found both cases were mishandled, and that many other complaints alleged ongoing physical sexual harassment, including repeated groping, grabbing or fondling by peers who were repeat offenders. The review noted several cases of adults grooming students for sexual relationships with money, gifts, food, rides and favor at school; and "numerous" complaints indicating insufficient boundaries between students and educators.

The review also cited the "Betrayed" investigation, which documented widespread failures in the district's response to student claims of sexual misconduct by teachers, staff and other students. Marcus said the Tribune series provided "important and valuable" background and that Office for Civil Rights officials continued to conduct their investigation independently.

Lawmakers have also said the "Betrayed" reporting led them to pass laws addressing educator misconduct and sexual assault investigations involving students.

"The report released last year was shocking, and I am thankful to my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for

coming together to work on a solution," Assistant Majority Leader Iris Y. Martinez, D-Chicago, said of a new law she sponsored.

Among other measures, the law signed in August by Gov. J.B. Pritzker changes how students who make complaints are interviewed, mandates school districts check statewide databases and review their own policies and procedures more often, and establishes a task force.

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot responded to the latest developments Thursday by reiterating her outrage from last June when the Tribune's "Betrayed" series ran.

"I feel comfortable that Dr. Jackson and her team frankly learned a very, very valuable lesson about making sure that we're doing everything we can inside of the classroom, keep our students safe, initiating very rigorous background checks on people who are engaging with students and then when we see something, having an appropriate process to do the investigation where we're not re-victimizing young children," Lightfoot said.

Asked about the Department of Education's criticism of CPS, Lightfoot responded: "This is the same Department of Education headed up by Betsy DeVos? Yeah. Well, I take a little bit of what they say with a grain of salt."

The mayor added: "We're committed to making sure that our students are safe, but as you see as a theme, there are members of the federal government who think it's appropriate to tee off against Chicago. I read with great interest the comments from the head of the civil rights division for the Department of Education, and as I said, I take some of those comments with a grain of salt. Consider the source. But nonetheless we're going to do what's necessary to keep our children safe."

Since "Betrayed," students have continued to come forward with allegations of sexual abuse at school.

According to a July report to the Board of Education by the CPS Office of Inspector General, complaints of sexual misconduct against people who work in CPS had arrived at the district's inspector general's office at a rate of nearly three each school

day over the past nine months.

Most of the more than 450 allegations related to "leering," "creepy" or other concerning behavior" by a staff member, contractor or volunteer, but almost 20% of the claims involved penetration, groping or other sexual contact, and 10 adults affiliated with the district were charged criminally with sexual assault, sexual abuse or indecent solicitation of a minor, according to the report.

"While we have made significant progress, we will not be satisfied until I and every CPS parent believes we have created a safe and supportive district culture," concluded Jackson's letter Thursday. Stating the resolution will ensure better communication and transparency from the district, the letter asserted she looked forward to partnering with "families, educators, and community and civic partners, including OCR, to lead the nation in creating safer, stronger schools where the rights of every person are valued and supported."

Chicago Teachers Union Vice President Stacy Davis Gates said in a statement Thursday that the "blistering" report from the federal government "underscores one basic fact: CPS is in dire need of basic checks and balances. Yet lack of accountability is baked into CPS governance."

The teachers union also tied the federal findings to its ongoing contract negotiations, in which the union is demanding enforceable staffing commitments for positions such as nurses and social workers, who are trained to identify and support children who have been abused.

"Nothing is more important to us than the safety of our students," Davis Gates said. "Thousands of us are both educators and parents of CPS students — and for every educator, our responsibility first and foremost is to protect the children in our care. It's time for CPS to stop thwarting students, their families, and educators' demands for educational justice, abandon its endless political damage control and start putting our needs first."

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# Vaping

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flavored products also entice teens, creating nicotine addictions.

More than one-fourth of high school students said they had used e-cigarettes during a 30-day window in 2019, and the majority of them said they used fruit, menthol or mint flavors, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

If the administration does proceed with removing all e-cigarette flavors, except tobacco, from the market, companies may apply for FDA authorization to sell flavored e-cigarettes.

Nuttall said a ban on selling flavors would be "utterly devastating" to his business, as about 70% of his sales are flavored liquids.

A 20-foot-long blackboard covers a wall of his shop, listing more than 100 flavors ranging from "lem'n berry" to "plush milk" to "my sweet dragon."

Other vape shop owners paint a similarly bleak picture of their futures, should a ban take effect.

"We have over 40 employees that will pretty much lose their jobs," said Michael Menias, who owns nine Chicagoland vape shops under the Happy Daze name.

Frank Rex, owner of Let's All Vape in Old Town, called the controversy over flavors "ridiculous." About 90% of his customers buy flavors, primarily older people in their 50s and 60s, he said.

"I'm 57 years old, and I'm not supposed to like pineapple or blueberry or apple flavor?" said Rex, who used to smoke two packs of cigarettes a day before he started vaping.

Victoria Vasconcellos, who owns five Cignot vape shops in the Chicago area, said two of her customers,



Endia Lardyell, co-owner of Vapor and More, vapes and speaks to customers behind the counter in Merrillville.



At Cool Clouds Vapor Shop, flavors including Berry-Burst and Sher-Burst are among the samples for customers.

each in their 80s, called her after the Trump announcement Wednesday, worried about their favorite black cherry flavor disappearing.

Many public health advocates, however, applauded the Trump administration's announcement.

The Chicago-based American Lung Association, which has said no one

of public policy. "They have no idea what's in these products, and you shouldn't be ingesting or inhaling products if you don't know what's in it."

More than 450 people have developed possible lung illnesses and six people had died as of Wednesday, including one in Illinois, after using e-cigarettes, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

No specific substance or product has been linked to all the cases. Many of the patients who were sickened said they used e-cigarettes with liquids that contained cannabinoid products, such as THC. Many of the THC samples being investigated also contained the substance vitamin E acetate.

The CDC is advising people not to use e-cigarettes while the sicknesses and deaths are being investigated. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has

taken a more nuanced approach in its warnings, telling consumers only to avoid buying vaping products sold on the street, not to use THC vaping products and not to modify any vaping products they purchase in stores.

Vape shops in Illinois do not sell e-liquids containing THC.

The owners say legal products, such as the ones sold in their stores, have been unfairly lumped in with the THC-containing products and those bought on the black market.

Store owners worry that confusion and misinformation about vaping hurts not just their livelihoods but the lives of customers who have turned to vaping as way to quit cigarettes.

They acknowledge there are some questions about the long-term usage of e-cigarettes but say vaping is a lesser evil than smoking cigarettes — though earlier

this month the FDA sent a warning letter to e-cigarette maker Juul Labs, chiding it for claiming its products were safer than other tobacco products.

Some vape shops have already seen a slowdown in business. Others are fielding a lot more questions from customers.

Nuttall decided late last month to close one of his three Cool Clouds Vapor Shops, in University Park. Revenue had been declining at that store, and the recent news made committing to a new lease in that location too risky, he said.

His other shops' existing customers still have been coming in, but new customers looking to switch to vaping, from smoking, have dried up.

Menias, owner of Happy Daze, said he's seen about a 40% drop in sales in the last three weeks.

It's possible that some vape shops might be able to stay open, even without e-cigarette flavors and amid the recent health scares, said Gregory Conley, president of the American Vaping Association. They might, for example, be able to sell flavors without nicotine in them. But customers might then have to find their own nicotine to mix with the flavors, which could create a dangerous situation for consumers, he said.

It's also possible that thousands of vape shops might shut their doors in the next six months, he said. Though flavors might come back on the market some day, only the largest companies will have enough cash to go through the FDA process, and that could take some time, he said.

"My business would be closed," Nuttall said. "My community would no longer have anyone to support them and work with them through quitting traditional cigarettes."

# Ex-Posen mayor found dead

BY ZAK KOESKE

The former mayor of Posen was found dead in his bedroom Thursday after not appearing at his criminal sentencing hearing on federal embezzlement charges, officials said.

Donald Schupek, 79, was pronounced dead at 11:54 a.m., less than 90 minutes after he was due to be sentenced by U.S. District Judge Robert Gettleman.

Schupek, who served three terms as Posen's mayor before losing a reelection bid in 2017, pleaded guilty in June to embezzling \$27,000 from the village during his final term in office.

An autopsy has yet to be performed and no cause of death has been determined, a spokeswoman for the Cook County medical examiner said.

Posen Mayor Frank Podbielniak said Thursday that officials from the medical examiner's office were on their way to Schupek's home and would make a determination as to whether they would perform a post-mortem examination.

"It's sad," Podbielniak said. "I'm definitely sad. I'm sad for him, his family and the village. It was sad to see."

Authorities, who obtained a bench warrant for Schupek after he failed to appear in court Thursday, entered the ex-mayor's home through an open kitchen window and found him in his bed, Podbielniak said.

Schupek's attorney Domingo Vargas said he had

last communicated with his client about 2 1/2 weeks ago but had not received a response when he texted him Wednesday afternoon in advance of his sentencing hearing.

Prosecutors and Schupek's probation officer said in court Thursday that they had received correspondence from Schupek within the past couple days but had been unable to reach him since at least Wednesday.

Schupek had lived alone, never married and had no children, Vargas said.

As part of his guilty plea, Schupek admitted under oath that he had drawn checks on the village's bank account to give himself payroll advances that he never intended to deduct from future paychecks or repay.

Beginning in June 2014 and continuing through August 2016, Schupek directed the village bookkeeper to issue a total of nine checks drawn on the village's account and made payable to him, prosecutors said.

He used the ill-gotten gains to gamble at casinos in Joliet, according to prosecutors.

During the time he was embezzling money from village coffers, Schupek gambled at two Joliet casinos on 149 occasions, racking up \$62,268 in losses, according to the prosecution's sentencing memorandum.

Schupek had faced a range of 10 to 16 months in prison under sentencing guidelines, but Vargas said he believed the former mayor's circumstances warranted a significantly reduced sentence.

"It wasn't the type of case that was going to be a substantial amount of time in custody, if at all," he said. "We were going to ask for home confinement, if not probation, and to pay restitution."

In his sentencing memo, Vargas had requested the judge impose a sentence "significantly below the statutory minimum" for Schupek due to his "lack of prior criminal history, age, and most significantly, his delicate physical condition," which included numerous ailments.

At the time of his death, Schupek had not made restitution to the village, although Vargas said he had the financial means to do so — either through a lump sum payment or as part of a payment plan.

In a letter Podbielniak submitted to prosecutors last month, he said Schupek had thus far ignored the village's demand to repay the money he embezzled.

"After the Village sent a formal demand that the former Village President reimburse the Village for the embezzled funds, he responded with a letter dated June of 2017 that he would pay back \$100 a month after everyone else that owed money to the Village paid us back," according to the letter.

The current mayor said in his letter that the impact of his predecessor's embezzlement had both undermined the village's ability to address critical infrastructure needs and "badly diminished" the public's trust in local elected officials.

# Man gets 2 years for assault at courthouse

BY JASON MEISNER

A man awaiting trial on charges he pushed a woman onto CTA tracks was sentenced by a federal judge Thursday to two years in prison for the lunchtime assault of another woman outside the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse in Chicago.

In handing down the sentence, U.S. District Judge Robert Gettleman said Marcus Mondy "has a terrible record of violent behavior" that appeared to be escalating before his May 2018 arrest for assaulting a federal employee.

Mondy, 36, pleaded guilty in April to punching the victim — a paid intern with the U.S. Pretrial Services office — in the right eye from behind as she walked past him outside the federal courthouse at 219 S. Dearborn St.

According to a criminal complaint, Mondy then pulled the victim's hair and threw her to the sidewalk, "scratching her face in the process." A co-worker who witnessed the attack tried to

stop Mondy, but he fled down the steps to the CTA Blue Line stop outside the courthouse.

The attack was caught on surveillance video, according to the complaint. Mondy was arrested the next day, and the victim later identified him from an array of photographs shown to her by federal agents.

Before he was sentenced Friday, Mondy stood in court dressed in an orange jail jumpsuit and apologized to the victim seated behind him in the courtroom gallery.

"I didn't mean to hurt her or scare her in any way," Mondy said in a soft voice, without looking back toward the woman.

"I believe the young lady is in the courtroom," Gettleman said after Mondy wrapped up his brief remarks. "I hope she heard you."

After his arrest in the federal case, Mondy was charged with attempted murder in Cook County for an eerily similar attack that had occurred two days earlier at the Western Avenue

Blue Line stop.

According to a community alert issued by Chicago police, the victim had gotten off a westbound train at 430 S. Western Ave. in the Lawndale neighborhood shortly before 8:30 a.m. on a Monday. She was walking on the platform when a man ran up behind her and pushed her onto the tracks below, authorities said. The woman suffered only minor physical injuries.

Surveillance images issued with the alert appeared to match Mondy. The alert also noted the attacker was wearing mismatched shoes, and Mondy was wearing similar shoes at the time of his arrest outside the courthouse, authorities said. Mondy faces up to 30 years in state prison if convicted.

The courthouse assault ended a string of at least 14 arrests for Mondy over the previous two years, including several involving alleged assaults around Chicago's Loop, police records show.

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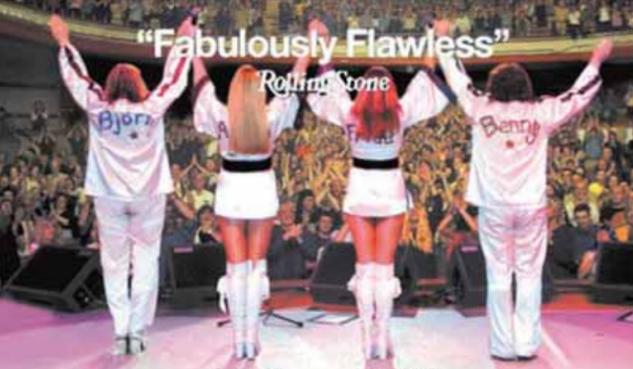
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# Lightfoot, Cruz feud continues

After dismissal, mayor repeats refrain, 'Keep our name out of your mouth'

BY GREGORY PRATT

Mayor Lori Lightfoot and U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz exchanged long distance verbal barbs again Thursday after the Texas Republican reportedly dismissed her invitation to visit Chicago to discuss gun violence as "a political show."

The Democratic mayor said the Texas Republican's apparent rejection of her invitation to visit the country's third largest city was an excuse, and she dismissed his criticism of Chicago's struggle with gun violence.

"It's not a surprise to me whatsoever that Mr. Cruz says, 'Oh, let me give you this excuse why I'm not going to come to Chicago,'" Lightfoot said. "If you're not going to come to Chicago, if you're not going to learn the facts, keep our name out of your mouth."

The back and forth Thursday was just the latest volley between Lightfoot and Cruz, who have been lobbing digs at each other since earlier this month over the issue of gun control in response to recent mass shootings. While they have little, if anything, to do with each other, Lightfoot and Cruz are convenient foils, and their mutual attacks appeal to their respective political bases on opposite ends of the spectrum.

Lightfoot responded to an initial Cruz tweet last week that said, "Gun control doesn't work. Look at Chicago. Disarming law-abiding citizens isn't the answer. Stopping violent criminals — prosecuting & getting them off the street — BEFORE they commit more violent crimes is the most effective way to reduce murder rates. Let's protect our citizens."

Through her political account, Lightfoot for Chicago, the mayor tweeted back, "60% of illegal fire-

arms recovered in Chicago come from outside IL — mostly from states dominated by coward Republicans like you who refuse to enact commonsense gun legislation. Keep our name out of your mouth."

She added: "When @tedcruz and the @gop dismiss common sense gun policies, they disrespect victims and their families, who deserve to live without pain and fear."

Cruz fired back with a tweetsstorm of his own.

"Mayor, your anger is misplaced. Virtually every year, Chicago has the most murders of any city in America," Cruz said. "In 2017, the top five were: Chicago (650 murders), Baltimore (343), Philadelphia (317), New York (290), and Los Angeles (286)."

Cruz went on to say all five cities "have had Democratic mayors for decades" and noted, "Chicago is not alone in having neighboring red states."

"Maybe, rather than getting angry when others point out the tragically high murder rate in Chicago, you put aside the partisan talking points & the failed gun-control policies Chicago has pursued for decades," Cruz wrote. "Instead, lock up the violent criminals who are committing murder (and PREVENT felons & fugitives from illegally buying firearms, and ALLOW law-abiding citizens (who are right now obeying Chicago's prohibition) to exercise their constitutional right to protect their own lives and their families."

Over the weekend, Lightfoot wrote an op-ed in The Washington Post defending Chicago, repeating some of the arguments she used on Twitter and making the initial invitation to Cruz to come to Chicago.

"We need leaders who will listen to us and work



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Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, top, exchanged verbal barbs again with U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz on Thursday after the Texas Republican reportedly dismissed her invitation to visit Chicago to discuss gun violence as "a political show."

with us, not just use our city as a dog whistle at country club fundraisers and conservative political conventions," Lightfoot wrote, referring to conservative critics who use Chicago's gun violence as a tool to attack the Democratic Party and push back against gun control proposals.

"So Sen. Cruz, if you're actually interested in learning about the struggles we're facing, come to Chicago. And listen — really listen — to our mothers and fathers, our pastors, our teachers, our police, our prosecutors and our children as they tell you how gun violence has irrevocably changed their lives," Lightfoot wrote. "Talk to them as people, not just as 'Democrats' or a rhetorical device."

As mayor, Lightfoot has not been shy about defending Chicago on the national stage. Last month, she ripped President Donald Trump's daughter Ivanka Trump for an inaccurate tweet about Chicago's violence in the wake of El Paso, Texas, and Dayton,

Ohio, mass shootings.

Cruz didn't respond to Lightfoot's invitation until Thursday. According to the Sun-Times, the Republican senator said in Washington on Thursday morning that he'd be "happy to go to Chicago. But given the tone and anger in (Lightfoot's) response, I'm not sure we would see a civil or substantive conversation rather than just a political show."

"I don't have a lot of interest in a political show," Cruz added.

Speaking on the West Side at an unrelated event later Thursday, Lightfoot said, "It's ironic that a guy like Ted Cruz talks about a political stunt. He's the master of political stunts."

"But my invitation to him to Chicago was sincere," Lightfoot said. "I think it's not ever a good idea to cast aspersions on a community, particularly one as rich and diverse as the city of Chicago, without knowing any facts."

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# \$20M gift jump-starts new diplomacy school

BY ELAINE CHEN

Once a long-term goal, DePaul University's creation of a school of diplomacy has been made a reality by a \$20 million donation.

The Grace School of Applied Diplomacy, part of DePaul's College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, began classes Wednesday. It offers a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in diplomacy, according to a news release announcing the gift.

Prior to the donation, DePaul had been planning for more than a year to introduce diplomacy programs for undergraduate and graduate students this fall, according to DePaul spokesman Russell Dorn. The gift, from a donor who asked to remain anonymous, came several months ago, allowing DePaul to upgrade the programs to a school, equipped with a faculty chair, professorships, and funds for scholarships.

The donation is the second largest in DePaul's history, after a \$30 million gift that a Chicago investment manager made in 2012 to support DePaul's business programs.

"The idea of one day having a school was not something we anticipated being able to do in such a short amount of time," said David Wellman, director of the school and an associate professor of religious studies.

In addition to helping the school bring on faculty, the donation will help boost funding for students who want to study abroad and establish a new fund for recruiting more international students from "underrepresented countries," the news release said.

The curricula offered by the school are unique compared with traditional diplomacy programs, administrators say, because the classes are designed

for both students wanting to pursue international diplomacy and those interested in other professions for whom diplomatic skills can be useful.

"In this program, you can prepare to take the foreign service exam. You can also work to become a citizen diplomat," Wellman said.

An example of how the school can help someone not interested in becoming a diplomat is its "urban diplomacy" track, which revolves around how people use diplomacy within a city. This is particularly relevant for students in Chicago, Wellman said, given "the incredible diversity of Chicago and at the same time the profound segregation."

The urban diplomacy concentration is applicable to community organizing, said Rami Nashashibi, executive director of the Inner-City Muslim Action Network and an alumnus of DePaul. Nashashibi spoke at a celebration of the diplomacy school's opening Tuesday night.

Nashashibi in an interview said work he did in Marquette Park during the late 2000s when the neighborhood was undergoing a foreclosure crisis was an example of using diplomacy skills.

The crisis "demanded that we found real genuine ways of bringing folks out of the church, out of the synagogue, out of the mosque," he said. "Our respective faith congregations were not going to have a future unless we worked together."

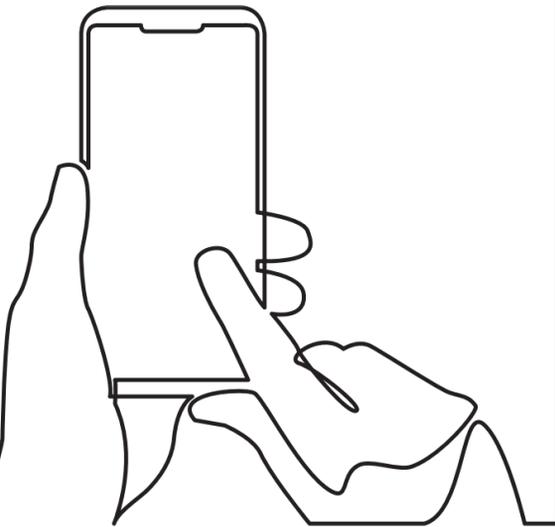
"I'm excited about the idea of a school committed to a new type of diplomacy," he said, one that draws from "the many ways that average citizens play in critical roles in forging peace and building bridges."

The school also offers curricula relating diplomacy to public health and the arts, among other disciplines.

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# Hastert

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the legal saga as well, with Hastert backing away from what he said in federal court and instead suggesting he just repeated what his lawyers had written for him.

Attorney Kristi Browne — representing the former student-athlete, a man identified only as “James Doe” — is trying to use Hastert’s words against him. Browne said in a court filing that the deposition shows Hastert “appears to have committed perjury,” either in the federal case or the lawsuit proceedings.

She is seeking permission from the judge in the Kendall County lawsuit to ease a stipulated protective order he imposed so she can, in part, share the deposition with federal prosecutors, the federal judge, and probation officials.

It’s unclear what action — if any — could be taken against Hastert federally.

In her motion, Browne argues Hastert is hiding behind his attorney-client privilege with the federal case and the lawsuit’s protective orders “as a sword rather than a shield to cover-up his wrongdoing ... this in short is a fraud upon this court.” She included the Hastert deposition as part of that motion.

Unless a settlement is reached, a trial in the civil lawsuit is tentatively set to begin in mid-November. A court hearing is slated for Friday in Yorkville.

WMAQ-Ch. 5 Chicago recently obtained a transcript of the deposition from the court file. It was supposed to be under seal, but lawyers in the case say an unredacted version was included for a time in the public court records. The Tribune also has the nearly 150-page transcript.

Lawyers on both sides said they hoped the court would bar the media from publicizing details in the transcript.

Hastert has kept a low profile in recent years and not spoken publicly about his legal troubles since the sentencing. He was released



Dennis Hastert was released from prison in 2017 after serving part of his 15-month term.

from federal prison in summer 2017 after serving part of his 15-month sentence.

Here are some of the main takeaways from the deposition:

**The backtracking:** At sentencing, Hastert told U.S. District Judge Thomas Durkin that he wanted to apologize for the “boys I mistreated when I was their coach. What I did was wrong, and I regret it. They looked to me, and I took advantage of them.”

But, in his deposition, Hastert said he “didn’t have any choice” but to go along with an apologetic statement he said his attorneys wrote for him and the words included in the plea agreement.

“I wanted to structure a plea deal agreement and get it over with,” he said.

Hastert stopped short of calling his statements at sentencing untrue but made it clear those were his attorneys’ words, not his own.

“So the statement that you read was false?” Browne asked.

“Well, I just don’t know,” Hastert replied, “I’m not sure that my view of it was the same as the people that wrote it.”

Browne asked if Hastert’s comments that he felt remorse were sincere. Hastert responded, “I was overwhelmed with a lot of feelings at that time.”

**The motel incident:** The man who filed the lawsuit alleged Hastert touched him in a sexual manner when he was 14 at a motel during an out-of-state wrestling camp in the 1970s. In Hastert’s federal criminal case, his lawyers acknowledged the motel stay but said Hastert simply helped the boy with a pulled groin injury.

In his deposition, Hastert was more specific. He said the boy told him he had a “groin pull” and “asked me to work on it, and I did.”

Hastert said he was interrupted by a knock on the door, which he believed to be other students “out running around.”

Hastert said he came back into the motel room after dealing with the other kids, and the boy was already “in bed and wrapped up ...”

He denied anything sexual occurred and said he believed the boy had on his shorts during the massage. “At any time did you ask him to remove his shorts?” Browne asked. “I don’t believe so,” he responded.

“Did you ever acknowledge that plaintiff had been harmed by the incident in the hotel room?” the attorney pressed. “No,” Hastert replied.

Hastert admitted in the deposition that he never bothered to correct his accuser when confronted

about the incident during their 2010 meetings.

“I let him talk,” he said. “I listened to what he had to say.”

**The meetings:** Hastert said the man met with him at his office and accused him of inappropriate contact decades earlier. The former student-athlete didn’t directly ask for money in that first meeting, but he recently had become unemployed and had other problems, Hastert said.

The two met again about a week later, when Hastert said the man demanded cash.

“Well, he made a demand for three and a half million dollars,” Hastert said in the deposition. “He asked me if my son, who had just run for Congress, whether he was going to run for Congress again. He asked me if I was afraid of — afraid of going to jail, those type of insinuations. ... As far as the money goes, I said I don’t have three and a half million dollars. He said he wanted it in a briefcase or in a satchel, cash.”

Hastert said he made his first payment of \$50,000 during the third meeting, in his office parking lot. Most of their meetings occurred in a Menard’s parking lot. They initially met every six weeks to three months with Hastert making a similar payment but they switched

to every six months with Hastert doubling payments to \$100,000.

Hastert said he agreed to pay up to \$3.5 million. He at one point offered to pay the man with stock, but the stock never netted earnings as planned.

**Secrecy:** In the deposition, Hastert said he never went to the police because that would break the verbal confidentiality pact between the two men. He said the man suggested they put their agreement in writing and involve a lawyer or mutual third party to mediate, but Hastert didn’t want others involved.

The payments, however, stopped in late 2014 after Hastert’s bank alerted federal authorities about the suspicious withdrawals. The man is suing for the remaining \$1.8 million plus interest on a breach-of-contract claim.

Hastert said an FBI agent and federal prosecutor first approached him in December 2014 at his Plano home. “I said that’s my money. I paid taxes on it; I figured I could do what I wanted with it.”

Hastert said he initially didn’t mention the man or their pact to federal authorities. But, he said, they soon challenged his account.

“And finally they kind of threatened me, and I did tell them,” he said. Hastert said he felt the man was blackmailing him. “Because he implied that this could go public if I didn’t pay him.”

He later cooperated with authorities, who fed him instructions through notes on what questions to ask the man in subsequent recorded phone calls.

Authorities concluded Hastert was not the victim and, in a bombshell indictment made public in May 2015, charged him with violating federal banking rules.

During the deposition, Browne asked Hastert that if he was innocent of sexual misconduct why had he agreed to pay millions of dollars to the man.

The reason: Hastert said he wanted to avoid a media “circus.”

Hastert said he wit-

nessed the frenzy around other disgraced politicians, such as former Illinois governors Rod Blagojevich and George Ryan. He also mentioned past scandals involving I. Lewis “Scooter” Libby, once chief of staff for Vice President Dick Cheney, and former U.S. Senator Ted Stevens. “And I didn’t want to expose my family to that, and so I was under stress, and I agreed to pay him,” Hastert said.

**Statute of limitations:** Hastert was concerned about his own career and reputation and his son’s chances of following in his footsteps politically.

But Hastert said he really wasn’t too worried about facing criminal sex charges. “I think the statute of limitations was covered by that.”

Nonetheless, even though never charged with sex crimes, Hastert did get labeled in federal court. The judge who sentenced him in the federal case called Hastert a “serial child molester” and pressed him to admit to the sexual abuse.

**His porn ban:** Still unknown is why Judge Durkin in December 2017 ordered tightened restrictions on Hastert during his probation, including barring him from possessing pornography, using sex chat lines or having contact with minors except in the presence of an adult who was aware of his crime. Durkin did this one day after the probation department submitted a report in federal court under seal.

The reasons for the restrictions were not spelled out publicly, but Hastert at the time was undergoing a court-ordered sex offender evaluation.

Hastert, in the deposition, said he wasn’t “specifically” told what sparked the new restriction.

“Were you surprised that the conditions were changed?” Browne asked him.

“I’m beyond being surprised by anything,” Hastert replied.

His attorney objected to further questions, noting such details were under seal.

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## NATION & WORLD

# Debate centers on health care costs

Biden lashes out at Sanders and 'Medicare for All'

BY BILL BARROW AND STEVE PEOPLES  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The three leading Democratic presidential candidates clashed over health care, immigration and President Barack Obama's legacy on Thursday in a fierce debate that pitted an aggressive Joe Biden against liberal rivals Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders.

"This is America," said Biden, his party's early front-runner, before calling Sanders "a socialist." He later declared, "I stand with Barack Obama all eight years, good bad and indifferent."

The top White House hopefuls faced off for the first time alongside seven other candidates who are under increasing pressure to break out of the pack. All assailed Trump without mercy.

New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker called Trump a racist. Former Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke called him a white supremacist.

And Kamala Harris, a California senator, said Trump's hateful social media messages provided "the ammunition" for recent mass shootings.

"President Trump, you have spent the last two-and-a-half years full time trying to sow hate and division among us, and that's why we've gotten nothing done," Harris said.

The Democrats primary contest has been remarkably stable, but the debate comes at a pivotal point in the



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Democratic presidential hopefuls take the stage before debating Thursday night at Texas Southern University in Houston.

campaign as more voters move past their summer vacations and begin to pay closer attention to politics.

Polls show that a strong majority of all voters believe the country is headed in the wrong direction under the first-term president's leadership.

But nine months into their nomination fight, divided Democrats have yet to answer fundamental questions about who or what the party stands for beyond simply opposing Trump.

The debate is shaped by evolving issues of race, gender, generation and ideology that again exploded into public view on the debate stage Thursday night.

Obama himself emerged as a hot point as the discussion shifted to health care and immigration in particular.

Sanders said Biden, Obama's two-term vice president, bears responsibility for millions of Americans going bankrupt under the Obamacare health care system.

Biden hit back at both Sanders and Warren and contended they haven't yet explained how they would pay for Sanders' government-backed "Medicare for All" health care plan.

Castro, who served as Obama's housing chief, kept the pressure on the front-runner.

The 44-year-old Texan appeared to touch on concerns about Biden's age when he accused the former vice president of forgetting a detail about his own health

care plan. At 76, Biden would be the oldest president ever elected to a first term.

"Are you forgetting what you said two minutes ago?" Castro asked. "I can't believe that you said two minutes ago that you have to buy in and now you're forgetting that."

He added, "I'm fulfilling the legacy of Barack Obama and you're not."

The ABC News debate was the first limited to one night after several candi-

dates dropped out and others failed to meet new qualification standards.

A handful more candidates qualified for next month's debate, which will again be divided over two nights.

Besides the infighting, viewers saw the diversity of the modern Democratic Party.

The debate, held on the campus of historically black Texas Southern University, includes women, people of color and a gay man, a striking contrast to the Republicans.

It unfolded in a rapidly changing state that Democrats hope to eventually bring into their column.

The debate shifted to gun violence in a state shaken by a mass shooting last month that left 22 people dead and two dozen more wounded.

In an emotional moment, O'Rourke said that there weren't enough ambulances at times to take all the wounded to the hospital.

"Hell yes, we're gonna take your AR-15, your AK-47," he said, as the crowd cheered.

Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar noted that all the candidates on stage favor a ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. She favors a voluntary buy-back program on assault weapons, however.

Trump in Baltimore to address GOP lawmakers at a retreat, said of the debate, "I'm going to have to watch it as a rerun."

But he predicted the Democratic nominee would ultimately be Biden, Warren or Sanders.

"It's going to be very interesting," Trump said. "I'm going to have to watch it as a rerun."

# Dems try to clear up confusion over probe

House panel OKs hearing guidelines on impeachment

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler tried to clear up confusion within his caucus about impeachment on Thursday as the committee approved guidelines for impeachment hearings on President Donald Trump.

Nadler says there's no uncertainty about what his committee is doing: It's an impeachment investigation, no matter how you want to phrase it.

Some of Nadler's fellow Democrats — including House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer — have stumbled over how to explain what they're doing, and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has been reluctant to echo the committee's assertions that they are in the midst of an impeachment probe.

At a news conference after the committee vote, Pelosi was on the defensive. She said she supports what the committee is doing, and



Chairman Nadler says there's no uncertainty on what his panel is doing.

"I salute them for that work."

She said, though, that when she travels the country, "people are saying it's good to be careful about how we proceed."

Impeachment has divided Democrats who control the House. Democrats on Nadler's committee, including some of the most liberal members of the House, have been eager to move forward with the process.

But moderates, mostly first-term lawmakers who handed their party the majority in the 2018 election, are concerned about the committee's drumbeat on impeachment and the attention that comes with that continued action.

Given those divisions, Nadler and Pelosi have been talking about impeachment

very differently. While Nadler has been clear that his committee is moving ahead, Pelosi is reluctant to mention the "I" word and has repeatedly said the strategy is to "legislate, investigate and litigate."

In private meetings, she has urged caution and told the caucus that the public isn't there yet on impeachment.

At the same time, she has signed off on the committee's moves.

Pressed on whether there were mixed messages coming from leadership and the committee, she wouldn't answer. "I have said what I am going to say on the subject," Pelosi said.

Nadler, too, declined to answer a similar question. "I'm not going to get into that," he said after the committee's vote.

At the hearing, he was forceful about the Judiciary panel's path.

"Some call this process an impeachment inquiry. Some call it an impeachment investigation. There is no legal difference between these terms, and I no longer care to argue about the nomenclature," Nadler, D-N.Y., said as he opened the meeting.

"But let me clear up any



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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has said the strategy is to "legislate, investigate and litigate."

remaining doubt: The conduct under investigation poses a threat to our democracy. We have an obligation to respond to this threat. And we are doing so."

The confusion was highlighted Wednesday when Hoyer, D-Md., indicated to reporters that there was not an impeachment investigation — and then issued a clarification saying he thought the question was "in regards to whether the full House is actively considering articles of impeachment, which we are not at this time."

Like Pelosi, he said he supported the committee's work.

As the committee said it

would move ahead, several freshman lawmakers met with Nadler on Wednesday and expressed concerns about the path ahead.

"It's sucking the air out of all the good stuff that we're doing, so that's our concern," said Florida Rep. Donna Shalala, who attended the meeting. She said very few constituents in her swing district asked her about impeachment over the August recess.

With lawmakers divided, it's unclear whether the impeachment process will ever move beyond the committee's investigation.

The committee would have to introduce impeachment articles against

Trump and win approval from the House to bring charges. The Republican-led Senate is unlikely to convict Trump and remove him from office.

Republicans expressed their frustration with the entire process before the committee voted on Thursday. They say the committee cannot be in impeachment because the House has never voted to open an official inquiry.

Georgia Rep. Doug Collins, the top Republican on the committee, said the committee "has become a giant Instagram filter it's put in there to look like something, but it's really not."



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FBI agents on Sunday walk toward Truth Aquatics, the owners of the boat at the center of a deadly fire.

# NTSB: Crew asleep as fatal boat fire started

BY STEFANIE DAZIO AND BRIAN MELLEY  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — All six crew members were asleep aboard a scuba diving boat off the Southern California coast when a fire broke out in the middle of the night, killing 34 people who were trapped in a bunkroom below the main deck, federal investigators announced Thursday.

The National Transportation Safety Board's preliminary report said five crew

members were sleeping in their quarters behind the wheelhouse on the second deck and the sixth was below deck when the fire broke out. All but one survived the inferno.

The cause of the blaze has yet to be determined.

Boats like the Conception, which caught fire early on Sept. 2 and sank, are required to have a crew member keep watch at night. Federal authorities are conducting a criminal investigation into the deadly fire off the coast of Santa Barbara

and could bring charges under a statute known as seaman's manslaughter.

The law predates the Civil War and was enacted to punish negligent captains, engineers and pilots for deadly steamboat accidents that killed thousands.

A lawyer for the owner of the Conception, however, disputed the NTSB's findings.

Douglas Schwartz, who represents Truth Aquatics, said a crew member "checked on and around the galley area" around 2:30 a.m.

on Sept. 2.

The victims on the Conception ranged from a girl celebrating her 17th birthday with her parents and a friend, to a 26-year-old crew member thrilled by her recent promotion to deckhand. Others included the marine biologist who led the three-day tour and couples who shared a love of the water.

Coast Guard records show the Conception passed its two most recent inspections with no safety violations.



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Migrants wait Thursday near a bridge in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. A new U.S. policy effectively denies asylum to nearly all migrants at the southern border not from Mexico.

## Migrants seeking US asylum facing new, tougher hurdles

BY CEDAR ATTANASIO AND JULIE WATSON  
Associated Press

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico — A new level of despair spread among tens of thousands of migrants waiting on the Mexican border to seek refuge in the U.S. as the Trump administration began enforcing radical new restrictions Thursday on who qualifies for asylum.

“The United States is the only option,” Dunea Romero, a 31-year-old Honduran, lamented with tears in her eyes at a border crossing in Tijuana. She said she packed a bag and fled her homeland with her two boys, ages 7 and 11, after learning that her ex-husband, a powerful gang leader, was going to have her killed.

The new U.S. policy would effectively deny asylum to nearly all migrants arriving at the southern border who aren’t from Mexico. It would disallow anyone who passes through another country without first seeking and failing to obtain asylum there.

The rule will fall most heavily on Central Americans, mainly Hondurans and Guatemalans, because they account for most people arrested or stopped at the border.

But it also represents an enormous setback for other asylum-seekers around the

world, including large numbers of Africans, Haitians and Cubans who try to enter the United States by way of the Mexican border.

It is perhaps the biggest change to U.S. asylum policy since it was established in 1980 and the most consequential move of President Donald Trump’s crackdown on immigration, a signature issue as he heads into a reelection campaign.

The Trump administration put the policy into effect the morning after the U.S. Supreme Court cleared it to do so while legal challenges move forward.

Acting U.S. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Mark Morgan called the high court’s go-ahead a “big victory” in the administration’s effort to curb the flow of migrants. Migrants and their advocates decried it as tantamount to a death sentence for many of those fleeing poverty and violence in their homelands.

Jessica Collins, a spokeswoman for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the agency that handles asylum cases, said it will be retroactive to July 16, when it was announced.

Collins said it will help remove one of the factors that impel people to set out for the United States, “leading to fewer individuals transiting through Mexico on a dangerous journey.”

An unprecedented surge

of asylum-seeking families from Central America has overwhelmed U.S. authorities during Trump’s tenure, prompting the unprecedented response.

More than 40,000 asylum-seekers have been forced to wait in Mexico while their cases wind through the clogged U.S. immigration courts under another Trump administration policy, introduced in January.

Many asylum-seekers denied refuge under the new policy will be placed in fast-track deportation proceedings and flown to their home countries at U.S. expense, authorities said.

Some seeking refuge may get to stay in the United States through other legal avenues, including protection under the United Nations Convention Against Torture, but the threshold to qualify is much higher.

“Our Supreme Court is sentencing people to death. There are no safeguards, no institutions to stop this cruelty,” the immigration-assistance group Al Otro Lado said in a statement. The Mexican government likewise called the high court’s action “astounding.”

But Morgan said migrants with valid claims should instead be seeking asylum “from the first country they come in contact with.”

## PM Johnson denies lying to queen, wins Brexit court case

BY JILL LAWLESS  
Associated Press

LONDON — The British government insisted Thursday that its forecast of food and medicine shortages, gridlock at ports and riots in the streets after a no-deal Brexit is an avoidable worst-case scenario, as Prime Minister Boris Johnson denied misleading Queen Elizabeth II about his reasons for suspending Parliament just weeks before the country is due to leave the European Union.

In better news for the embattled British leader, a Belfast court rejected claims that the Conservative government’s Brexit strategy should be ruled illegal because it risked undermining Northern Ireland’s peace process.

Johnson took office in July vowing to get Brexit done on the scheduled Oct. 31 date, even if there is not a divorce deal to smooth the way.

But many lawmakers, economists and businesses fear a no-deal Brexit would be economically devastating and are fighting him every step of the way.

This week, Parliament forced the government to publish its official assessment of the impact of leaving the EU without a withdrawal agreement.

The six-page classified document, dated Aug. 2, said customs checks meant the number of trucks crossing the main freight route between Calais and Dover would drop by 40% to 60% within a day of a no-deal Brexit, with disruptions lasting up to three months.

The supply of certain types of fresh foods and essential medicines would decrease, prices would go up, and the poor would be hit hardest, it said.

The paper also described major disruptions for travelers between Britain and the EU, and uncertainty for U.K. citizens living in Europe.



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Prime Minister Boris Johnson took office in July vowing to get Brexit done on Oct. 31 — deal or no deal.

It also said attempts to maintain an open border between Ireland and Northern Ireland would probably fail.

The paper said a no-deal exit could trigger major protests and even riots.

Johnson insisted the bleak scenario was “not where we intend to end up.”

“This is a worst-case scenario which civil servants obviously have to prepare for, but in the last few months, and particularly in the 50 days since I’ve been prime minister, we’ve been massively accelerating our preparations,” he said.

Opposition politicians said the “Operation Yellowhammer” document — the government’s code name for its Brexit preparations — proved that Johnson is reckless to consider leaving the bloc without a deal.

Former Attorney General Dominic Grieve said it was extraordinary that a U.K. government “is content on inflicting on the British public the level of disruption which is set out in the Yellowhammer papers.”

Defense Secretary Ben Wallace said the scenario was a “planning assumption” and would only come true if the government did nothing to offset it.

“We are spending the money on doing lots of

things to mitigate those assumptions,” he told the BBC.

The government said it would publish an updated version of the assessment soon that would show how much progress had been made.

The government refused to comply with another part of Parliament’s demand — that it hand over email and texts among officials and aides discussing the government’s decision to suspend Parliament in the run-up to the Brexit deadline.

Michael Gove, the minister in charge of Brexit planning, said the request was inappropriate and disproportionate.

The order to release the Yellowhammer document was one of a series of blows to the government by opposition lawmakers and rebel Conservatives.

They also passed a law that orders the government to seek a three-month delay to Brexit if no agreement has been reached by late October, and rejected Johnson’s call for a snap general election.

After suffering six defeats in the House of Commons in as many days, Johnson suspended Parliament for five weeks until Oct. 14, sparking outrage among legislators and several legal challenges.

## Water

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But disputes have long persisted over what other waters are subject to regulation — particularly wetlands that don’t have a direct connection to those larger waters, plus small headwater streams and channels that flow only during and after rainfall.

Environmentalists contend many of those smaller, seemingly isolated waters are tributaries of the larger waterways and can have a significant effect on their quality. Denying them federal protection would leave millions of Americans with less safe drinking water and allow damage of wetlands that prevent flooding, filter pollutants and provide habitat for a multitude of fish, waterfowl and other wildlife, they said.

“By repealing the Clean Water Rule, this administration is opening our iconic waterways to a flood of pollution,” said Bart Johnsen-Harris of Environmental America. “The EPA is abdicating its mission to protect our environment and our health.”

Wheeler said regulators had gone far beyond the intent of Congress under the 1972 clean water law.

“The 2015 rule meant that more businesses and landowners across the U.S. would need to obtain a federal permit to exercise control over their own



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R.D. James, assistant secretary of the Army, takes his turn signing the document overturning water protection rule.

property, a process that can cost tens of thousands of dollars and take months or even years to complete,” he said. “It also put more local land-use decisions in the hands of unelected bureaucrats. Many Americans balked at this idea, and rightfully so.”

President Donald Trump had ordered the EPA and Army Corps to develop a replacement policy that has a more restrictive definition

of protected wetlands and streams.

The Natural Resources Defense Council said the administration’s action would be challenged in court.

“The Clean Water Rule represented solid science and smart public policy,” the group said in a statement. “Where it has been enforced, it has protected important waterways and wetlands, providing cer-

tainty to all stakeholders.”

Zippy Duvall, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, said the 2015 rule had generated a greater sense of urgency among its membership than any other issue.

“When you take the private property rights from a man that’s worked all his life to grow the food and fiber for all of us to sit down and enjoy three times a day, it’s something he just can’t

stand,” Duvall said.

The question of which waters are covered under the Clean Water Act has inspired decades of lawsuits and numerous bills in Congress.

The Supreme Court in 2006 produced three differing opinions, leading the Obama administration to craft its rule.

It provided federal oversight to upstream tributaries and headwaters, in-

cluding wetlands, ponds, lakes and streams that can affect the quality of navigable waters.

The regulation drew quick legal challenges from 31 states and court rulings blocking its implementation in some. It was effective in 22 states, Washington, D.C., and U.S. territories before Thursday’s action.

Betsy Southerland, director of science and technology in EPA’s Office of Water during the Obama administration, said revoking its policy would create further regulatory confusion.

“This repeal is a victory for land developers, oil and gas drillers and miners who will exploit that ambiguity to dredge and fill small streams and wetlands that were protected from destruction by the 2015 rule because of their critical impact on national water quality,” Southerland said.

Sen. John Barrasso, a Wyoming Republican and chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, applauded the Trump administration move, saying the Obama rule “would have put backyard ponds, puddles and prairie pot-holes under Washington’s control.”

Democratic Rep. Dan Kildee of Michigan, where two disputes over federal wetlands permits led to the 2006 Supreme Court case, said Trump “has decided to weaken protections for our water and reward corporate polluters.”

## Carson cleared of misconduct in ordering \$31,000 dining room set

BY TRACY JAN  
The Washington Post

The Inspector General for the Department of Housing and Urban Development found no evidence of misconduct against Secretary Ben Carson in a \$31,000 furniture order to replace a dining room set in his secretarial suite, according to a copy of the investigation obtained by The Washington Post.

The investigation was launched more than a year ago following accusations

that Carson had violated federal appropriations law in 2017 by ordering furniture worth more than \$5,000 without notifying congressional appropriators.

“We found no evidence indicating that either Secretary or Mrs. Carson exerted improper influence on any departmental employee in connection with the procurement,” the 14-page report said.

HUD officials had obli-



Carson

gated \$31,561 in agency funds to buy new dining room furniture for Carson’s office suite in December 2017 and failed to notify congressional appropriations committees, as required by law, the inspector general said. But Carson ultimately canceled the order in March 2018 following media reports about the large purchase order.

The investigation concluded that the purchase

order was initiated after career staff determined that the 30-year-old furniture in Carson’s suite was in poor condition and should be replaced. Staff members also told Carson that departmental funds were available and that the money would be lost if not spent by a certain date, the report said.

The evidence showed that Carson was “fine” with replacing the furniture but left the details to his staff and his wife, Candy Carson, who provided “stylistic in-

put.”

Carson told investigators that it “seemed like” he had heard before the order being placed that he could not spend more than \$5,000 to improve his office space, but said he was under the impression that the dollar limit applied only to his personal office — not to his entire suite, the report said.

Carson said he first learned about the price tag for the dining room set from media reports. Candy Carson declined to be interviewed during the inspector

general’s investigation.

Carson, in an interview with Fox Business Network’s Varney & Co. Thursday, said he was “disgusted” by the media coverage of the furniture debacle.

“They try to claim that I want to buy expensive furniture while I’m trying to take money away from the poor people. That was the only narrative that they were interested in,” Carson said. “There’s probably no one in Washington who cares less about furniture than I do.”

# GOP sides with Trump on wall; Dems threaten filibuster

BY ANDREW TAYLOR  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Republican-controlled Senate committee Thursday rejected Democratic attempts to cut President Donald Trump's border wall request and his moves to pay for the project without congressional approval.

Democrats threatened to filibuster a Pentagon spending bill.

The Senate Appropriations Committee lined up behind Trump in party-line votes approving an almost \$700 billion funding bill for the Defense Department and blocking a Democratic attempt to prevent Trump from transferring Pentagon funds to build the border barrier.

The votes came amid tensions on the committee, which is responsible for \$1.4 trillion worth of agency funding bills required to fill in the details of this summer's budget and debt deal. That deal reversed cuts that were aimed at the Pentagon and domestic programs, while increasing the government's borrowing cap so it would not default on its payments and Treasury notes.

The committee chairman, Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., had hoped to approve two other bills, a \$55 billion foreign aid measure and a \$178 billion health and education funding bill that's the largest domestic spending bill.

But Republicans stood to lose abortion-related votes that would have aligned those measures with companion bills passed by the Democratic-controlled House, so Shelby postponed the votes.

Democrats complained that Shelby, following the lead of Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., was shortchanging the popular health and education measure to fund Trump's \$5 billion border wall request.

They also were furious



Government contractors erect a section of Pentagon-funded border wall on Tuesday in Yuma, Arizona.

about Trump's moves to raid \$3.6 billion in military base construction projects to pay for 11 additional border fence segments totaling 175 miles in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

But Republicans voted down proposals by the committee's top Democrat, Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, to block Trump from repeating the maneuver. They also defeated a Democratic proposal to shift \$3.6 billion from Trump's border wall request to other domestic accounts.

Those moves led Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., to threaten a Democratic filibuster unless Republicans offer concessions now on the wall money.

"What happens in the next few days and weeks will determine whether we can proceed with a bipartisan appropriations process this fall or not," Schumer said.

Despite some tensions on the committee, both sides said they would work to keep the bills on track. McConnell promised the end results will be fair.

"In the end, the Democratic majority in the House should be able to protect what your priorities are," McConnell said, addressing the Democratic side of the committee.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., criticized the Senate developments, as well as Trump's recent moves to raid military construction projects for schools and day care centers to pay for the border fence.

"Just when you think you've seen it all, the children will pay for the president's wall," Pelosi said. "This is some kind of an ego wall for the president."

The issues that caused Shelby to cancel votes on the health and education and foreign aid bills included an amendment by Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., to overturn a Trump executive order that takes away federal family planning money from organizations such as Planned Parenthood that counsel women about their abortion options.

Planned Parenthood announced last month that it would stop accepting that money rather than comply with an administration edict to comply with the abortion counseling ban.

Murray's amendment probably would have passed the committee, where two pro-abortion rights Republicans would likely have sided with her. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., also could have prevailed in a similar abortion-related matter on the foreign aid bill.

# El Paso shooting survivor's story was fake, police say

BY TIM ELFRINK  
The Washington Post

At a White House ceremony on Monday honoring "heroes" of recent mass shootings, President Donald Trump vividly described the actions of one El Paso man. Chris Grant was "picking out snacks for his kids" inside Walmart, Trump said, when he spotted the shooter and quickly took action.

"Chris grabbed — listen to this — soda bottles and anything else in front of him," Trump said, "and began hurling them at the gunman, distracting him from the other shoppers and causing the shooter to turn toward Chris and fire at Chris, whereby Chris suffered two very serious gunshot wounds."

Grant, 50, was wounded in the August shooting, which killed 22 — but the rest of his story doesn't add up, El Paso police now say. Surveillance video of the massacre showed Grant in "an act of self-preservation, nothing more, nothing less," police said in a statement Wednesday.

"It's just that what he said is not truthful," El Paso Police Sgt. Enrique Carrillo told KVIA. "We saw his actions... and it's not like he described."

The White House never checked out Grant's story with El Paso police, Carrillo told the Washington Examiner.

Although Grant traveled to D.C., he didn't get his commendation from Trump, who handed it to Grant's mother instead. That's because the Texas man was detained by the Secret Service before the ceremony, ABC News reported, over an open arrest warrant.

In a statement, the Secret Service confirmed that "a White House visitor with an arrest warrant was temporarily detained" Monday, although they declined to name the person. El Paso police told ABC News that it was Grant,



Donald Trump presents a certificate to Minnie Grant, mother of Chris Grant, a civilian celebrated for heroism.

although it's unclear what charges he faces.

Grant's family didn't immediately return a message from The Washington Post late on Wednesday. The White House also has not responded to the El Paso police department's allegations.

Grant first described his bottle-throwing bravery in an interview with CNN host Chris Cuomo days after the Aug. 3 shooting. Lying in a hospital bed with tubes sprouting from his nose, Grant choked up describing the attack.

"I saw him popping people off," Grant said. "To deter him, I started just chucking bottles. I just started throwing random bottles at him. I'm not a baseball player, so one went this way and one went that way."

But then, Grant said, one bottle got close enough to catch the attention of the alleged shooter, later identified by police as Patrick Crusius, a 21-year-old allegedly inspired by anti-immigrant hatred.

"That's when he saw me," Grant said. "He just — boom, boom, boom, boom, boom — just started firing off rounds at me."

Grant was hit twice near the rib cage, the El Paso Times reported. His family told the Times that he

spent two days in a coma before waking up at the hospital.

Grant's story was widely shared after Cuomo's piece aired, and he later met Texas Republican Gov. Greg Abbott. On Monday, he was among five El Paso survivors invited to the White House for an event that also honored six police officers who responded to a mass shooting in Dayton, Ohio.

"We welcome 11 extraordinary American heroes," Trump said to open the ceremony.

Carrillo said that El Paso police would have shared their concerns about Grant's story, had they been consulted.

"Nobody bothered to check with us," Carrillo told the Examiner. "They would have been informed, as I am telling you now, that our detectives reviewed hours of video and his actions did not match his account."

The police spokesman emphasized that Grant hadn't done anything wrong during the attack — he simply hadn't tried to distract the shooter as he claimed.

"We are not demeaning his reaction which are of basic human instincts," Carrillo told the El Paso Times.

## NEWS BRIEFING

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### Man indicted on capital murder charge for attack in El Paso

EL PASO, Texas — A man accused of gunning down people at a busy Walmart in El Paso last month was indicted Thursday for capital murder, prosecutors announced.

Patrick Crusius, 21, of Allen, Texas, was indicted on one count in connection with the Aug. 3 mass shooting that left 22 dead in the border city, District Attorney Jaime Esparza said. El Paso prosecutors are seeking the death pen-

alty for Crusius, who remains jailed without bond.

Defense attorney Mark Stevens has previously said he will use "every legal tool available" to prevent his client from being executed.

The El Paso County District Clerk's office said Crusius' indictment would not be publicly available until next week because it takes a few days to process and assign the case to a court.

### Young Ohio mother acquitted by jury of killing newborn

LEBANON, Ohio — A young Ohio mother who prosecutors said killed and buried her unwanted newborn in her backyard just days after her senior prom so that she could keep her "perfect life" was acquitted of murder Thursday.

Brooke Skylar Richardson, now 20, began shaking and sobbing while a judge read the not guilty verdicts on aggravated murder, involuntary man-

slaughter and child endangerment charges.

She had faced up to life in prison on the most serious charge.

Richardson, though, was found guilty of corpse abuse by the Warren County jury that deliberated for four hours. She'll be sentenced Friday. The charge carries a potential sentence of up to one year in prison, but as a first-time offender, she could get probation.

### Crowds belting out new protest song is latest act in Hong Kong

HONG KONG — Thousands of people belted out a new protest song at Hong Kong's shopping malls for a fourth straight night Thursday, the latest act of resistance highlighting the creativity of demonstrators in their monthslong fight for democratic freedoms in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory.

Activists and ordinary citizens, responding to on-line calls, converged

peacefully in at least six malls in the city to sing "Glory to Hong Kong" in a respite from recent violent clashes. More protests are expected this weekend.

The protesters have adopted the song, penned anonymously, as their anthem. The lyrics reflect protesters' vow not to surrender despite a government agreement to withdraw a proposed extradition law that sparked the summer of unrest.



Lawrence Brooks, considered to be the nation's oldest living World War II veteran, sings the National Anthem on Thursday in New Orleans during a celebration of his 110th birthday. Brooks served in the 91st Engineer Battalion, which was stationed in the Pacific.

## Ex-FBI No. 2 official faces prospect of criminal charges

WASHINGTON — Former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, a frequent target of President Donald Trump's wrath, faces the prospect of criminal charges after his lawyers failed to persuade senior Justice Department officials that he didn't intentionally lie to internal investigators.

Two people familiar with the matter said Thursday that Deputy Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen declined an appeal from McCabe's lawyers aimed at preventing a prosecution.

Still, it wasn't immediately clear when or even

whether the United States Attorney's Office in Washington might announce charges.

Any indictment would put the spotlight not only on McCabe's actions, but also those of the Justice Department. McCabe's attorneys are likely to argue that the prosecution of McCabe would be politically motivated, with the Justice Department carrying out a vendetta against a Trump adversary.

They are likely to highlight the personal enmity between the two men, with Trump criticizing McCabe even before he took office

and McCabe describing the president as a "deliberate liar."

McCabe's attorneys have argued that he should not face charges on accusations that he lied to internal investigators about whether he had authorized a news media leak related to an investigation of the Clinton Foundation in the fall of 2016. McCabe has denied intentionally misleading anyone.

He and his lawyers have said that any false statements made to investigators were the result of a faulty memory rather than an attempt to deceive.

### 3D gun exec gets probation in underage sex case

AUSTIN, Texas — The founder of a Texas company that sells plans for making untraceable 3D printed guns has been sentenced to seven years of probation for having sex with an underage girl.

Cody Wilson was sentenced Thursday. He pleaded guilty in August to

injury to a child after initially facing sexual assault charges. Prosecutors said they met with the teenage victim and her parents before agreeing to the lesser charge.

Wilson must register as a sex offender, undergo counseling and perform 475 hours of community

service.

He won't be allowed to own a firearm while on probation.

Wilson founded Austin-based Defense Distributed and is a self-described "crypto anarchist."

He stepped down as company director after his 2018 arrest in Taiwan.

## US offers 9/11 families new details about investigation

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department said Thursday that it will provide new information to the families of those killed on 9/11 who are suing the government of Saudi Arabia over possible complicity in the 2001 terrorist attacks — but only under a protective order meant to keep the information from becoming public.

The victims' families are suing the Saudi government and have tried to force the FBI to reveal key details of its investigation into possible official support for the plot. They have been battling over a redacted 2012 internal FBI document describing how two individuals linked to the Saudi government are suspected of helping two of the hijackers get settled in the U.S. While most of the hijackers were Saudi citizens, that country's government has long denied complicity in the attacks.

**In Prague:** A district in the capital of the Czech Republic, decided Thursday to remove the statue of a Soviet World War II commander from its site, a move that angered Russia.

Marshall Ivan Stepanovic Konev led the Red Army forces that liberated Prague and large parts of Czechoslovakia from the Nazi occupation in 1945. His monument, unveiled in the Prague 6 district in 1980 when the country was occupied by Soviet troops, has been a source of controversy.

Russia vehemently protested when an explanatory text about Konev's role in history crushing the 1956 anti-Soviet uprising in Hungary and preparing the 1968 Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia was attached to his monument last year.

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## EDITORIALS

# Why CPS should welcome the feds: To protect students from sexual abuse

Children who were raped, groped or otherwise sexually abused in Chicago Public Schools in recent years had reason to wonder whether anyone in power cared. Then came the Tribune's "Betrayed" investigative series, which uncovered the vast incidence of sexual violence against students.

On Thursday, responding in part to "Betrayed," the federal government blistered CPS for "widespread, glaring and heartbreaking" failures to protect children. The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights said it was undertaking aggressive enforcement action against the school system, assuming oversight of reforms, many of which already are in progress.

CPS framed the legally binding agreement as a partnership, but this is government supervision in the form of federal muscle, and it's appropriate.

A refresher on how things got this far: The U.S. Department of Education began

investigating CPS over sex abuse claims in 2015, ramping up last year after the Tribune's "Betrayed" series uncovered more than 520 times in 10 years that police investigated the sexual assault or abuse of a child inside a Chicago public school.

"Betrayed" shocked the city with appalling examples of abuse, inadequate background checks of employees and slow action to remove predators from schools.

The federal review included a student who reported that a teacher showered gifts and attention on her, a process known as "grooming," before eventually taking her out, buying her alcohol, then forcing oral sex on her in his car.

At the time of the assault, the district had already received at least three complaints alleging sexual harassment by the same teacher.

Federal monitoring of CPS will last three years. A failure to comply with provisions of the deal could impact federal funding. The agreement invokes the district's com-

pliance with Title IX, the federal law that prohibits gender-based discrimination in schools.

We've given CPS credit for steps it has already taken to make children safer, and so have the feds. They acknowledged the district improved training and background checks. CPS also launched an Office of Student Protections and Title IX, and adopted new policies, including the district's first Student Bill of Rights. This document promises students the right to "feel mentally and physically safe and secure in school."

The district has become more transparent about abuse reports. That is no small thing. Throughout the "Betrayed" investigation, then-Mayor Rahm Emanuel, his six-member Board of Education and schools CEO Janice Jackson stonewalled Tribune reporters' requests for public records.

This July, an inspector reported receiving more than 450 complaints of adult-on-

student sexual misconduct over nine months. In the most serious cases, the district fired or removed staff or sought legal action.

Shielding students from abuse by their classmates is also paramount: There are many multiples more complaints of student-on-student sex abuse than cases involving adults.

Jackson, who successfully campaigned to keep her job as the mayor's office changed hands this spring, testified before a congressional committee this week about how the district supports children impacted by poverty and trauma. It goes without saying the school system shouldn't add to their peril.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Jackson, who are developing high profiles nationally, weren't in their current roles when the issue of sex abuse in the schools took root. But they own the situation now, and Washington will be watching. The safety of Chicago's children depends on it.



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## Congestion pricing could ease traffic, but let's see the plan

Even cities get clogged arteries: Too many commuters, too many Uber and Lyft drivers, too many truckers.

Downtown Chicago logjams are frustrating, add to pollution and impede commerce. The lower street system helps, but still. Transportation experts say gridlock costs the Chicago area's economy \$7.3 billion a year in lost productivity and fuel.

**Mayor Lori Lightfoot gets around town** with a security detail but sounds like the rest of us: tired of showing up late. "Anybody who travels in the central business district at any point, during weekdays particularly, knows that the downtown area is becoming damn near impassable," Lightfoot told us a few days ago. "We don't have a rush hour, we have a rush day."

Lightfoot sees congestion pricing as a potential solution. The concept has a user-fee appeal — You don't drive? You don't pay — and has been imagined in myriad ways. On expressways, it can be applied to a lane of highway in which motorists pay for the privilege of bypassing gridlock. Cities in

Europe and Asia have used congestion pricing to ease downtown traffic snarls.

Those cities have seen encouraging results, according to a report released last month by the National League of Cities. London introduced congestion pricing in 2003. A year later, average traffic speeds had risen by 30%. In its first 10 years, the program generated \$3.9 billion. After Stockholm began congestion pricing in 2007, traffic delays in the inner city dropped by a third during morning rush hour and by half during the evening rush. Singapore's congestion pricing system, introduced in 1975, is the world's oldest. Inner city traffic there has dropped by 24%, and ridership on mass transit has jumped 15%. New York plans to impose congestion pricing in midtown Manhattan in 2021.

**But Chicago isn't hyper-urban Manhattan**, the isle of honking horns. Any plan to charge motorists more than fuel taxes for driving here will have to persuade Chicagoans that this isn't a heavy-handed

solution in search of a serious problem. Is street gridlock here genuinely worse than in comparable cities that don't levy these charges? Another audience in need of persuasion: suburbanites who'll wonder whether they can work from locations outside a designated congestion-fee zone — or, simpler yet, work from home.

But the concept of congestion pricing is worth considering, once City Hall formulates a specific proposal. The mayor would be doing herself a favor if she put forward a preliminary plan soon, acknowledging that it's a conversation starter.

The peril for her is that Chicagoans and suburbanites already are forming opinions, some of them harsh, without knowing how such a system might work here, how much drivers would pay or who would get charged — just commercial vehicles, or private ones too? What about downtown residents who own cars?

As for a payment method, Stockholm bills motorists monthly, using cameras equipped with automatic plate number recognition. Singapore requires cars to be

equipped with transponders and smart cards with fares stored on them; overhead gantries read the transponders and automatically deduct from the smart cards. But how would Chicago treat the tourist from North Dakota who's in Chicago for a week to attend Sox games — and spends lots of money that generates tax revenue? Does City hall really want to soak her and risk making her a Brewers fan?

Another big issue for Chicago is what City Hall would do with the money. Lightfoot mentioned congestion pricing in the context of helping to fill Chicago's \$838 million budget gap, but a sounder use of such money would be to support mass transit improvements. In a conversation a few days ago, Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi told us he supports that idea, saying mass transit "creates the most compelling alternative to driving."

In other words, a congestion fee, if implemented, shouldn't be a City Hall money grab. It should be used to combat traffic woes and make Chicago a more efficient, livable city ... with improved mass transit.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Canada's National Post asks, "Is it immoral to have babies in the era of climate change," and the question itself reveals the problem. If we believe our own continuance on the planet to be a moral negative, if we believe the rock upon which we live has more intrinsic value than human life, we are already in the death throes of a moral relativism that will destroy us if we let it. Survival of the planet without humans to people it is failure. ...

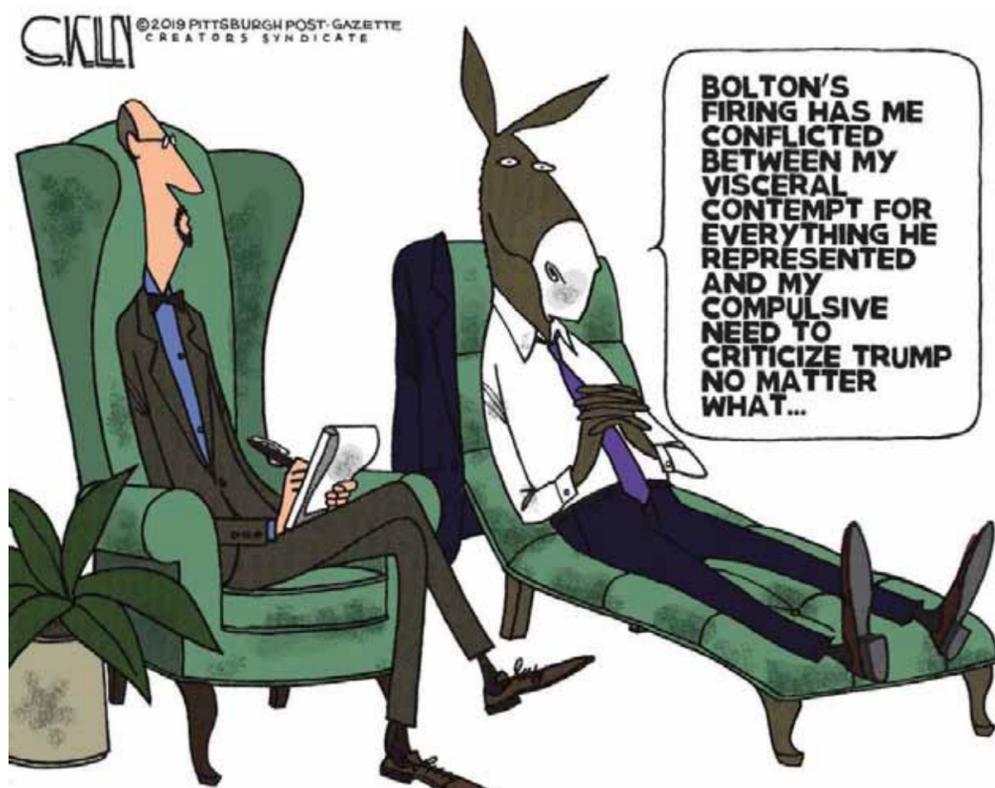
During the Cold War, when the U.S. and Russia were both in existential fear of mutual nuclear annihilation, Americans often cried that they wouldn't want to bring kids into such a messed-up world. The narrative went that things were so bad, so much worse than they'd ever been, on a global level, that it would be irresponsible to subject a new life to that kind of uncertainty and fear.

Of course, what's being missed in all this is that life is actually better than not life. ...

Climate change activists are so sure of the impending judgment day that they've lost sight of what it is we're preserving and conserving the world for. Limiting carbon emissions, using sustainable building technologies, cultivating renewable energy resources are not in service to the planet but in service to the population.

The kind of relativism that places a higher value on the absence of human life than on the maintenance and furtherance of it is nothing more than a death cult.

**Libby Emmons**, *The Post Millennial*



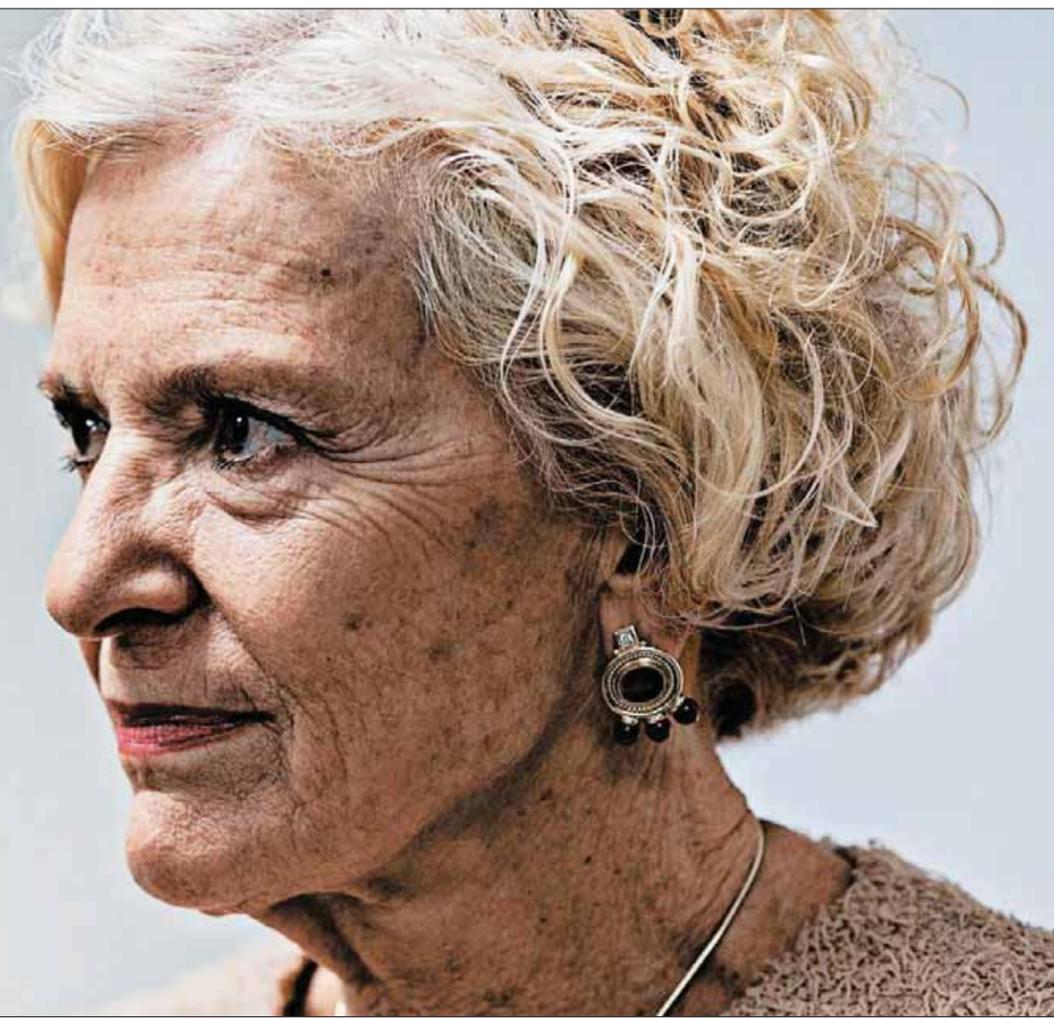
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— Jeff Orr, political consultant



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## Justice Burke still hasn't explained that matter of the Preckwinkle fundraiser

The announcement Tuesday that Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke has been selected by her fellow justices to be the new chief justice reminded me of something I consider unfinished business.

That is: We don't yet have a plausible explanation why the state's Judicial Inquiry Board exonerated Burke when it ruled on a complaint that a political fundraiser had been held in her home.

Canon 7 of the Illinois Code of Judicial Conduct says that “a judge or a candidate for election to judicial office shall not ... solicit funds for, or pay an assessment to a political organization or candidate.”

Yet a political fundraiser for Toni Preckwinkle was held in Burke's Southwest Side home in January 2018.

The invitation listed Burke's husband, veteran Chicago Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, as the host, and it raised \$116,000 for Preckwinkle's bid for a third term as president of the Cook County Board in the November election.

Preckwinkle, who had no opponent and won that race overwhelmingly,



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didn't announce her candidacy in the 2019 race for mayor of Chicago until September 2018. And the fundraising event only became a matter of public concern in December, shortly after federal agents raided Ald. Burke's City Hall and ward offices in a prelude to his indictment on corruption charges in January.

Preckwinkle quickly tried to distance herself from the alderman. “Anne offered to help,” she told reporters, noting that her connection to the family was based not on any fondness for the embattled alderman — “we butted heads,” she said, referring to her time on the City Council — but on the work she had done with Justice Burke on criminal justice reform.

The only reason Anne Burke's name wasn't on the invitation, Preckwinkle said, was that “she was a candidate (for retention to a second 10-year term) at the time, so the invitation came from Ed ... I consider Anne Burke an ally and a friend.”

Was this an expedient lie for Preckwinkle or an awkward admission for Justice Burke?

Shortly before the general election in February, political consultant Jeff Orr filed a request that the Judicial Inquiry Board investigate. Orr said he was unaffiliated with any campaign, though Preckwinkle's camp noted that his father, former Cook County Clerk David Orr, had endorsed candidate Lori Lightfoot.

Lightfoot ultimately defeated Preckwinkle in the April 2 runoff election.

Several weeks later the Judicial Inquiry Board wrote to Orr saying that it had “determined to close the matter.”

Why? How did the panel square Preckwinkle's protestations that Justice Burke initiated the fundraiser and was at least the co-host with the plain letter of the judicial canons?

The letter to Orr cited Article VI, Section 15 of the Illinois Constitution by noting that the board is prohibited “from disclosing specifics regarding its decision, findings or information about its deliberations on any matter.”

Yes, I call shenanigans on such secrecy — in general, yes, but particularly here, when the main figures are so high profile.

“There are questions that still need to be answered,” Orr said when I

reached him Thursday afternoon. “We're facing difficult times in Illinois, and faith in the integrity of our courts and of elected leaders is more important than ever. This kind of thing further erodes that faith.”

Justice Burke's elevation may set eyebrows to dancing, but she was duly elected to the state's high court and it was her turn next month to begin a three-year stint as chief justice, a position so unimportant to most of us that I'll bet you can't name the person she'll be replacing and will have to look below for the answer.

And since Ald. Burke's legal troubles are in the federal courts, they haven't and won't pose any conflict of interest for soon-to-be-Chief Justice Anne Burke.

But now would be a good time for her and Preckwinkle to hold a joint news conference and clear the air, explain just what happened in January 2018 and tell us why it shouldn't still be giving us pause.

Oh, and to give thanks for his service to outgoing Chief Justice Lloyd Karmeier.

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## Lighfoot should end her attack on bail reform

BY LOCKE BOWMAN

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot ran for office on the promise that she would stand for the family members who had lost husbands, wives, sons, daughters, brothers and sisters to gun violence. She's right that ending violence should be her top priority — but her recent wrongheaded attacks on bail reform will violate civil rights without increasing public safety.

The devastation in West Garfield Park, North Lawndale and other violence-plagued communities is the direct result of decades of official disinvestment and neglect. Economic opportunity has all but vanished for kids growing up in those areas, so many of them turn to gangs and violence in the absence of other meaningful options.

Policing adds fuel to the fire. Although the Chicago Police Department talks a good game about community-involved alternative policing strategies, the reality is that policing in high-crime neighborhoods is almost indistinguishable from military occupation of enemy territory. The long history of racism, arrogance and abuse by police officers continues to harm these communities and hobble any real attempts to control crime. The Chicago Police Department's appalling clearance rate — less than 20% of shootings in Chicago have been solved in recent years — reflects the complete breakdown of trust and cooperation between police and community. Why cooperate with a police department that demonstrates daily its contempt for the community and its residents?

Despite the promise of her campaign, Mayor Lightfoot has so far shown little interest in the hard work of economic development and police reform. Instead,

she's chosen to escalate a pointless feud with Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and other county officials.

Lightfoot has denounced Cook County judges who set affordable bonds for persons who have been charged with illegal possession — not use — of a firearm and who have a prior criminal history. The mayor said these people should be held in jail with no bond while awaiting trial. Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson chimed in that setting an affordable bond in these cases undercuts accountability for gun crimes.

The mayor certainly knows better. She is a former prosecutor, Chicago Police Board member and an accomplished lawyer. She knows that the purpose of setting bond is to ensure that the defendant will cooperate with the criminal justice process by appearing for all the court hearings in his case. Bail is a vehicle for pretrial release, not confinement. Indeed, as the U.S. Supreme Court recognized decades ago, given that defendants are presumed innocent before trial, pretrial release should be the norm for persons accused of crimes. Setting affordable bond is just as fundamental to our criminal justice system as the presumption of innocence, the right to trial by jury and to proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

Mayor Lightfoot wants to revive a failed, unfair bond system that the county is finally working to reform. For years, judges in Cook County's Central Bond Court took it upon themselves, during 60-second bond hearings, to inflict official vengeance by imposing extremely high bonds, knowing that the defendants could never pay and would be forced to remain in jail.

The consequences of that system were horrific. Abrogating the rule of law — locking up presumptively innocent defendants



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Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot is going about bail reform in the wrong way.

before their guilt or innocence has been decided — breeds contempt for the process. It fuels the mistrust and anger at law enforcement that discourage cooperation with police, making crimes harder to solve.

The old system inflicted enormous harm on individuals, families and the communities. Every time a person is taken out of his community and confined in the Cook County Jail, his ties to that community are severed. If he is working, he likely loses his job. If he is in school, he falls behind and may be forced to drop out. Family members who rely on him are left in crisis. In jail, the arrested person festers in idleness and frustration; he emerges angry into a world of fractured relationships and reduced opportunities.

That harmful system has started to change. By order of the chief judge of Cook County, bond court judges must now honor the presumption of innocence by allowing pretrial release, subject to conditions calculated to ensure their return to court (in some cases, with a bond they can afford to

pay). The new system has been a clear success. There are thousands fewer people behind bars at Cook County Jail, and the rate of re-offense while awaiting trial has stayed consistently very small, according to a report from the chief judge. Overall, about 0.6% of people released before trial are rearrested for violent offenses. So no matter what the mayor and the police may say in front of the TV cameras, the problem of gun violence in Chicago cannot be blamed on our sensible, humane bail reform measures.

If the mayor is serious about ending the cycle of violence, she needs to stop her baseless fearmongering. There is no chance that we will solve the heartbreaking problem of Chicago's gun violence by trampling on civil rights.

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President Donald Trump at a G-7 working session in Biarritz, France, in August.

## Debunked! Most Americans do support US engagement in world affairs, not a retreat

BY IVO DAALDER

A powerful belief about American views of the world has taken hold among foreign policy experts — that Americans are exhausted from global overreach and want to shed the burdens of global leadership. Arguing that American voters’ “foreign policy views stink,” New York Times columnist David Brooks opined that, after “Iraq and other debacles, many Americans are exhausted by the global leadership role” and “actively hostile” to key elements of U.S. foreign policy from past decades.

Brooks is not alone in this view. It animates much of foreign policy thinking, among Democrats and Republicans.

There’s just one problem: This view is wrong.

The latest annual survey examining American attitudes on foreign policy conducted for the Chicago Council on Global Affairs by polling and market research firm Ipsos Public Affairs shows that, rather than supporting a retreat, large numbers of Americans favor active U.S. engagement in the world and support long-standing pillars of U.S. foreign policy — alliances, trade, democracy.

The survey, conducted June 7-20, found that American support for taking an active role in world affairs remains near record high, at 69%, compared to 30% of Americans who want to stay out of world affairs. While President Donald Trump has frequently railed against the costs to the United States of maintaining security alliances and trade agreements, a strong majority of Americans (61%) believe that

the benefits of staying engaged outweigh the costs.

In a first, the survey asked what people mean by taking an “active part” in world affairs. Large majorities of Americans (70% or more) believe that engaging in trade, providing humanitarian and economic aid, promoting democracy and human rights, defending allies and participating in international organizations form part of such active engagement. And 62% believed increasing spending on defense and diplomacy is part of an active U.S. role. A bare majority (51%) say it includes intervening in other countries, while a larger majority (62%) exclude selling arms abroad from an active role.

When asked what policies would make America safer, majorities cite alliances with other countries (74%), U.S. military superiority (69%), promoting democracy and human rights (56%) and participating in international organizations (54%) as most effective.

While Trump has consistently suggested that U.S. alliances mostly benefit allies rather than the United States, the survey finds Americans reject that view. Sixty percent of Americans believe alliances in Asia are mutually beneficial or mostly benefit the U.S., and 64% believe this when it comes to alliances in Europe.

And Americans are willing to use force to back up these alliance commitments. Fifty-eight percent favor using U.S. troops to defend South Korea if North Korea invaded it, and 54% do so in case Russia invades a NATO ally such as Latvia, Lithuania or Estonia. They also believe we should increase or maintain U.S. troops in

South Korea (69%) and Japan (59%). The largest majority yet (73%) believe NATO is essential for European security, and more Americans (78%) believe that we should maintain or increase our commitment to NATO than at any time since the question was first asked in 1974.

It isn’t just alliances that receive record levels of support. So does international trade. The survey showed 87% of Americans believe international trade is good for the U.S. economy (up from 59% just three years ago), and 83% think trade is good for American companies (up from 57% in 2016).

What is significant about all of these findings is that despite the political turmoil and deep partisan divisions on many issues, when it comes to America’s role in the world there is a large degree of agreement and support among all Americans. Alliances, the bedrock of American military engagement abroad since World War II, enjoy strong and growing public support.

What Americans reject is using force in other countries to try to resolve conflicts. The bitter experiences in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria have left Americans weary of interventionism.

But this concern is not the same as wanting to retreat from the world. Even after decades of war, a major financial crisis, and new challenges to U.S. powers, Americans strongly favor maintaining a leadership role in the world.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Anger over NEIU event shows intolerance

I finished reading the Sept. 11 Tribune story “Protests planned as Sean Spicer set to speak at NEIU this week” feeling betrayed by the attitude of some who teach at Northeastern Illinois University, from which I graduated in August 1972.

Apparently protest and intolerance of opposing viewpoints have become common there as they have throughout this nation. I convey grateful admiration to school President Gloria Gibson, who stood her ground and “rejected a request to reconsider having former White House press secretary Sean Spicer take part in a panel discussion about presidential elections on campus” this Thursday.

It seems that sociology professor Brett Stockdill was “horrified” upon learning of this “affront to humanity.” It is a shame that Stockdill has no commitment to the opinions of others who may not share his dogma and liberal agenda.

As a student, I was proud to consider myself liberal-minded. Stockdill is making me reconsider (and possibly regret) that attitude.

Last month, my generation celebrated the 50th anniversary of Woodstock. It was a time of perceived peace, love and understanding among the youths here, while a war with far more serious consequences was raging on another continent. Perhaps Stockdill would have learned something about acceptance of thoughts and values that conflict with his own.

— Jerome Rapacz, Des Plaines

#### Colleges should compel brave discourse

Regarding the protest against Sean Spicer’s appearance: Although I also agree that Spicer shilled for President Donald Trump, here we go again with an appeal to disinvite someone holding different opinions. Stop it.

Protesters wind up adding to the “snowflake” label targeting those who are too sensitive to confront positions they disagree with. As such, they’re actually giving their political opponents the advantage of claiming to be silenced, their free speech infringed upon. Particularly as a higher education institution, the university should be more inclined to hear out opposing views. And those in opposition should take advantage of the opportunity to point out what they view as Trump’s inhumane policies. Any subsequent threat of negative consequences as a result of Spicer’s appearance would — and should — justifiably be laughed out of court.

Colleges are supposed to be places of learning, enhanced by being exposed to and confronting ideas and viewpoints different from one’s own.

— Richard Palzer, Clarendon Hills

#### LGBTQ history shouldn’t get special focus

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. said he looked to a day when people “will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.” After all these years, we disregard his dream and separate the LGBTQ community by mandating time be spent on teaching LGBTQ history in elementary schools. If we judge people by the content of their character, it is not necessary to separate them into groups based on race, color and sexual preference. Teach the attributes of good character, and the names and identification of divergent groups will be irrelevant.

— Mary Ann Kehl, Wilmette

#### No forgiveness for Sept. 11 attackers

I object to letter writer Ken Kramer’s views (“On 9/11 anniversary, think of forgiveness,” Sept. 11). The murderers of 9/11 do not deserve forgiveness. They celebrate when lives are taken, here in the U.S., France and elsewhere in Europe. They broadcast their brutality with beheadings (remember journalist Daniel Pearl). They have no conscience or feelings of remorse for their atrocities. They deserve capture, trial and execution, not our forgiveness, not for the thousands of lives lost, the devastation to families and the horrible health issues the first responders are enduring.

— Judy Arkes, Chicago

#### The end does not justify the means

Reader Jack Spatafora is a frequent letter writer, and generally his prose is of a thoughtful nature. However, his letter “The two sides of human history” (Sept. 3) is more of a bump in the road to enlightenment. His attempt to justify the flaws of character as nothing more than part of our human nature is more like an approval of history through the end justifying the means. One would hope that civilization will continue to become enlightened, although the current political animus tends to defy that.

— Roger W. Quagliano, Fort Myers, Florida

## The vaping hysteria is getting out of hand

BY ROBERT GEBELHOFF

President Donald Trump’s announcement Wednesday that he will seek to ban most flavored electronic cigarettes comes from a good place — a rarity in this administration. But that doesn’t make a ban any less stupid.

It’s reasonable to be concerned about the massive surge in teen vapers over the past few years. The administration, led by former Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Scott Gottlieb, was absolutely correct to crack down on e-cigarette companies marketing nicotine-rich products to teenagers. Keeping young people away from the addictive products and regulating them carefully is vital, given that teens who use e-cigarettes are more likely to start smoking.

But, unsurprisingly, building a careful, evidence-based regulatory regime for the nascent industry is not exactly Trump’s style. He — as well as Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, a Democrat, who also announced intentions to ban flavored e-cigarettes in her state last week — apparently prefers the more elephantine approach of an all-out ban, blunting the potential good that comes from the product and potentially even hurting the anti-tobacco cause.

Let’s first acknowledge e-cigarettes remain substantially less harmful than traditional cigarettes. They do not contain the tar and other chemicals that make smoking so dangerous. Yes, the recent spate of vaping-related lung illnesses — which has affected more than 450 people and killed six — is highly alarming. But it’s still not clear what’s causing the disease, though state and federal officials investigating the crisis might have a lead: a chemical found in marijuana products

used by many — but not all — of those sickened across the country.

Health officials are right to warn the public of these risks. Still, that hardly justifies banning flavored e-cigarette juices and likely putting these products into an unregulated black market. Nor would it help the millions of adults using them as a tool to quit smoking. While the effectiveness of e-cigarettes as a tool for quitting has long been mixed, rigorous research published this year in the New England Journal of Medicine offers solid evidence that e-cigarettes are better at getting smokers to quit than traditional nicotine replacement therapies, offering an 18% success rate rather than 10% for products such as patches and gum.

Peter Hajek, a researcher at the Queen Mary University of London and lead author of the NEJM paper, noted that many of those in the study’s trials started to quit smoking by using tobacco-flavored e-cigarette flavors, but eventually branched out to fruity flavors and were successful in quitting. This follows survey data that suggests that one of the main advantages of the devices is that they let smokers who are trying to quit customize the flavors and nicotine levels that worked for their cessation strategy.

None of this should minimize the stunning rise of teen vaping — a legitimate public health concern that now extends to 1 in 5 high schoolers. We should encourage teens as much as possible to stay away from the product, as animal studies suggest nicotine could affect brain development in adolescents. But while teen e-cigarette use has skyrocketed, the rise in smoking rates that public health officials have warned about have so far failed to materialize. In fact, smoking rates among youths have continued to fall over the past

decade.

Meanwhile, recent research shows there might be unintended consequences to restricting e-cigarette flavors. The paper, published in the journal Substance Use & Misuse, reviewed survey data from young adults aged 18 to 29 who use both e-cigarettes and traditional combustible products, and found that 17% would decrease e-cigarette use and maintain or increase smoking if flavors were limited. Seventeen percent might not seem like a huge effect, but given that millions of people use e-cigarettes, even a small portion of the population moving to traditional cigarettes could mean a surge of new smokers. Plus, dual users — who constitute more than a third of all people who vape — are particularly at risk of exclusively becoming smokers and can often serve as a proxy for younger users.

A far better approach to addressing e-cigarettes than banning flavors is the path recently outlined by Gottlieb. The government should empower the FDA to fully regulate the industry. The FDA’s forthcoming application process for e-cigarette manufacturers will help separate legitimate e-cigarette products from juices with dangerous ingredients. And regulators and retailers must continue to enforce the age restrictions on vaping products, including liquids, online and at physical stores.

But most importantly, the administration must let science — not hysteria — guide our policy. E-cigarettes have the potential to help and to hurt. We cannot be blind to one effect because we’re ideologically disposed to see the other.

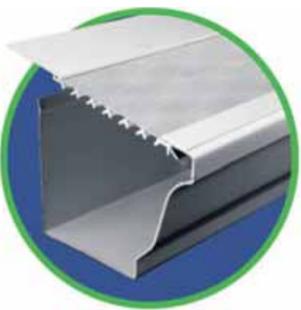
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## US, China gestures of goodwill raise hopes

Sides to meet soon, look for answers to de-escalate standoff

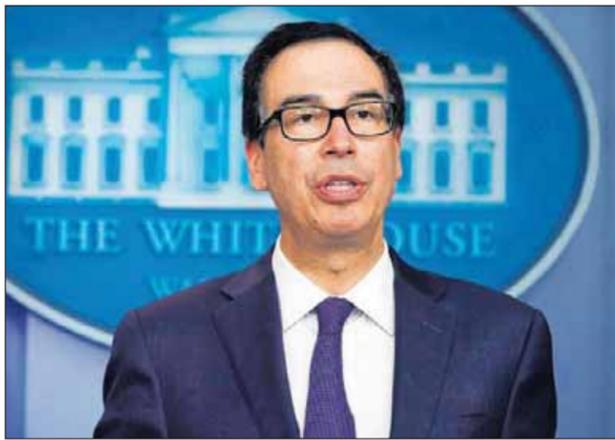
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WASHINGTON — The United States and China traded conciliatory gestures, raising hopes they can de-escalate a standoff over trade that has shaken financial markets and cast gloom over the global economy.

In Beijing, China's Commerce Ministry said Thursday that Chinese importers are asking U.S. suppliers for prices of soybeans, pork and other farm goods.

It's a sign they might step up purchases of American agricultural products, a possible goodwill gesture ahead of talks next month aimed at ending the tariff war.

The statement from China fol-



U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin says China had asked that a U.S. tariff increase be delayed.

lowed President Donald Trump's decision Wednesday to postpone a planned tariff hike on Chinese imports by two weeks. U.S. Treas-

ury Secretary Steven Mnuchin told reporters Thursday that China asked that the tariff increase be rescheduled from Oct. 1, the 70th

anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

Trump delayed the tariff hike to Oct. 15 in what Mnuchin called a "goodwill gesture to the Chinese."

The Treasury secretary said mid-level U.S. and Chinese negotiators will meet next week or the week after.

Then a high-level Chinese delegation is likely to travel to Washington to meet with Mnuchin and U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer. "My expectation is they'll be here in October unless something changes," Mnuchin said.

The gestures Wednesday and Thursday appear meant to reduce tension ahead of the talks.

"These actions seem designed to get the China trade talks back on track," said Amanda DeBusk, a partner at the law firm Dechert LLP.

By delaying his tariff hike, Trump allowed for the possibility they might make enough progress

to avert the increase indefinitely. However, economists say a final agreement is unlikely this year.

The U.S.-China talks have basically gone nowhere for four months.

The world's two biggest economies are fighting over Beijing's ambitions to make China a world leader in advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence and robotics.

The United States, Europe, Japan and other trading partners charge that Beijing has resorted to predatory tactics as part of the campaign, including stealing trade secrets and forcing foreign firms to hand over technology to gain access to the Chinese market.

The U.S. and China have slapped import taxes on hundreds of billions of dollars' worth of each other's products in a tariff war that has weighed on global trade and economic growth and created un-

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## Amazon opening a '4-star' store

Online retailer to sell only popular items inside Oakbrook Center

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

Amazon is opening a new store at Oakbrook Center that will bring a mix of items popular in its online store to the mall.

How do you narrow the millions of products sold on Amazon.com to fit a bricks-and-mortar shop's shelves? Amazon said the store, called Amazon 4-star, carries items that earned customer ratings of at least four out of five stars, are top sellers or are new and trending. Merchandise can include consumer electronics, toys, games, books, kitchen and home items and Amazon devices.

The first 4-star opened in New York's SoHo neighborhood about a year ago. Amazon has since opened 4-star stores in Denver, Seattle, and Berkeley, Calif., and is planning to open three more in addition to the Oakbrook Center store.

Amazon declined to say when the local store will open but posted job openings on its website last month. The store will be in a corner space on the mall's main level that used to be part of a three-story Sears department store, said Lindsay Kahn, a spokeswoman for mall owner Brookfield Properties.

Chicago is already home to a couple of Amazon's experiments with bricks-and-mortar retail, including a bookstore in Lakeview and six Amazon Go convenience stores that have opened or been announced in the Loop.

The 4-star stores carry a considerably wider range of merchandise than its other concepts. But that variety strikes some retail analysts as a mishmash of items that don't give customers a clear reason for why they should shop there.

The New York store "sells and displays interesting stuff but doesn't have a cohesive underlying principle," said Neil Stern, senior partner at Chicago-based consulting firm McMillanDoolittle.

Craig Johnson, president of retail consulting firm Customer Growth Partners, thought the store had potential and likened it to a small-scale treasure hunt. But consumers' shopping lists rarely overlap squarely with a list of Amazon's top-selling items.

"It's an interesting value proposition, but it isn't necessarily relevant to what most people go to stores for," Johnson said.

It's possible Amazon's main goal isn't just selling products, but experimenting with different approaches to bricks-and-mortar retail or store technology, said Forrester analyst Sucharita Kodali.

"You have to give them credit," she said. "Anything you can imagine they would do, they are likely already thinking about or even building."

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Glen Wood, shown with his son, says his bosses were reluctant to let him take time off, but he decided he had to go.

## Paternity leave no safe berth in Japan

Lawsuit claims men who take time can face job retribution

BY YURI KAGEYAMA  
Associated Press

TOKYO — He sits in an office of a major Japanese sportswear maker but reports to no one. He is assigned odd tasks like translating into English the manual on company rules like policies on

vacations and daily hours, though he has minimal foreign language skills.

He was sidelined, he says, as retribution for taking paternity leaves after each of his two sons was born. Now he's the plaintiff in one of the first lawsuits in Japan over "pata-hara," or paternity harassment, as it is known here.

His case is unusual in a country that values loyalty to the company, long hours and foregone vacations, especially from

male employees.

He asked not to be named for fear of further retribution.

The man, whose sons are now 4 and 1, was initially assigned to a sales-marketing section at Asics, where he rubbed shoulders with athletes, but was suddenly sent to a warehouse after his first paternity leave in 2015, according to his lawsuit.

After he hurt his shoulder, he was assigned to the section he is in now, where he says he is forced to sit and do little.

He wants his original assignment back and \$41,000 in damages.

Asics said it plans to fight the allegations in court, adding that it was "regrettable" no agreement could be reached despite repeated efforts.

"Our company remains committed to pushing diversity, and we plan to foster a work environment and support system, so all workers can stay productive dur-

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## 'What more important issue is there for Chicago than gun violence?' asks local CEO

Nearly 150 companies urge Congress to expand background checks, enact 'red flag' law

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

Citing the recent mass shootings in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, and the ongoing gun violence in Chicago and other cities, the CEOs of nearly 150 companies signed a letter urging Congress to expand background checks and enact a strong "red flag" law.

Business leaders across a wide spectrum of companies, including Levi Strauss & Co., Dick's Sporting Goods, Gap and Lyft, stepped into the divisive national gun control debate to stand up for the safety of "em-

ployees, customers and all Americans," according to the letter, which was sent to the Senate on Thursday.

While Chicago was used as an example of a city "devastated" by gun violence, local CEOs were few and far between on the list of executives calling for action.

Corporate leaders from the Chicago area who signed the letter include Richard Edelman of the Edelman PR firm, and John Rogers and Melody Hobson of Ariel Investments.

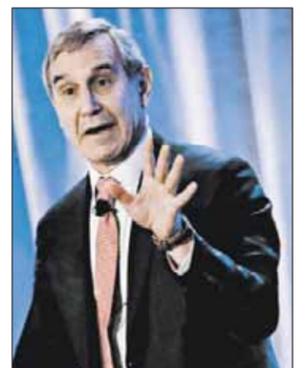
"Doing nothing about America's gun violence crisis is simply unacceptable and it is time to

stand with the American public on gun safety," the letter said. "Gun violence in America is not inevitable; it's preventable. There are steps Congress can, and must, take to prevent and reduce gun violence."

In February, the House passed a bill requiring expanded background checks for gun purchases, including those sold through private transactions such as at gun shows and online. The Senate has yet to take up the measure.

The country's law on background checks doesn't reflect how people buy guns today and needs to be updated, the CEOs argued.

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Richard Edelman, president and CEO of Edelman, speaks during a program at The Executives' Club of Chicago on Feb. 7, 2017.

# Groupon could be looking to acquire Yelp

BY ALLY MAROTTI

Groupon, the struggling Chicago-based deals site, could be eyeing the acquisition of online review site Yelp.

Shareholders are unhappy with Groupon's financial performance and stock price, and a potential acquisition could boost the value and earnings potential of both companies, The Wall Street Journal reported Wednesday, citing people familiar with the matter. A matchup could result in a combined online platform where consumers could read reviews and make purchases.

Yelp and Groupon declined to comment.

Groupon's stock hit an all-time low in mid-August of \$2.32 a share and on Thursday closed at \$2.89. Yelp closed Thursday at \$36.52 a share.

A Yelp-Groupon merger has been floated before, in 2016, with Yelp as the potential buyer. That same year, Groupon acquired one of its biggest rivals, LivingSocial, for an undisclosed amount. Last year, there was speculation that Groupon was looking for a buyer.

Groupon launched nearly 11 years ago with a two-for-one pizza deal at a Chicago bar. Its business model resonated with recession-scarred customers and small merchants, and it

became one of the city's great tech success stories after the dot-com boom.

The rise was meteoric, and Groupon became a household name. The company turned down a nearly \$6 billion acquisition offer from Google in 2010, opting to go public instead. It made its debut on Nasdaq in November 2011 at \$28 — a price it hasn't seen since.

The company has spent the past several years scaling back and reconfiguring the ways it reaches consumers.

The company reported second-quarter revenue of \$532.6 million, down about 14% year-over-year.

In a July 30 letter to stockholders, Groupon



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Groupon, which is headquartered in the former Montgomery Ward Mail Order House building in Chicago, is eyeing an acquisition of online review site Yelp.

CEO Richard Williams said though the company faces headwinds, it is expanding its reach through its mobile

app. Williams also cited several partnerships and new products Groupon has rolled out that show prom-

ise, such as Groupon Select, which offers exclusive deals to paying members.

The company is focused on becoming a daily habit in local commerce, and is making progress, the letter said. "We are well positioned to usher in the new Groupon and improved results for our customers, merchants and stockholders," Williams wrote.

It also laid off about 20 employees in March, including writers and photographers. Groupon employed more than 2,500 in the U.S. as of Dec. 31, according to its annual filings.

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# Hong Kong Stock Exchange swoops in for London rival

BY CARLO PIOVANO  
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LONDON — The Hong Kong Stock Exchange wants to buy its London counterpart to create a \$70 billion company, a bold move that faces big hurdles and will likely raise concerns in Britain about the Chinese government's potential influence over one of the symbols of global capitalism.

The London Stock Exchange, a 300-year old institution that was at the heart of a British Empire that included Hong Kong, said Wednesday it would consider the cash-and-shares offer that values it at \$36.6 billion.

A deal would give it a lucrative foothold in Asia, a fast-growing region that could be attractive if Britain ends up leaving the European Union without a deal, a scenario that would see an array of trade barriers go up with its neighbors.

But while investors cheered the move, pushing shares in the LSE up 6%, many experts remained skeptical, not least because the company has been subject to various failed deals in the past.

One aspect of the proposed deal that could give leaders at the London exchange and British regulators pause for thought is the fact that at least half the board, including the chairman, of the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd. is nominated by the Hong Kong government, whose leader is ultimately appointed by China's communist rulers.

"The proposed offer would be totemic in terms of East-West relations," said Richard Hunter, head of markets at interactive investor. "The very nature of the Hong Kong approach will be subject to any number of considerations, such as competitive and regula-



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A man exits the offices of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, which wants to buy its London counterpart to combine the largest financial hubs in Asia and Europe.

tion issues."

As a result, he said, it's "far from a done deal."

Many Western governments are increasingly at odds with China over its state-led control of many companies and markets, and regulators may be wary of giving Beijing indirect control of a key stock exchange like London's.

The United States, a key U.K. ally, is in a wide-ranging campaign to stifle China's rise to economic and technological preeminence, so this deal could raise political questions.

Then there is the fact that the London Stock Exchange already has vowed to tie up with London-based financial data provider Refinitiv for \$27 billion. A deal with Hong Kong would be contingent on that deal being abandoned.

Hong Kong exchange CEO Charles Li acknowledged the company was coming late with its offer, but hoped to win over the London firm in a "corporate Romeo and Juliet" story.

Refinitiv's appeal is its data, viewed as a lucrative new business operation that would help the London exchange move on from being a simple trading platform.

In Hong Kong's favor is that a deal in Asia would give the London exchange, which also owns the Milan bourse and the Russell Indexes in the U.S., access to a new market whenever it leaves the EU.

As things stand, Britain is due to leave the EU, which it has been a part of for 46 years and with which it has extensive and deep economic ties, on Oct. 31.

If it leaves without a

divorce deal, then tariffs and more red tape will be imposed on trade with the other 27 European Union countries. Financial services are a big part of the British economy and a no-deal Brexit will lead to a period of disruption, at least in the short-term.

Britain's pro-Brexit government has proclaimed its desire to turn to markets beyond Europe to shore up business and London's role as a financial hub, so a deal in Asia for the London exchange could be viewed as an asset.

"A combined group will be strongly placed to benefit from the dynamic and evolving macroeconomic landscape, whilst enhancing the long-term resilience and relevance of London and Hong Kong as global financial centers," Li argued.

# Violence

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Edelman, president and CEO of the PR firm started by his father in Chicago nearly 70 years ago, said in an interview that it was imperative for business leaders to fill the void left by political inaction — especially in Chicago, where gun violence has turned the city into a symbol of the divisive and often deadly issue.

"What more important issue is there for Chicago than gun violence?" Edelman said Thursday. "There's an urgent need for background checks, for safe storage, for red flag laws, so the power of business needs to... encourage legislators to do this."

The New York Times was first to report on the letter.

The CEOs' letter comes after shootings at a Walmart in El Paso as well as incidents in West Texas and Dayton.

Walmart earlier this month decided to discontinue sales of certain gun ammunition and also will discontinue handgun sales in Alaska.

The retailer is further



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Handguns are displayed Jan. 19, 2016, at a trade show in Las Vegas. The leaders of almost 150 companies are exploring Congress to expand background checks of gun buyers, among other steps.

requesting that customers refrain from openly carrying firearms at its Walmart and Sam's Club stores unless they are law enforcement officers. However, it said that it won't be changing its policy for customers who have permits for concealed carry. Walmart says it will be adding signs in stores to inform customers of those changes.

Other retailers including Walgreens and Kroger have followed suit, with Publix — Florida's largest supermarket chain — announcing Thursday it is asking cus-

tomers not to openly carry firearms in its stores.

Some senators, who returned from recess this week, are pushing to require background checks for private gun sales and made a fresh pitch to President Donald Trump on Wednesday as part of an effort to break the gridlock over legislation to curb gun violence following a summer of mass shootings.

Edelman has been outspoken on the role business leadership should take in speaking out against and acting as change agents to

reduce gun violence. His firm provides pro bono communications services for the Gun Safety Alliance, a network of business leaders working to reduce gun deaths through gun safety laws.

This month, Edelman's firm published the results of an online survey that found nearly 70% of Americans would feel more favorable toward a company whose CEO advocates for background checks for all gun buyers.

Hoping to address a dearth of Chicago CEOs on the letter to Congress, Edelman said he plans to host a dinner within the next four to six weeks to get them on board with other business leaders going public to help pass gun safety legislation.

"Chicago is being pigeonholed as a place that has these issues and so CEOs (here), more than any other, should speak up," Edelman said.

Neither Rogers nor Hobson were available for comment.

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# Leave

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ing pregnancy, childbirth and child-rearing," it said in a statement.

Makoto Yoshida, professor of social studies at Ritsumeikan University, believes acceptance of paternity leave will take decades in Japan because it goes to the heart of corporate culture, which includes not being able to refuse transfers.

"A boss is apt to think a worker who takes paternity leave is useless. The boss is likely never to have taken paternity leave himself," Yoshida said.

"And once an office sees a worker getting bad treatment for taking paternity leave, no one else is going to want to do it."

Japanese law guarantees both men and women up to one year leave from work after a child is born. Parents aren't guaranteed pay from their companies, but are eligible for government aid while off.

Many workers don't take the allocated paid vacations or parental leaves. Only 6% of eligible fathers take paternity leave, according to government data.

More than 80% of working women take maternity leave, although that's after about half quit to get married or have a baby.

While companies are encouraged to promote parental leave, and many have expressed their support for taking time off to raise families, critics say the directives aren't trickling down to employees on the ground.

Japan's government, concerned about the drastically declining birthrate, among the lowest in the world, is even considering making parental leave mandatory.

In the U.S., federal laws don't guarantee paid parental leave, but many companies offer such benefits.

European nations vary, but most offer some type of government-backed paid paternity leave.

Sweden and other Scandinavian nations boast the best record for supporting parents.

Canada also has a relatively generous system for paid parental leave.

Other companies in Japan — a subsidiary of major electronics company NEC Corp. and chemical maker Kaneka

Corp. — have recently been accused of paternity harassment. They deny the allegations.

The case getting the most attention is that of Glen Wood, a Canadian, who is fighting to get his brokerage manager job back at Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley.

Wood was still negotiating with his bosses to take three or four weeks of paternity leave when his son was born six weeks premature in Nepal.

Wood says his bosses were extremely reluctant to let him take time off, but he decided he had to go.

The doctors told him he had to come immediately to see his baby in intensive care.

Wood returned to work five months later, in March 2016, after his son recovered and could be safely brought to Japan. But he was barraged with what he alleges is harassment at work.

His job assignment was changed. He was chided for not showing up at meetings he hadn't been invited to. He was ordered to take DNA tests to prove he was really the father, which he did, as well as psychiatric tests by two doctors, who both said he was fine.

He was dismissed last year.

"Whenever anybody puts up their hand and says they're harassed, basically that person becomes the weirdo, and that person ends up getting harassed," Wood said.

Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley denies any paternity harassment and has stressed it intends to fight the allegations in court.

Wood has gotten thousands of signatures on an online petition expressing support for his case and opposing harassment, including comments from Japanese who said they were suffering similar experiences, mostly fathers.

Taken off the career track, the father who works at Asics says he feels helpless.

Still, he is proud of how he did all the cooking, cleaning and grocery shopping while he was on leave.

Naoto Sasayama, his lawyer, said his client believes in standing up for what's right.

"He was being made an example of," Sasayama said. "This case raises the important question of whether a person must value company over family."

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certainty for businesses deciding where to situate factories, find suppliers and sell their products.

The two countries appeared to be nearing a deal in early May.

But relations deteriorated and talks stalled after the U.S. accused China of reneging on earlier commitments.

"There have been so many ups and downs in the talks that it is hard to predict whether the new conciliatory actions will lead to a deal," said DeBusk, a former Commerce Department trade official. "The economic situation may create additional impetus for a deal. On the other hand, the Chinese

have a long-term horizon, and they may be reluctant to take a deal that could give Trump a victory for his re-election campaign."

Earlier Wednesday, Beijing announced exemptions for 16 categories of American products from punitive duties.

But it kept in place penalties on soybeans, the biggest U.S. export to China, and other farm goods.

Those target farm states that supported Trump in the 2016 presidential election.

The Chinese exemptions apply to raw materials needed by farmers and factories. A commerce ministry spokesman said they were granted if no alternative suppliers could be found or the increase would hurt Chinese industry or the economy.

# Fracking ushers in new Dem debate

Labor skeptical of call from some 2020 hopefuls seeking ban

BY NICHOLAS RICCARDI  
Associated Press

DENVER — Several Democratic presidential candidates are running on a promise to ban fracking — and stepping on unstable political ground as they do so.

An all-out prohibition on the controversial natural gas extraction process — backed by Sens. Kamala Harris, Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren — has been well received by the liberal and climate-focused voters watching the primary. But the proposal also threatens to antagonize unions and voters in areas that depend on oil and gas for jobs.

That opposition may be fiercest in some of the states Democrats care about most.

Banning fracking could have a dramatic impact on the economy in Pennsylvania, a state Democrats consider a must-win in their pursuit of the White House. It could also jeopardize the party's hold on Colorado, a swing state trending its way, not to mention Democrats' dreams of winning statewide in Texas, headquarters of the energy industry and home to 137,000 natural gas wells.

The candidates' support for a ban is one of the clearest examples of the party's move to the left in its 2020 primary.

Only a few years ago, President Barack Obama celebrated the benefits of fracking — welcoming the energy independence and lower costs that come from an increase in domestic production. To address environmental concerns, his administration focused on tighter regulation of fracking on federal land but largely steered clear of the state-level battles over whether the practice was dangerous, dirty or accel-



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Some Democratic presidential hopefuls are calling for fracking bans. Above, pumpjacks in Bakersfield, Calif.

ating climate change by encouraging dependence on fossil fuels. Even most environmental groups have advocated for regulation, not an all-out ban.

But climate advocates have enjoyed growing influence in the primary, as the party's base is increasingly focused on climate change and searching for immediate and meaningful policy solutions — even if the political path for those ideas is unclear.

“To say that you would ban fracking is a very difficult position to take in some key states,” said Rick Ridder, a Democratic strategist who worked as Howard Dean's 2004 presidential campaign manager and fought fracking in Colorado. “There's an extremely important distinction between local control and banning something.”

In climate change town

halls this month, Harris, Sanders and Warren called for bans on fracking. Others, like former Vice President Joe Biden and the two Texans in the race — former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julian Castro and former Rep. Beto O'Rourke — have balked at such a step, which some campaigns acknowledge would require legislative action.

The politics of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, are highly volatile. The process involves injecting chemicals into the Earth to free natural gas trapped in rock. The technology has enabled energy companies to drill in previously inaccessible areas, including in suburban neighborhoods where new gas wells can cause opposition that defies traditional partisan lines. Active energy wells can crush property values and fan

fears of contaminated drinking water, air pollution and even earthquakes, which some studies link to fracking.

Polling shows mounting public skepticism about the technique. An Associated Press-NORC poll last month found only 22% of Americans support increasing fracking while 45% oppose it. In 2014, just 31% registered opposition. New York's Democratic governor, Andrew Cuomo, banned the procedure in his state, as has Republican Gov. Larry Hogan of Maryland.

Some environmentalists argue that fracking's poor polling shows Democrats aren't taking a political risk by calling for a ban now. “Climate change and the environment are going to be stronger issues for Democrats,” said Mitch Jones of Food and Water Action.

“Even in a state like Pennsylvania, taking a strong stand will help whoever is the Democratic nominee.”

At the same time, jobs created by fracking have been a boost to some labor unions. The activity helps the economy and lowers energy costs. A study in 2015 from the nonpartisan Brookings Institution found that households gained \$200 from fracking just from lower gas prices alone.

Mike Mikus, a Democratic strategist in Pennsylvania, recalled an uproar in his own historically Republican Pittsburgh suburb when the school district proposed leasing land for fracking.

Meanwhile, the state's fracking boom has led to the construction of a massive energy plant northwest of the city that has created thousands of construction jobs and was the site of a

rally by President Donald Trump last month. The president touted the economic benefits of fracking, which have extended not just to Pennsylvania but also to neighboring West Virginia and Ohio.

Mikus said it's hard to predict the outcome of a Pennsylvania election in which the Democrat wants to end fracking because no Democratic nominee has ever run statewide with that platform before. Democrats who have called for fracking bans have lost statewide primaries.

“I can't say it eliminates the chance of someone winning, but it makes it tougher,” Mikus said.

Labor is skeptical. “The issue is economics. People vote with their pocketbooks,” said Rick Bloomington, president of Pennsylvania AFL-CIO. “People have got to have a solid financial footing before they think about other issues.”

In Colorado, Democrats won a major battle to rein in fracking after Democratic Gov. John Hickenlooper, an ex-petroleum geologist, left office. Its new Democratic governor, Jared Polis, has helped finance efforts to fight fracking and complained about an energy company building a well next to land he owns in northern Colorado. After Democrats took over the state legislature in November, they pushed through a bill that allows local governments to regulate energy exploration within their boundaries.

But Polis and most Democrats have stressed they're not out to ban fracking statewide. Wild Earth Guardians, an environmental Pittsburgh suburb when the school district proposed leasing land for fracking.

“We need to take the next step forward of saying all fossil fuels are the problem,” said Jeremy Nichols, director of the group's climate and energy program.

## Top Dem aims to stop Trump from paying farm bailouts

BY JEFF STEIN  
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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — House Appropriations Committee Chair Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., is proposing to block the White House request over its farm bailout program, according to a draft of legislation reviewed by The Washington Post, potentially imperiling President Donald Trump's ability to direct payments to thousands of farmers.

A key Republican responded by attacking the Democrat's move, saying it could threaten passage of key bill needed to avoid a government shutdown. The bailout has emerged as one of several unresolved issues that lawmakers still need to sort out in order to meet a deadline by the end of this month.

The bailout program was created last year amid complaints from agriculture groups that China had stopped purchasing their crops in retaliation for new tariffs that the White House imposed on Chinese imports. Trump has ordered that billions of dollars in taxpayer funds be paid directly to farmers as a way to offset their losses.

The bailout hadn't needed congressional approval up to this point, but now the timing of the payments is tied to congressional approval.

The Department of Agriculture is planning to spend upward of \$28 billion in payments over two years, but the Depression-era program Trump is using has a \$30 billion borrowing limit that they are expected to hit this year before the completion of a second round of payments.

If Congress does not act, then some of the bailout

money Trump has promised farmers could not be paid on the administration's timeline. On Thursday, a Department of Agriculture spokesman said the money would still go out, but the timing of the program could be affected.

In new legislation to fund the government into November, Lowey left out the White House request that would allow them to avert the \$30 billion spending cap they are expected to hit this fall in the program being used to fund the bailout.

As head of the appropriations committee, she has broad power to decide what is included in any spending bill.

And lawmakers from both parties are under pressure to pass a new spending bill in the next few weeks, or they will risk a government shutdown on Oct. 1.

Republicans suggested they might not agree to fund the government if it leaves the bailout issue unresolved. Rep. Jeff Fortenberry, R-Neb., chair of the Appropriations subcommittee on agriculture, said Republicans would not accept any limits on the farm credit program while the trade dispute is underway.

Lawmakers from both parties are hopeful they can pass the stopgap spending bill and then continue negotiating a longer-term agreement.

Lowey's legislation is an initial proposal that is expected to change. Democrats are aiming for the “narrowest” possible bill that would be able to pass Congress and avert the government shutdown, according to an aide with knowledge of the document not authorized to speak publicly, avoiding the farm bailout and other charged requests from the administration.



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<p>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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>										
<p>highest rates.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p>										
<p><small>Rate Criteria: The rates and annual percentage rate (APR) are effective as of 09/10/19. All rates, fees and other information are subject to change without notice. RateSeeker, LLC. does not guarantee the accuracy of the information appearing above or the availability of rates and fees in this table. The institutions appearing in this table pay a fee to appear in this table. Annual percentage rates (APRs) are based on fully indexed rates for adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs). The APR on your specific loan may differ from the sample used. All rates are quoted on a minimum FICO score of 740. Conventional loans are based on loan amounts of \$165,000. Jumbo loans are based on loan amounts of \$484,351. Lock Days: 30-60. Points quoted include discount and/or origination. Payments do not include amounts for taxes and insurance. The APR may increase after consummation and may vary. FHA Mortgages include both UFMIP and MIP fees based on a loan amount of \$165,000 with 5% down payment. Points quoted include discount and/or origination. Fees reflect charges relative to the APR. If your down payment is less than 20% of the home's value, you will be subject to private mortgage insurance, or PMI. VA Mortgages include funding fees based on a loan amount of \$165,000 with 5% down payment. If your down payment is less than 20% of the home's value, you will be subject to private mortgage insurance, or PMI. "Call for Rates" means actual rates were not available at press time. To access the NMLS Consumer Access website, please visit www.nmlsconsumeraccess.org. To appear in this table, call 773-320-8492.</small></p>										

MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 27,306.73 Low: 27,105.01 Previous: 27,137.04



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+24.79 (+.30%)	+8.64 (+.29%)	-.64 (-.04%)
Close: 8,194.47	Close: 3,009.57	Close: 1,575.07
High: 8,243.80	High: 3,020.74	High: 1,580.72
Low: 8,176.73	Low: 3,000.92	Low: 1,562.81
Previous: 8,169.68	Previous: 3,000.93	Previous: 1,575.71

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
+0.06 to 1.79%	+4.30 to \$1,498.70	+0.35 to 108.14/\$1	-0.0055 to .9031/\$1	-0.66 to \$55.09

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +1.70	NASD +.96	S&P +1.13	DOW +6.27	NASD +5.51	S&P +5.69	DOW +3.96	NASD +2.26	S&P +3.63

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 19	484.25	489	482	485.75	+8.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 19	349.75	354.50	349.50	354.50	+6.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 19	862.75	883	862.75	883	+29
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Sep 19	28.99	29.02	28.92	29.02	+29
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Sep 19	291.20	296.10	290.80	296.10	+6.50
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Oct 19	55.93	56.34	54.00	55.09	-0.66
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Oct 19	2.547	2.585	2.512	2.574	+0.22
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Oct 19	1.5777	1.5815	1.5156	1.5530	-0.169

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	85.21	+0.69	Equity Commonwith	N	33.82	-0.01
AbbVie Inc	N	70.83	+1.34	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	132.21	+1.97
Allstate Corp	N	106.58	+0.43	Equity Residential	N	85.36	+0.59
Aptargroup Inc	N	118.05	-0.58	Exelon Corp	N	47.88	-0.85
Arch Dan Mid	N	41.45	+0.40	First Indl RT	N	39.03	+0.51
Baxter Intl	N	87.82	+1.11	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	54.25	-0.49
Boeing Co	N	375.63	-7.31	Gallagher AJ	N	87.81	-1.14
Brunswick Corp	N	53.83	-0.47	Grainger WW	N	293.60	-1.40
CBOE Global Markets	N	115.06	+0.07	GrubHub Inc	N	67.10	+0.49
CDK Global Inc	O	47.13	-0.12	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	105.77	-0.36
CDW Corp	O	114.32	+1.51	IAA Inc	N	45.78	+0.04
CF Industries	N	49.10	-1.28	IDEX Corp	N	169.51	+1.83
CME Group	O	205.38	+2.80	ITW	N	159.85	+3.31
CNA Financial	N	48.95	+0.40	Ingredion Inc	N	82.74	+0.71
Cabot Microelect	O	139.06	+1.54	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	142.02	-1.87
Caterpillar Inc	N	131.75	-1.34	Kemper Corp	N	75.13	-0.69
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	29.76	+0.26	Kraft Heinz Co	O	29.03	-0.25
Deere Co	N	163.26	-1.89	LKQ Corporation	O	32.55	+3.47
Discover Fin Svcs	N	84.50	+1.11	Littelfuse Inc	O	180.83	-1.10
Dover Corp	N	99.67	+0.46	McDonalds Corp	N	212.15	+1.95
				Middleby Corp	O	120.39	-0.62
				Mondelez Intl	O	54.81	+0.30
				Morningstar Inc	O	156.13	-0.22
				Motorola Solutions	N	166.14	+1.40
				NISource Inc	N	29.11	-0.03
				Nthn Trust Cp	O	97.56	+0.89
				Old Republic	O	22.80	+1.11
				Packaging Corp Am	N	107.03	-0.27
				Paylocity Hldg	O	98.42	+3.37
				RLI Corp	N	90.18	-1.22
				Stericycle Inc	O	52.51	+1.39
				TransUnion	N	80.47	+0.64
				Tribune Media Co A	N	46.61	-0.02
				US Foods Holding	N	42.40	+1.31
				Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	226.16	-1.99
				United Airlines Hldg	O	89.38	+1.00
				Ventas Inc	N	71.17	-0.29
				Walgreen Boots Alll	O	55.56	-2.50
				Wintrust Financial	O	65.50	-0.77
				Zebra Tech	O	197.28	-1.14

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Bank of America	29.67	+0.21
Gen Electric	9.26	-0.10
Baker Hughes GE	22.64	+0.35
Cheapsak Engy	1.79	-0.06
AT&T Inc	38.38	-0.36
Ford Motor	9.41	-0.01
Ambev S.A.	4.79	+0.14
Vale SA	12.17	+0.36
Kroger Co	25.59	+0.02
Penney JC Co Inc	1.11	-0.14
Oracle Corp	53.89	-2.40
Freepor McMoran	10.37	+0.29
Aurora Cannabis Inc	5.89	-0.60
HP Inc	18.75	-0.31
Wells Fargo & Co	48.65	-0.20
DXC Technology Co	32.48	-0.01
Sthwstn Energy	2.14	-0.18
Transocean Ltd	5.65	-0.15
Barrick Gold	17.13	-0.21
Yamana Gold Inc	3.30	-0.06
EnCana Corp	4.68	-0.04
Nokia Corp	5.24	+0.14
Kinross Gold	4.73	-0.10
Snap Inc A	15.77	+0.46

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	38.38	-0.36
Alibaba Group Hldg	178.24	+2.15
Alphabet Inc C	1234.25	+14.08
Alphabet Inc A	1234.97	+14.97
Amazon.com Inc	1843.55	+20.56
Apple Inc	223.09	-0.51
Bank of America	29.67	+0.21
Berkshire Hath B	211.37	+0.46
Exxon Mobil Corp	71.98	+0.05
Facebook Inc	187.47	-1.02
HSBC Holdings prA	26.14	...
Home Depot	233.80	+1.14
JPMorgan Chase	117.91	+0.72
Johnson & Johnson	130.43	-0.74
MasterCard Inc	276.40	+6.45
Microsoft Corp	137.52	+1.40
Procter & Gamble	122.77	+1.50
Visa Inc	177.98	+3.00
WalMart Strs	116.92	+0.90

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	32.19	+0.07	+1.3
American Funds AmrcnBAlA m	27.73	+0.02	+6.2
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	149.00	+0.21	+5.1
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	61.33	+0.11	+6.3
American Funds FdmtlInvSA m	60.15	+0.14	+3.9
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	50.32	+0.19	+1.7
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	22.79	+0.03	+6.3
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	38.71	+0.13	+2.8
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	45.16	+0.25	+5.7
American Funds WAMtInvSA m	46.96	+0.11	+7.4
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.12	-0.01	+8.6
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	41.44	+0.13	+1.1
Dodge & Cox Stk	190.86	...	+8
DoubleLine TlRetBdI	10.73	-0.01	+7.3
Fidelity 500ldxInPrm	104.99	+0.32	+6.3
Fidelity Contrafund	13.13	+0.07	+1.7
Fidelity TlMktldxInPrm	85.43	+0.22	+4.8
Fidelity USBldxInPrm	11.91	-0.02	+9.3
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.31	...	+5.4
Metropolitan West TlRetBdI	11.00	-0.03	+9.5
PIMCO Inc2	11.96	...	+6.6
PIMCO IncInclSt	11.96	...	+6.7
PIMCO TlRetIns	10.44	-0.02	+9.5
Schwab SP500ldx	46.65	+0.14	+6.3
T. Rowe Price BCGr	116.95	+0.64	+6.2
T. Rowe Price GrStk	69.51	+0.35	+5.8
Vanguard 500ldxAdmrl	278.83	+0.85	+6.3
Vanguard BalldAdmrl	37.86	+0.04	+7.1
Vanguard DivGrInv	30.43	+0.18	+15.3
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	77.23	+0.20	+7.2
Vanguard GrldAdmrl	87.07	+0.48	+7.5
Vanguard HCAmrl	81.83	-0.25	-3.2
Vanguard InTrnGAdm	10.01	-0.02	+10.2
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	14.48	-0.02	+7.8
Vanguard InslldxIn	273.60	+0.83	+6.3
Vanguard InslldxInPlus	273.62	+0.83	+6.3
Vanguard InstSMInPls	64.95	+0.17	+4.9
Vanguard MDCpdxAdmrl	209.72	+0.37	+4.1
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	140.81	+0.28	+1.4
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.71	-0.01	+5.5
Vanguard SmCpdxAdmrl	75.66	...	-2.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	32.33	+0.04	+6.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	19.41	+0.03	+6.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	35.40	+0.06	+5.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.75	+0.05	+5.3
Vanguard TlBMDxAdmrl	11.05	-0.02	+9.4
Vanguard TlBMDxIn	11.05	-0.02	+9.5
Vanguard TlInBdxAdmrl	23.39	-0.02	+10.4
Vanguard TlInBdxIn	35.10	-0.02	+10.4
Vanguard TlInBdxInxv	11.70	-0.01	+10.4
Vanguard TlInSldxAdmrl	28.13	+0.12	+2.1
Vanguard TlInSldxIn	112.49	+0.47	+2.2
Vanguard TlInSldxInPlus	112.52	+0.48	+2.2
Vanguard TlInSldxInv	16.81	+0.07	+2.0
Vanguard TlSMldxAdmrl	74.74	+0.19	+4.8
Vanguard TlSMldxIn	74.76	+0.20	+4.8
Vanguard TlSMldxInxv	74.70	+0.19	+4.7
Vanguard WlmgAdmrl	73.63	+0.16	+9.1
Vanguard WlsgInAdmrl	65.97	+0.01	+10.1
Vanguard WndrllAdmrl	65.03	+0.07	+3.6

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
SmileDirectClub Inc	16.67	...
Adv Micro Dev	30.21	+0.45
Apple Inc	223.09	-0.51
FuelCell Energy	0.36	+0.01
Microsoft Corp	137.52	+1.40
Adverum Biotechnol	5.96	-6.04
Intel Corp	53.01	+0.22
Altaba Inc	70.00	+0.01
Zynga Inc	5.88	-0.12
Micron Tech	50.44	-0.04
SiNtx Technologies	2.12	+0.62
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.45	-0.02
Comcast Corp A	46.97	+0.57
Enphase Energy Inc	22.20	-2.52
Cisco Syst	49.93	-1.10
Tocagen Inc	0.93	-3.25
Roku Inc	147.78	-1.98
T2 Biosystems	3.01	+0.40
Naked Brand Group	0.04	...
JD.com Inc	31.52	+0.45
PayPal Holdings	107.10	+3.08
Overstock.com Inc	26.72	+3.96
Facebook Inc	187.47	-1.02
Huntgtn Bancshs	14.65	+0.04

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.90	1.90
6-month disc	1.85	1.83
2-year	1.68	1.65
10-year	1.79	1.73
30-year	2.26	2.21

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1498.70	\$1494.40
Silver	\$18.041	\$18.031
Platinum	\$952.60	\$940.20

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)	56.0821
Australia (Dollar)	1.4563
Brazil (Real)	4.0571
Britain (Pound)	0.8099
Canada (Dollar)	1.3211
China (Yuan)	7.0796
Euro	0.9031
India (Rupee)	70.972
Israel (Shekel)	3.5373
Japan (Yen)	108.14

## OBITUARIES

JOAN JOHNSON 1929-2019

# Co-founder of hair care company remembered as 'whip-smart'

BY GRAYDON MEGAN

Joan Johnson and her husband, George, co-founded Johnson Products Co. in 1954, bringing hair care products Afro Sheen and Ultra Sheen to a previously unserved market of African Americans, and in 1971 making their firm the first black-owned company to be listed on the American Stock Exchange.

"They made incredible hair care products for African Americans, products that had never been available," said Dori Wilson, a friend since the 1970s. "These products were used by people of color all over the world. They were used everywhere that had a population of dark-skinned people with kinky hair."

Johnson Products, started by the couple in 1954 with a \$250 investment, was sold in 1993 to Miami-based holding company Ivax Corp. for \$67 million in Ivax stock, the Tribune reported at the time. Joan Johnson was reported to control 54% of the stock at the time of the sale.

The Johnson family no longer has any interest in the company, which has been sold several times since.

Joan Johnson, 89, died Sept. 6 in her North Michigan Avenue home of natural causes complicated by lingering effects of an auto accident a dozen years ago, according to a granddaughter, Cara Hughes.

The former Joan Betty Henderson was born in Chicago in 1929 and attended what is now Phillips Academy High School.

She married George Johnson Sr., a former door-to-door salesman who be-



FAMILY PHOTO

Joan Johnson, co-founder of hair care company Johnson Products, in an undated photo.

came a production chemist for a beauty products company. George Johnson teamed up with a hairstylist who had an idea for a hair straightener. The couple eventually founded Johnson Products with what was described as a \$250 vacation loan.

By 1964, the company hit \$1 million in revenue. In 1970, sales were at \$12 million, and a year later it became the first black-owned company to trade on the American Stock Exchange.

"She was the culture of that company and also a savvy business woman," Hughes said.

Also in the early 1970s, the company became a sponsor of the television music and dance show "Soul Train," later helping the show move to wider syndication from a Los Angeles base.

Johnson was a member of women's boards at University of Chicago and Northwestern, and was a trustee at Spelman College in Atlanta starting in 1982.

In an email, Spelman President Mary Schmidt Campbell said Johnson's support for the college was demonstrated through generous financial contributions, as well as a donation of a portrait collection titled "The Great Beautiful Black Women" to the Spelman College Museum of Fine Art.

"She was an awesome community servant," the Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. said. "A lady of glamour, style, substance and business."

Jackson said when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. came to Chicago in 1966, "the Johnsons stood with Dr. King," even as some other businesses shied away from the civil rights activist.

Linda Johnson Rice, CEO of Johnson Publishing Co., said the two Johnson families were unrelated, but were family friends and respected business peers.

"I always found her to be an elegant, whip-smart woman I always admired and respected," Rice said.

Johnson, the mother of four, set a strong example of accomplishment for her family, Hughes said.

"We talked about how you just have to juggle it all," Hughes said. "She would say, 'Don't complain about it, just do it.'"

In addition to her husband and granddaughter, she is survived by her daughter, Joan; sons Eric, John and George Jr.; a sister, Gwendolyn Ford; nine other grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be 4 p.m. Friday in Trinity United Church of Christ, 400 W. 95th St., Chicago. A service will follow at 5 p.m.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.

## Chicago Daily Tribune

ON SEPTEMBER 13 ...

**In 1759**, during the final French and Indian War, the British defeated the French on the Plains of Abraham overlooking Quebec City.

**In 1788**, the Congress of the Confederation authorized the first national election, and declared New York City the temporary national capital.

**In 1803**, Commodore John Barry, considered by many to be the father of the American Navy, died in Philadelphia; he was 58.

**In 1851**, American medical pioneer Walter Reed was born in Gloucester County, Va.

**In 1894**, British novelist J.B. Priestley was born in Bradford, England.

**In 1943**, Chiang Kai-shek became president of China.

**In 1948**, Republican Margaret Chase Smith of Maine was elected to the U.S. Senate, becoming the first woman to serve in both houses of Congress.

**In 1949**, the Ladies Professional Golf Association of America was formed in New York City, with Patty Berg as its first president.

**In 1971**, a four-day inmates' rebellion at the Attica Correctional Facility in upstate New York ended as police and guards stormed the

prison; the ordeal and final assault claimed 43 lives.

**In 1977**, conductor Leopold Stokowski died in Hampshire, England; he was 95.

**In 1990**, the Senate Judiciary Committee opened its first day of confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominee David H. Souter, who firmly refused to discuss his views on abortion. **Also in 1990** the crime drama "Law & Order" premiered on NBC.

**In 1993**, at the White House, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat shook hands after signing an accord granting limited Palestinian autonomy.

**In 1994**, President Bill Clinton signed into law a \$30 billion crime bill. **Also in 1994** about 180 nations adopted a 20-year blueprint for slowing the world's population growth at a U.N.-sponsored conference in Cairo.

**In 1995**, the FBI made at least a dozen arrests, capping a nationwide 2-year investigation of pedophiles and pornographers using the America Online computer network.

**In 1996**, rapper Tupac Shakur died at a Las Vegas hospital six days after he was wounded in a drive-by shooting; he was 25.

**In 1998**, former Alabama Gov. George Wallace died; he was 79. **Also in 1998** Cubs slugger Sammy Sosa hit his 61st and 62nd home runs of the season to pass Roger Maris and pull into a tie with Mark McGwire.

**In 2001**, President George W. Bush called the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington "the first war of the 21st century" as his administration labeled fugitive Osama bin Laden a prime suspect. (The United States promised to wage all-out retaliation against those responsible and any regime that protected them.) **Also in 2001** jetliners returned to the nation's skies for the first time in two days, carrying passengers who faced strict new security measures.

**In 2002**, President George W. Bush said it was "highly doubtful" that Saddam Hussein would comply with demands that he disarm and avoid a confrontation with the world community.

**In 2003**, angry mourners swarmed Fallujah, Iraq, a day after eight Iraqi police were killed in a friendly-fire incident involving U.S. troops; the U.S. military apologized for the deaths. **Also in 2003** Indiana Gov. Frank O'Bannon died in Chicago; he was 73.

**In 2013**, a court in India sentenced four men to death in the December 2012 gang rape and slaying of a 23-year-old student in New Delhi. **Also in 2013** a fire at a Russian psychiatric hospital killed 37 people in Luka, a village about 280 miles northwest of Moscow. **Also in 2013** Jim Furyk birdied two of his last three holes in the BMW Championship in Lake Forest, Ill., to become the sixth player in PGA Tour history to shoot a 59.

**In 2014**, Prime Minister David Cameron called the beheading of British aid worker David Haines, 44, by an Islamic State militant "an act of pure evil." (Haines was kidnapped in Syria in March 2013.)

## Chicago Tribune Death Notices

Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.

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### Cemeteries/Crematories/Mausoleum

#### BURIAL PLOTS

Mount Emblem, Elmhurst. Final James Estate Settlement. Four adjoining burial plots, Section N by Faith Hope Charity columns \$1,500 each OBO plus \$250 transfer fee. James L. Lowry, agent. Jalowry1931@aol.com 352-372-2760

#### Death Notices

##### 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 Brands. 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 (née 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 years old of Paddock Lake, WI passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Saturday, September 7, 2019, after a nearly two-year battle with melanoma. She never gave up hope and fought the cancer aggressively until the very end.

She was born February 2, 1961 in Algoma, WI, the daughter of the late Sylvester and Margaret Salzsieder. Judy lived in Burlington, WI before settling in Paddock Lake 16 years ago. 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.

She enjoyed gardening, loved being with family (especially her grandchildren), and enjoyed the occasional glass of barefoot bubbly. She will be remembered for her beautiful smile that could light up a room and her sincere kindness. No words could ever express the type of person Judy was, her joy of life and her love of family and cherished friends. She is timeless. She will be in our hearts forever.

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.

Proko Funeral Home & Crematory  
5111-60th Street, Kenosha, WI 53144  
Phone: (262) 654-3533  
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##### Browne, Al T.

Al T. Browne, age 92, of West Chicago, passed away on September 10, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Betty (nee Ebeling); Loving father of the late Richard, Linda (Rick) Hensel, the late Terri, the late Barbara (Chris) Collins and Jeff (Karen); Grandfather of Sarah (James) Thrasher; Katie (Ella) Hensel, Elizabeth (Ankit) Browne, Michael (Narcis) Hensel and Richard Browne; great-grandfather of Oliver and Charlie. He was preceded in death by his brother, Theodore (late Jean) and son-in-law, David Hensel. Visitation Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 12 p.m. until time of service at 3 p.m. at Norris-Segert Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 132 Fremont St., West Chicago. Interment Private. Contributions in Al's memory may be made to DuPage PADS, 601 West Liberty, Wheaton, IL 60187. For info 630-231-0060 or [www.norrissegertfh.com](http://www.norrissegertfh.com)

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##### Byerwalter, Denise M.

Denise M. Byerwalter (nee McKenna), age 84, of Orland Park, beloved wife of the late John A. "Jack" Byerwalter; loving mother of Susan, James (Pia), Robert (Debbie) and Andrew Byerwalter and the late Karen (Randy) Harkins; devoted grandmother of Christopher, Dana, Lynsey, Jimmy, Eric and the late Nicole; dearest great-grandmother of Landon and Jaxson; cherished sister of Kathy (the late Dan) Curran, the late Patricia (the late Jack) Allen, the late Rev. Dan McKenna O.M.I., the late Sr. Evelyn McKenna O.S.F.; dear friend of the late Bill Adams. Visitation Sunday 2-7 P.M. Funeral Monday 8:45 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park to St. Michael Church Mass 9:30 A.M. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials to Palos Hospice 15295 127th St. Lemont, IL 60439 would be appreciated. Funeral info: 708 429-3200

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##### Capizzano, Josephine

Josephine Capizzano (Ciccarelli), age 81 of Romeoville, IL., formerly of Chicago, passed away Tuesday September 10, 2019 surrounded by her loving family. She was preceded in death by daughter Phyllis, sisters and brother. Josephine is survived by her husband Raymond after 60 years of marriage and her loving children Joseph, RaeAnn and Mary, grandchildren Sean, Jeannie, Melissa and Sarah and four great-grandchildren. Visitation Sunday September 15, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at **Anderson Memorial Chapel** 606 Townhall Dr. Romeoville, IL. Private interment will take place at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. For information 815-886-2323 [www.andersonmemorialhomes.com](http://www.andersonmemorialhomes.com)

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##### Cavanagh, Robert

Robert Cavanagh aged 83, of Campus, IL passed away on September 3, 2019. Beloved husband of 44 years to Agnes (nee Hydo). Loving father to Mary (Tim) Arnold, Scott Sendra, and Richard (Jani) Sendra. Cherished grandfather to Kerry (Jessica) Schott, Ashley and Amber Arnold. Great-grandfather to Klayton, Lillian, and Kayla Schott. Dear cousin to Lynne Lacey, Nancy Petre, and Joan Pawlowski. Robert was born in Chicago, IL to Orville and Alberta Cavanagh. While in grammar school Robert was always very proud that he worked in the local butcher shop and Victory Gardens during WWII. After graduating from CVS High School in Chicago, as a teenager, Robert sparked an interest in building, then racing motorcycles (winning many championships) which evolved to his love for building and racing Indianapolis style race cars, where he worked as a Chief Mechanic on Indy Cars (Silver Crown Champ Dirt Cars). He had the opportunity to work with famous drivers such as Mario Andretti, A.J. Foyt, Al and Bobby Unser. Robert went on to work for a car dealership in Roseland and spending many years as an employee for Clark Lift Truck Company. While working for Cadillac Motors, Robert was the head of Customer Service, with high profile clients such as the Chicago Bears, and Muhammad Ali, who he later became close friends with. Robert always saying "he was steering his own ship" went on to start his own business Southwest Lift Truck in Chicago and then moving it to Campus, IL until his retirement. He will be remembered for his great love of animals especially his dog King, gardening, being a member of the American Legion and NRA and always eating his ice cream first, to make sure he had room. Visitation will be held at **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home** 4727 W. 103rd St. Oak Lawn, Friday September 13, 2019 from 3:00P.M. Until 9:00P.M. Chapel Services will be held at the Funeral Home Saturday Sept 14, 2019 at 10:00A.M. With interment to follow.

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##### Clark, Patricia B.

Patricia B. Clark age 88 passed away on August 21, 2019 in her home in Glenview, Illinois. Pat was born on May 12, 1931 in Chicago, IL. She is survived by her longtime companion Ward Rapp, sons Timothy Clark, William (Alice) Clark, John (Mary Kay) Clark, Brian (Laura) Clark, and her daughter Jennie (Jeff Drooger) Clark. Pat is also survived by her four grandchildren Kaitlyn (Kyle) Hartman, Patrick, Ryan, and Caryn Clark, and her sister Elizabeth (Raymond) Langosch. Also surviving are children and grandchildren of Laura Clark: Paula (Kelly) Devillier, Carolyn (AJ) Daughtry Krill, Willow, and Ember Daughtry Krill.

She was preceded in death by her parents John and Margaret Thommes, siblings Lorraine (James) Malloy, and John Thommes Jr (Delores), and her former husband William Clark, Sr.

Pat Clark was an amazing, multifaceted person. Caring, smart, sensitive, enthusiastic, creative, funny. Her love of learning led her to study spiritual pursuits, health, and nutrition. Pat loved writing, gardening, reading and her iPad. She always had a ready smile and laugh. Pat valued family above all else supporting her children and grandchildren in everything they did in life. She will be truly missed!

Visitation will be held on October 12, 2019 in the Gathering Space of Mary, Seat of Wisdom Catholic Church, 920 Granville Ave, Park Ridge, IL at 9:30 am. Memorial Service (Celebration of Life) will follow in the Church at 10:30 am.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in Pat's name to the COPD Foundation, 3300 Ponce De Leon Blvd, Miami, FL 33134 or [www.copdfoundation.org](http://www.copdfoundation.org).

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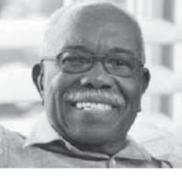
##### Collins, John Robert

John Robert Collins, age 77, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, while surrounded by his loving family. Beloved husband of Donna Claire Rogers. Devoted Father of the late Jeffrey John, the late Steven Robert, Renee Severa, and DeAnne Meyer. Loving son of the late John F. and the late Eileen Wall Collins. Fond Grandfather of Ryan (Keara) Collins; Cody, Dustin and Zoie Severa; Morgan Sean and Colin Meyer. Great Grandfather of Greyson Robert Collins. Dear Brother of the late Maureen Collins. He leaves behind a large family of loving cousins and a multitude of dear and devoted friends. Robert was the co-founder of Rosenthal Collins Group, LLC and held a variety of Board and Committee positions with various organizations over the years.

Family and friends are invited to gather for the Visitation on Sunday, September 15, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Russo's Hillside Chapels, 4500 Roosevelt Road, Hillside, Illinois 60162 (located between Mannheim and Wolf Road). Funeral to follow Monday, September 16, 2019 from Russo's Hillside Chapels at 8:00 a.m. proceeding to Visitation Parish, 779 South York Road, Elmhurst, Illinois 60126. Mass of Christian Burial celebrated promptly at 9:15 a.m. interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, Illinois. For additional information call (708) 449-5300. Please visit Robert's personal tribute website at [www.russoshillsidechapels.com](http://www.russoshillsidechapels.com) and sign his guestbook. In lieu of flowers, any donations received will be donated to a charitable organization in Robert's name.

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Lotto jackpot: \$4.25M  
Pick 3 midday ..... 481 / 9  
Pick 4 midday ..... 9993 / 2  
Lucky Day Lotto midday .....  
01 10 24 27 31  
Pick 3 evening ..... 452 / 7  
Pick 4 evening ..... 2471 / 7  
Lucky Day Lotto evening .....  
03 19 34 35 38  
Sept. 13 Mega Millions: \$172M  
Sept. 14 Powerball: \$60M

**WISCONSIN**  
Sept. 12  
Pick 3 ..... 812  
Pick 4 ..... 4389  
Badger 5 ..... 04 06 16 18 31  
SuperCash ..... 03 20 21 29 31 34

**INDIANA**  
Sept. 12  
Daily 3 midday ..... 640 / 6  
Daily 4 midday ..... 5043 / 6  
Daily 3 evening ..... 921 / 6  
Daily 4 evening ..... 4049 / 6  
Cash 5 ..... 12 14 19 34 41

**MICHIGAN**  
Sept. 12  
Daily 3 midday ..... 965  
Daily 4 midday ..... 4430  
Daily 3 evening ..... 385  
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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.wenbanfh.com](http://www.wenbanfh.com)



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### Hancock, Gilbert V.

Gilbert V. Hancock, age 92, of DeMotte, IN, formerly of Merrillville, IN, passed away on Monday, September 9, 2019. Gilbert is survived by his wife of 63 years, Rosemary; children: Victoria (Philip) Hanas, Laurel (Steven) Clippert, Carol (Gregory) Opfel and Kenneth (Loren) Hancock; grandchildren: Courtney (Obie) Powell, Natalie (Christopher) Weithers, Trevor Clippert, Molly (Brough) McDonald, Kyle (Kaitlyn) Hanas, Caroline Hancock and Alec Hills; great-grandchildren: Mackenna McDonald, Vivian Powell and Walker Hanas; and brother, William (Sandra) Hancock. Gilbert was preceded in death by his parents: Randolph and Violet Hancock; sisters: Vivian Haupt and Betty Hartill; and brother, Randolph Hancock III. Gilbert retired from US Steel with 28 years of service. He enjoyed retirement; building and flying radio controlled airplanes. He also built sailboats to make connections. Gil's sailboats were launched in Lake Michigan and carried a message and a \$2.00 bill for luck. He was a 50-year member of the Studebaker Driver's Club and an avid Indiana Hoosiers and Chicago White Sox fan. Gilbert was a WWII Veteran, having served in the Army/Airforce and proud to have been an Honor Flight recipient. Gil loved his family, pets and all animals. He enjoyed feeding the birds and squirrels for many years. Gil was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He will be truly missed by all who knew and loved him. Friends may visit with the family on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at Geisen Funeral, Cremation & Reception Centre, 606 E. 113th Ave., Crown Point, IN 46307 from 10:00 AM until the time of the Memorial Service at 12:00 PM with Fr. Dennis Faker officiating. Services will conclude at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given in Gilbert's name to the Humane Society of Hobart, Inc. To sign Gilbert's online guestbook visit [www.GeisenFuneralHome.com](http://www.GeisenFuneralHome.com) (219) 663-2500.

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### Hoover, Gerda Waltraud

Gerda Waltraud Hoover died on August 8, 2019 at Beacon Hill, her home in Lombard, Illinois. She was born March 17, 1927 to Erich and Maria Wolff, landowners in East Prussia, Province of Germany. In 1952 Gerda married Keith Hoover, an American exchange student she met when both were students at the University of Hamburg. After Gerda completed the course work necessary for teaching in the U.S., she later earned an MA in German literature from Northwestern University. She taught German at Hinsdale Central High School for twenty-two years and later at Elmhurst College. During retirement she devoted time to community and church activities and with the encouragement of her husband pursued her love of writing. After Dr. Hoover's passing in 2003, she published four small books of poems and stories. She continued actively writing until her death. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at 2:00pm at York Center Church of the Brethren, 15071 Luther Avenue, Lombard IL.



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### Harkins, John F.

John F. Harkins; Devoted husband of Mary Jo, nee Arundel, for 50 years; Loving father of John (Jenny), Mary (Mike) Geraghty, and Eileen (Mike) Perry; Proud Oppie of Caitlin, Ryan, Grace, Tierney, Brendan, Maeve, Ellie, Caroline, Erin, Mikey, Jack, Tommy, and Joey; Beloved brother of Barbara (late Pete) Axell, late Sr. Kathleen O.P., Mary (Jerry) Wolf, Bridget (late Bob) Hoggatt, and Lilly (John) Cannon; Dear brother-in-law of Billy Arundel, Jimmy (Mariclare) Arundel, Tommy (Cheryl) Arundel, and Patty (Keith) Burchette; Fond uncle, and friend to many; Visitation Sunday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Monday, 9:00 a.m. from Curley Funeral Home, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to St. John Fisher Church, 10234 S. Washtenaw Ave, Chicago; Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; For Funeral info 708-422-2700 or [www.curleyfuneral-home.com](http://www.curleyfuneral-home.com)



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### Lewinski, Virginia J.

Virginia J. Lewinski nee: Jensen; Beloved wife of the late Robert Sr.; Devoted mother of Robert and Laura (Everett) Bell; Loving Grandma of Vanessa, Jennifer and Keith; Dear sister of Phyllis Elnen and the late Beverly Lang; Loving aunt of many; Life long friend of Auntie Pat (the late Don) Gierszewicz. Funeral Monday 9:00 a.m. from Salerno's Galewood, 1857 N. Harlem to St. Celestine Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Visitation Sunday 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For Info 773-889-1700 or [www.salernofuneralhomes.com](http://www.salernofuneralhomes.com)



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### Mackie, Douglas B.

Douglas B. Mackie age 67 of Glenview, beloved husband of Casey Mackie nee Colnon; loving father of Kit (Megan) Mackie, Katie (Adam) LaVoy, Natalie (Joseph) Cruz, Madeline (Ashley) Nath and Philip Mackie; proud grandfather of Quinn, Shea, Tommy and Max Mackie, Lila and Aaron LaVoy, Alaina Cruz and Teddy Nath; dear brother of Mary Jane (Ted) Sterling, Tom (Cheryle) Mackie and Don (Judy) Mackie. Visitation Monday, September 16, 2019 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove Street Glenview, IL 60025. Interment Calvary Cemetery, Evanston, IL. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Mesulam Center for Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease at Northwestern Medicine, 420 E Superior, Rubloff Bldg., 9th Floor, Chicago, IL 60611, [www.brain.northwestern.edu/about/giving.html](http://www.brain.northwestern.edu/about/giving.html). Info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or (847) 675-1990.



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### O'Neill, Lawrence J. "Larry"

Lawrence J. "Larry" O'Neill. Beloved husband of the late Mary T. "Tess" Whalen. Loving father of Lawrence "Larry" (Rebecca) O'Neill & Patricia (Michael) Collins. Cherished grandfather of Lawrence V, Ryan, Maggie Ann (Brian) Katamay, Maggie Beth & Luke. Dear brother of the late Agnes & Gerald Beeson. Proud uncle of many nieces & nephews. Funeral Saturday 12:15 pm from **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn to Our Lady of Loretto Church, Hometown, for Mass at 1:00 pm. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Saturday from 10:00 am until the time of prayers at 12:15 pm. [thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com](http://thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com) 708-425-0500

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### Pappas, John C.

John C. Pappas, age 90, of Vrontamas, Sparta in Greece, passed away on Tuesday, September 10, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Bertha, nee Grevin and loving father of Kathleen (John) Katrakis. Devoted son of the late Constantine & Katingo, nee Economos, Papageorgakis and proud grandfather of Christopher and Caroline Katrakis. Dear brother of Spiro (the late Bessie), George (Frieda), the late Panagiotis, the late Theodore (the late Katerina) Papageorgakis and the late Georgia (the late Elias) Farlekas and fond uncle, cousin and nound of many. John was a proud, lifetime member of AHEPA. Visitation Sunday, September 15, 2019, from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Hills Funeral Home, 10201 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills, IL 60465. Trisagion Service will begin at 6:00 p.m. Family and friends will meet on Monday morning, September 16, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. for the funeral service at Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 11025 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills, IL 60465. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Evergreen Park, IL. Kindly omit flowers. Memorial tributes may be made in John's name to Greek American Rehabilitation & Care Centre, 220 N. First Street, Wheeling, IL 60090, online at <https://www.greekamericancare.org/donations>, or to Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, online at <https://www.st-constantinehelen.org>. For more information please call 847-375-0095.

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### Powers, Rance Jerome

Rance Jerome Powers, 82, a longtime Chicago area resident and Army veteran, died peacefully September 4th, 2019, surrounded by his family. A memorial visitation will be held on Sunday, September 15th, 12 PM, Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 185 E Northwest Highway, Palatine, until time of Memorial Service at 3 PM. Funeral Info 847-359-8020 or visit [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com).

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### Rosett, Marvin

Marvin Rosett, age 92. Beloved husband and life partner of the late Sylvia nee Kaplan for 69 years. Loving father of Bonnie (Richard) Meltzer and Dr. Phillip (Marilyn) Rosett. Proud "PopPop and Zayde" of Ari (Abbey) Meltzer, Cheryl (David) Ginsburg, Dr. Brian Rosett, Sara (Ross) Berman and Scott (Tracey) Rosett. Cherished "great Zayde" of Shaina, Evan, Mason, Shawn, Griffin, Cole, Elle and Sydney. Dear brother of the late Reanor (the late Sol) Miller. Fond brother-in-law of Nory Kominsky and Michael (Harriet) Kaplan. He was a wonderful uncle, great uncle and friend of many. He was a Past President and Chairman of the Board of AG Beth Israel. Service Sunday 1PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd., (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Interment Westlawn. Memorials to the Jewish United Fund, 30 S. Wells St., Chicago, IL 60606, [www.juf.org](http://www.juf.org) would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cj-finfo.com](http://www.cj-finfo.com)



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### Rubin, Steven Ray

Steven Ray Rubin, 45. Beloved husband of Vicky nee Fellows. Loving and devoted son of Leslie and Sima Esther. Dear brother of Marci Rubin. Fond son-in-law of Dr. William (Jackie) Rubin and Gloria (Steven) Marron. Service Friday, 11:00 am at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Road, (One block north of Lake Cook Road) Buffalo Grove. Interment Shalom Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Chicago Hadassah North Shore, 60 Revere Drive, Suite 800, Northbrook, IL 60062 [www.hadassah.org/cns](http://www.hadassah.org/cns) and Torah Learning Center of Northbrook, 2548 Jasper Court, Suite 201, Northbrook, IL 60062 [www.torahlearningcenter.com](http://www.torahlearningcenter.com) and Young Israel of Northbrook Congregation, 3545 Walters Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062 [www.yionb.com](http://www.yionb.com) would be appreciated. Arrangements by: **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)



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### Solk, Donna

Donna Solk nee Shokler, 80. Beloved wife of Bud Solk for over 60 years. Loving mother of Gail (Rick) Whitehouse, Greg (Katherine) Solk, and Tracey (Chris) Ernst. Beloved grandmother of nine; Blake, Megan, Hailee, Payton, Hannah, Cole, Connor, Kelsea, and Megan. Dear sister of Sandra (the late Honorable Norman) Share and Michael (Jacky) Shokler. Donna was an avid championship golfer, loved her summer walks at the Botanic Gardens and had more friends than can be counted. A beautiful lady that wanted everyone to smile, love and be happy. Service Monday, 10 AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd., (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to (GVS) the Great Vest Side Club, 2222 Chestnut Ave, #101, Glenview, IL 60026, [www.greatvestside.org](http://www.greatvestside.org). Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)



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### VanSickle, Billy W.

Billy W. VanSickle, of Lincolnwood. Loving husband of Teresa Such. Adoring father of Sarah (Matthew) Tipperreiter. Loving brother of Shirley (Bob) Dorat. Son of the late Juanita and Oscar VanSickle. Brother-in-law, uncle, and friend to many. Proud Navy veteran. Funeral services 9:30 am, Monday, September 16, from **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N. Cicero Avenue, to Queen of All Saints Basilica for a Mass at 10 am. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Billy's name may be made to The Association of Former Students of Texas A&M, 505 George Bush Drive, College Station, TX 77840. Visitation Sunday, September 15, 3 pm to 8 pm. Funeral info 773-736-3833

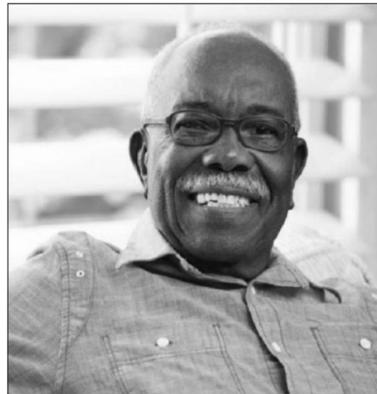


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**CUBS 4, PADRES 1**

**Last stand:  
Cubs fly home  
after Yu's 'W'**

Cubs coverage, **Page 3**

**Thanks to Epstein, settling  
for less from Cubs a no-go**

In the not-so-distant past, a Cubs team competing for a postseason appearance would create a frenzy during the final homestand.

But as the Cubs limp into Wrigley Field on Friday for a crucial 10-game homestand, the race to pin the blame for the 2019 season already has begun, even before the body is cold.

This is all Theo Epstein's fault, of course.

Not just for the roster construction, in which he played an integral part, but for the overwhelming need to declare 2019 a failure because of what it's not instead of enjoying a wild race that may go down to the final day again.



**PAUL SULLIVAN**  
*On the Cubs*

Epstein built a championship team in four years and promised the Cubs would contend for years. That's exactly what happened, but now contending for a wild-card spot isn't good enough, so heads must roll after the season ends.

That means Joe Maddon, whose obituary already was being written Thursday afternoon on WMVP-AM 1000, with host David Kaplan and ESPN MLB insider Jeff Passan agreeing it's time for Joe to go. Meanwhile, on their rival station, WSCR-AM 670, Epstein was taking some of the blame for his team's downfall.

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**NIU AT NEBRASKA**  
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**Business trip**

**All access at Northern Illinois:** Behind the scenes in DeKalb as coach Thomas Hammock and the Huskies prepare for Nebraska — the hard way

By **TEDDY GREENSTEIN**

DEKALB, Ill. — Spend some time around Northern Illinois football coach Thomas Hammock and you'll hear the word again and again, delivered in an East Coast accent.

*Correct.*  
In between blunt talk delivered to his players and belly laughs shared with all, Hammock has a set response to questions such as "Is it true NIU is your dream job?"

*Correct.*  
Huskies fans are correct to put their faith in Hammock despite his tender age of 38, which

makes him the eighth-youngest FBS coach. When he walks into a room, he commands respect. That was obvious Wednesday, when Hammock gave the Tribune an all-access look at his program.

The scrappy Huskies have won four Mid-American Conference championships in the last eight years and played in 10 bowl games in the last 11 seasons. Their motto is "The hard way," and their goals are printed on a poster in a lounge near Hammock's office: "Earn a degree. Give back. Win the MAC."

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And that's not all. This week they're game-planning to make a national statement, to beat Nebraska on Saturday night and silence a stadium of 89,000-plus.

"We have a great opportunity," Hammock says.  
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NIU wide receiver Cole Tucker, left, runs a route during practice; Juney Barnett, an assistant director of sports performance, uses a stick with a boxing glove to mimic opposing players; NIU special teams coordinator Atif Austin leads a meeting for his group.

**BEARS**

**Wanting  
to get in  
on the  
action**

Except for 15 plays, WR Miller only a spectator in opener

By **DAN WIEDERER**

For those worrying about Anthony Miller's right ankle, the one he sprained Aug. 10 in training camp, you can stop.

The second-year Bears receiver chuckled Monday when asked about it.

"I'm good," Miller said. "Yeah, man, I'm good."

As for his inactivity last week in the season opener against the Packers, a trying night during which Miller was on the sideline for 56 of the Bears' 71 offensive snaps?

"It was frustrating," he acknowledged. "But I guess it's on to the next one. ... I really don't know. I just have to continue to do what I've been doing — practicing hard and focusing in on my responsibilities."

Without question, the restlessness is building, but Miller is confident a significant breakthrough is coming, perhaps as early as Sunday afternoon in Denver. Fifteen snaps are hardly enough for a playmaker with Miller's explosion, especially for an offense that sputtered so badly in its first game.

Miller wants more opportunity. He's certain he has earned it. And now, in many ways, it's up to play-caller Matt Nagy and quarterback Mitch Trubisky to find the proper ways to increase Miller's involvement.

"Patience in Anthony?" receivers coach Mike Furrey said. "There is none, but that's what you want. I'd rather have the guy biting down and trying to get in the game than somebody who's just over there hoping."

Miller's second-year growth has been impeded for much of the year by injuries. Last winter he had surgery on his left shoulder, repairing damage that came after the shoulder dislocated at least five times by his count during his rookie season.

The rehabilitation and recovery from that procedure kept Miller off the field for most of organized team activities and minicamp in June. Miller remained engaged at practice and was fully attentive in meetings, but missing out on those on-field reps prevented him from working on his timing with Trubisky and smoothing out the details of his route running.

The hope was Miller would hit the ground running at training camp. But during the Bears' 10th full practice in Bourbonnais, the 24-year-old receiver landed awkwardly on cornerback Kyle Fuller's foot and sprained his right ankle.

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**UP NEXT**  
**Bears at Broncos**  
3:25 p.m. Sunday, FOX-32

# TOP OF THE SECOND



BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

## New era coming for NBCSCH

Oct. 1 is an important day for Chicago sports fans, and the lucky ones won't notice it at all — at least for a while.

NBC Sports Chicago, as it has existed for 15 years, will be no more.

A newly reconstituted NBC Sports Chicago — without the Cubs as an equity partner with Comcast, the Bulls, Blackhawks and White Sox — will launch with more live events than ever even without the Cubs.

While the absence of Cubs games is notable, the biggest potential snag for fans, initially at least, is that not every cable or satellite company that now carries NBC Sports Chicago has a deal in place yet to offer its new iteration.

The Chicago area's biggest cable outfits — RCN, WOW and Comcast's own Xfinity — and more than dozen small systems are locked in.

That accounts for what the channel says is 50% to 60% of its current audience of roughly 4.5 million homes across the northern half of Illinois extending into eastern Iowa, western Indiana and parts of southern Wisconsin.

Negotiations with other carriers, including DirecTV and Dish Network, are ongoing and the hope is to secure agreements in time to ensure a seamless transition.

Deals also are in place with subscription streaming services YouTube TV, Hulu with Live TV, FuboTV and Sony PlayStation Vue.

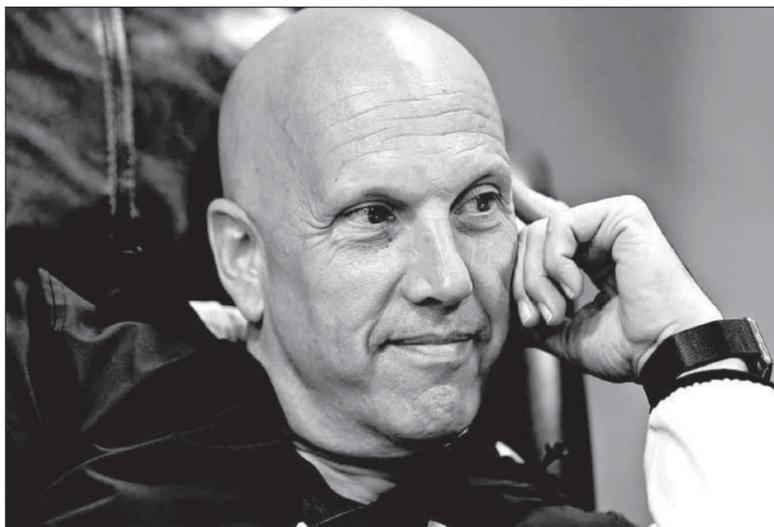
But for now, that still leaves a healthy chunk of current NBC Sports Chicago viewership that may be in for a disappointing surprise on Oct. 1 when looking for David Kaplan's "Sports Talk Live" two days after the Cubs and White Sox close out the 2019 regular season.

"Inasmuch as this is a new service, we're going to need an agreement with the current distributors of the network to launch this new network," David Preschlack, NBC Sports Regional Networks' president and executive vice president of content strategy for the NBC Sports Group, said.

"One thing I'll say, having been in the cable distribution business for more than 20 years, is that (while less than three weeks) until the launch of the network seems like a short time, these things have a tendency to go down to the wire."

That may leave some fans scrambling to find the game when the Blackhawks open the season with the Flyers in Prague on Oct. 4.

The distributors are caught in a bind as consumers reconsider what they spend on traditional cable or satellite service and look for alternative ways to access programming.



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It could become more difficult to find David Kaplan and NBC Sports Chicago after Oct. 1.

The cable and satellite companies want to keep costs down, but they can ill afford to ignore demand for NBC Sports Chicago's Bulls, Blackhawks and White Sox games.

They also are acutely aware there will be pressure to pony up for Marquee Sports Network, the rival channel the Cubs and Sinclair Broadcast Group plan to introduce in February with its own carriage fees to squeeze profit margins and nudge monthly bills higher.

While Marquee is running ads on Cubs telecasts to whet appetites, NBC Sports Chicago and its partner teams are ramping up their own multimedia campaign to get viewers to push cable and satellite systems to get on board.

An ad airing on "Sunday Night Football" this weekend will feature White Sox announcer Jason Benetti, Bulls analyst Stacey King and Blackhawks commentator Eddie Olczyk reminding fans of what's at stake.

While the new NBC Sports Chicago will look and sound the same as the old version (originally Comcast SportsNet Chicago), it and its digital platforms, such as the MyTeams app, will have all Bulls, Blackhawks and White Sox games, save for those plucked by the national TV partners of their respective leagues.

Just as the Cubs are taking all the games they control off free over-the-air broadcast TV in favor of Marquee, the Bulls, Blackhawks and White Sox no longer will partner with WGN-9. It's all NBC Sports Chicago.

The upshot is the channel now will have about 300 live events featuring its three partner teams per year, up from the approximately 280 it showcased with the Cubs still part of the ownership mix, with all 82 2019-20 Bulls games, 70 of this season's 82 Blackhawks games and as many 2020 White Sox games as possible.

And, citing the signing of Kaplan to a new deal, Preschlack said NBC Sports Chicago will continue to feature plenty of Cubs coverage even without carrying their games, much like its approach to covering the Bears.

"It's important for us to educate fans on the fact that the new NBC Sports Chicago is going to be the exclusive home for those three teams," Preschlack said. "Our games are obviously subject to national networks taking certain games, but there's a limit to how many games they can take. ... Plus (if the teams advance) we have the first round of the NBA and NHL playoffs."

None of that is any help to the fan who doesn't subscribe to cable, satellite or a streaming service, or whose service can't come to terms on a carriage arrangement.

NBC Sports Chicago said in a statement it's "working with urgency with every distributor" and directed fans to check MySportsChicago.com to check their respective carrier's contract status.

A joint statement from the Bulls, Blackhawks and White Sox echoed the sales pitch, concluding that "it's important (fans) have access to all of our games."

Important, but they're not giving it away for free.

### LET'S PLAY 2

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	<b>Friday</b> @Mariners 9:10 p.m. WGN-9	<b>Saturday</b> @Mariners 8:10 p.m. NBCSCH
	<b>Saturday</b> FC Dallas 2:30 p.m. Univision	<b>Sept. 21</b> @FC Cin. 6:30 p.m. ESPN+
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<b>5:30 p.m.</b> NHRA: Friday Nitro Live	FS1	
<b>8 p.m.</b> NASCAR Trucks: Westgate 200	FS1	
<b>BASEBALL</b>		
<b>3:05 p.m.</b> Cubs at Padres	NBCSCH	WSCR-AM 670
<b>7 p.m.</b> Brewers at Cardinals	MLB	
<b>9:10 p.m.</b> White Sox at Mariners	WGN-9	WGN-AM 720
<b>FOOTBALL</b>		
<b>5 p.m.</b> N. Carolina at Wake Forest	ESPN	
<b>6 p.m.</b> Prep: IMG at St. Joe's Prep	ESPN2	
<b>8:15 p.m.</b> Wash. State at Houston	ESPN	
<b>9 p.m.</b> CFL: Redblacks at Lions	ESPN2	
<b>GOLF</b>		
<b>5 a.m.</b> LPGA: Solheim Cup	Golf	
<b>1 p.m.</b> PGA: Greenbrier	Golf	
<b>5 p.m.</b> Champions: Ally Challenge	Golf	
<b>11:30 p.m.</b> European: KLM Open	Golf	
<b>SOCCER</b>		
<b>5 p.m.</b> Virginia at Duke	ESPNU	
<b>5:30 p.m.</b> Akron at Maryland	BTN	
<b>TENNIS</b>		
<b>Noon</b> USTA: Pro Circuit Cary	Tennis	
<b>9:30 p.m.</b> WTA: Japan Open	Tennis	
<b>1 a.m.</b> WTA: Zhengzhou, Nanchang	Tennis	
<b>VOLLEYBALL</b>		
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## Sullivan

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"If you go back 12, 13 months, it's just been marked by underachievement and uninspired play," he told the "Mully & Haugh Show." "And that applies to us in the front office too. Everyone is in this together. It's just been uninspired and unacceptable."

"This is clearly our chance to get it right. Like I said, we can't take that lightly."

Epstein presumably also was including Jason McLeod, who was bumped up to player personnel director Wednesday despite failing to draft and develop even one reliable pitcher in his eight years.

It pays to know the right people.

If this really is the front office's fault, Epstein probably should demote himself to general manager, as President Andy MacPhail did in 2000 after firing the clueless GM Ed Lynch and taking over dual responsibilities.

"Either I'm going to get it or it's going to kill me," MacPhail famously said. "Hopefully we're not presiding over a funeral in a few years."

MacPhail survived but couldn't get the job done. He ultimately handed it off to Jim Hendry, who built three playoffs teams in 2003, '07 and '08 before being let go by Chairman Tom Ricketts in 2011.

Epstein left an ugly environment in Boston to take the Cubs' newly created job as president of baseball operations, while Crane Kenney was moved over to president of wheelbarrow operations. Epstein promptly brought in his old Boston pals, GM Jed Hoyer and McLeod, while gradually changing the culture of the organization. The Cubs are now lumped in with the Yankees, Red Sox and Dodgers, where October is not only expected but demanded.

No one blames Epstein for trading Gleyber Torres to the Yankees for Aroldis Chapman in 2016. It led to the only championship in our lifetime, even if the Cubs gave up a perennial All-Star. For that he gets a lifetime pass, something White Sox fans somehow failed to give vice president Ken Williams after 2005.

But Epstein does deserve blame for trading Jorge Soler to the Royals for closer Wade Davis, giving up a potential 50-home run hitter for a one-season rental. And not making any significant changes after what he now admits was the Cubs' "uninspired" play last year also is on the boss.

Epstein doesn't need to worry about his job, but Maddon doesn't have that luxury. If his players continue their September slide, he'll be the one taking the fall, with the so-called "reckoning" to follow in November and December.



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**Not making any significant changes after what Epstein now admits was the Cubs' "uninspired" play last year also is on the boss.**

Maddon is not blameless, of course. His lineups and pitching decisions can be mind-boggling at times. But he also didn't sign or acquire any of the players who contributed to the "uninspired" atmosphere.

We might as well start the going-away party now. A shot and a beer for everyone this week. Put it on the media's tab, since we've spent the last five years portraying Maddon as a combination of Casey Stengel, Woody Guthrie and Steve Martin.

We're all guilty, so blame us too — except Kaplan, naturally. Maddon treated everyone with class, and we all had a lot of laughs. It'll be tough to see him yukking it up with the writers in New York or Philadelphia, but life goes on.

There's still a chance the Cubs can sneak into the postseason, upset the Nationals in the wild-card game, shock the Dodgers in the division series, win the pennant and head to the World Series against the Yankees or Astros.

Maddon presumably would have the last laugh if that happens. But the way this season has gone, that's an unlikely scenario.

No one believes the Cubs will go far in October, even if they get in. Epstein forever changed expectations surrounding this cursed franchise, and all it took was one championship. Now it's his curse to live with.

## CUBS

CUBS 4, PADRES 1

# Darvish helps Cubs keep pace in race

Surging pitcher strikes out 14 in 6 innings as team stays tied for playoff spot

BY MARK GONZALES

SAN DIEGO — Manager Joe Maddon eschewed a team meeting Thursday even after his Cubs fell into a tie with the resurgent Brewers for the second National League wild-card spot.

"I don't see where the benefit of a meeting would come in right now," said Maddon, who conducts three gatherings: before the season, around the All-Star break and before the start of the playoffs.

"I honestly don't. There's nothing new to be said."

And based on Yu Darvish's performance in the second half, the Cubs have hope for a fifth consecutive playoff berth even after they squandered their 3 1/2-game lead in the NL Central from five weeks ago and must hold off a Brewers team that trailed them by five games last week.

Darvish continued his mastery by striking out a season-high 14 and allowing only two hits in six innings. The Cubs held on for a 4-1 victory over the Padres and salvaged a split of their four-game series at Petco Park.

The sense of urgency was apparent, as Darvish's pitch count jumped from 72 to 110 in his second start (equaling a season high) since his turn in the rotation was skipped because of right forearm tightness.

"I did not want to jump to (that pitch count), but I did not want to take him out at this point," Maddon said.

Darvish said his forearm felt "totally fine" and downplayed how much command of his pitches he displayed.

"Right pitch in the right spot," Darvish said.

Darvish struck out at least 14 for the sixth time in his career. The previous five came in 2013 with the Rangers, including a career-high 15 strikeouts Aug. 12, 2013 against the Astros.

Darvish became the first Cubs right-hander to strike out at least 14 since Mark Prior fanned 14 against the Reds on Sept. 30, 2004.

Since having his Sept. 1 start scratched, Darvish has allowed five hits while striking out 21 in 11 innings. In his 11 second-half starts, Darvish has posted a 2.44 ERA with 93 strikeouts and six walks in 66 1/3 innings.

Darvish has pitched well enough to start the first game of the playoffs or a tiebreaker if the Cubs qualify. Maddon and Darvish haven't looked that far ahead.

"It depends how you get there," Maddon said. "It's something you start thinking about as you get closer to the finish line. But right now we don't (think about it)."

Darvish added: "You know me. I don't care. It's always my focus to do my job, throw strikes, right pitch in right situation. That's it."

Besides, after blowing their leads in the division and wild-card races, the Cubs must remain focused on winning now and not looking ahead.

"We got to win Friday," first baseman Anthony Rizzo said on the eve of a 10-game homestand against the Pirates, Reds and Cardinals. "Simple as that."

With Ben Zobrist nursing a sore right knee, Rizzo batted leadoff for the third time this season and gave the Cubs a much-needed spark by drawing a leadoff walk, moving to third on a hit by Kyle Schwarber and scoring on a sacrifice fly by Kris Bryant.

That was the only support Darvish needed, as his wide array of pitches tickled the strike zone and allowed him to retire the first eight batters before pitcher Dinelson Lamet hit a single off Darvish's foot.

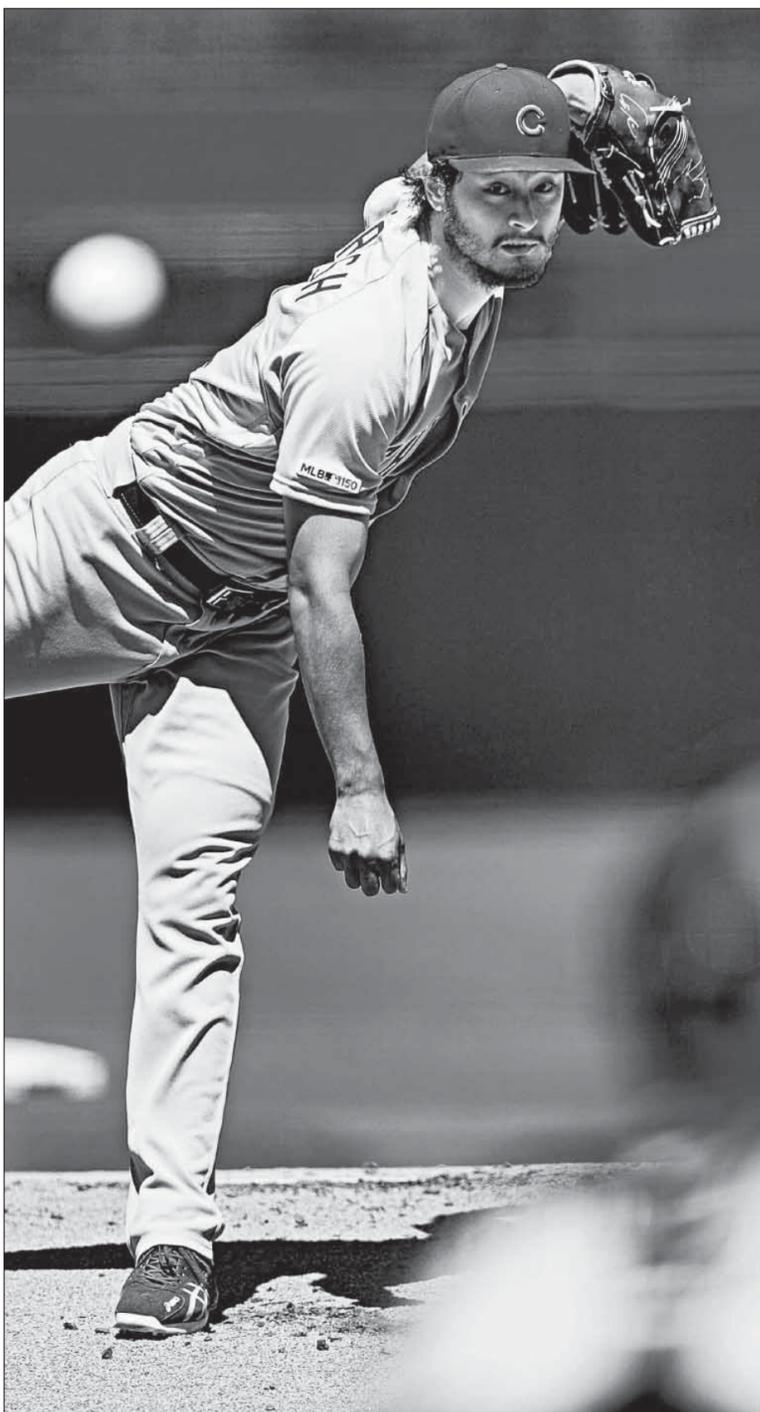
Darvish earned his last eight outs on strikeouts, and they came in a timely manner. After allowing walks to Ty France and Luis Urias in the fifth, Darvish struck out pinch-hitter Manuel Margot to end the threat.

That marked the first time Darvish issued two walks in a start since June 26 against the Braves.

In the ninth, Cubs reliever Rowan Wick hit pinch-hitter Manny Machado with the bases loaded and two outs. Wick froze Urias on a curve to end the game.

The victory provided a calming effect one day after the Cubs were caught by the Brewers.

"Everyone likes anger at these moments or being upset," Maddon said. "It's just not the right way to do things."



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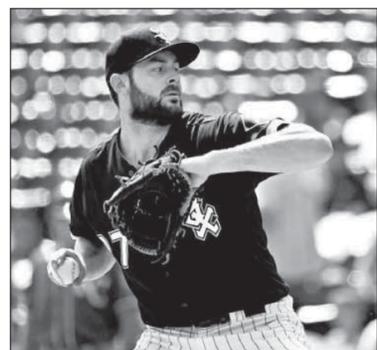
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Yu Darvish, celebrating with catcher Victor Caratini, above, struck out 14 batters in six innings, including Ty France, middle, in the second inning.

## WHITE SOX



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Lucas Giolito delivers a pitch during the first inning against the Royals on Thursday at Guaranteed Rate Field.

ROYALS 6, WHITE SOX 3

## K mark set, but Giolito then KO'ed

After striking out 8 straight, he gets burned by 3-run HR

BY LAMOND POPE

Lucas Giolito struck out Whit Merrifield to begin the third inning.

It started one of the most impressive stretches of the season for the White Sox ace. Giolito struck out eight consecutive Royals from the third to the fifth inning.

He also surrendered two home runs Thursday afternoon, including a three-run blast by Hunter Dozier in the sixth, in a 6-3 loss in front of 13,838 at Guaranteed Rate Field.

"That was a good stretch," Giolito said. "(It) just would've been nice if I could've continued it through the end of my outing. But unfortunately I gave it up there."

In six innings, Giolito (14-9) allowed only five hits and one walk, but the Royals capitalized for five earned runs.

Jorge Soler gave the Royals a 1-0 lead in the first with a 446-foot blast, his 44th homer of the season. Erick Mejia added a sacrifice fly in the second, and Dozier's shot after a Merrifield walk and Soler's single broke a 2-2 tie in the sixth.

Giolito struck out 12. It's his sixth game with at least 10 strikeouts this season, tied for the fourth-most in Sox history.

"The stuff was good — good fastball (and) changeup," Sox manager Rick Renteria said. "In the second inning his velocity was down, and in the third inning it was back up again. But obviously the eight strikeouts in a row shows you the ability he has to shut down the offense."

Giolito's eight consecutive strikeouts broke the team's previous mark of seven held by Carlos Rodon (Sept. 30, 2016, against the Twins) and Joe Cowley (May 28, 1986, against the Rangers). The streak approached Tom Seaver's major-league record of 10 straight strikeouts for the Mets against the Padres on April 22, 1979.

Nicky Lopez ended the streak by grounding out to shortstop Tim Anderson to end the fifth.

"He really locked it in there for those middle innings," Sox catcher James McCann said of Giolito.

Giolito has 228 strikeouts, the seventh-most in a season for a Sox pitcher.

"I was in a groove, pretty much fully confident in every pitch I was throwing," Giolito said. "Like I knew the result before I threw the pitch, that kind of feeling. When you have that feeling as a pitcher, you want to ride it out as long as you can."

"Unfortunately I didn't carry it into the sixth. Ended up losing the game; that's all that matters in the end. It was a tough loss."

Giolito hasn't won a home game since June 30 against the Twins. He is 0-5 with a 5.49 ERA in his last seven starts at Guaranteed Rate Field.

"I thought I should've come out the first couple of innings more aggressive, better tempo and rhythm," Giolito said. "(I) didn't really figure it out until the third. And then the three-run homer at the end, that was the location that I wanted, probably just the wrong pitch."

The Sox lost despite collecting 11 hits. Anderson went 2-for-5 and leads the American League with a .333 average. Jose Abreu had one RBI, giving him an AL-leading 115.

Daniel Palka legged out a single in the sixth, his second hit in 57 at-bats this season. He snapped a 0-for-21 streak. Both of his hits have come against the Royals.

"He's had some better at-bats and put some better contact," Renteria said of Palka. "In time they all just balance out. Hopefully that's the beginning of it and we can finish off the next couple of weeks when he gets those at-bats to have some more fall in."

Yoan Moncada went 3-for-5 from the leadoff spot, and McCann added two hits. Leury Garcia pinch hit for Palka in the seventh; he came up with the bases loaded in the seventh and ninth and struck out both times. The Sox left 12 runners on base to the Royals' three.

The defeat ensured a seventh consecutive losing season for the Sox (64-82). They haven't had a winning record since 2012, but Giolito is confident better times are ahead.

"We're just scratching the surface now of how good we can be," Giolito said. "We show flashes, but the biggest thing is consistency, and we're starting to see guys become more and more consistent for us. I think the biggest thing is going to be defense and pitching."

"If defense and pitching is consistent, I think we're going to win a lot of ballgames next year."

## Zobrist likely to return to starting lineup Saturday

BY MARK GONZALES

SAN DIEGO — The pain in Ben Zobrist's right knee might subside enough for the switch hitter to return to the Cubs lineup, but that likely won't happen before Saturday.

That's because the Cubs are scheduled to face Pirates left-hander Steven Brault, who held them to two hits in seven innings Aug. 17, in Friday's series opener. Manager Joe Maddon is leaning toward starting more right-handed hitters against him.

"It's difficult," Maddon said. "We want to put our best group out there, but (facing) a left-hander and getting home at midnight, we might want to throw a couple righties in there against Brault. He's going to be tough."

After Thursday's 4-1 win, Maddon said Anthony Rizzo would bat leadoff for the second consecutive game on Friday.

Zobrist hasn't started the last two games. He pinch-hit for Yu Darvish in the seventh Thursday against the Padres and grounded into a fielder's choice that drove in the

Cubs' fourth run.

Meanwhile, shortstop Addison Russell will be examined Friday by a team doctor. Maddon said Russell continues to feel better after he was beamed Sunday by Adrian Houser of the Brewers and was placed in the concussion protocol.

Closer Craig Kimbrel told a team official he felt fine after throwing his first bullpen session since being placed on the injured list Sept. 2 because of right elbow inflammation. Kimbrel declined to talk to reporters after the session.

BASEBALL

American League

Table with columns: EAST, CENTRAL, WEST, W, L, PCT, GB, WCGB, L10, STR, HOME, AWAY. Lists team performance for American League divisions.

x-clinched division; late games noted below

FRIDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

Table with columns: NATIONAL LEAGUE, AMERICAN LEAGUE, TEAM PITCHER, TIME, W-L, ERA, TR, W-L, IP, ERA, W-L, IP, ERA. Lists probable pitchers for Friday's games.

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.

VS: Opp's record versus this opponent, 2019 statistics.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Kansas City 6, Chi. White Sox 3
G1: N.Y. Yankees 10, Detroit 4
G2: N.Y. Yankees 6, Detroit 4
L.A. Dodgers 4, Baltimore 2
Boston 7, Toronto 4
Texas 6, Tampa Bay 4
Oakland 3, Houston 2
Washington 12, Minnesota 6
Cincinnati 11, Seattle 5

SATURDAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, 2:07
Baltimore at Detroit, 5:10
Boston at Philadelphia, 6:05
Minnesota at Cleveland, 6:10
Houston at Kansas City, 6:15
Oakland at Texas, 7:05
Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels, 8:07
Chicago White Sox at Seattle, 8:10

BOX SCORES

METS 11, DIAMONDBACKS 1

Box score for Mets vs Diamondbacks. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

ARIZONA

Box score for Arizona vs NY Mets. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

ROYALS 6, WHITE SOX 3

Box score for Royals vs White Sox. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

KANSAS CITY

Box score for Kansas City vs Chicago White Sox. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

WHITE SOX

Box score for White Sox vs Kansas City. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

BREWERS 3, MARLINS 2

Box score for Brewers vs Marlins. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

MILWAUKEE

Box score for Milwaukee vs Miami. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

GAME 10, TIGERS 4

Box score for Detroit vs NY Yankees. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

DETROIT

Box score for Detroit vs Yankees. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

DETROIT

Box score for Detroit vs Yankees. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

CUBS 4, PADRES 1

Box score for Cubs vs Padres. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

CHI CUBS

Box score for Chicago Cubs vs San Diego. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

GAME 2, TIGERS 4

Box score for Detroit vs NY Yankees. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

NY YANKEES

Box score for NY Yankees vs Detroit. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

DETROIT

Box score for Detroit vs Yankees. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

National League

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MARK BROWN/GETTY

Ryan Braun flashes Christian Yelich's number "22" after hitting a two-run homer.

BREWERS 3, MARLINS 2

Crew extends win streak to 7

Associated Press
MIAMI — Ryan Braun hit a tiebreaking two-run homer and the Brewers beat the Marlins 3-2 on Thursday to complete a four-game sweep that extended their winning streak to seven.
The Brewers matched their longest winning streak this season and remained tied for the second NL wild card with the Cubs. The Brewers (78-68) are 10 games over .500 for the first time since June.
Before the game, the Brewers said star Christian Yelich wouldn't need surgery on his broken right kneecap but was unlikely to return this season.
"Whatever within our picture is keep playing well," manager Craig Counsell said. "The other stuff doesn't matter right now. Keep playing like the past week, we're going to put ourselves in a good spot."
Gio Gonzalez and four relievers retired the Marlins' final 18 batters after Lewis Brinson's run-scoring single in the fourth. Freddy Peralta (6-3) struck out three in two innings, and Josh Hader struck out two for his 31st save in 37 chances.

AROUND THE HORN

Angels: Shohei Ohtani will miss the rest of the season to have surgery on his left kneecap. Ohtani will need eight to 12 weeks to recover. The 2018 AL rookie of the year didn't pitch this season after undergoing Tommy John surgery but is expected to pitch and hit in 2020. Ohtani finishes his second major-league season batting .286 with 18 HRs and 62 RBIs.
Mets: Juan Lagares hit a grand slam and a two-run shot as the Mets set a team record with six HRs and routed the D'backs 11-1 for a four-game sweep. Michael Conforto hit his 30th HR, Todd Frazier connected for the third time in the series and Robinson Cano and Tomas Nido also went deep. Marcus Stroman (8-14) allowed one run on four hits in 6 1/3. The Mets won for the ninth time in 13 games and stayed two back of the second NL wild-card spot. The D'backs lost their fifth straight.
Yankees: All-Star C Gary Sanchez became the team's latest injury concern when he left the second game of the Yankees' double-header sweep of the Tigers with tightness in his left groin. Sanchez exited in the fourth inning of the 6-4 win in Game 2. Edwin Encarnacion left the first game, a 10-4 victory, with an oblique problem. CC Sabathia pitched into the fourth inning of Game 2 in his return from the injured list. Aaron Judge and Gio Urshela hit two-run HRs in the second game. ... RHP Luis Severino, sidelined with shoulder inflammation and then a strained lat, is scheduled to make his 2019 debut Tuesday against the Angels.
Cardinals: Dexter Fowler and Kolten Wong opened the game with successive home runs and the Cardinals connected five times to beat the Rockies 10-3. Marcell Ozuna, Rangel Ravelo and Harrison Bader also homered for the Cards, who lead the NL Central by four games. Nolan Arenado homered and doubled to drive in a pair of runs for the Rockies.
Dodgers: Rich Hill struggled with his control in his first start since June 19, and the Dodgers broke a sixth-inning tie by scoring two runs on a passed ball in a 4-2 victory over the Orioles. After 12 weeks on the IL with a strained left forearm, Hill was supposed to go two innings in his first step toward becoming a postseason contributor for the NL West champs. Instead, the 39-year-old lefty failed to make it out of the first after missing the strike zone on 13 of 27 pitches.
Phillies: Cesar Hernandez hit one of four the Phillies' HRs and added an RBI single in a 9-5 victory over the NL East-leading Braves. J.T. Realmuto, Jean Segura and Adam Haseley also went deep for the Phillies, who remained two games behind the Cubs and Brewers for the second NL wild-card spot.
Extra innings: Yu Darvish struck out a season-high 14 in six two-hit innings and the Cubs beat the Padres 4-1 to remain tied with the Brewers for the NL's second wild-card spot. ... All-Star closer Brad Hand likely will be unavailable for the Indians' series against the AL Central-leading Twins this weekend. Hand, second in the AL with 34 saves, has been nursing what the team calls "a tired arm."

RED SOX 7, BLUE JAYS 4

Box score for Red Sox vs Blue Jays. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

BOSTON

Box score for Boston vs Toronto. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

PHILLIES 9, BRAVES 5

Box score for Phillies vs Braves. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

ATLANTA

Box score for Atlanta vs Philadelphia. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

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DODGERS 4, ORIOLES 2

Box score for Dodgers vs Orioles. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

LOS ANGELES

Box score for Los Angeles vs Baltimore. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

NATIONALS 12, TWINS 6

Box score for Nationals vs Washington. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

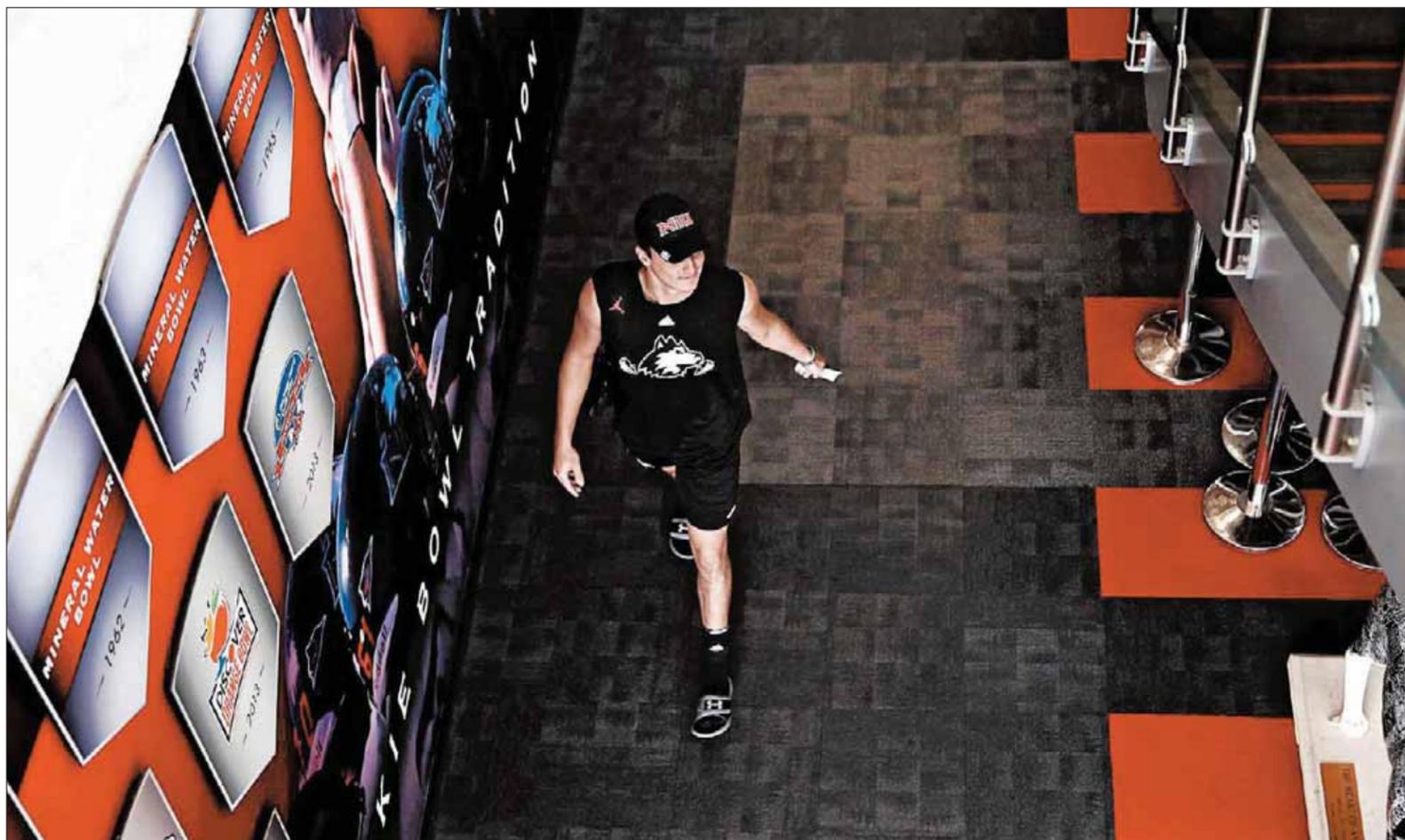
WASHINGTON

Box score for Washington vs Minnesota. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

MINNESOTA

Box score for Minnesota vs Washington. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding stats.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL



# Huskies prepare the hard way

NIU, from Page 1

## 8:30 a.m.: Staff meeting

Associate athletic trainer Heath Duncan opens with injury updates on a half-dozen players, including one dealing with the effects of diabetes.

The discussion turns to Friday/Saturday scheduling: When is best to squeeze in an extra special teams meeting at the team hotel in Omaha, Neb.?

"Our guys are shot Friday night," one coach says of a day that will include morning classes, a walk-through, two bus rides and a chartered flight out of Rockford at 4:15 p.m.

The meeting will be held after Saturday's 9 a.m. breakfast. The pregame meal is at 1 p.m., six hours before kickoff, and pasta and salad will be served at 3:10. Three meals in a seven-hour span?

"They're football players," football operations chief Dan Wolfe explains.

Hammock is all business in the meeting, powering through topics like he powered through holes while rushing for 2,432 yards as a Huskie in 1999-2002. Hammock sits at the head of the table, facing 11 assistant coaches and a handful of staffers.

"Keep stressing the importance of special teams with your guys," he proclaims. "We're going to need some guys to step up. When we as coaches start making excuses for players, that shows inadequacies as a coach.

"We can't be making excuses: He's not feeling great ... he's not this or that. That can't be part of our program. If a player comes to you and makes an excuse, what are you going to say? You're not going to accept it. So why would we accept it as coaches? That makes no sense to me."

Hammock grew up a Yankees fan in Jersey City, N.J., until the family left those mean streets in favor of Fort Wayne, Ind.

He twice earned Academic All-America honors at NIU before apprenticing under Barry Alvarez and Bret Bielema at Wisconsin and Tim Brewster at Minnesota. In 2014 the Ravens' John Harbaugh put him through eight hours of interviews and wouldn't let him leave until he signed on as running backs coach.

Hammock coaxed a 1,200-yard rushing season out of Justin Forsett in 2014 and more than 1,700 yards in 2017 from the combination of Alex Collins, Javorius Allen and Terrance West, journeymen who survived on crumbs.

"When I didn't have anybody, I had some crumbs," Hammock tells his coaches. "I never made an excuse. I coached them up. We have to make sure we demand exactly what we want from each and every person. That's where I'm at. If we want to be great, we have to demand greatness."

The room falls silent.

"I think we've got the plan to get it done, I really do," he says. "We have to have the urgency. We have to make it a four-quarter football game. We can't give up anything cheap on defense or on special teams. We can't let the crowd get into it, and we have to hold the ball on offense."

Hammock pivots to recruiting. To his right is a giant white board with more than 100 names and photos of recruits listed by position and order of preference.

Those on a green card have verbally committed. A yellow card means the player has been offered a scholarship. White means he's "in the wings" — waiting for an offer. One player has a blue card, designating a blueshirt: arrive as a walk-on, scholarship in Year 2.

"We're gonna need a Utah back," Hammock says.

That's a reference to Utah's Zack Moss, the 222-pound beast who averaged 6.1 yards per carry last season. Moss scored twice Saturday when NIU lost to the 13th-ranked Utes 35-17 to fall to 1-1.

Players sometimes break huddles saying, "Family!" or "Hard way!" The coaches break when Hammock barks out, "Ready on one ... READY!"

They all pound the table with their fists.



Northern Illinois quarterback Ross Bowers, top, walks through the Yordon Center before practice; Huskies coach Thomas Hammock yells to his players at Huskie Stadium on Wednesday.

JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

## 2:10 p.m.: Special teams

Before heading in to the meeting, Hammock says of his goal for Wednesday afternoon: "We want a clean, physical practice. Tuesday is our first (of the week), Wednesday is cleaner and then Thursday we're smoking."

The heat index is hovering around 90 degrees, but the Huskies will pass on climate control in favor of being outside.

"We're developing toughness," Hammock says. "We do it) the hard way."

## 3:15 p.m.: Practice prep

Linebacker Antonio Jones-Davis will be rooting for one Nebraska player: his cousin and close childhood friend Alex Davis, who is also a linebacker. The two practically grew up together in South Florida.

Does Jones-Davis wish Davis played on offense?

"To hit him?" he replies. "Nah, it's better this way so we can both show our talents."

Defensive tackle Jack Heflin speaks of his respect for Hammock, whom he calls "honest and humble."

"He tells you how he feels," Heflin says. "He says: 'You want to play in the NFL? You have to start acting like it. You have to start playing like it. I've been there and I know what it takes. If you need help, I've got you. Every day you have to carry yourself like a professional athlete.'"

Quarterback Ross Bowers transferred from California as a graduate student and beat out incumbent Marcus Childers. He has passed for 528 yards in two games with a 64.5 completion rate.

But the numbers are not why he got publicity from the likes of Deadspin.

When Bowers smells the goal line on a scramble, he leaps headfirst directly into the defender. He did it in high school and stuck the landing. Did it again in 2017 at Cal for what ESPN tweeted was a "jaw-dropping touchdown."

"It's fun to do something that makes it look like I have some type of athletic ability," he jokes.

Bowers did it again Saturday. He went charging to the goal line on third-and-6 from the Utah 9 and somersaulted into the paint for NIU's first score.

"I'd prefer he keep his feet on the ground," Hammock says. "That's (risking) a tailbone."

OK, but what did he tell Bowers? "Good touchdown," Hammock says before belly-laughing.

Acrobatics are in Bowers' DNA. His mother, Joanne, is the women's gymnastics coach at San Jose State.

"Many days and nights were spent in my mom's gym with all my buddies on the trampoline," he says. "I got comfortable being in the air."

"She said this last one wasn't very graceful. She hits me with 'Why haven't you done a double?'"

## 3:55 p.m.: Walk-through

As players march from the locker room to the field, they pat a sculpture of a giant husky outside the north end zone. They rehearse several plays. Think of it as practice for practice.

The music cranks, starting with "Pick Up the Phone" by Young Thug and Travis Scott, featuring Quavo.

Players gather at midfield to circle around senior safety Mykelti Williams. He's pumped. He's yelling. But I can't hear a thing.

This message is reserved for his inner circle.

## 9:30 a.m.: Offense meeting

A sign over the meeting room states, "Get your pads down and go get a yard!"

It's apropos for the focus of the meeting: short-yardage work. After the Huskies failed to convert a fourth-and-1 at Utah's 48 in the third quarter, they never scored again.

Coaches use a laser pointer to dissect Nebraska's goal-line defense by analyzing clips from Cornhuskers games against teams such as Michigan, Illinois, Ohio State and South Alabama. Some plays are re-wound and rewatched more than 50 times.

If that doesn't give you a sense of how exacting football can be, this should: One of the dozens of plays, altered slightly for public consumption, carries this name: Blue Yank Tribe B Rt Zu 62 Chip Lure Pony.

Not even Bill Belichick could steal that one. OK, maybe he could.

## 11:30 a.m.: TV call

FS1 is broadcasting Saturday's game with play-by-play man Justin Kutcher and analysts Petros Papadakis and Shane Vereen.

Papadakis leads the conference call, getting information for the broadcast. When he tells Hammock he was a great back, the coach replies: "You've got a great back as an analyst. I coached against Shane Vereen."

After the call Hammock says: "If you've played that position, you understand exactly what he went through. Especially when you're good enough to go to the NFL, those guys get beat up. There's a natural respect for those guys."

"Sometimes people take running backs coaches for granted. They're involved in every aspect of an offense — running game, passing game and protections. We are experts at all three phases."

## Noon: Lunch

The coaches get discretionary time from noon to 2 p.m., allowing for lunch and a workout. (Their typical midweek workday starts before 7 a.m. and ends after 8 p.m.)

NIU athletic director Sean Frazier fills the void, playing host at Fanatico, his favorite local Italian restaurant. Over a chicken Caesar salad (he's trying to slim down), Frazier recounts how Hammock stayed in touch with the NIU community after going off to Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Ravens.

Hammock and Frazier worked together in Madison, Wis., forming a bond. After Frazier was chosen to lead NIU's athletic department in 2013, Hammock told him two things:

■ "Don't jack my alma mater up." ("Jack" being a nice form of an expletive.)

■ And "That is my dream job, to be coach of NIU."

When Rod Carey left for Temple in January — a seemingly lateral move that nonetheless doubled his salary to about \$2 million — Frazier asked Alvarez if Hammock was ready.

"Absolutely," Alvarez told him. "This is his place. He will put it on his shoulders and run through the wall."

Frazier loved that Hammock had received NFL analytics training under Harbaugh. And he observed Hammock's recruiting skills at Wisconsin.

"He is authentic, matter of fact," Frazier says. "In this day and age where you have a bunch of car salesmen, he is not that guy. Recruiting is a business proposition, and he can talk about all the reasons why someone should be a Huskie. He can do it because he played here."

Two years ago — Sept. 16, 2017, to be precise — Frazier was in a suite at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Neb. As the remaining minutes melted into seconds, he heard a chant he could not believe: "N-I-U! N-I-U!"

The Huskies were closing in on a 21-17 victory over Nebraska, completing a stretch of four victories in five games against Big Ten competition.

Frazier's feeling at that moment? "Overwhelming," he replies.

## 2 p.m.: A player meeting

Freshman tailback Rondarius Gregory is in Hammock's office, asking why he's not among the 76 players traveling to Nebraska. Gregory did make the Utah trip as a reward for being named one of the top scout players in last week's practice.

"You want some sugar, huh?" Hammock asks.

Hammock tells Gregory he needs to get bigger and stronger and that, barring injuries, he is likely to be redshirted. He also delivers some good news: Gregory, who is from Nashville, Tenn., will travel for the Sept. 28 game at Vanderbilt and see his family.

Asked about his bluntness, Hammock says: "I always appreciated people being honest with me. That's my coaching style. Agree or disagree, I'll always be honest."

## COLLEGES

## GAMES TO WATCH

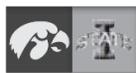
BY MATT MURSCHER | Orlando Sentinel

**Stanford (1-1)  
at No. 17 UCF (2-0)**

2:30 p.m. Saturday, ESPN  
UCF has won 27 out of its last 28 games, including 16 straight at home dating to 2016. Stanford defeated the Knights 31-7 at home in 2015. It is the first time since 2006 Stanford has gone on the road as an unranked team facing a ranked nonconference opponent in the regular season. UCF is looking to notch a home nonconference win over a Power 5 opponent for the second consecutive season (Pittsburgh).

**No. 24 USC (2-0)  
at BYU (1-1)**

2:30 p.m. Saturday, ABC-7  
USC quarterback Kedon Slovis was impressive during his first college start, completing 34 of 41 passes for 434 yards and three touchdowns in a 25-point rout of Stanford last week. But the Trojans have to overcome their road woes, having lost four of their last six games away from Los Angeles dating to last season. BYU is set to face its second of three Pac-12 opponents this season after losing the opener to Utah.

**No. 19 Iowa (2-0)  
at Iowa State (1-0)**

3 p.m. Saturday, FS1  
Iowa has dominated this rivalry of late, having won four straight and seven of the last 10 meetings with Iowa State. The Hawkeyes have been one of the stingiest teams in the Big Ten, allowing just 14 points and 370 yards during the team's first two games. The Cyclones, who survived a scare against Northern Iowa in the opener, allowed just 34 yards and an average of 1.1 yards per carry on the ground against the Panthers.

**No. 9 Florida (2-0)  
at Kentucky (2-0)**

6 p.m. Saturday, ESPN  
Florida's 31-game win streak against Kentucky was snapped last season as the Wildcats' Terry Wilson threw for 256 yards and three touchdowns in a 27-16 win over the Gators in the Swamp. But Wilson is out for the year after suffering a torn patellar tendon in his left knee last week. Florida leads the nation in sacks with 15, including a season-high 10 against Miami in the season opener in Orlando.

**No. 5 Oklahoma (2-0)  
at UCLA (0-2)**

7 p.m. Saturday, FOX-32  
While Oklahoma is a heavy favorite in this one, keep an eye on Sooners quarterback Jalen Hurts. The Alabama transfer leads the nation in passing efficiency (252.3) and yards per pass (14.4) and is tied for third in points responsible for with 54 during the first two games. UCLA, which ranks near the bottom in scoring and total offense, is looking to avoid an 0-3 start for the second consecutive year.

# Back where he belongs

Brown's UNC return pushed by his wife and his desire to rediscover 'joy of coaching'

BY JOHN FEINSTEIN  
Special to The Washington Post

If you ask Mack Brown when he knew he wanted to coach again, his answer is exact: Aug. 10, 2018. If you ask him who made it clear to him that he should coach again, his answer is equally exact: His wife, Sally.

On Friday night, Brown, 68, will be on the North Carolina sideline at Wake Forest, coaching the 2-0 Tar Heels against the 2-0 Demon Deacons. A year ago, he would have been working the game from the press box as ESPN's color commentator.

"I'm pretty sure Adam Amin, my partner the last two years, will say to me, 'Are you crazy? Your biggest concern tonight should be our open,'" Brown said, laughing. "Maybe he's right, but honestly I'll be exactly where I want to be, where I belong."

Brown's road to that sideline began six years ago, when he resigned as the coach at Texas after 16 seasons that included a national championship and nine straight seasons with at least 10 wins. The Longhorns had gone 5-7 in 2010 — one year after losing to Alabama in the national championship game — but had won eight, nine and eight games the next three seasons.

Not good enough. Not good enough for many of Texas' impatient boosters, but, more important, not good enough for Brown.

"I'd lost the joy of coaching," he said this week. "There were times after a win when I was shouting at my assistants leaving the field because I wasn't happy with the way we'd played. I had lost what I started out to be in coaching. Someone who had a positive effect on ... my players. Don't get me wrong, I always wanted to win, but, after we'd won and won and won, it became more about not wanting to lose than enjoying wins. It was definitely time to step away."

Brown was 63 and had won 244 games at four schools: Appalachian State, Tulane, North Carolina and Texas. He was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame last year. As it turned out, it was that election that led Brown back to Chapel Hill.

Brown said Hall of Fame chief executive Steve Hatchell "suggested that, before I was inducted, I should try to spend some time thanking the people who had made this possible. I decided to go back to see people — especially players and coaches — who I'd worked with along the way."

And so it was, on Aug. 10, that Brown found himself back in Chapel Hill, renewing friendships with many of those he had coached there.

"When the day was over, Sally said to me she now knew two things for certain," Brown said. "The first was that it was always important to know exactly what you were saying when talking to



CHRIS SEWARD/AP

young people because, clearly, it impacted them. The second was that there was clearly a void in my life. She said, 'You've always been a fixer. You've got nothing to fix right now.'"

After leaving Texas, Brown had been contacted by schools to gauge whether he'd be interested in returning to coach. "I couldn't get out of my mind how miserable I'd been at the end of 10-win seasons," he said. "I'd gone from passion to obsession the last few years at Texas. I didn't want to put myself through that again."

After the Chapel Hill trip, he sat his wife down and said, "If you're serious that I should coach again, where would you be willing to go? She said there were three places: Hawaii, the Bahamas and Carolina. I told her the Bahamas didn't have a team. She said, 'Well, maybe we could start one.'"

The other two places seemed unlikely to have a coaching vacancy anytime soon: Nick Rolovich was going into his third season and had Hawaii turned in the right direction. North Carolina's Larry Fedora was coming off a 3-9 season but had just signed a five-year, \$15 million contract.

Brown went back to working ESPN games and watched as UNC had another disappointing season, going 2-9. Fedora was under pressure, not only because of the team's record but because of comments he had made during the preseason ACC media days in which he had said, among other things, that it hadn't been proven that football caused CTE and that football might be pushed, "so far



GRANT HALVERSON/GETTY

Coach Mack Brown has North Carolina riding high with a 2-0 record after the first two games of his second stint at the school.

to one extreme that you won't recognize the game 10 years from now." Then he added, "I do believe if it gets to that point our country will go down."

A coach could probably survive making comments like that if he had gone 9-3 and then 9-2, but not after following up 3-9 with 2-9. Even though the school would have to pay Fedora \$12 million to not coach, athletic director Bubba Cunningham fired him the day after the season ended.

That night, he called Brown. Brown told Cunningham he had no interest in interviewing for the job. "I wasn't going to be out there in the media as 'one of five' (candidates) and wade through all of that," he said. "I told Bubba that and he said, 'I'm offering you the job right now.'"

Naturally, he had to check with Sally. He'd met the location crite-

ria. She had one more requirement: "You can't get as upset about losses, or even unconvincing wins, as you did the last few years at Texas."

Brown agreed. Two days later he was back at the place where he'd coached for 10 years, beginning in 1988, and had first made a national name for himself.

His first two Tar Heels teams went 1-10. By 1996, the Tar Heels were 10-2 and then went 10-1 in the 1997 regular season, leading to Brown being offered the Texas job. With new coach Carl Torbush in charge for that season's Gator Bowl, UNC destroyed Virginia Tech 42-3. A headline in a newsletter devoted to UNC athletics said, "Who needs Mack Brown?"

Twenty-one years later — after going through five coaches; an embarrassing NCAA investigation that led to 16 wins being vacated

**"It became more about not wanting to lose than enjoying wins."**

— Mack Brown on resigning as Texas coach in December 2013

and 11 losing seasons, including the two seasons of vacated wins — it turned out that UNC needed Mack Brown ... again.

After UNC opened the season with a come-from-behind win over South Carolina, Brown danced for his players in the locker room after choking up in a TV interview. A week later, the Tar Heels scored the winning touchdown with 1:01 left to beat a Miami team it lost to 47-10 a year ago. After Wake Forest on Friday, comes a home game against Appalachian State and then ... Clemson. In Chapel Hill, they're already talking about it being a national TV game between two unbeaten.

"I hear that talk," Brown said. "You bet it concerns me. These players aren't used to this. We've already won as many games as last season. They have to understand they can't let down even a little bit or we'll lose."

And, if they do, can Brown handle it? He laughed. "Well, the first loss hasn't come yet, but it will," he said. "That will be the test. I think I can handle it. At least, I better."

If he doesn't, he'll have to answer to Sally. That undoubtedly frightens him more than the notion of losing.

## DEPAUL BASKETBALL

## Blue Demons negotiating to keep Leitao through '23-24 season

BY SHANNON RYAN

DePaul on Thursday announced it is in negotiations to extend coach Dave Leitao's contract through the 2023-24 season.

The university did not release financial terms of the negotiations. Leitao's contract was set to expire after the 2019-20 season.

Rumors have swirled about Leitao's status since the program was hit with NCAA penalties this

offseason and some key players changed their minds about attending DePaul.

The NCAA put DePaul on three years of probation for a recruiting violation and suspended Leitao from coaching the first three games of the upcoming season.

DePaul strongly defended Leitao after the NCAA's ruling and expressed disappointment in the committee.

"This infraction was an isolated

incident directed and then concealed by a former staff member that resulted in, at most, a limited recruiting advantage relative to one former student-athlete," the July statement read.

DePaul said it self-reported the incident in January 2018.

"Coach Leitao is a man of character and integrity who has the support of the administration in leading our men's basketball program," DePaul's statement added.

The Division I Committee on Infractions found an associate head coach violated NCAA ethical-conduct rules by directing a former assistant director of basketball operations to provide impermissible benefits to a recruit. The committee ruled that Leitao violated his head coaching responsibility by not stopping the violation and that "a culture of silence pervaded the program" and allowed the violation to occur.

The news gave frustrated DePaul fans another reason to groan. The Blue Demons have not been to the NCAA Tournament since 2004, the second season of Leitao's initial three-year stint. He is entering the fifth season of his second stint with the Blue Demons, who last season posted their first winning record (19-17) since 2006-07.

Leitao has an overall record of 106-116 at DePaul.

# SCOREBOARD

NFL											
AFC											
EAST											
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Buffalo	1	0	0	1.000	17	16	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
New England	1	0	0	1.000	33	3	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
N.Y. Jets	0	1	0	.000	16	17	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0
Miami	0	1	0	.000	10	59	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
SOUTH											
	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Tennessee	1	0	0	1.000	43	13	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Houston	0	1	0	.000	28	30	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	24	30	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Jacksonville	0	1	0	.000	26	40	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
NORTH											
	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	59	10	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	20	21	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	13	43	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	3	33	0-0-0	0-1-0	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	1-0-0
Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	40	26	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	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	0-0-0
Denver	0	1	0	.000	16	24	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0
NFC											
EAST											
	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	NFC	AFC	DIV
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	35	17	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	32	27	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
Washington	0	1	0	.000	27	32	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	17	35	0-0-0	0-1-0	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	0-0-0
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	.500	37	45	0-1-0	1-0-0	1-1-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	12	28	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Carolina	0	2	0	.000	41	50	0-2-0	0-0-0	0-2-0	0-0-0	0-1-0
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	0-0-0	1-0-0
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	28	12	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Detroit	0	0	1	.500	27	27	0-0-0	0-0-1	0-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	3	10	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0
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	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	0-0-0
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	21	20	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
Arizona	0	0	1	.500	27	27	0-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0

**THURSDAY'S RESULT**  
Tampa Bay 20, Carolina 14  
**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  
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.

**SOCCER**

**MLS**

EASTERN										
	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA				
x-N.Y. City FC	15	5	9	54	54	36				
Philadelphia	15	8	6	51	54	42				
Atlanta	10	3	4	48	47	33				
Toronto FC	11	10	9	42	50	47				
D.C. United	11	10	9	42	39	38				
N.Y. Red Bulls	12	12	5	41	47	44				
New England	10	10	9	39	42	49				
Montreal	11	15	4	37	42	56				
Orlando City	9	13	8	35	37	41				
Chicago	8	12	10	34	44	43				
Columbus	8	15	7	31	33	44				
Cincinnati	5	21	3	18	29	72				
WESTERN										
	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA				
x-Los Angeles FC	19	4	6	63	63	32				
Real Salt Lake	14	11	4	46	41	36				
Seattle	13	9	7	46	46	45				
Minnesota	13	10	6	45	46	39				
San Jose	13	11	5	44	48	44				
Portland	13	11	4	43	45	41				
FC Dallas	12	10	7	43	47	38				
LA Galaxy	13	13	3	42	42	47				
Sporting KC	10	12	7	37	42	47				
Colorado	10	14	6	36	49	55				
Houston	10	15	4	34	40	49				
Vancouver	6	15	9	27	30	53				

*x-clinched playoff berth*

**SATURDAY'S MATCHES**  
San Jose at N.Y. City FC, 11:30 a.m.  
FC Dallas at Chicago, 2:30 p.m.  
Columbus at Atlanta, 6 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.  
New England at Orlando City, 6:30 p.m.  
Los Angeles FC at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.  
Houston at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

**NWSL**

	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	4	14	2	14	20	41

**FRIDAY'S MATCH**  
Utah FC at Houston, 7:30 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.

**WNBA PLAYOFFS**

**SUNDAY, RD. 2 (Single elimination)**  
#6 Seattle at #3 Los Angeles, 2 p.m.  
#5 Chicago at #4 Las Vegas, 4 p.m.

**GOLF**

**PGA THE GREENBRIER**  
1st of 4 rds; at The Old White TPC; White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.; 7,292 yds; Par 70  
**62 (-8)**  
Robby Shelton 29-33  
**64 (-6)**  
Scott Harrington 31-33  
Mark Hubbard 32-32  
Kevin Na 32-32  
Lanto Griffin 31-33  
Zack Suerich 34-30  
**65 (-5)**  
Joaquin Niemann 31-34  
Harold Varner III 33-32  
Jimmy Walker 32-33  
Sung Kang 32-33  
Brian Harman 32-33  
Sam Ryder 31-34  
Scottie Scheffler 32-33  
Bronson Burgoon 31-34  
Doug Ghim 32-33  
Rob Oppenheim 32-33  
**66 (-4)**  
Morgan Hoffmann 31-35  
Harris English 30-36  
Nick Watney 32-34  
Peter Malnati 32-34  
Adam Long 34-32  
Ted Potter 32-34  
Austin Cook 33-33  
Scott Brown 30-36  
Andrew Novak 32-34  
Cameron Tringale 33-33  
Surigjae Im 34-32  
Grayson Murray 32-34  
Kevin Streelman 32-34  
J.J. Spaun 32-34  
Martin Laird 34-32  
**67 (-3)**  
Anirban Lahiri 34-33  
Jason Dufner 32-35  
Keegan Bradley 34-33  
Megan Trainer 33-34  
David Hearn 31-36  
Brendon Todd 32-35  
Richy Werenski 36-31

**BUCCANEERS 20, PANTHERS 14**

	Tampa Bay	Carolina
3	7	7
3	6	3
2	14	2

**First quarter**  
TB: FG Gay 40, 5:36.  
Car: FG Slye 32, 2:52.  
**Second quarter**  
Car: FG Slye 37, 8:26.  
TB: Godwin 20 pass from Winston (Gay kick), 1:20.  
Car: FG Slye 54, :00.  
**Third quarter**  
Car: FG Slye 51, 7:51.  
TB: Barber 16 run (Gay kick), 4:20.  
**Fourth quarter**  
Car: safety, 13:21.  
TB: FG Gay 32, 2:26.

**TEAM STATS**

	TB	CAR
First downs	16	20
Total net yards	289	352
Rushes-yards	31-100	19-39
Passing	7-189	3-113
Punt returns	3-21	4-39
Kickoff returns	0-0	1-21
Int. returns	0-0	0-0
Comp-att-int	16-25-0	25-51-0
Sacked-yds lost	0-0	3-19
Punts	6-49.2	5-50.6
Fumbles-lost	1-0	3-1
Penalties-yards	12-66	5-50
Possession time	33:53	26:07

**Rushing:** TB, Barber 23-82, Winston 4-9, R.Jones 4-9. Car, McCaffrey 16-37, Samuel 1-2, Newen 2-1.  
**Passing:** TB, Winston 16-25-0-208. Car, Newton 25-51-0-333.  
**Receiving:** TB, Godwin 8-121, Evans 4-61, Brate 2-10, Ogunbowale 1-9, Barber 1-7. Car, Moore 9-89, Olsen 6-110, Samuel 5-91, McCaffrey 2-16, Wright 2-15, Hogan 1-12.  
**Punt returns:** TB, Wilson 3-21. Car, McCloud 4-39.  
**Kickoff returns:** TB, None. Car, Hogan 1-21.  
**Missed field goals:** TB, Gay 42.

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
at Chi Cubs	-171	Pittsburgh	+159			
at Washington	-159	Atlanta	+149			
LA Dodgers	-130	at NY Mets	+120			
at St. Louis	-124	Milwaukee	+114			
San Diego	-116	at Colorado	+106			
Cincinnati	-115	at Arizona	+105			
at San Fran.	-138	Miami	+128			

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

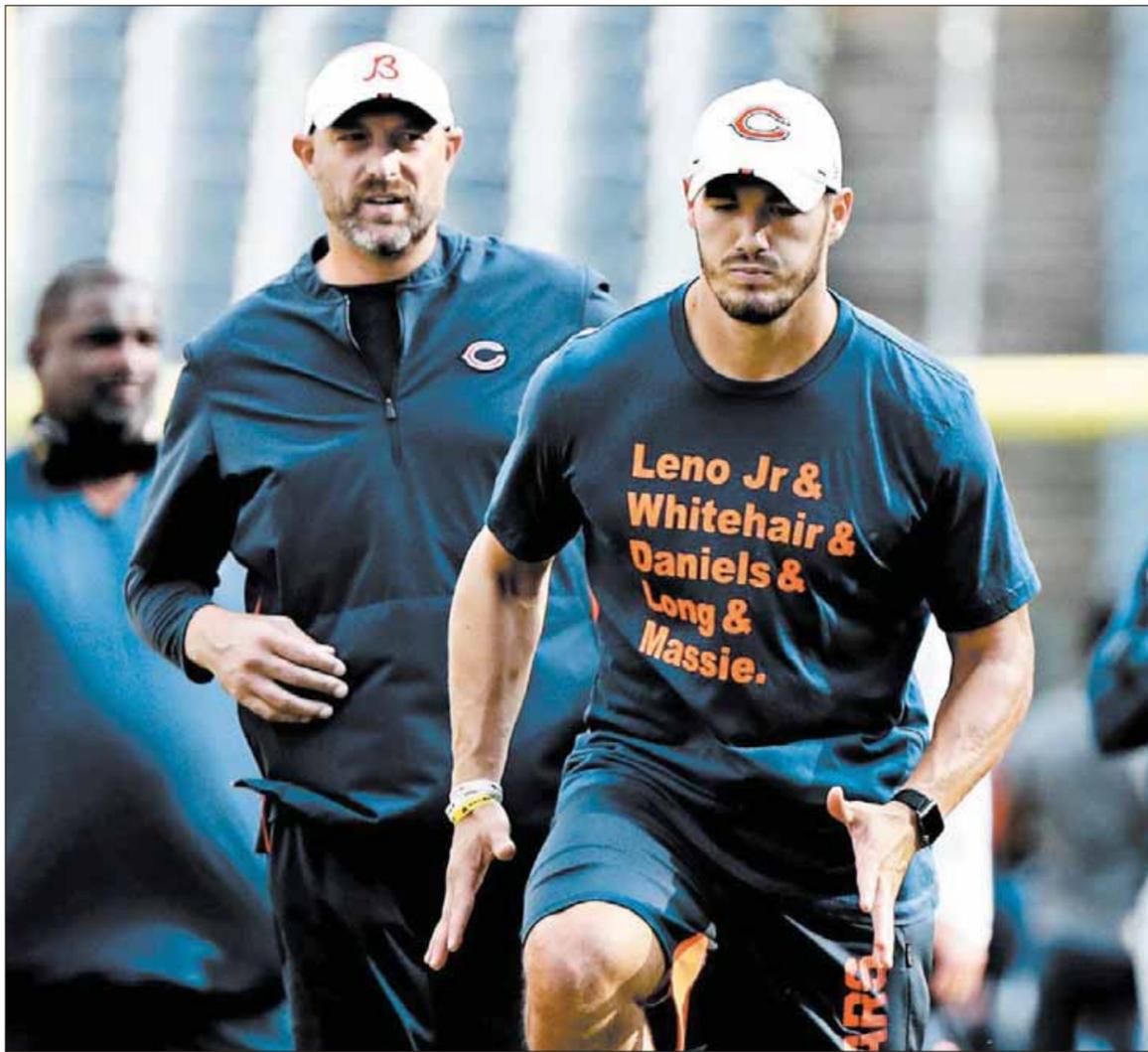
	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
NY Yankees	-174	at Toronto	+162			
at Detroit	-110	Baltimore	+102			
Minnesota	-115	at Cleveland	+105			
Oakland	-158	at Texas	+148			
Houston	-353	at Kansas City	+323			
Tampa Bay	-127	at LA Angels	+117			
at Seattle	-140	Chi Wh Sox	+130			

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

**WEEK 3**

	SP	O/U	FRIDAY
at Wake Forest	3	66%	N. Carolina
at Boston Coll.	21	51%	Kansas
Wash. St	9%	73%	Houston
pregame.com	SP	O/U	SATURDAY
Ohio State	18	59%	at Indiana
at Miss. St	7%	52%	Kansas St
NC State	6%	45%	at W. Virginia
Maryland	17	67%	at Temple
at Cincinnati	17	49%	Miami Ohio
at Penn St	17	53%	Pittsburgh
at Illinois	7	55%	E. Michigan
at Georgia	33	58%	Arkansas
at Colorado	3%	58%	Air Force
San Diego St	15%	50%	at N. Mexico St.
FAU	2%	64%	at Ball St
at Notre Dame	64%	63%	New Mexico
at Cent. Mich.	1	44%	Akron
at UCF	8%	62%	Stanford
Alabama	25%	62%	at S. Carolina
at Navy	7%	53%	East Carolina
Army	17	45%	at UTSA
USC	4%	55%	at BYU
at Minnesota	16%	45%	Ga. Southern
at Northwestern	17%	52%	UNLV
Oklahoma St	13%	65%	at Tulsa
Memphis	19	57%	at S. Alabama
Iowa	1%	43%	at Iowa St
at Arkansas	10	64%	Colorado St
Louisville	10	50%	W Kentucky
at Michigan St	14%	42%	Arizona St
at California	14	50%	North Texas
Louisiana Tech	11%	59%	at Bowling Gr.
Buffalo	6	55%	at Liberty
at Troy	2%	49%	Southern Miss
at Charlotte	20	66%	UMass
at Marshall	5	48%	Ohio
at Auburn	35%	53%	Kent St
Florida	8	48%	at Kentucky
at W Michigan	9	69%	Georgia St
at SMU	17%	62%	Texas St
Duke	6%	50%	at Mid. Tenn.
at Washington			

## BEARS



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Coach Matt Nagy, left, said there was a misunderstanding about what Mitch Trubisky said about not commenting on last week's game.

# Trubisky revelation 'taken wrong way'

BY RICH CAMPBELL

Bears coach Matt Nagy said Thursday he did not tell quarterback Mitch Trubisky not to talk about the Packers game with reporters. He said he believes Trubisky's revelation about such a directive was some sort of misunderstanding.

"Let me just tell you this: It didn't come from me," Nagy said when asked why it would be productive for the third-year quarterback to decline to discuss the loss with reporters.

"I think the message within our building, not just to him, but to everybody, is: 'We're moving on. We've got to worry about what's up next.' He's very honed in when he hears something. So that's how I took it."

At Trubisky's media session Wednesday — his first since the 10-3 season-opening defeat Sept. 5 — Trubisky was asked if he could explain what elements of a defense dictate his decisions on run-pass options. The question referred to a failed third-and-1 against the Packers that Trubisky and Nagy separately acknowledged should have been a handoff instead of a keeper.

The question, which combined elements of team strategy and the Packers loss, prompted Trubisky to turn to a team spokesman, who said he could not publicly detail his reads.

"I was told not to talk about the last game," Trubisky then said with a smile. When asked who told him not to, Trubisky identified the team spokesman "amongst other people."

Nagy downplayed the notion that the team was directing Trubisky not to talk about the game, in which the offense scored only once on 12 possessions.

"To clear that up, I think that was taken the wrong way," Nagy said. "He's being told

## Burton hopes to play Sunday after dealing with 'humbling' recovery

BY COLLEEN KANE

Bears tight end Trey Burton called his ongoing recovery from a mild groin strain "a really humbling process."

Burton spoke Thursday for the first time since the Bears revealed his injury in the buildup to the season opener against the Packers last week.

Burton, who has been limited in practice as the Bears prepare for Sunday's game against the Broncos, said he felt good Thursday.

But that apparently is not always the case.

"Waking up every day, I just don't know how I'm going to feel," Burton said. "Obviously I would like to feel really good. Mentally I can't sit on the bench any longer, but my body hasn't caught up to that."

Burton had offseason surgery to repair a sports hernia, but he said he felt

good during preseason practices until this new strain occurred.

He went through passing and blocking drills before the Packers game, but the Bears decided to hold him out.

"Not much pain, but it wasn't really my choice," he said.

He hopes to play Sunday, and coach Matt Nagy said Burton doesn't necessarily need to practice in full for the Bears to play him.

"It's just based on how I feel," Burton said. "I've never had to be honest about how I'm feeling. I've been able to push through it my whole life. Part of that is being undrafted and not being able to afford being injured. I'm having to be honest with what's going on and take it from there."

Nose tackle Eddie Goldman did not practice Thursday because of an oblique injury he suffered in practice. Nagy said he thinks Goldman will be OK.

so much stuff right now in regards to next-play mentality. That's what we worry about."

Trubisky's statement Wednesday revived year-old questions about the difficulty he can have discarding negative plays and games as well as the Bears' determination to manage his confidence, which Nagy believes is a key ingredient to successful quarterback play.

Nagy, who spoke to reporters Thursday before practice, said he liked how Trubisky carried himself in Wednesday's practice. Although Trubisky was unusually sullen

when talking to reporters, he was upbeat on the field, which Nagy interpreted as evidence Trubisky has put the Packers game behind him.

"He's out there smiling and giggling out at practice and having a good time, and that, to me, is what's important," Nagy said. "We're going to be focused in meetings, and there's going to be times where you've really got to zone in and make sure you're extremely focused. But as long as you're not letting (past results) affect your practices, and (Wednesday) I didn't see that at all with him."

## Bears

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Once again, he was out of action for an extended time, unable to advance his chemistry with his quarterback and earn additional trust from Nagy and the offensive staff.

"It all goes back to Mitch having that trust in him, trusting him to be where he's supposed to be, getting lined up and getting in and out of the huddle," Furrey said. "He hasn't had those opportunities much over the last four to six weeks."

Nagy acknowledged last month that Miller's role early in the season would be affected by his missed practice time, with the coaching staff searching for a workload for Miller that didn't overwhelm him mentally.

"Anthony's going to play fast and free — period," Furrey said. "You just have to hope he's going to the right place. And that comes with experience. ... At OTAs and in training camp, you just wish he had been out there 40 or 50 reps every day with those guys. That gives peace of mind to everybody."

Still, Miller never felt as if he was set back significantly.

"I mean, I missed time," he said, "but I was still on it. It wasn't like I was gone and I was off the scene. I was still in the mix, still getting all the plays in, and when game

week came I was ready. I was 100% ready."

Against the Packers, though, Miller was a nonfactor. For nearly 80% of the snaps, Miller was on the bench. Trubisky threw his way only once, a final-drive shot up the seam that was nowhere close to connecting.

Miller seemed to have a step on cornerback Tramon Williams in man coverage on the play, and Trubisky had a clean pocket and plenty of time to set and throw.

"It felt open," Miller said. "And when I watched the film, it looked open."

The pass was overthrown.

The goose egg in the catch column bugged Miller and leaves him itching for more chances to contribute. Still, Miller said Monday, he hasn't lobbied Nagy, Furrey or any of the coaches for a bigger role.

"I feel like I shouldn't have to ask," he said. "I'm not saying I'm supposed to be in every single play or that I need to get every (pass), but I shouldn't have to ask about that. People saw it. They (as coaches) saw it on the film. And hopefully this week I get a few shots, man."

Furrey, meanwhile, closely examined the snaps Miller did play against the Packers and came away impressed. Miller's routes, for the most part, were crisp. His timing was on point. He attended to his blocking responsibilities.

"He showed some great things in that



Miller

game," Furrey said. "He was confident in what he was doing. He lined up where he was supposed to. He ran his routes the way he was supposed to. He was getting the right depths and everything like that. ... I was really pleased."

In truth, the ball probably should have gone Miller's way a bit more frequently. Early in the third quarter, for example, he broke across the middle and was open near the left side of the field. But left tackle Charles Leno and guard Cody Whitehair failed to keep the pocket clean. Thus, Trubisky was out of rhythm, and a wild throw missed Javon Wims on the other side of the field.

"As a receiver, you can never determine where the ball's going to go in a game — you just can't," Furrey said. "You can practice for it. But until you're out there with the moving parts and the (defensive) disguises start happening, you never know."

For Miller, it became doubly frustrating that the offense badly needed a spark against the Packers and he didn't have more chances to provide one.

"Absolutely," he said. "I really didn't know what was going on. Now it's on to the next week and hopeful for a better role."

Furrey believes that wish will be granted and a second-year corner will be turned in the near future.

"This is a four- or five-month process," Furrey said. "We'll be all right."

## BLACKHAWKS

# Questions for Colliton's 1st camp

Goaltending strong, but depth, health needed elsewhere

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

Before getting to the things we don't know about the Blackhawks entering training camp, let's look at one thing we do know.

The goaltending situation is light-years away from where it was a year ago at this time when Corey Crawford hadn't fully recovered from a concussion and wasn't able to practice his teammates until the final days of camp.

Crawford is healthy and he's joined by Vezina Trophy finalist Robin Lehner to make up what could be the NHL's premier goalie tandem. The question of who gets more starts can't be answered in training camp and can be categorized as a good problem.

The Hawks have other issues to resolve before the season starts in three weeks. Here are five questions they will seek to answer at training camp, which opens Friday at Fifth Third Arena.

### 1. Will a full training camp for Jeremy Colliton make a difference?

The Hawks went 4-13-3 in Jeremy Colliton's first 20 games after he replaced Joel Quenneville as coach last year, a terrible stretch they never fully recovered from. But finishing 26-15-6 in the final 47 games created the impression that the initial slump was a result of Colliton not having enough time to properly transition the team to his way of doing things.

Colliton never used that as an excuse, but the lack of practice time last year was mentioned enough that there's an expectation a full training camp will make a difference. That puts a lot of pressure on the Hawks to pick up where they left off and win right away.

This probably wasn't the best year for the Hawks to play in the NHL's Global Series. They will spend less than two weeks in Chicago before leaving for Europe to finish training camp and prepare for their Oct. 4 opener against the Flyers in Prague. However, they don't play again until their home opener Oct. 10 to kick off a season-high seven-game homestand.

### 2. Is Kirby Dach ready for the NHL?

The first thing to find out when camp opens is if Kirby Dach is healthy after injuring his right shoulder during Tuesday's NHL Prospect Tournament game. The Hawks said it wasn't serious, but if he isn't ready for preseason games — the Hawks play three straight days beginning Monday — it could affect his ability to prove he should be in the NHL.

It doesn't matter anymore that Dach — the No. 3 pick in this year's draft — stood out at July's development camp or that he was inconsistent while playing less than seven periods at the prospect tournament. It's time to see what he can do against NHL players.

Dach can play up to nine games with the Hawks this season without burning the first year of his entry-level contract. How he performs during camp and preseason games will dictate whether the Hawks give him that opportunity.

### 3. Is Calvin de Haan healthy?

Defenceman Calvin de Haan, whom the Hawks acquired in an offseason trade with the Hurricanes, had shoulder surgery in May and told reporters in July he hoped to be ready by opening day. Even if it's for a few games, being without de Haan would be a big blow with the Hawks wanting to get off to a fast start.

Last season, the Hawks allowed 292 goals and nearly 35 shots per game, both second worst in the NHL. De Haan isn't a savior nor a Norris Trophy candidate, but he's the most integral new piece to the defense turning things around.

### 4. What will the lines look like?

The makeup of the lines in training camp probably will be a good hint at what to expect when the season starts, but Colliton had no problem moving things around last season when he saw fit.

The biggest question is whether Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews will be together. Colliton paired them up for a long stretch of the second half, which helped the Hawks get back into the playoff race, but he and general manager Stan Bowman have made it clear they don't think last year's strategy of trying to outscore opponents is a winning long-term formula. Even if Kane and Toews start the season together, it likely won't last.

The most interesting player could be Alex Nylander. Just like Dylan Strome's career took off last season when he started to play with top talent, the same could happen for Nylander if he's put in the right spots to succeed.

### 5. Which 13 forwards will make the team?

The final few spots should go to players who are a dramatic improvement from last season when Andreas Martinsen, John Hayden and Luke Johnson were on the opening-day roster. None of them remains in the organization.

Six players are locks: Kane, Toews, Alex DeBrincat, Strome, Brandon Saad and Andrew Shaw. Then there's a group of near-locks in Ryan Carpenter, Zack Smith, Dominik Kubalik, Drake Caggiula and David Kampf. Brendan Prellini is probably in this group as well since he would have to clear waivers to be sent to Rockford and he'd almost certainly be claimed.

That leaves Dach, Nylander, Dylan Sikura and John Quenneville fighting for the final spot.

# — eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

## Don't judge QBs too early

Arrows point different directions, but sample size too little for '18 class

BY JERRY BREWER  
The Washington Post

On the other end of Lamar Jackson's excellence Sunday, there was Josh Rosen, his 2018 draft classmate, toiling in garbage time. He threw an interception on his second pass. He was sacked. He sighed and said after the Dolphins' 59-10 loss to the Ravens, "I'm just disappointed in myself."

The humiliation just won't stop. Bad situations keep getting worse for Rosen. In April, amid Kyler Murray euphoria, the Cardinals traded him one year after drafting him No. 10 overall. Then he lost the Dolphins starting quarterback job to journeyman Ryan Fitzpatrick. If it all weren't depressing enough, after entering the Dolphins' debacle late in the third quarter, he showed why he's more project than savior at this stage of his NFL career.

All the while, Jackson joked and celebrated with his teammates. The Ravens quarterback enjoyed an early exit after making an emphatic statement about his improvement as a passer. He completed 17 of 20 passes, threw for 324 yards and five touchdowns and posted a perfect 158.3 passer rating. He grinned and said to his old critics, "Not bad for a running back."

Jackson, the fifth of five quarterbacks selected in the first round of the 2018 draft, is winning more (7-1 record as a starter) and seemingly growing faster than his counterparts.

We're just one game into their second season, but Jackson clearly has momentum. He was the only quarterback of the five to make the playoffs last season. And Sunday, he was the only standout performer.

Baker Mayfield, the former No. 1 overall pick, threw three interceptions as the much-hyped Browns flopped against the Titans.

Sam Darnold, who was selected third, managed just 175 passing yards in 41 attempts, and the Jets lost 17-16 to the Bills.

And while Bills quarterback Josh Allen (No. 7 pick) could bask in his team getting the better of his classmate's squad, Allen had two picks and registered a pedestrian 71.2 passer rating.

So the quarterback taken with the 32nd and final pick of the first round, the 2016 Heisman Trophy winner whom some teams wanted to convert to a wide receiver, is the glowing one right now. It's a wonderful story, considering how easily so-called experts dismissed his pro potential and cast his 2018 success as the fleeting impact of a glorified running back. It's also a story we have come to expect in today's NFL: a fast-rising QB on a rookie deal influencing winning without occupying too much salary-cap space.

But it doesn't necessarily mean that Jackson is destined to be the head of his class. If anything, the early ups and downs — and perceptions and realities — of this quarterback group serve to remind us that, while it's easier now to make an accurate quarterback judgment on a short sample size, we're still talking about extremely young players learning the most difficult position in team sports. The learning curve may not seem as dramatic anymore, but it still exists.

Over the last decade, spread concepts have slipped into NFL playbooks, and coaches have been more willing to adjust their offenses to their quarterbacks' strengths. The position also is taught to youths at an advanced level much earlier. As a result, the breakthroughs have come more quickly. But even the fast learners have struggled. Cam Newton had problems with fame and consistency. Russell Wilson struggled to lead a locker room of huge personalities. Carson Wentz has battled injuries. Robert Griffin III has experienced a complicated descent. And Andrew Luck suffered career-ending trauma.

The career trajectory is different, not easier. The expectation shouldn't be Dak Prescott-like efficiency from the start, and even if a young quarterback accomplishes it, he shouldn't be viewed as a finished product too soon. I've said this before, and I'll say it again and again and again: Former NFL coach Mike Holmgren, a very successful QB tutor, didn't make his definitive evaluation until a quarterback had started 40 games. That's 2½ seasons of information.

For the 2018 class, the players are just at the start of Year 2, and none of them started all 16 games as rookies. So there's still plenty of time. And plenty left to prove.

There seems to be something special about Jackson that goes beyond stats. During the pre-draft process, he was criticized for many silly things, including not always being expansive in his answers during interviews. Some thought that meant he lacked presence. Some went after his intelligence. But since earning the starting job, his smarts have been evident, and there's no doubt that he can command the locker room in his own mellow style. There's a normal-guy quality to Jackson off the field, which makes his athletic feats even more tantalizing. He's real. He's not pretending to be anybody. He knows that he's enough, and in addition to this confidence, he's putting in the work to evolve as a passer and all-around playmaker.

But there's also a novelty to Jackson that



WILFREDO LEE/AP (TOP); ERIC ESPADA/GETTY

Quarterback Lamar Jackson, top, speaks at a news conference after starring in the Ravens' victory over the Dolphins. Above, Matt Judon of the Ravens sacks Dolphins quarterback Josh Rosen. Jackson and Rosen were two of the touted second-year QBs who played Sunday.

could wear off. Or by continuing to diversify his game, he just might stay ahead of the competition's bid to figure him out. That's the question with him: What happens when the NFL adjusts? The answer will arrive in his 40-game developmental period.

In a different way, Mayfield has flashed transcendent talent with his anticipation ability and audacity to make any throw. By the end of last season, he looked like the league's next great quarterback. While he committed too many turnovers in Week 1 of his second season, Mayfield shouldn't be dismissed. He will have games like that

because he's so aggressive. The greater concern is that the Browns, with their improved, star-laden roster and enormous expectations, could be putting too much on his shoulders too soon.

Time will tell. No one likes to hear that, but it's true. There is only one Patrick Mahomes, and he benefited from both the Chiefs' extraordinary offensive talent and from having to sit and watch Alex Smith as a rookie. Mahomes' statistics are so outrageous that he would be a star even with regression. He is an outlier, but he's still an unfinished product at the beginning of his

second season as a starter.

In today's game, the highs and lows of a young quarterback seem more telling than they once did. In reality, it's just data, just process. They all must go through it. They all must get through it.

Jackson didn't become a bona fide superstar Sunday. Rosen didn't become an absolute bust either. Love what you see in Jackson; hate what you see in Rosen. Then keep looking, because, even though fast-blooming quarterbacks are in style right now, old-fashioned methodical development remains essential.

# — eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —



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Kemba Walker of Team USA reacts with disappointment after the Americans lost against France in the World Cup quarterfinals. The U.S. can no longer assume global dominance.

## NO DREAM TEAM

### For USA Basketball, dominance should no longer be assumed

BY JERRY BREWER  
The Washington Post

Save the shock for another sports story. Outrage? None of that either. It is no great surprise that this version of the U.S. basketball team flopped in the FIBA World Cup. With every superstar too injured, tired or uninterested to play, this is the most milquetoast roster of NBA players Team USA has ever composed.

It is no Dream Team, for sure. It is more like a Dare To Dream Team.

The players dared. They were denied: one exhibition loss to Australia, tournament losses to France and Serbia, a humbling trip through consolation bracket hell. All that's left is a thrilling battle for seventh place, and when their run ends, they will have just two weeks to rest before reporting to NBA training camp, where most of them will return to the comforts of being complementary players.

A disappointing outcome was inevitable, and if you didn't realize this, you haven't paid enough attention to the sport's global talent sprawl. Placing seventh or eighth — guaranteed to be the worst U.S. finish in 45 appearances in major tournaments — is a disastrous result. But they were the favorites only because of the tradition of USA Basketball. In reality, a team relying on Harrison Barnes as its veteran leader was destined to be a coin flip once it advanced past group play.

So on Wednesday, the Americans lost to France 89-79 in the quarterfinals. The French squad has five players with NBA experience on its roster, including Rudy Gobert, the two-time defensive player of the year. Gobert, who finished with 21 points, 16 rebounds and three blocks, was the best player on the floor. It's true not just for that game, but in general, Gobert impacts winning in the NBA more than any of his U.S. counterparts.

And Thursday, lumbering through the consolation round, the U.S. lost to Serbia 94-89, an opponent with five current NBA players and others expected to arrive soon. The best Serbian player, Nikola Jokic, made the all-NBA first team last season. Once again, this version of Team USA had fallen to a foe that featured a superior top-end star and possessed fairly comparable talent overall, especially after you factor in FIBA experience.

These were not upsets. Strip away the tradition — of which only Barnes is connected to because he played all of 31 minutes during the 2016 Olympics — you're looking at pick-em games. France and Serbia

were foaming at the mouth because they didn't see LeBron James or Kevin Durant or Stephen Curry on the other side. This was their chance.

"I've been dreaming about this for a while," Gobert said to reporters in China. "I was thinking there was going to be a short window of time when we were going to do it. I was thinking that before the game and thought we might never get the opportunity again."

For the first time since USA Basketball had been "fixed," there's a situation to manage. It's not the crisis that it was in 2006 after the U.S. had failed to perform like the U.S. in three straight major tournaments. It embarrassed itself during a sixth-place finish in the 2002 world championships, its previous worst showing and the first time an all-star collection of American NBA players had failed. Then during the 2004 Games, the U.S. struggled and earned the bronze medal, which is the one time in seven Olympics that NBA players have failed to win gold. After some major revisions, a better roster coached by Mike Krzyzewski lost to Greece in the semifinals of the 2006 world championships and settled again for bronze.

Back then, it felt like every major international tournament was a referendum on the state of American basketball. The game was not as aesthetically pleasing as it is now. It was more about physicality than skill. The rest of the world was improving rapidly, but this was before Dirk Nowitzki became an MVP and NBA champion, before Giannis Antetokounmpo staked a claim as the world's best player and before the number of international NBA players reached triple digits. It felt like our status as the basketball superpower was in danger — and because of our own mismanagement and inadequate player development.

It led to the formation of the 2008 Redeem Team — the best U.S. squad since 1992 — and an approach that stabilized the entire program. Since the 2006 bronze, the U.S. had won gold in five straight major tournaments (three Olympics and two World Cups) and posted a 58-game tournament winning streak.

So what does this failure say? Well, this time it's not about the system or the quality of play. The problem is the lack of star commitment. The U.S. can probably win with its A, B or C teams. But its D team? That's not going to cut it. During this era of NBA player empowerment, the concern should be that star players are thinking too much about them-



KIM KYUNG-HOON/GETTY-AFP

France's Rudy Gobert, right, goes up with the ball in his country's World Cup quarterfinal victory over Team USA. France had five players on its roster who had NBA experience.

selves and lacking the sense of mission needed to help Team USA prosper.

But this summer also represented a perfect storm of roster-building challenges. Rampant player movement contributed to some needing to decline invitations to get settled in new cities. The roster shuffling also led to the perception that this upcoming season will be one of great parity, and some players preferred to prepare for a great championship hunt. Load management has become a popular concept in the NBA, so some athletes are worried about wear and tear on their bodies. Major injuries to Durant and Klay Thompson made it impossible for them to play, and others such as James, Curry and Draymond Green have played too much basketball over the last five years to expect them to sacrifice time off.

Some of those issues can be minimized. In fact, this World Cup setback might inspire several superstars to recommit and pursue American redemption again.

They could be considered saviors. But there is one issue that won't go away: FIBA adjusted the World Cup schedule rotation, moving it back a year and creating a situation in which its championship and the Olympics are in back-to-back years. From 1970-2014, the event was perfectly in the middle of the Olympic cycle. That made it easier for players to make the multiyear commitment to the program that Jerry Colangelo, the managing director of the men's national team, wants. It didn't require consecutive years of, in essence, year-round basketball.

FIBA plans to play its next World Cup in 2023, the year before the Paris Games. If it continues to play this championship so close to the Olympics, Team USA will be forced to revise its strategy. Colangelo has floated the possibility of going with a 23-and-under team for World Cups and reserving a few of the Olympic team spots for young players. That way, the U.S. could have some continuity without requiring its top superstars to be

all-in for multiple years.

Rather than a USA Basketball crisis, a few existential questions have surfaced: Should the national team, the only one in the world with the pressure to win every game, start prioritizing the Olympics over comprehensive dominance? And with the NBA thriving, will its empowered players feel responsible to maintain the American gold standard at a time when the success of the global NBA does not depend on the Americans constantly flexing superiority?

The game has changed. Sometimes, Team USA can lose with NBA players, and it's not merely about American ego and underestimating the competition. The rest of the world is too good now. The U.S. has lost to three teams this summer; it could have lost to three or four others. The margin for error was that small.

While there is no constant threat to our status as the sport's most powerful force, the message should be clear: To stay the best, bring your best.

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MOVIES



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Jennifer Lopez, left, and Constance Wu play exotic dancers in a Manhattan strip club who, along with other dancers, eventually go into business for themselves by fleecing a string of wealthy former customers in "Hustlers." The film is a half-real, half-fantasy treatment of material that comes from a 2015 feature in New York Magazine.

'HUSTLERS' ★★★

# SEDUCTIVE CRIMINALITY

Constance Wu and Jennifer Lopez strip Wall Street boys of their assets

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

**'H**ustlers" offers a shiny, enjoyable, montage-intensive lesson in transactional economics. It's about Manhattan strip club employees who make their money, on stage and off, backed by a soundtrack featuring "Shake That Monkey," "Make It Rain," "I Get Money" and "Werk."

Writer-director Lorene Scafaria's film, in fact, qualifies as a workplace comedy. The film's half-real, half-fantasy treatment of a fact-based story is

almost *really* good.

But "good enough" is good enough, thanks mostly to Jennifer Lopez dining out on her best role in years. She's terrific.

Top-billed Constance Wu matches her stride for stride as the newest employee of the strip club, learning the ropes, the pole and a lesson in seductive criminality from Lopez's savvy mentor figure. The material comes from the 2015 New York Magazine feature "The Hustlers at Scores," which detailed how a group of exotic dancers went into business for themselves by

fleecing a string of former steady financial-industry customers.

In the magazine story, which is rougher around the edges than the movie, author Jessica Pressler put it this way: "There's something extra-satisfying about persuading a man who thinks you're trash to spend his time and money on you. Preferably so much that in the end, *they* hate *themselves*."

"Hustlers" ventures only so far in that sobering direction. It's usually too busy (entertainingly so) gliding along the green brick road, to borrow a phrase Lopez's character, Ramona,

uses. "Come on, climb in my fur," says Ramona early on, smoking a cigarette on the club's rooftop. Destiny, portrayed by Wu, complies; the fur coat is big enough for a convention of sex workers, and the newcomer (who's supporting her grandmother and, later, a child) is eager to learn from the best.

"Hustlers" benefits from a supporting cast featuring Cardi B (as Destiny's colleague and, early on, lap-dance instructor), Lili Reinhart (as a serial vomiter) and Keke Palmer (whose

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"Crazy Rich Asians" screenwriter Adele Lim is writing the script for the new Disney film "Raya and the Last Dragon."

## Hollywood pay gap is still alive and well



**NINA METZ**  
Chicago Close-up

With a worldwide box office of more than \$238 million, "Crazy Rich Asians" was a hit for Warner Bros., and a sequel was inevitable. But a recent

story in The Hollywood Reporter has revealed a major hiccup in those plans.

Two people are credited as screenwriters on the original movie, Peter Chiarelli (a white man) and Adele Lim (an Asian woman originally from Malaysia), who adapted the book — the first in a series by author Kevin Kwan.

But as reported by THR, Lim has walked away from the

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## Mazzola to succeed Davis

Lyric Opera's music director is retiring

BY HOWARD REICH

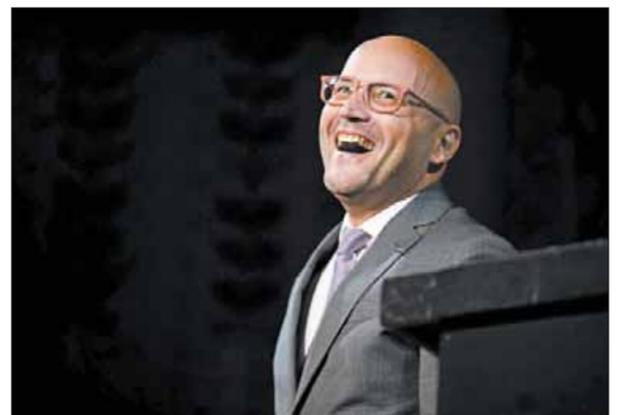
In a major changing of the guard, Lyric Opera of Chicago's longtime music director and principal conductor, Andrew Davis, will retire from the post at the end of the 2020-21 season, the opera company announced Thursday afternoon.

Conductor Enrique Mazzola was named music director designate, effectively immediately. He will become the company's music director starting with the 2021-22 season.

The announcement was made at Lyric Opera House, both conductors sharing the spotlight with Anthony Freud, Lyric's general director, president and CEO.

"It's a fantastic thing happening in a very beautiful moment of my life," said Mazzola, 51, in an interview. "To be music director in two years of the Lyric Opera of Chicago is probably, artistically, the most beautiful thing that may ever happen to my conducting life."

Mazzola, who was born in Barcelona, Spain, and grew up in Milan, conducted Donizetti's "Lucia di Lammermoor" at Lyric



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Lyric Opera announced Thursday that conductor Enrique Mazzola will become its new music director starting in the 2021-22 season.

in the 2016-17 season and Bellini's "I Puritani" in 2017-18. He will return to the Lyric podium to conduct Verdi's "Luisa Miller" on Oct. 12.

"When I arrived from Europe and I have the possibility to conduct at the Lyric and the Met," he added, referring to the Metropolitan Opera in New York, "and then in three or four major European opera houses, then I have to say I am conducting in the best opera houses in the world."

Why did Davis decide to

retire?

"You know how long I will have been here, don't you?" said Davis in an interview, with a laugh. He became Lyric's music director and principal conductor in 2000.

"So it's spring of '21 (when he steps down). I will have been here for 21 years. And how old will I be? 77! So, thank you, I think I'm allowed to retire. I'm not going to stop conducting, of course.

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Antonio Banderas attends a movie premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival.

## Banderas drew on heart attack for role

TORONTO — Antonio Banderas says his emotional state from having a heart attack a few years ago influenced his award-winning performance in the Pedro Almodovar film, "Pain and Glory."

"I had a heart attack two and a half years ago and it changed me in certain ways, yeah, and Pedro detected that, and he saw it, and he says, 'you know, don't hide this thing,'" Banderas said during an interview at the Toronto International Film Festival.

The 2017 cardiac event significantly changed his life, the 59-year-old said. Family and friends became more important.

"You become more raw," he said. "You eliminate things you thought were important in your life, you erase them out of your life."

His new look on life culminated with getting the best actor honor for "Pain and Glory" at the Cannes Film Festival in May.

"It was very beautiful, because I've been an eternal nominee. I never got to get up there," Banderas said.

As for his health, Banderas says he's happy to feel better than he has in years.

"I'm doing exactly what they told me," he said. "I did something really stupid for many years of my life. I was a smoker, and the last cigarette I smoked was the night before my heart attack."

"Pain and Glory" is scheduled for an Oct. 4 release.

— Associated Press

**Sept. 13 birthdays:** Actress Barbara Bain is 88. Singer Peter Cetera is 75. Actress Jacqueline Bisset is 75. Actress Jean Smart is 68. Actor Isaiah Whitlock Jr. is 65. Actress Geri Jewell is 63. Radio/TV personality Tavis Smiley is 55. Actor Dominic Fumusa is 50. Singer Fiona Apple is 42. Actor Ben Savage is 39. Singer Niall Horan is 26. Actress Lili Reinhart is 23.



CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

**Donation:** Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling has made a substantial donation for research into the treatment of multiple sclerosis. The 15.3 million-pound (\$18.8 million) donation will be used for new facilities at a research center based at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. The author's mother suffered from the disease and died at the age of 45. The new gift follows a major donation Rowling made in 2010 that started the Anne Rowling clinic at the university.

**New players:** "Saturday Night Live" is adding three new cast members for its upcoming 45th season, including the show's only Asian American performer. NBC said Thursday that Bowen Yang, who joined NBC's "SNL" last season as a staff writer, will be a featured player. Also joining the show as featured players are Chloe Fineman and Shane Gillis.

**Death:** Daniel Johnston, a quirky folk singer-songwriter and visual artist whose offbeat career and struggles with mental illness brought him a cult following and inspired a documentary film, has died at age 58. According to a statement issued by his family, Johnston died of natural causes Wednesday at his Houston-area home.

**Sprung:** "Jersey Shore" cast member Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino is a free man. The 37-year-old reality star's publicist says he was released from prison in Otisville, New York, on Thursday morning. He took to Twitter shortly after his release, writing, "Turn up we free." Sorrentino served about eight months for tax evasion.



# ASK AMY

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## Procrastinator looking for motivation

**Dear Amy:** I love my job and career. My manager is flexible and kind, my co-workers are helpful and fun to work with, and the work is challenging and enjoyable. It's what I want to do with my life.

But, when faced with tasks, I somehow lack the motivation to finish them until the last second. This has been a problem in a lot of areas of my life (mostly housework and previously, schoolwork). I don't have ADHD or depression, but I do have some anxiety, and I don't know if it is related. I am in therapy for other things but have yet to hit on a solution.

Sometimes, my brain is screaming, "Shut that browser window and do the thing they're paying you to do!" but then I watch myself NOT do that.

The work gets done and it gets done well and on its due date, but for the days or hours leading up, I am unable to avoid distraction. I can't find the motivation.

Is this uncommon? I don't want to sabotage my life or career. The work gets done, but in the moments where I should be doing it, instead I'm cruising around online, sending emails, doing unrelated research — anything but the thing itself. How can I curb this behavior?  
— Happy But Unmotivated

**Dear Unmotivated:** I'll skip over my mini-lecture about "time theft" at your workplace and get right to what I think is going on.

I suspect that your issue is not actually motivation but procrastination. And yes, your anxiety is both a source and a product of your procrastination.

First of all, you could consider this behavior as part of your "process." My house is never cleaner than when I have a deadline, but during this time, I find I'm mentally noodling on the work I have to do.

Here are my personal tips:

Start each day by making your bed (!), followed by a bit of outdoor exercise. Keep it simple — walk around the block, unplugged from your phone.

Get a notebook and black and red pens.

Casually break down your day and your larger tasks into a list of small reminders, using bullet points in black, with an open circle or square next to each one. When a task is completed, fill in the open space with the red pen. I cannot stress enough the satisfaction of coloring in that open square!

Set yourself a loose timeline of things to do before noon, and things to do by 5 p.m., and make sure to include tasks you enjoy.

Set up a reward (or bribe) system, such as:

"After I send five work-related emails, I will visit the break room."

Deliberately adjust your final deadline to a day ahead of schedule. Beating the clock will feel great.

Set aside 30 minutes every Sunday to open your work at home and at least look at it. This will help you to kick off your week with less messy angst.

Readers will surely want to weigh in.

**Dear Amy:** I am a 36-year-old single man. I don't really want to get married for a bunch of reasons (like the high infidelity and divorce rates and all the

responsibilities, expenses, etc.). Family life isn't really appealing to me.

I work with a lot of older adults and at least once a week I get questions like: "Why aren't you married? Have you found a mate yet? Where is your girlfriend? When are you going to get married?" I've also been asked if I'm gay.

When I respond honestly and say that I don't really want to get married, they usually argue with me. I don't get offended by these questions, but they're just too awkward.

What's a good response?  
— Wondering

**Dear Wondering:** I do enjoy these "What should I say?" questions because they give me the opportunity to do a little armchair scripting.

How's this? After the first round of queries, which you handle pleasantly, when the inquisition goes deeper, you can say, "Let me leave it at this: I am an International Man of Mystery."

**Dear Amy:** "Worried" reported that she had exaggerated a claim for her professional qualifications.

Thank you for telling her to make it right!

I am shocked by how often people are faced with a very clear choice and yet don't know what to do.  
— Honest to a Fault

**Dear Honest:** These solvable dilemmas are the beating heart of this column.

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## 'GIVE ME LIBERTY' ★★★★★

# A medical transport van welcomes all

By JUSTIN CHANG  
Los Angeles Times

"Give Me Liberty," Kirill Mikhanovsky's wonderful second feature, unfolds over an especially fraught day in wintry Wisconsin. It features a large ensemble that consists almost entirely of nonprofessional actors, many of whom imbue their characters with the depths of their own real-life experience. Several of the actors are members of Milwaukee's Russian immigrant community; others are regulars at the city's Eisenhower Center, a vocational training program for people with disabilities.

With its rough-hewn realism and its unglamorous, careworn faces, Mikhanovsky's film is what you might call, in the tired parlance of the entertainment industry, "a small movie" — a catchall term for low-budget independent cinema that, in this instance, is nearly as descending as it is inaccurate. If you are inclined to measure size by something other than a movie's budget or box office — like, say, richness of character, viv-

idness of texture or generosity of spirit — then this remarkably sustained juggling act may be one of the bigger movies you'll see this year.

Which is not to say that "Give Me Liberty" announces its enormity right away. On the contrary, its effectiveness is predicated on some ingenious tricks with proportion and scale. Before the end you'll be surprised at how much can happen in a single day, or in less than two hours of screen time: a funeral, a talent show, an apartment fire, a political protest. You may also be surprised at how many people can fit inside a medical transport van, the crowded, cavernous vehicle that keeps this narrative on the move.

Mikhanovsky (who wrote the screenplay with Alice Austen) drove just such a van as a young man himself, shortly after he moved with his family from Moscow to Milwaukee in 1993. His stand-in here is Vic (a beautifully restrained Chris Galust), a much-put-upon young Russian American who's having a difficult morning even before he gets behind the



GIVE ME LIBERTY

Chris Galust, left, plays a medical transport driver and Lauren "Lolo" Spencer is a passenger in the van he drives in "Give Me Liberty."

wheel. Lean and wiry and fast on his feet, Vic races about trying to keep his grandfather (Arkady Basin) from destroying their shared apartment while also getting him ready for the memorial service of an old friend, Lilya.

Within minutes, Vic is wheeling one of his regular passengers, a man who is diabetic and visually impaired, down a hall and into the van, ignoring the surly stream of complaints pouring from his mouth. So far, so normal, but as he barrels over pothole-riddled roads, Vic finds that several of his usual routes have been blocked off due to organized protests in response to a police shooting in a black neighborhood. (Like so much in this movie, the incident feels close to real life — in this case, the pub-

lic outcry that greeted the 2016 police killing of a black Milwaukee man, Sylville K. Smith.)

Vic also learns that the vehicle that was supposed to transport his grandfather and his fellow mourners to the funeral never showed up. Good, helpful kid that he is, he lets them all pile into his van, putting him and his regular passengers even more behind schedule. Among the mourners is a boisterous Russian boxer named Dima (a terrific Maxim Stoianov), who's like a walking mascot for the movie's big-heartedness; he may be the one character who, no matter how chaotic things get — and they get pretty chaotic — is delighted simply to be there.

The breathless, one-damned-thing-after-another momentum of the story — the way it pinballs between ripped-from-the-headlines relevance and pure social-realist screwball — is all the more impressive for its lack of strain. Shot with a swerving handheld camera (by cinematographer Wyatt Garfield) that nonetheless always feels in the right place, "Give Me Liberty" is a full-blown farce on wheels, a master class in controlled, escalating chaos. It is also a heady and rambunctious state-of-the-union address, a movie in which a crowded, noisy van becomes a microcosm of a divided city and perhaps even a divided nation.

The tensions come to a

head when Vic picks up Tracy (a superb Lauren "Lolo" Spencer), an advocate for people with disabilities who's on her way to help a friend, Steve (Steve Wolski), with a job interview. Vic arrives an hour late but just in time to help one of Tracy's family members carry a hefty mattress into the house. Meanwhile, Tracy, who has ALS, must maneuver her motorized wheelchair into a van crowded with mourners, who curse, complain, sing Russian folk songs, play the accordion and occasionally bring to mind Jean-Paul Sartre's famous declaration that hell is other people.

Played with winning, tough-talking charisma by Spencer, Tracy berates Vic for his endless delays and detours, at one point telephoning his employer, who is already barking orders at him over the radio. But their initially spiky dynamic quickly becomes the movie's narrative thrust and emotional center. As they stop fighting and just lean into the day's insanity, they realize that they have more in common than expected — namely, an instinct to help others and, consequently, a lot of people who depend on them.

Crucially, Vic never becomes a conventional hero or savior figure, and his fondness of feeling for his passengers isn't sentimentalized as it might be in another movie. Disability here isn't something to be exploited for the moral and

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emotional improvement of the able-bodied. Vic's function in the story is, on one level, purely practical: He is the one whose job brings these disparate individuals together, forcing them to coexist for a few hours. He's also the one who bears the brunt of their frustrations, scrambling to help them after the nameless, faceless structures of society have let so many of them down.

"Give Me Liberty" is remarkable not just for its authenticity but for the way it serves up that authenticity sans self-congratulation. There are no showboating gestures here, only a bone-deep commitment to showing us the lives of individuals often relegated to the cinematic sidelines, to the extent that the movies even notice them all. Spencer, like many of her co-stars, is a person with a disability playing a person with a disability. So, too, is James Watson as a friend of Vic's whose periodic reflections on life and love frame the movie, providing gorgeous moments of stillness and respite amid the tumult.

There are other lovely scenes of connection in "Give Me Liberty," including an extended stopover at the Eisenhower Center, where one of Vic's passengers warbles "Rock Around the Clock" at a talent show and Dima gets caught up playing video games with some effortlessly made new friends. Later, after night has fallen and the van has finally emptied out, two people will tenderly embrace amid a protest that suddenly turns violent, and a family will invite two strangers to share a meal at their table. The movie doesn't telegraph or slow down for these moments so much as stumble upon them with an artlessness that is, paradoxically, the surest sign of its art.

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# Night Out in the Parks kicks off this week

Collaboration brings collection of 21 premiere works of theater, dance and music with 'Peacebook'

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

Chicago's Night Out in the Parks kicks off this week — a week prior to International Peace Day (Sept. 23) — and Collaboration Theatre Company is making it memorable with their annual collection of 21 premiere works of theater, dance, music, and spoken word (each seven minutes or less) created by veteran and emerging artists in "Peacebook."

First-time playwright Willie "Prince Roc" Round, a musician from the North Lawndale area, and G. Riley Mills, a Jeff Award winner, co-wrote "Broke Down Drone," a "Peacebook" chapter that will be shown at Douglas Park this month. Directed by J. Nicole Brooks, the performance is one about two young men in a West Side recording studio attempting to fix a broken drone which they see as their ticket to success and a better life.

Round and Mills met while doing community work years ago; a bond was formed when Mills offered to produce a music video for Round. While shooting scenes at a recording studio on the city's West Side, the idea for "Broke Down Drone" formed.

"We're in the studio working with all these folks and I said: 'There's a play that takes place right here with these people in this room, that's never been told on a Chicago stage.' I said we should write that play if we can figure out how to do it," Mills said.

The result is a co-written

play called "Mud Life" about Round's experiences growing up on the West Side making music. "Broke Down Drone" is adapted from the full-length play.

"Here's seven minutes in the life of these characters and in that seven minutes you see their mistakes, their dreams, their aspirations, their hopes, their frustrations," Mills said. "You'll see Mamet, Chekhov, Shakespeare, but you don't get to see these guys from the West Side."

Round agrees. "Broke Down Drone takes place in my neighborhood of North Lawndale," he said. "That's why we had to write this — to give our perspectives, and give those characters a voice."

Brooks, an ensemble member at Lookingglass Theatre Company and a North Lawndale native, praises the work that Collaboration is doing in using theater to incite healing and transformation in Chicago. The theater group collaborates with a diverse community of Chicagoans to create original theatrical experiences that push artistic boundaries and explore critical social issues. Since the company's founding in 1996, Collaboration has worked with more than 3,000 artists to bring more than 60 productions and events to fruition.

"We're giving a platform for authentic voices that have been invisible in our industry," said Anthony Moseley, Collaboration's artistic director. "Our theater assets are our greatest assets to help us deal with



MARIA GALLO

A scene from the performance "Broke Down Drone," part of Collaboration's 2019 "Peacebook" festival.

our pasts and move forward as a city. We're not just telling stories. We're impacting the trajectory of our city; we're really trying to get people to reflect and look at themselves and how they can change."

Round and Mills' collaboration is just one of seven chapters that will be shown at Douglas Park. Other chapters include spoken word and poetry about peace called "From Chicago to Gaza" written and performed by Logan Lu; "Rentals" by Gregory Hardigan, a performance about three fathers trying to work through catastrophic events in a violent world; a dance performance by the tap group M.A.D.D. Rhythms, and the

comedic skit "Everybody Loves Pizza, Don't They?" by Antonio Brunetti — that looks at pizza as a metaphor of the ingredients that make our city diverse and special. A conversation with Collaboration staff, performers and audience members follow the evening performances to share insight and wisdom spurred by the works and inspire action to be a voice in your community.

"They say an artist is made in the crucible of living," said Marcus Robinson, Collaboration's managing director. "A true artist is someone who's been through something that has broken them in a particular way that allows them to rebuild themselves

newly that couldn't have happened, unless they went through that hard time. When you talk about South and West Sides, you can't live and grow up there without having been touched by all the things that go along with that — classism, poverty and whatnot. All of that shapes art in a way that nothing downtown could actually do."

Brooks agrees. "I think artists are able to get into spaces and have conversations that a lot of other people can't," she said. "Willie is writing from where he's from and that's what makes the best plays and text — when it's organic, when it's rich and unapologetic and that's what I found with him."

Collaboration's "Peacebook" tours to these Chicago parks in September:

■ **LaFollette Park, 1333 N. Laramie Ave., Austin** on Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. and Sept. 14 at 1 p.m.

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All performances are free; Saturday events begin with a preshow workshop and community meal at 11:30 a.m.

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IN PERFORMANCE 'Midsummer (A Play with Songs)' ★★★

## Unlikely lovers meet cute, weird on a date night caper

BY CHRIS JONES

Ah, the age of 35! That moment in the single life when the hedonistic pleasures of youth clash with the nagging sense that the embrace of delayed adulthood is becoming pretty pathetic. You know, once you are being called in for screening tests for any number of ailments designed to remind you of your own mortality. As if those newly creaking bones didn't convey the same message.

That is the state that befalls the two central characters in "Midsummer," the airy but nonetheless charming little play with music at the Greenhouse Theater Center that functions as a rare intimate showcase for two of the Chicago's theater most skilled and likable performers, Chaon Cross and Patrick Mulvey.

"Midsummer" is thus an affordably priced romance, ideal for your average Gen Z date, especially if you just

found that partner through your favorite Internet dating application.

Cross, replete with a fine brogue, plays a Scottish lawyer who, stood up by some Tinder-ish dude in a Edinburgh wine bar, finds herself sharing her bottle of wine, and then her bed, with Mulvey's Bob, a petty thief and benign loser for whom this one-night stand just might turn into a kind of salvation. In David Greig and Gordon McIntyre's tall tale, told by a pair of competing narrators, this most unlikely of couples engages in a variety of capers, careening around one of Europe's most fabulous cities and running into gangsters, kids and bridesmaids, each more wacky than the last.

But where "Midsummer" differs from most "Love, Actually"-like rom coms, is that here the two lovers here are every bit as weird as the people they encounter as they search for the answer to that

**When:** Through Oct. 6

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age-old question of, tell me what you want, what you really, really want.

Greig is one of my favorite writers (you may recall "The Strange Undoing of Prudencia Hart" at Chicago Shakespeare Theater), a genuine poet, a fine storyteller and formative experimenter who specializes in uptight people forced to surrender to Bacchanalian circumstances. This is not one of his major works and, frankly, the music aspect to this so-called play with music feels both limited and repetitive. And there is some air in director Randy White's production, which needs more urgency in



MICHAEL BROSILOW PHOTO

Patrick Mulvey and Chaon Cross in "Midsummer (A Play with Songs)."

places.

But truly, the characters are so quirky and the performances are so immersive, vulnerable and generally delightful that you easily forgive the lack of soaring Celtic melody in the enterprise. "Midsummer" is a little play with a

big heart, all about broken people trying to mend each other even as the craziness of life keeps smacking them in the face.

If you've ever been to Edinburgh, this show (where the city is very much a character) will bring back lots of pleasant

memories. If not, well, whatever date you might be on this weekend, it won't be as crazy as this one.

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'EDIE' ★★★

## A woman takes a chance on climbing a mountain

BY MARK KENNEDY  
Associated Press

In the northwest of Scotland, there stands a glacier-carved mountain called Suilven. Climbing it is not for the timid. But that's not a word that describes the unusual heroine determined to conquer Suilven in the film "Edie."

Edith Moore — everyone calls her Edie — is no ordinary climber. She's 83 and has been sedentary for most of that time. That mountain, though, looms large in her mind in this quiet, unrushed and moving tale of age and will.

Director Simon Hunter spends as much time focusing on the crags of the

glorious mountain as the ones on Edie's face, making it sometimes seem as if the Scottish Tourism Board and AARP teamed up to make a movie.

Edie, lovingly portrayed by the brilliant Sheila Hancock, is a bitter and stubborn woman when we first meet her.

She's been taking care of her ill and controlling husband for decades, nursing a long-held dream to climb Suilven. (Her last name is a clue: She wants more).

His death liberates her, sending her to the Scottish Highlands, finally.

"I've lived a whole life and most of it I would change if I could," she says. "I've wasted so much time



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An 83-year-old woman (Sheila Hancock) sets off to climb a mountain in "Edie."

doing nothing. I can't give this up now."

No one she encounters thinks climbing the mountain is a good idea for a woman in her 80s who sometimes has a hard time opening car doors, except for the young co-owner of a local camping shop, Jonny

(a soulful Kevin Guthrie). Edie is laughed at by the locals or considered an easy mark, but Jonny and Edie bond despite their age gap. He feels trapped in his life too.

Together, they get Edie ready for the tough, three-day climb. There are set-

backs — "Leave me alone. I'm geriatric," she jokes — and cool new gear to buy. (Edie is a little flummoxed by modern climbing jackets. "It's got holes in it," she complains. "Yeah," replies Jonny. "For your thumbs.")

As far as the plot goes, that's pretty much it. Han-

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cock fills in so much of the spare script with her quiet control, her expressive face and eyes. When she finally laughs, you feel it.

It might seem flimsy, but there's so much here, including exploring ideas of fulfillment, regret and taking a chance. Plus, it's refreshing to have a film heroine with white hair and wrinkles. When was the last time we saw an 80-plus woman in a film in a bubble bath drinking wine?

The screenplay by Elizabeth O'Halloran (from a story by Edward Lynden-Bell) doesn't wrap up everything in a bow at the end — it actually just sort of ends, abruptly — and Debbie Wiseman's eager and over-emotional score sometimes undermines the actors' more quiet work. But the uplifting "Edie" is worthy of your time, mostly thanks to Hancock and Scotland's natural beauty.

# Mazzola

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"It wasn't a difficult decision. I won't be severing my relationship with the company completely by any means, but 21 years is a pretty good stint, though it pales next to Bruno."

That would be conductor Bruno Bartoletti, who was Lyric's co-artistic director from 1964-74 and sole artistic director from 1975 until his retirement in 1999. (He was artistic director emeritus until his death in 2013.)

"It's pretty extraordinary that this company was founded in 1954 and has only had two music directors," said Davis.

Given that remarkable fact, selecting the third music director was bound to represent "a major change," said Lyric CEO Freud in an interview.

"I've had the benefit of knowing for a couple of years that Sir Andrew was wanting to end his music directorship in 2021, so this has not been a quick or sudden process," said Freud.

"When Andrew first told me that he thought that after 21 years he should probably not extend his contract, I said, 'Please know that I will be absolutely thrilled if you did extend your contract, and in no way do I think you've come to the natural end of your tenure.' He thought about it for a month or two, then he said, 'I think it is the right time.'"

How did Freud and Lyric's board go about finding Davis' successor?

"I really started putting together a list of qualities that we were looking for in a music director," said Freud. "We start with the need for our music director to be a great conductor and a major conductor with a huge career, but (also) a conductor who is interested in focusing his attention on one organization."

"We're not an organization that I think would benefit from a transient music director, someone who's not really interested in committing himself or herself to



Lyric Opera conductor Enrique Mazzola, center, will become its new music director in 2021. He is joined Thursday by longtime music director Andrew Davis, left, and Lyric CEO Anthony Freud.

Chicago as a city."

Along these lines, Mazzola plans to make Chicago his principal residence. He also serves as principal guest conductor of Deutsche Oper Berlin, and until recently he was artistic and music director of the Orchestre National d'Ile-de-France.

"I think we will always want our music director to conduct a broad repertoire, but for that repertoire to include core classics," said Freud.

Mazzola's repertoire includes 87 operas, said Freud, with specialties in bel canto, French, early Verdi and contemporary opera. He conducted Donizetti's "La Fille du Regiment" at the Met this year and made his Salzburg Festival debut in August leading the Vienna Philharmonic in a new staging of Offenbach's "Orpheus in the Underworld."

"In Enrique, we found someone who checks all the boxes," said Freud.

Music director Davis was involved in the selection process and considers Mazzola "a wonderful choice."

"I don't anticipate any great

sort of structural changes, so to speak," Davis said.

What does Mazzola envision for his music directorship?

"There are different levels of hope," he said. "I receive a great, really big music heritage from Sir Andrew Davis, and, of course, I want to build on that. ... The heritage, by the way, is not only Sir Andrew Davis, but also Bruno Bartoletti, which is an immense heritage."

"So I have to take all of it in my hands to develop (and) to build on it. I also have other feelings: I would love to be ... a point of connection between the people of Chicago and their opera house."

"So I play a more civic role of what a music director is today. ... To bring opera outside of the walls of our big theater."

Freud added that he has been speaking extensively with Mazzola about enhancing the company's "relevance to our city, to our community around the city."

Or, as Mazzola put it, "I need to know the people from Chicago, to see the city from the inside. And to try to put or to imagine onstage what the people are dreaming, are

thinking, are wishing.

"Of course, it's not always easy to fill. For me it's very important to live there, to take the bus, the metro, to eat in the restaurants."

Asked which season would be the first to carry Mazzola's imprint, Freud demurred.

"A very interesting question, but we don't really think of it in that way," said Freud. "It's an evolution. Inevitably, we are planning into the future."

"There will be some projects that Enrique won't be conducting that will have had its origins before our discussions (with him) began. Clearly, all the productions that Enrique will be conducting are discussions that we began from scratch."

"Sir Andrew will continue his relationship with Lyric, and there is already a project that he will be returning for as guest conductor in the '21-'22 season — Andrew's first season not as music director (and) Enrique's first season as music director."

Freud declined to offer any specifics about the project.

Davis will leave Lyric with a long resume, to date having con-

ducted 674 opera performances at Lyric, nine special concerts at Lyric Opera House and most of Lyric's free concerts at Millennium Park, including a buoyant one last weekend. Davis' repertoire has stretched from Mozart and Massenet to Verdi and Wagner to Puccini, Rossini and Strauss.

Mazzola became enchanted with bel canto — a historic Italian vocal style that emphasizes beautiful tone and brilliant technical display — as "a very young conductor," he said.

"I did some productions which were really unrehearsed, with orchestras not taking seriously this repertoire or singers not prepared to write — with the conductor — a cadenza or variation," he said. "Or voices which were very good Puccini voices and could not sing a Rossini variation. So 10 years ago, it was a very humble thought: 'OK, why don't I try to focus on bel canto and try to convince all my partners — opera houses, musicians, singers, chorus members — that bel canto is a very serious thing?'"

"It's the basis of all romantic opera. Every single staccato note or accompaniment has a meaning in this repertoire."

Mazzola's efforts in this area have won him wide acclaim.

As for his interest in contemporary repertoire, which has led him to commission many works, "We really need the music of today — we need a new music," he said.

"In a city like Chicago, where you walk, watch the highrises, and in your heart you completely accept that there is a world of contemporary art and an architectural vision of Chicago," Mazzola said. "Then I think this is easy to imagine how important (it is) to have the music vision of Chicago."

Lyric Opera begins its 65th season with Davis conducting Rossini's "The Barber of Seville" on Sept. 28.

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# Pay

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"Crazy Rich Asians" sequel after learning that the studio's initial offer to Chiarelli was in the \$800,000 to \$1 million range; Lim was offered a fraction of that at "\$110,000-plus."

Warner Bros. did not respond to inquiries from the Tribune. And Lim's representative said she was unavailable for further interviews. But the pay gap is so vast — and a high-profile example of systemic inequities that persist in Hollywood — that it warrants a closer look.

## When Hollywood says one thing but does another:

"Crazy Rich Asians" was one of the few American-made studio films to tell the story of Asian lives that is set entirely in the present day, starring an all-Asian cast. That Warner Bros. backed author Kwan and director Jon M. Chu's vision is significant because, as Kwan has noted several times, that wasn't always the case with other parties circling his book.

"There was initial interest from a producer who wanted to change (the heroine) Rachel Chu into a white girl," he told THR in 2015. "I tell that story to book clubs in suburban middle America and they go crazy: 'Why does Hollywood think we would want to see this movie with white people?'"

But with Warner Bros. producing, Constance Wu was ultimately cast as the lead.

One might interpret that as the studio seeing enormous value in a story told from the point of view of an Asian woman. But the Warners' offer to Lim suggests quite the opposite.

"Being evaluated that way can't (help) but make you feel that this is how they view my contributions," she told THR writer Rebecca Sun, who summarized Lim's feelings this way:

That "women and people of color often are regarded as 'soy sauce' — hired to sprinkle culturally specific details on a screenplay, rather than (be) credited with the substantive work of crafting the story."

## Unconscious bias:

Last year I wrote about the pay gap that affects black actresses in Hollywood and I spoke to Ohio State University's Timothy A. Judge, who has studied the way gender affects compensation in Hollywood.

Here's what he told me: "One thing we've learned from social-psychological research in the last 10 or 15 years is that when we make decisions about people — when we evaluate others — we have biases that carry a lot of history that we don't consciously process or recognize."

"So what you often see is this neurotic tendency to profess one



Constance Wu appears in a scene from the Warner Bros. film "Crazy Rich Asians."

set of values — fairness — but when you look at their decisions, there's a discrepancy."

Earlier this week, "Crazy Rich Asians" director Chu posted a statement on Twitter saying that he stands with Lim but also that "negotiations are tough and more often than not messy — no matter who are you are in this industry." Upon learning of Lim's unhappiness with Warners' offer, Chu, along with the producers and studio executives, "leapt into action to ensure we got to a place of parity between the two writers at a significant number. It was both educational and powerful to hear all facets of the debate."

Imagine if Chu or Chiarelli had made it clear from the outset: We know there's a long history of women of color getting paid less and that's not OK — before negotiations begin, let's ensure that doesn't happen.

## The fig leaf of "industry standard" pay ranges:

THR doesn't quote anyone from the studio, but it does report that "Warners explained to Lim's reps that the quotes are industry-standard established ranges based on experience and that making an exception would set a troubling precedent in the business."

Here's what that's likely referring to: Prior to "Crazy Rich Asians," Chiarelli had two movie credits to his name (2009's "The Proposal" and 2016's "Now You See Me 2"). Lim had none, but she did have extensive TV writing experience at a very high (co-executive producer) level, mostly recently on Fox's "Lethal Weapon."

But, the studio thinking goes, because Lim had no movie credits prior to the first "Crazy Rich Asians," it's logical that her offer would be much lower than Chiarelli's.

Valuing movie credits over

television credits seems like an arbitrary distinction considering how cinematic and serialized TV has become in recent years.

"It does feel a little bit like a remnant from a time when only network TV existed," said screenwriter Tze Chun, who — after Lim's story came to light — tweeted about his own experiences regarding pay.

"It's a justification from business affairs to pay less, and they can make that justification if they want. But if you've spent 15 years in writers rooms and you're a high-level TV writer, I'm guessing your experience is pretty valuable compared to a feature writer."

## Industry standards aren't set in stone:

And sometimes they're not even followed. How do we know? Chun said as much on Twitter. I asked him to expand on that.

"Each time I was commissioned by a studio to write a script, I was paid more than the offer they made to Adele — even though I have no produced studio credits. I was paid almost double what they were offering her."

Chun (who is originally from Chicago) made two indie movies before moving over to television, where his credits include "Once Upon a Time" and "Gotham." Those three studio scripts he wrote were never produced, not an uncommon occurrence in Hollywood.

"I thought I was a good control subject because I'm Chinese, but I'm male," Chun said. "And the fact that I was paid double what a really successful TV writer and screenwriter — who was responsible for one of Warners' biggest hits in the last few years — was astounding to me."

I asked why he thinks it happened.

"I think they're lowballing as a

matter of course," Chun said.

"That being said, I think there's always an internalized racism and sexism when it comes to looking at female writers — and especially female writers of color. There's an internalized feeling that they are not worth as much as other writers, and I think that was portrayed pretty starkly in this offer. I would have felt very disrespected by that offer if I was her."

"When it's about bumping up what they pay, business affairs always has this thing where they're like, 'We don't want to set precedents.' For me it's like, let's look at it from the opposite point of view: They had no problem with Adele's first feature breaking precedent and being the most successful Asian American studio movie ever made. But also, studios break precedents all the time!"

"What studios have to realize is that an offer is an expression of what the studio perceives the value of a writer to be. And for the offer to be that low? There's no way to see it (but) as a devaluation of Adele's contribution."

Chun was recently named showrunner for the animated comedy TV series "Gremlins: Secrets of Mogwai." The show is being made for WarnerMedia's forthcoming streaming service HBO Max.

I asked if he felt comfortable speaking openly since he works for the same parent company responsible for "Crazy Rich Asians."

"Somebody has to say something," Chun said. "Yes, I'm working with them on this show. But I can't let that determine what I talk about and what I don't talk about — especially when it's as important as this."

"If you haven't spent your entire life thinking about your race and your gender because of power structures that exist, then

you don't think about it when you hire people."

## What counts as experience:

The vast disparity in offers would also appear to disregard any kind of life experience and firsthand cultural knowledge that Lim brings to a project specifically about the lives and loves of Asian women.

Apparently Chiarelli felt the same, reportedly volunteering to split his fee with her. Lim turned that down and her reasoning is sound:

"Pete has been nothing but incredibly gracious," she told THR. "But what I make shouldn't be dependent on the generosity of the white-guy writer."

"If I couldn't get pay equity after 'CRA,' I can't imagine what it would be like for anybody else, given that the standard for how much you're worth is having established quotes from previous movies, (for) which women of color would never have been (hired). There's no realistic way to achieve true equity that way."

Or in other words: If inequalities in Hollywood are systemic, then the system itself has to change.

## Past success matters:

Last year in an interview with THR, HBO's head of programming Casey Bloys tackled pay inequities head-on:

"We just finished our process where we went through and made sure that there were no inappropriate disparities in pay," he said. "And where there were, if we found any, we corrected it going forward. And that is a direct result of the Time's Up movement. I'm sure (the actors) were happy, but they also shouldn't have to fight for it."

That's Lim's point as well. But here's where Bloys really interrogates the issue of "industry standard" pay ranges — and there's no reason this shouldn't apply to movie studios as well, especially when the project is a sequel:

"When you're putting a show together, people come in with different levels of experience and maybe some people have won awards or something that makes them stand out," he said. "But when you get into Season 2 or 3 of a show and the show is a success, it is much harder to justify paying people wildly disparate numbers, and that's where you have to make sure that you're looking at the numbers — that they don't end up just on the path they were on from the pilot stage."

"So the thing that has been interesting about the whole movement is that it really is reminding everybody to do what's right, and I think it's retraining all of our thinking."

Maybe Warner Bros. didn't get the memo.

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## WATCH THIS: FRIDAY



Luke Wilson

**"Room 104"** (10 p.m., 11:30 p.m., HBO): From the fertile imaginations of sibling writer-directors Mark and Jay Duplass, this anthology series — in which each episode revolves around characters who pass through the same room at a generic American chain motel — opens Season 3 with a premiere called "The Plot." Luke Wilson and Christine Woods star as an estranged brother and sister who reconnect at the site of their future joint investment.

**"Dating a Sociopath"** (7 p.m., 11 p.m., LIFEMOV): If it's true that trouble comes in threes, poor Jane (Hannah Vandenbygaart) had better watch her back in this 2019 melodrama. She's recently gone through two devastating experiences, the trauma of seeing her parents' long marriage collapse, followed by her own near-fatal car accident. Now, as she recovers from her injuries, Jane starts to fret that Mom's new boyfriend seems a little too charming to be real.

**"Reef Break"** (8 p.m., ABC): Much like its main character, Cat Chambers (Poppy Montgomery), this engaging summer action drama from Down Under deserves points for audacity. ABC still hasn't announced whether a Season 2 is in the cards, but that hasn't stopped the cast and producers from delivering a cliffhanger of a Season 1 finale, "Endgame." The story finds Cat on the run and fearing for her life. Expect hearts to be broken and multiple fates to hang in the balance.

**"Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives"** (8 p.m., 11 p.m., Food): Host Guy Fieri goes searching high and low for taste-bud ticklers from across the spectrum in the new episode "Far-Flung Flavor," which starts at a Middle Eastern eatery offering juicy shawarma and salmon souvlaki in Santa Fe, N.M. Kansas City, Mo., is home to a funky spot that serves up some outrageously tasty Scandinavian specialties.

**"Murder in the Bayou"** (8 p.m., 10 p.m., Showtime): In this new five-part true-crime docu-series, filmmaker Matthew Galkin revisits the still-unsolved murders of eight women whose bodies were discovered in drainage canals and rural areas around small-town Jennings, La., between 2005 and 2009. The investigation revealed that all of the victims had become casualties of a violent sex and drug trade.

**"Killjoys"** (9 p.m., Syfy): The fifth and final season of this sci-fi action dramedy, which has been delivering the thrills at a breakneck pace lately, hits its penultimate episode tonight with the new episode "Terraformance Anxiety." It finds the Lady's nefarious scheme — to alter the atmosphere of Westerly to accommodate her new master race — becoming a reality. That means that moon will be totally uninhabitable for humans, sending Dutch, John and D'avin (Hannah John-Kamen, Aaron Ashmore, Luke Macfarlane) scrambling to stop her.

## TALK SHOWS

**"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Jimmy Fallon brings A-list guests, signature comedy bits and chart-topping music to late night.\*

**"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson; actress Jillian Bell; Tori Kelly performs.\*

**"Jimmy Kimmel Live"** (10:35 p.m., ABC): TV host Dr. Phil McGraw; rapper Method Man; Shaed performs.\*

\* Subject to change

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## FRIDAY EVENING, SEP. 13

BROADCAST	PM	MOVIES									
		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00			
CBS	2	Hawaii Five-0: "Hewa Ka Lima." ©		Magnum P.I.: "A Kiss Before Dying." ©		Blue Bloods: "Identity." ©		News (N) ▶			
NBC	5	American Ninja Warrior: "Las Vegas National Finals" ©				Dateline NBC (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ▶			
ABC	7	American Housewife	Fresh Off the Boat	Reef Break: "Endgame." (Season Finale) (N) ©		20/20 (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ▶			
WGN	9	black-ish ©	black-ish: "God." ©	WGN News (N) (Live) ©		MLB Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Seattle Mariners. (N) (Live) ©					
Antenna	9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©		3's Comp.			
This TV	9.3	Clambake (NR,'67) **	Elvis Presley. ©			Frankie and Johnny (NR,'66) **		©			
PBS	11	Chi. Tonight: Review (N)	Washington Week (N)	Check, Please!	Islands, Cars	American Masters: "Raul Julia: The World's a Stage." (N) ©					
CW	26.1	Madden NFL (N)		Peaking (N)	Peaking (N)	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©			
The U	26.2	Dr. Phil (N) ©		Tamron Hall (N) ©		The Steve Wilkos Show	Cops ©				
MeTV	26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett			
H&I	26.4	Star Trek: "The Apple." ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ▶				
Bounce	26.5	The Game	The Game	Metro (R,'97) **	Eddie Murphy. ©						
FOX	32	BH90210: "The Long Wait." ©		MasterChef: "London Calling -- Pt. 2." ©		Fox 32 News	Bears Unleashed	Flannery Fired Up			
Ion	38	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: LA ▶			
TeleM	44	Exatón EE. UU. (N)		El final del paraíso (N) ©		Preso No. 1 (N) ©		Chicago (N)			
MNT	50	Chicago P.D. ©		CSI: Miami	"Blown Away." ©	CSI: Miami		Chicago ▶			
UniMas	60	+(6) Enamorándonos		Apocalipsis		Noticiero Uni	Los videos	Nosotr.			
WJYS	62	Kenneth Cox Ministries		Joyce Meyer	Robison	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Monument			
Univ	66	La Rosa de Guadalupe		La Rosa de Guadalupe		Sin miedo a la verdad (N)		Noticias (N)			
AE		Live PD: Rewind (N) ©		(8:04) Live PD: "Live PD -- 08.18.18." ©							
AMC		Friday the 13th (R,'80) **	Betsy Palmer. ©			Friday the 13th, Part 2 (R,'81) * ©					
ANIM		The Zoo: San Diego ©		The Zoo: San Diego ©		Secret Life-Zoo		Wild Bear			
BBCA		The Patriot (R,'00) ***	Mel Gibson. A man and his son fight side by side in the Revolutionary War.								
BET		black-ish	black-ish	The Next Big Thing		(9:03) Alex Cross (PG-13,'12) * ©					
BIGTEN		Soccer (N)	BIG Story	Women's College Volleyball (N)				BIG Show ▶			
BRAVO		Boo! A Madea Halloween (PG-13,'16) **	Tyler Perry. ©			Boo! A Ma ▶					
CLTV		News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	Chic.Best	Weekend	Politics			
CNN		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ▶			
COM		The Office	The Office	The Comedy Central Roast: "Bruce Willis." ©				Good Talk			
DISC		BattleBots: "Live to Die Another Day." (N) ©				Mysteries of the Abandoned (N) ©					
DISN		Raven (N)	Just Roll (N)	To be announced ▶							
E!		Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Flip It ▶			
ESPN		College Football (N)		(8:15) College Football: Washington State vs Houston. (N) (Live) ▶							
ESPN2		High School Football (N)				CFL Football: Redblacks at Lions (N) ▶					
FNC		Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News			
FOOD		Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive			
FREE		Pirates	The Jungle Book (PG,'16) ***	Neel Sethi. © (SAP)				700 Club ▶			
FX		Despicable Me 2 (PG,'13) ***	Voices of Steve Carell.			Despicable Me 2 (PG,'13) ***		©			
HALL		A Gift to Remember (NR,'17)	Peter Pette. ©			Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls			
HGTV		Dream	Dream	Dream (N)	Dream	Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters			
HIST		Ancient Aliens ©		(8:02) Ancient Aliens		(9:05) Ancient Aliens		Aliens ▶			
HLN		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic			
IFC		Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men			
LIFE		Stepmom (PG-13,'98) **	Julia Roberts, Susan Sarandon. ©					Married ▶			
MSNBC		All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)			
MTV		Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. ▶			
NBCSCH		MLB Baseball: Pittsburgh Pirates at Chicago Cubs.		From Wrigley Field in Chicago.				Football			
NICK		Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG,'09) **	©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ▶				
OVATION		+(6) Flashdance ('83) **	Mamma Mia! (PG-13,'08) **	Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan.							
OWN		20/20 on OWN ©		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		20/20 ▶			
OXY		Dateline: Secrets (N)		Nancy Grace		Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped ▶			
PARMT		+(5) Bad Boys II (R,'03) **	©	Creed (PG-13,'15) ***	Michael B. Jordan. ©			©			
SYFY		+(6) The Hunger Games: Catching Fire ('13) ***	©	Killjoys (N) ©				Futurama			
TBS		The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13,'12) **	Ian McKellen, Martin Freeman. ©								
TCM		That's My Boy (NR,'32)	Dorothy Jordan	Over the Goal ('37) **		(9:45) The Big Game ▶					
TLC		90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days		90 Day: Other		Chantel ▶					
TLN		Dream Motel	Your Bible	Lifestyle	The Three	Life Today	Dare	7th Street			
TNT		Wedding Crashers (R,'05) ***	Owen Wilson. ©			Yes Man (PG-13,'08) **					
TOON		Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	Boondocks	Boondocks	Rick, Morty			
TRAV		My Haunted House ©		Ghost Brothers (N)		Paranormal Ca. (N)		Ghost ▶			
TVL		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King			
USA		Iron Man (PG-13,'08) ***	Robert Downey Jr., Terrence Howard. ©			Mod Fam					
VH1		+(6) Forrest Gump (PG-13,'94) ***	Tom Hanks, Robin Wright. ©	Coming to America ***							
WE		Love After Lockup ©		Love After Lockup (N) ©		Growing Up Hip Hop: N.Y.		Love- Loc. ▶			
WGN America		Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man			
HBO		+(6) The Mule ** (7:20)	Resident Evil: Apocalypse **	Real Time, Bill Maher (N)		Room 104					
HBO2		Gemstones	Our Boys (Subtitled-English) (8:35)	The Hate U Give (PG-13,'18) ***							
MAX		Tag (R,'18) **	Ed Helms. ©	(8:45) American Wedding (R,'03) **	Jason Biggs.						
SHO		+(5:30) The Help ('11) ***		Murder in the Bayou (Series Premiere) (N)	Couples	Couples		Murder ▶			
STARZ		+(6) The Fast and the Furious	Power: "Murderers." ©	(9:01) Power ©				Power © ▶			
STZNC		+(6) Sleeping With the Enemy	The Running Man (R,'87) **	©		(9:43) Bad Teacher ***					

## 'LINDA RONSTADT: SOUND OF MY VOICE' ★★★★★

## Moving documentary a tribute to iconic singer

By KATIE WALSH  
Tribune News Service

Have we taken Linda Ronstadt for granted? She was such a huge star for so long, so ubiquitous and so productive. And it seems, with the dearth of new Ronstadt albums, in the words of Joni Mitchell, "You don't know what you've got til it's gone." The iconic singer, now 73, has lost her incredible vocal ability to Parkinson's disease and retired from singing in 2009. Thankfully, Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman's documentary "Linda Ronstadt: Sound of My Voice" preserves the unforgettable voice while detailing her career and indelible impact on the music industry.

The apple-cheeked Ronstadt became the queen of smooth adult-contemporary "torchy rock" in the 1980s, a magazine-cover staple thanks to her high-profile relationships. But

that shouldn't (and could never) erase her heavier roots, and the film strongly asserts Ronstadt's rock 'n' roll bona fides as a trail-blazing and wildly successful solo female artist in the man's world of late '60s and early '70s country rock.

While other documentaries about the LA music scene at the time have chronicled the bad behavior of the bad boys of folk, what's refreshing about "Sound of My Voice" (and Ronstadt in general) is her open, generous spirit. She was a connector, giving her blessing as Don Henley and Glenn Frey formed The Eagles while touring as her backup band, and a supporter, lifting country artist Emmylou Harris up with her and becoming her No. 1 fan, rather than a jealous competitor. The film showcases Ronstadt's remarkably astute assessment of and perspective on the often toxic extracurricular elements of the

**MPAA rating:** PG-13 (for brief strong language and drug material)

**Running time:** 1:35

music scene at the time as well.

For Ronstadt, the music comes before everything else. She wasn't a songwriter, but as Jackson Browne says in an interview, she was an "auteur" of vocal styling, a singer who could take a song and make it hers forever. A large portion of the film is dedicated to lauding her willingness to experiment with her sound and take risks with her career, trying on an album of standards or casually taking on a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, or storming the gates for Latino representation with an album of traditional mariachi music dedicated to her father and Mexican roots. Ronstadt grew up on a ranch in Tucson, Arizona,



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"Linda Ronstadt: Sound of My Voice" details the singer's career and impact on the music industry.

part of a large, musical family, and each experiment is a tribute to the different elements of her upbringing.

Made up of archival footage and interviews with those closest to Ronstadt and laid over with narration from Linda herself, the film follows a standard documentary format. The vibe is casual, folksy, heartfelt and filled with great rock stories. While it seems as though

Epstein and Friedman focus on Ronstadt's incredible successes but gloss over the darker moments, it's because they're saving that for last.

After her virtuosic instrument is demonstrated in all of its abilities throughout the archival footage of concerts, recordings and music videos, the tragic loss of Ronstadt's voice to Parkinson's hits like a freight train at the end. It's not so much for us,

as fans, who can access her gift in recordings, but for Ronstadt, who at one point declares that she "can't NOT sing" when the right song strikes. For Ronstadt, her life was always about the music, not about the career. Turns out following the music made for an incomparable career, and Epstein and Friedman's film is a beautiful, deeply moving and well-deserved tribute to this utterly singular woman and her talent.

## Hustlers

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high-heels dash in a hospital sequence gets every second of screen time it deserves). But like "Showgirls" — and believe me, it's like "Showgirls" only in this respect — "Hustlers" belongs to its central veteran/newbie duo, Lopez and Wu.

Visually, the film's on the prowl every second, with the camera pushing in toward each new social gathering, each new Champagne shower, every new and usually sleazy Wall Street magician peeling off bills while the human commodities sharing his private room negotiate the cost of this or that.

After the money dries up in 2008, Ramona (who has a daughter of her own)



BARBARA NITKE PHOTO

Lili Reinhart, left, Jennifer Lopez, Keke Palmer and Constance Wu star in "Hustlers."

enlists Destiny to solidify her business plan. This involves "fishing" for stray men with money, usually in bars; promising them a good time; plying them with MDMA and Keta-

mine; and, once the women get the proper credit card information, maxing out the sucker's card.

It worked until it didn't, as we sense early on, in the first of Destiny's 2014-set

interview scenes featuring a magazine writer (Julia Stiles) working the story.

A tougher, less commercial film might've gone after the more corrosive elements of this sort of life.

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**Running time:** 1:50

Scafaria barrels forward so that her film threatens at times to blur into a single, extended montage of high spirits followed by tough times followed by the visual details of the scam these women are running. The details are pretty choice, however, as when Lopez and Co. master the art of knocking back shots without actually drinking anything.

Scafaria's gaze in "Hustlers" delivers more matter-of-fact dressing-room nudity and casual raunch than some moviegoers may be expecting. So now you know what to expect.

I wish some of the scenes weren't cut short in order to hustle us forward, "Goodfellas" style, to get to the next bit. Still, I found more to appreciate in "Hustlers" than, for starters, a more recent Martin Scorsese film, "The Wolf of Wall Street."

The corruption and lure of "Hustlers" may be "Wall Street"-adjacent, but I can't be the only one who prefers this movie to that one, which was all flash and no pan. Lopez and Co. remind us that there's more than one kind of story worth telling about money, sex, women and, as Burt Lancaster put it in another New York classic, "Sweet Smell of Success," the greedy murmur of little men.

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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Sept. 13): Your family and home blossom and grow this year. Cultivate self-discipline and reliability for happiness and satisfaction. Winter brings new love, before your team confronts a challenge. Disruptive relocation or renovation next summer leads to a successful group collaboration.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 6. Review priorities privately. Meditate on dreams past and future. Some concerns are well founded. This Pisces full moon illuminates a transition. Begin an introspective phase.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 7. This full moon illuminates social transitions. Patiently navigate a change. Friends come and go with community and group projects. Share appreciations, goodbyes and greetings.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 6. Finish a project before beginning another professional phase. This Pisces full moon sparks a career shift. Focus toward current passions.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 7. An exploration changes. The full moon illuminates a shift in your educational direction. Experiment with concepts. Travel expands your view.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. The stakes could seem high with this full moon. Shift directions with shared finances over the next few weeks. Work out the next phase together.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Reach a turning point with a partnership under the full moon. Compromise and collaborate for shared commitments. Adjust to a change in plans.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Begin a new physical health and fitness phase upon reaching a barrier or obstacle. Review and revamp skills and practices under this full moon.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Change directions with a romance, passion or creative endeavor under this full moon. Express your heart, imagination and artistry. Shift perspectives for a new view.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 6. Make repairs. Renovate, remodel and tend your garden. Domestic changes require adaptation under the full moon. Begin a new home and family phase.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. A new two-week phase in communications, connection and intellectual discovery dawns with this full moon. Shift the direction of your research.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. A turning point arises around income and finances. You can find profitable opportunities over two weeks under the full moon. Generate positive cash flow.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. A challenge redirects you. This full moon in your sign illuminates a new personal direction. Expand your boundaries. Turn toward an inspiring possibility.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



### Bridge

North-South vulnerable, West deals

<b>North</b>		<b>East</b>
♠ 9 8 6 5 2		♠ 4
♥ 8 2		♥ 7 6 5 4 3
♦ 8 6 5		♦ 10 9
♣ A K 6		♣ J 9 5 3 2
<b>West</b>		<b>South</b>
♠ K 7		♠ A Q J 10 3
♥ Q J 10 9		♥ A K
♦ A Q J 2		♦ K 7 4 3
♣ Q 10 7		♣ 8 4

You might think that North's jump to game is a bit too much. We agree, but North felt that his partner's bid, in a live auction at unfavorable vulnerability, had to be based on very sound values. Even if North had contented himself with a raise to the three level, South was likely to have carried on to game.

South captured the opening heart lead with his ace and was faced with a very simple hand to play. West, who had opened a 15-17 no trump, had everything! The only thing South needed for success was a 2-1 trump split. South simply refused to take any finesse that was known to be losing — a good strategy when you have enough information.

South cashed the ace of spades, the king of hearts, and then led a club to dummy's ace. He continued with the king of clubs and then ruffed dummy's last club. He exited with a spade to West's king and West had the unpleasant choice of yielding a ruff-sluff or giving South his king of diamonds. West chose to play diamonds, of course, as it was possible that his partner held the king. West led a low diamond in case partner held the doubleton king. This was a good play as it could never cost West a diamond trick and it might prevent East from getting employed. South won with his king and surrendered two diamonds to the opponents before ruffing his last diamond in dummy. Making four!

**The bidding:**

<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>
1NT	Pass	2♦*	2♠
3♥	4♠	All pass	

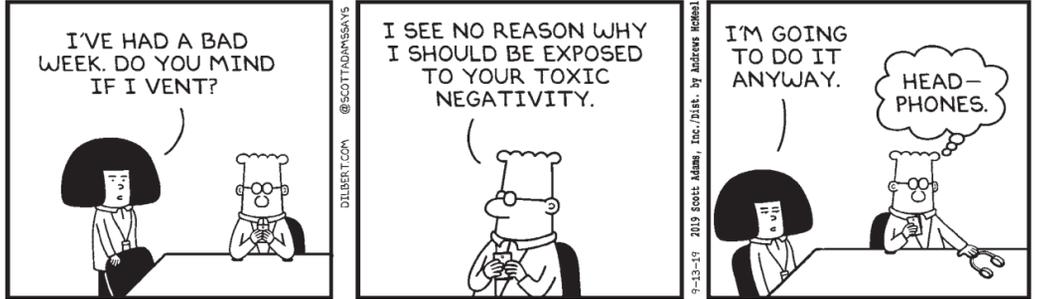
\*Transfer to hearts  
**Opening lead: Queen of ♥**

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### Dilbert



### Baby Blues



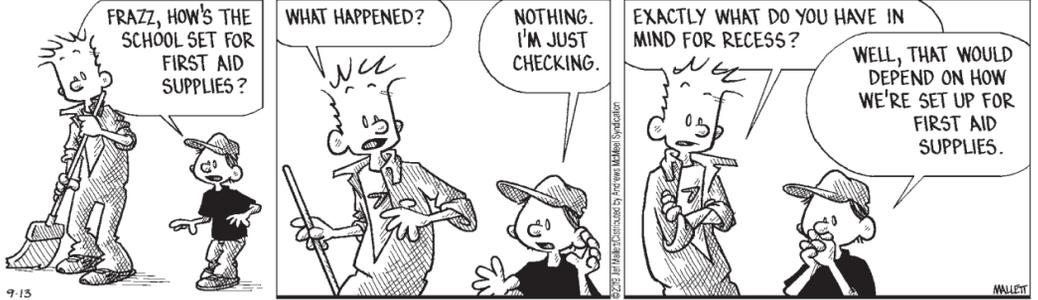
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### Mr. Boffo



### Frazz



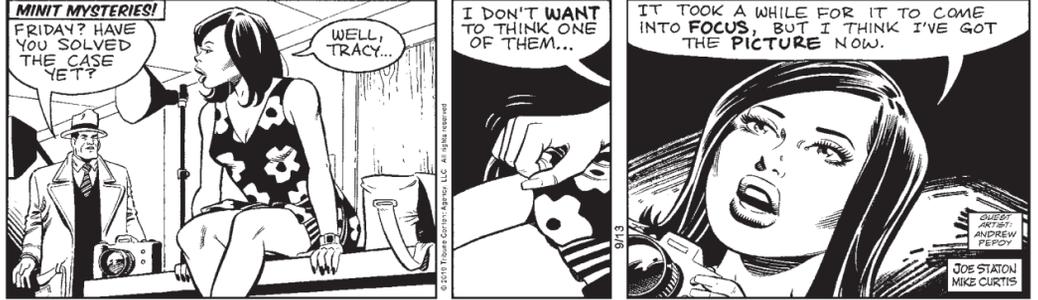
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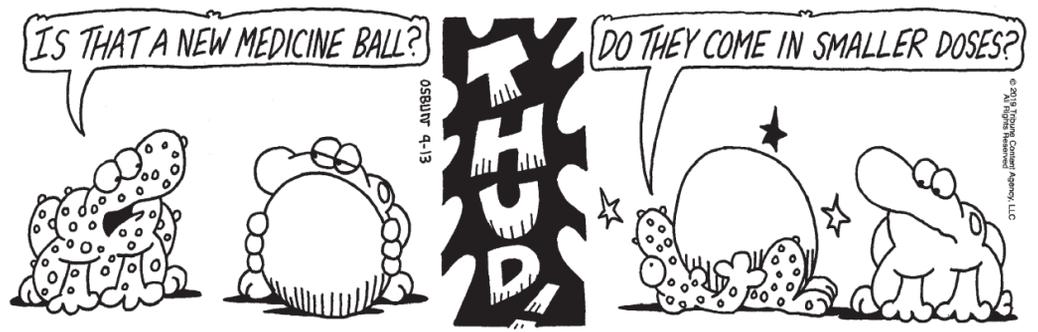
### Pickles



### Dick Tracy



### Animal Crackers



### Prickly City





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FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

NORMAL HIGH: 76°

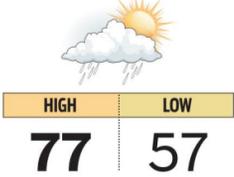
NORMAL LOW: 56°

RECORD HIGH: 98° (1939)

RECORD LOW: 39° (1890)

## After stormy weather, cooler dry air flows in

### LOCAL FORECAST



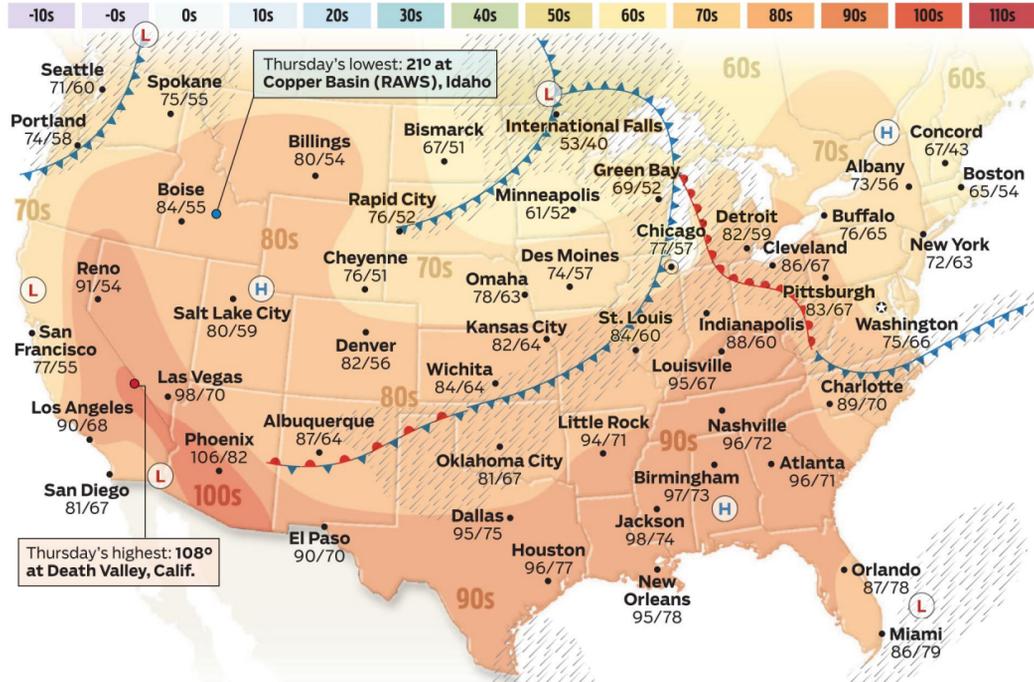
■ A cold front sweeps through from the northwest early. Cool, dry air flows into the area on the wings of westerly 30 mph winds..

■ A chance of remnant showers/t-storms early in the immediate Chicago area south and east. Skies gradually clearing from the west.

■ Afternoon highs reach into the middle 70s, turning breezy and much less humid as dew points fall off to the upper 50s by evening.

■ West to southwest winds 15-30 mph.

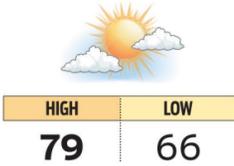
### NATIONAL FORECAST



The stage was set for active thunderstorms Thursday with a warm front working its way north through our area and a cold front approaching from the northwest. A severe thunderstorm developed on the warm front mid-afternoon with a tornado warning issued for Kane, Kendall and DeKalb Counties. This after early morning downpours had swamped McHenry and Lake Counties to the north with 3 to 5-inch rains. More strong thunderstorms were expected ahead of the cold front Thursday night.

Friday the cold front will sweep off to the east, followed by west to southwest winds gusting to 30 mph, carrying a cool dry Canadian-source high pressure air mass into our area. The high pressure will begin to modify over the weekend with warmer more humid air returning next week.

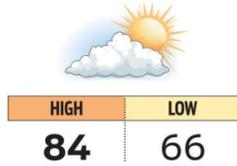
### SATURDAY, SEPT. 14



Mostly sunny. Afternoon highs in the upper 70s to lower 80s. Some clouds begin to build, leading to a chance of t-storms later at night. Light winds become SW 15-20 mph.



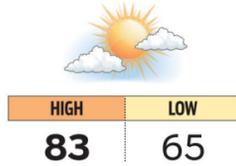
### SUNDAY, SEPT. 15



T-storms may be ongoing early, then partly sunny. Warm, more humid. Temps peak in the low-mid 80s. Partly cloudy overnight. Light winds.



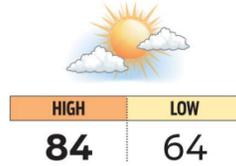
### MONDAY, SEPT. 16



Mostly sunny with temps warming into the middle 80s well inland, but an on-shore wind keeps readings in the 70s at the lakefront. Clear skies overnight.



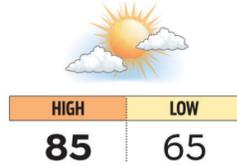
### TUESDAY, SEPT. 17



Chicago rests on the western edge of persistent high pressure centered over the northeast. Mostly sunny with afternoon highs in the mid to upper 80s well inland while a lake breeze keeps readings in the 70s at the lakefront.



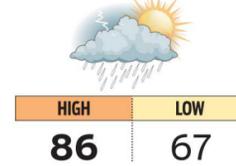
### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18



Continued quite warm well inland with highs in the mid to upper 80s while an on-shore flow again holds readings in the 70s at the lakefront. Clear skies overnight.



### THURSDAY, SEPT. 19



Increasing high and mid-level cloudiness, warm and humid with a chance of showers or t-storms later in the day and overnight. Afternoon highs in the mid to upper 80s. Gusty southwest winds.



### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
Why do hurricanes seem to only form in the Atlantic Ocean and not the Pacific?  
Thanks,  
Tom Cannon  
Tinley Park

Dear Tom,  
Hurricanes do form in the Pacific, and in most years, the number of Pacific tropical cyclones outnumber the Atlantic. Atlantic Basin storms do get far more publicity because of potential impact on the U.S. mainland. In a typical season, there are 11 named tropical cyclones in the Atlantic, Caribbean and the Gulf of Mexico, while the eastern Pacific averages 15. Typically, eastern Pacific storms form off Mexico's west coast and travel west, affecting only the shipping lanes though, in 2018, two threatened Hawaii. When typhoons that roam the northwest Pacific and hurricanes that form east of Australia in the southwest Pacific are counted, the Pacific dominates.

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## Pattern change aloft follows storms Thursday

### DELUGE HITS WISCONSIN BORDER COUNTIES

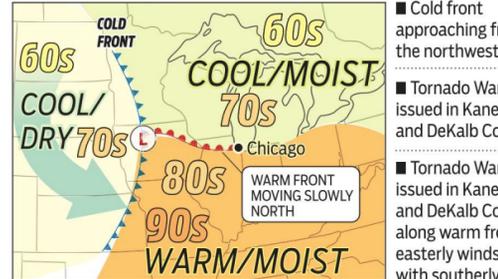
#### Heavier Wednesday night rainfall totals

Bull Valley (McHenry) **4.69"** Round Lake (Lake) **3.90"**  
Long Lake (Lake) **4.35"** Crystal Lake (McHenry) **3.32"**

### THURSDAY'S SEVERE WEATHER

#### A good part of the Chicago area inside the Slight Risk of Severe T-Storms and Excessive Flooding Rains

**SLIGHT RISK OF SEVERE T-STORMS** **SLIGHT RISK OF EXCESSIVE FLOODING RAINS**



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, NWS archives



■ Cold front approaching from the northwest

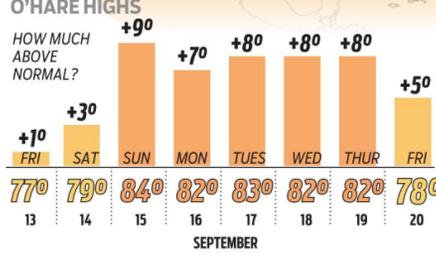
■ Tornado Warning issued in Kane, Kendall and DeKalb Counties

■ Tornado Warning issued in Kane, Kendall and DeKalb Counties along warm front where easterly winds collided with southerly winds

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY Warmth poised to return by this weekend



### FORECAST CHICAGO O'HARE HIGHS



### MIDWEST CITIES

FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	ts	86	58	pc	86	61
Carbondale	ts	82	55	su	82	61
Champaign	ts	81	55	su	81	62
Decatur	ts	81	55	su	81	62
Moline	pc	74	55	su	82	66
Peoria	pc	77	52	su	82	64
Quincy	pc	78	57	su	82	67
Rockford	pc	72	53	su	82	64
Springfield	pc	80	55	su	82	64
Stirling	pc	73	53	su	80	63
Indiana	ts	87	58	pc	81	58
Bloomington	ts	90	60	pc	83	61
Evansville	ts	84	56	pc	77	56
Fort Wayne	ts	88	60	pc	80	59
Indianapolis	ts	83	55	su	81	60
Lafayette	ts	79	55	su	77	59
South Bend	ts	79	55	su	77	59
Wisconsin	pc	69	52	pc	72	61
Green Bay	pc	76	54	pc	77	63
Kenosha	pc	66	52	pc	79	66
La Crosse	pc	68	52	pc	76	63
Madison	pc	75	54	pc	77	63
Milwaukee	pc	75	54	pc	77	63
Wausau	sh	63	49	pc	69	59
Michigan	ts	82	59	pc	76	58
Detroit	ts	77	57	su	73	60
Grand Rapids	ts	77	57	su	73	60
Marquette	ts	83	58	pc	76	58
St. Ste. Marie	ts	83	58	pc	76	58
Traverse City	ts	75	54	pc	71	59
Iowa	pc	73	52	pc	81	65
Ames	pc	71	51	su	80	64
Cedar Rapids	pc	71	51	su	80	64
Des Moines	su	74	57	pc	82	67
Dubuque	pc	68	52	pc	78	64

### OTHER U.S. CITIES

FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	ts	82	58	pc	83	69
Albuquerque	ts	87	64	pc	85	63
Amarillo	ts	79	63	pc	88	63
Anchorage	sh	62	50	pc	62	50
Asheville	ts	87	66	ts	81	64
Aspen	su	74	40	su	76	43
Atlanta	pc	96	71	ts	89	71
Atlantic City	pc	71	64	pc	77	69
Austin	pc	97	74	pc	99	73
Baltimore	sh	74	66	ts	83	71
Billings	pc	80	54	pc	82	58
Birmingham	pc	97	73	pc	92	73
Bismarck	pc	67	51	pc	77	52
Boise	pc	84	55	pc	86	59
Boston	su	65	54	cl	75	66
Brownsville	pc	91	75	pc	90	75
Buffalo	pc	76	65	pc	72	57
Burlington	su	73	56	sh	71	57
Charlotte	ts	89	70	cl	87	69
Charlottesville	pc	84	75	ts	84	75
Charlottesville	pc	93	68	ts	85	59
Chattanooga	pc	98	73	ts	92	71
Cheyenne	su	76	51	su	82	51
Cincinnati	pc	93	65	pc	91	62
Cleveland	ts	86	67	pc	82	58
Colo. Spgs	su	80	54	su	86	55
Columbia MO	pc	79	58	pc	84	67
Columbia SC	ts	94	72	pc	90	71
Columbus	pc	91	66	pc	80	58
Concord	ts	67	63	sh	70	56
Crps Christi	pc	90	75	su	92	75
Dallas	pc	95	75	pc	97	75
Daytona Bch.	ts	86	79	ts	83	77
Denver	su	82	56	su	88	57
Des Moines	su	82	56	su	88	57
Duluth	sh	55	46	pc	65	51
El Paso	su	90	78	pc	87	78

FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Fairbanks	cl	68	43	pc	63	41
Fargo	sh	62	45	pc	73	52
Flagstaff	pc	80	45	sh	79	49
Fort Myers	ts	89	76	ts	89	77
Fort Smith	ts	86	70	pc	91	71
Fresno	pc	102	68	su	103	67
Grand Junc.	pc	82	52	su	87	54
Great Falls	pc	76	53	pc	76	52
Harrisburg	sh	71	63	ts	80	65
Hartford	pc	71	52	sh	75	64
Helena	pc	78	63	cl	77	67
Honolulu	pc	90	77	sh	89	78
Houston	pc	96	77	su	97	77
Int'l Falls	pc	53	40	pc	66	51
Jackson	pc	98	74	pc	95	74
Jacksonville	cl	88	80	ts	85	78
Janeau	su	75	45	pc	61	42
Kansas City	su	82	64	pc	84	72
Las Vegas	su	98	70	su	102	71
Lexington	pc	95	68	pc	86	60
Lincoln	su	80	63	pc	87	66
Little Rock	pc	94	71	su	91	69
Los Angeles	su	90	68	pc	91	68
Louisville	pc	95	67	pc	86	62
Macon	pc	96	71	pc	91	71
Memphis	pc	96	73	su	94	72
Miami	ts	86	79	ts	88	79
Montgomery	pc	98	73	pc	93	73
Nashville	pc	96	72	pc	92	67
New Orleans	su	98	78	pc	91	78
New York	pc	72	63	cl	78	70
Norfolk	ts	75	68	pc	84	70
Okla. City	su	81	67	pc	90	71
Omaha	pc	78	63	cl	87	67
Orlando	cl	87	78	ts	84	77

### WORLD CITIES

FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Palm Beach	ts	85	79	ts	86	79
Palm Springs	su	110	79	pc	111	79
Philadelphia	pc	73	62	cl	81	69
Phoenix	pc	106	82	pc	104	83
Pittsburgh	pc	83	67	ts	80	58
Portland, ME	su	85	48	sh	66	59
Portland, OR	sh	74	58	pc	76	58
Providence	pc	69	48	pc	75	64
Raleigh	ts	82	67	pc	86	69
Rapid City	su	76	52	pc	79	53
Reno	su	82	52	cl	83	55
Richmond	sh	76	65	pc	87	69
Rochester	pc	75	63	sh	75	65
Salem, Ore.	cl	76	54	pc	77	56
Salt Lake City	su	80	59	su	87	

Chicago Tribune

# ON THE TOWN



# RIOT TIME!

The alt fest celebrates its 15th anniversary as it returns to Douglas Park

BY KEVIN WILLIAMS

**R**iot Fest knows what it wants to be, which is more than can be said for its bigger brethren like Pitchfork and Lollapalooza. Riot Fest is for the punks and the alt kids who are now old punks and alt geezers. They remember and love the bands they went to see back in the day, or maybe they could never afford to see those bands back in the day. Voila. Riot Fest. Three days of all the no-longer-young punks.

This is just a great fest because the weather is usually pretty good, there aren't zillions of people as with Lolla, and the bigger footprint means Riot Fest never feels as congested as Pitchfork can feel. And you know exactly why every band at Riot Fest is there. Stages are close by, food is plentiful and the sound is ... not horrible, which is about what you can expect from an outdoor fest.

The lineup? Action-packed, including Jawbreaker, Wu-Tang Clan, Bikini Kill, the Flaming Lips and other bands sure to bring back memories, like the Selecter performing the classic album "Too Much Pressure." Want to know more? See our list of 10 bands you need to see on **Page 2**.

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## Take 5

BY ADAM LUKACH

**1. Wild desserts:** This weekend, Lincoln Park Zoo helps host Dessert Fest at the Zoo, which is self-explanatory. There will be a variety of drinks, both alcoholic and non, to pair with treats from favorite spots like Roeser's, Stan's Donuts, Nothing Bundt Cakes and Beaver's. Bring your sweet tooth. 6:30-11 p.m. *Saturday, Lincoln Park Zoo, 2001 N. Clark St., \$25-\$45; eventbrite.com*

**2. 'Paw-tay' time!** The Chicago French Bulldog Rescue's annual Woof on the Roof fundraiser includes raffles and a cash bar, but the real attraction is the dogs. All well-behaved dogs are welcome (and free to enter), as long as weather permits the event to remain outdoors. 1-4 p.m. *Sunday, Joe's on Weed Street, 940 W. Weed St., \$10; eventbrite.com*

**3. Too much sauce:** The Rickmobile — a one-time pop-up event on wheels — will pull up to Chicago this week, and fans

will be able to purchase special, custom-designed "Rick and Morty" merch. Be aware of three things: Quantities of each product are limited; only credit or debit will be accepted; and the queue could be capped depending on numbers. 6-9 p.m. *Friday, Revolution Brewing, free admission, prices vary; adultswim.com/rickmobile*

**4. Art, 'RAW' and uncut:** The 18th annual Ravenswood Art Walk (RAW) offers two days of tours of art galleries and other local spaces as well as plenty of local art, food and drink for purchase, plus plenty of entertainment from the neighborhood. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. *Saturday and Sunday, Ravenswood Avenue from Irving Park Road to Leland Avenue, free; ravenswoodartwalk.org*

**5. 'Genuflection optional':** Nick Offerman, the man and the mustache behind the legendary Ron Swanson of "Parks and Recreation," performs his "All Rise" tour this weekend, an evening of "deliberative talking and light dance," per the listing. 7 p.m. *Sunday, Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St., \$153.50-\$253.50; ticketmaster.com*

## Fest planner

BY NATALIE WADE

Here are this weekend's best bets for food, drinks and entertainment.

**Riot Fest:** Some big bands are headlining the 15th anniversary of this iconic punk rock music fest in Douglas Park, including Blink-182 (Sept. 13) and The Flaming Lips (Sept. 13). Rock out and say goodbye to summer by ending the season with a bang. There are single-, two- and three-day tickets available, but for those looking for a little more luxury, you can purchase VIP, Deluxe and Ultimate packages as well. *Sept. 13-15, Douglas Park, \$50-\$1,500*

**Lakeview East Festival of the Arts:** Check out the work of over 150 artists who will display and sell their paintings, photography, fine jewelry and more. The fest will also host live music and entertainment, art demonstrations, family-friendly games and activities and local grub. With two stages, local bands like

The Bama Lamas (Sept. 14) and Rod Tuffcurls & the Bench Press will provide tunes as festgoers peruse all the art they can handle. *Sept. 14-15, Lakeview, \$5 suggested donation*

**Chicago Bourbon & Barbecue Fest:** This festival is all about the meats and oaky undertones. Get your hands on ribs, chicken and anything else you can put barbecue seasonings on while you taste the best bourbons the Windy City has to offer. There will be live music each day by 10 different bands, many of which have been providing tunes for lots of Chicago fests, like 16 Candles (Sept. 14) and Wedding Banned (Sept. 15). *Sept. 14-15, Roscoe Village, \$16-\$20 for four bourbon sampling tickets, \$35-\$45 for 12 bourbon sampling tickets*

**Ravenswood Artwalk:** Enjoy local art, films, food and booze along Ravenswood Avenue during this studio and street fest art crawl. Hosting an outdoor market, beer garden and live music, this art walk is a chance to go out and enjoy some fun crafts and activities with the whole family. *Sept. 14-15, Ravenswood, free*

# TURN IT UP

## All the Riot Fest you need

BY STEVE KNOPPER

Now that Warped Tour has vanished and Lollapalooza, Coachella and the other big festivals have long since filled their top headliner slots with the biggest of pop megastars, Riot Fest has taken over the niche of loud, aggressive punk bands in a somewhat intimate setting.

Its definition of punk is a spectrum, from ex-celebs Blink-182 to reunited riot-grrrl heroines Bikini Kill, with a little hip-hop and metal thrown in. The 14-year-old festival opened in Chicago and has expanded to other cities over the years, but it has settled in Douglas Park, where it starts at noon on Friday and runs through Sunday.

**Bikini Kill.** How 1993's raw, explosive and catchy "Rebel Girl" did not land on classic-rock radio, prompting eternal commuter headbanging, is a mystery known only to timid programmers perhaps put off by other song titles like "I Like F—."

A key anthem of the short-lived but influential riot-grrrl movement, "Rebel Girl" marches like the Runaways' "Cherry Bomb" or the Ramones' "Do You Remember Rock 'n' Roll Radio?," only lead singer-screamer Kathleen Hanna has more empowering ideas in mind: "In her hips, there's revolution / When she walks, the revolution's coming." Bikini Kill lasted from 1990 to '98, when Hannah left to form Le Tigre, but they reunited this year with a new guitarist, Erica Dawn Lyle, joining Hanna, steam-engine drummer Tobi Vail and bassist Kathi Wilcox. 8:30 p.m., Riot

**The Flaming Lips.** Oklahoma's finest rock 'n' roll band remains psychedelically loopy, posting a video for "Giant Baby" last month in which frontman Wayne Coyne stands under an inflatable rainbow and bandmates sway in friar's robes under pastel-colored strings of lights. The once-experimental and challenging Lips put out another chilled-out pop album earlier this year, "King's Mouth: Music and Songs," starring Coyne's peaceful high vocals and Clash guitarist Mick Jones' narration. At Riot Fest, they'll revisit 2002's "Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots." 7:40 p.m. Friday, Roots



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Kathleen Hanna, center, of the punk-rock band Bikini Kill performs in Los Angeles. The band's 2019 tour marks its first live shows in 20 years.

**Against Me!** Singer Laura Jane Grace returned her focus to 22-year-old Against Me! last year after focusing briefly on her side project Devouring Mothers, and the rebel-punk band is in fine voice — bassist Andrew Seward came back last year after a long hiatus, and in December they recorded a potent cover of Jim Carroll's classic "People Who Died." Grace is the pioneering transgender performer who announced her transition in the pages of Rolling Stone seven years ago, something she discusses at length in her 2016 memoir "Tranny: Confessions of Punk Rock's Most Infamous Anarchist Sellout." 3:55 p.m. Sunday, Riot

**The Raconteurs.** Ex-White Stripes singer-guitarist Jack White is one of those prolific pop stars whose ideas can't be contained in one configuration. His Raconteurs are 14 years old, having started as a vehicle for sturdy rocker "Steady, As She Goes," but they've evolved through hiatuses and reunions into White's most satisfying band. This year's "Help Us Stranger" contains songs so classic-rock you'd swear they came out in 1969: "Shine the Light on Me" is all joyful pianos and sunshine lyrics. 7:25 p.m. Sunday, Roots

**Slayer.** It's reassuring that even 33 years after the release of thrash-metal masterpiece "Reign in Blood," Slayer still shocks and annoys — the death-obsessed Huntington Park, Calif., quartet agreed to sponsor NASCAR driver J. J. Yeley's car, but its owner pulled out of the deal last month. Slayer cited "reactionary concerns from other longtime participating sponsors." Slayer, centered on singer Tom Araya and guitarist Kerry King, soldiers on even

under devastating circumstances, such as the death of founding guitarist Jeff Hanneman in 2013. The band still tours relentlessly, even though its last album was 2015's delightfully-more-of-the-same "Repentless." 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Riot

**Wu-Tang Clan.** The subject of not one but two films — one poorly reviewed scripted series recently on Hulu and a docuseries earlier this year on Showtime that the Hollywood Reporter called "exceptional" — the Wu brings its many moving parts together for an ongoing tour.

In the '90s, the Long Island, N.Y., group expanded the language of hip-hop, incorporating kung-fu imagery, lyrical references to Arnold Schwarzenegger, Spider-Man and Richard M. Nixon with smoky, repetitive, melodic samples. Ghostface Killah, RZA, GZA and the rest are on a bit of a victory lap these days despite the (still) crucially absent Ol' Dirty Bastard, who died in 2004. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Radicals

**Patti Smith.** As readers of her memoirs "Just Kids" and "M Train" well know, veteran New York punk-poet Smith tells a mean story — about her relationship with the late artist Robert Mapplethorpe, navigating the streets of New York City in the late '60s, encountering actors, poets and musicians at the Chelsea Hotel and slowly building her creative process.

She makes new recordings now and then, like this year's "The Peyote Dance," in which she reads from '30s French poet Antonin Artaud's work, and she memorably paid tribute to Bob Dylan at his Nobel Prize ceremony in 2016. But those who've followed her music for decades love her for

**When:** Friday-Sunday

**Where:** Douglas Park, 1401 S. Sacramento Dr.

**Tickets:** \$49.98-\$549.98; riotfest.org

out-and-out rocking, on '70s classics such as "Gloria" and "Because the Night" and in her explosive shows. 6:20 p.m. Sunday, Riot

**American Football.** Forming as a band of University of Illinois students in the late '90s, American Football grew in stature with the Coachella and Lollapalooza generation. The band's 1998 self-titled debut EP has just three songs but contains a crucial bit of emo DNA that much bigger bands would ultimately borrow.

In 2014, the Urbana band came back together and has since been playing shows and recording albums — this year's "LP3" has the feel of earlier indie-rockers Galaxie 500, somehow aggressive and calm at the same time, with a guest appearance by Paramore's Hayley Williams on "Uncomfortably Numb." 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Rise

**Angel Du\$t.** Beginning as a Baltimore hardcore band evoking Bad Religion and All, Angel Du\$t has evolved over six years into softer, more melodic power pop.

On its excellent 2019 album, "Pretty Buff," singer Justice Tripp switches from screaming to pronouncing "fair," as in "I don't think it's fair," as "fa-ye-ay-ye," while tambourines click joyously behind him. The songs are fast and persistent, especially "Big Ass Love" and "Bang My Drum," and they have a sturdy quality, drawing from Tripp's background in Trapped Under Ice and drummer Daniel Fang's as part of Turnstile. 4 p.m. Friday, Rebel Stage

**Descendents.** Some of us discovered these Los Angeles hardcore veterans through Christian Slater's sadly out-of-circulation 1990 movie "Pump Up the Volume." As a pirate-radio DJ, he introduces them as "my buddies, the Descendents," then airs the glorious "Weinerschnitzel," a 12-second 1985 track in which a fast-food flunky delivers an order to a punk band profanely snickering at the drive-through. Even then, the short-antenned specialists had a deep catalog, beginning with the 1979 single "Ride the Wild." Soon they drew in singer Milo Aukerman, then whooshed through 40 years of break-ups and reunions, full of Dead Kennedys-style humor, from 1981's "My Dad Sucks" and "I Like Food" to 2016's "Hypercaffium Spazzinate" album. 7:15 p.m. Friday, Rise

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MAREN CELEST

Whitney Millikan, from left, Eric Newmiller, Erin Delaney and Egon Schiele of Daymaker.

### LOCAL SOUNDS

## For Daymaker, its members come first

BY BRITT JULIOUS

"Our love for each person in this project comes first," said Erin Delaney, a member of indie punk group Daymaker. "Unless we're treating each other right, we're not getting anything done."

And this work and relationship ethos has served the band members of Daymaker well. The group is set to release its next album, "Let the Sun Fall," on Diversion Records this fall. The album was more than a year in the making, according to the group, and the writing process was an enjoyable, collective experience where every member felt seen and heard.

"It's a lot of just making music together and listening," Delaney said about their writing process. "We're really focused on making sounds and finding new directions through listening to each other in practice." For example, rather than practice like a live band set up, the group practices in a circle. All of the writing revolves around the group being in the room together, rather than apart. This is in contrast to other groups, who often operate with a de facto leader who brings tunes to the group.

Instead, Daymaker finds a more democratic process to be beneficial for the end song results. "We try to take care of each other as well as take care of our music. We're bandmates and family," band member Whitney Millikan said.

"You can kind of hear everybody's voice in all the songs," Egon Schiele, another band member, said about their collective approach to songwriting. "There will be that kind of check in progress. Like what is interesting to you in this piece of music we're working on? At least if nothing else,

**When:** 8:30 p.m. Tuesday

**Where:** Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave.

**Tickets:** \$8; eventbrite.com

making sure everybody is on board and interested. It's very much communication-based. I wouldn't say we've perfected anything, but that's kind of the fun of it too. It's an exercise in listening and speaking."

An improvisational approach to music creation also works well for the group. The band (which also includes Eric Newmiller) members come from differing musical backgrounds, including metal and jazz. But it is those differing sounds that seemingly gives the band "permission" to experiment and improvise, building each musical flourish until a more fully-developed song structure is formed.

"I wouldn't want to be structuring my music in any other way," Delaney said. Millikan agreed, adding, "I think we're just trying to create something the best way we know how, and that's the best way we know how."

After four years of working together, the group is interested in ways it can change its sound and slow down. "We're making music that's much more spacious. And because we've been working on it for so long, I think we're ready to leave that sound behind and kind of create more space in music that feels tight to us now," Delaney said.

That "tightness," as the group's members repeatedly reiterated, is a return to the creative process they've come to learn from and love most. "No one ever wants to sound like a broken record, and part of the fun of doing anything with the group is watching it grow and evolve," said Schiele. "I think we grew into a big and healthy and hearty plant that sprouted flowers, and I'm excited to see what they look like when they open."

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# Stunning partnership, Bach ignite fall season



**HOWARD REICH**  
On Music

More proof that the fall music season is fully underway comes in the coming week's lineup, which is thick with jazz, classical and cabaret:

## Jordan-Marinaro

If you attended the Chicago Jazz Festival two years ago, you witnessed the birth of a stunning partnership: 88-year-old Sheila Jordan and 44-year-old Paul Marinaro, two immensely accomplished vocalists discovering they're kindred spirits. True, Jordan was twice as old and about half as tall as Marinaro, but they took flight together in one improvised passage after another. At one point, Marinaro began crooning, "I'm singing with Sheila Jordan!" Since then, their friendship has deepened, and listeners can hear the results of their partnership in a rare club engagement. 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. *Friday and Saturday at Winter's Jazz Club, 465 N. McClurg Court; \$30-\$35, plus one-drink minimum; 312-344-1270 or www.wintersjazzclub.com*

## Dee Alexander

Any chance to hear the uncommonly versatile Chicago singer is worth seizing, but especially

when she's fronting her quartet in a prime listening room. Expect to hear music from Alexander's newest album, "It's Too Hot for Words," featuring her distinctive take on songs associated with Billie Holiday. True, Alexander won't have the Metropolitan Jazz Octet at her service, as she does on the recording. But even if Alexander were accompanied by a lone pianist, her insights into jazz repertoire in general, Holiday's music in particular, would be worth savoring. 8 and 10 p.m. *Friday and Saturday; 4, 8 and 10 p.m. Sunday; \$20-\$35; 312-360-0234 or www.jazzshowcase.com*

## Mass in B Minor

Chicago's Music of the Baroque opens its season in full-throated fashion with Bach's Mass in B Minor, a monumental statement from the composer scholar Nicolas Slominsky rightly termed the "supreme arbiter and lawgiver of music, a master comparable in greatness of stature with Aristotle in philosophy and Leonardo da Vinci in art." Music director Jane Glover will lead the orchestra and chorus, plus soloists: sopranos Yulia Van Doren and Krisztina Szabo, tenor Jonas Hacker and baritone Tyler Duncan. 7:30 p.m. *Saturday at the Harris Theater, 205 E. Randolph St.; \$10-\$85. Also 3 p.m. Sunday at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie; \$25-\$85; 312-551-1414 or www.baroque.org*



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Sheila Jordan performed with Paul Marinaro during the Chicago Jazz Festival two years ago. They'll play Winter's Jazz Club this weekend.

## Michele Brouman

The art of cabaret is alive and well in Chicago, so long as Donna Kirchman and Sue Berry continue to nurture Davenport's, a two-in-one venue with a piano lounge in front and a concert room in back. Singer-songwriter Brouman is perhaps best known for having penned "My Favorite Year," but she also has collaborated with Amanda McBroom — a superb songwriter in her own right — on tunes for the "Land Before Time" TV series. Brouman returns to Chicago, where she spent the early years of her career. 7 p.m. *Sunday at Davenport's, 1383 N. Milwaukee Ave.; \$15 plus two-drink minimum; 773-278-1830 or www.davenportspianobar.com*

## Patricia Barber

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## Erwin Helfer

The grand old man of classic ragtime, boogie and blues stands as a Chicago treasure, keeping alive traditions otherwise consigned to the history books and very old vinyl. To hear

the octogenarian play piano solo is something of a privilege, as he evokes the worlds of Pete Johnson, Albert Ammons, Sunnyland Slim, Jimmy Yancey, Art Hodes and Pinetop Perkins, among others. Between sets, you can ask Helfer about them, and he'll tell you stories. 7:30 p.m. *Tuesdays at the Hungry Brain, 2319 W. Belmont Ave.; free; www.hungrybrainchicago.com*

## Ralph Alessi

Like an increasing number of today's musicians, trumpeter Alessi declines to be hemmed in by genre, instead weaving jazz, classical and experimental impulses into a distinctive whole. For this engagement, he'll lead This Against That, staffed by pianist Andy Milne, saxophonist Jon Irabagon, bassist Drew Gress and drummer Mark Ferber. The band performs in support

of its newest album, "Imaginary Friends." 8 p.m. *Sept. 18 at Constellation, 3111 N. Western Ave.; \$12-\$15; www.constellation-chicago.com*

## Riccardo Muti and CSO

Muti launches his 10th season as music director of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra with a stylistically far-flung program: Mendelssohn's "Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage" Overture, Scriabin's "Reverie," Shostakovich's Symphony No. 6 and Grieg's Piano Concerto in A minor, with Leif Ove Andsnes as soloist. 8 p.m. *Sept. 19 and 1:30 p.m. Sept. 20 in Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.; ticket prices vary; 312-294-3000 or www.cso.org*

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## COUNTRY MUSIC PREVIEW

# Thomas Rhett has arrived

The country artist, now the big star he always dreamed of being, plays the United Center



Country star Thomas Rhett will headline the "Very Hot Summer Tour" at the United Center on Saturday.

JOHN SHEARER

BY CHRISSIE DICKINSON

Thomas Rhett's single "Look What God Gave Her" recently hit No. 1 on Billboard's Country Airplay chart. The love song is a family affair for the country star — his father is one of the song's co-writers and his wife and children appear in the video, which has racked up more than 25 million views on YouTube.

The catchy up-tempo pop tune features Rhett — born Thomas Rhett Akins, but who goes professionally by his given "double name" — extolling his feelings for spouse Lauren Akins: "Got a smile on her angel face / I know I'll never lose my faith." The two first met in elementary school, dated in high school and married in 2012.

"I've been blessed by the woman of my dreams since I was 14 years old," Rhett says, calling from the couple's home in Nashville. "The song is basically about thanking the Lord that I was able to marry the woman who is my best friend, someone who keeps me sane, grounded and humble."

Lauren Akins has become a social media star in her own right, an active mother who shares photos and videos of the Akins family with her 2.2 million followers on Instagram. The couple reside over a full house. They adopted daughter Willa Gray from Uganda in 2017 and their other daughter Ada James was born several months later. Their house also promises to get a bit

**When:** 7 p.m. Saturday

**Where:** United Center, 1901 W. Madison St.

**Tickets:** \$53-\$429; 800-745-3000 or [www.unitedcenter.com](http://www.unitedcenter.com)

fuller very soon — Lauren is currently expecting the couple's third child.

Marriage and fatherhood have shaped Rhett's sensibilities as a songwriter.

"It changed everything," he says. "Before I was married, I didn't have a lot of substance to write about. I wasn't confident enough to talk about my past because I didn't think anybody cared about it. Then I got married and as I progressed, I had love to write about from a very personal standpoint. When I had kids, I had emotions I never thought were possible."

"Look What God Gave Her" is featured on his recent release "Center Point Road" (Big Machine Records), the singer-songwriter's fourth studio album. Released at the end of May, the record debuted at the top of Billboard's 200 all-genre albums chart.

Now on the road as the headliner of the "Very Hot Summer Tour," Rhett performs at the United Center on Saturday. The bill includes Dustin Lynch and Russell Dickerson.

Opening the night will be Rhett's dad, Rhett Akins, a coun-

try singer whose 1990s major-label heyday included the hits "That Ain't My Truck" and "She Said Yes." Besides his recording career, the senior Akins has long been a successful Nashville songwriter. He's written or co-written a plethora of songs covered by a lengthy list of artists, among them the No. 1 country hit "Dirt On My Boots" by Jon Pardi.

In 2018, Akins was voted Songwriter of the Year at the Academy of Country Music Awards. He says there are older fans in the audience at the Very Hot Summer Tour who remember him from his days as a Music Row star. But for all the kids, teens and twentysomethings who are there to see Rhett, he's something of a revelation.

"There's a moment when I'm on stage when I say something like, 'To all you '90s country fans, I'm Rhett Akins, and to all you 14-year-old girls in the crowd, just Google 'Thomas Rhett's dad.' And literally during the next song, I see their phones light up, they're Googling while I'm singing. I can see their eyes get real big as they look at their friends like, 'Oh my God, that's his dad.' So that's fun."

Like his father, Rhett — who also goes by the nickname "TR" — is a prolific songwriter. When out on the road, he dedicates an entire tour bus to songwriting sessions with his father and a rotating cast of Nashville writers.

"I've written so many songs with my dad that we know each

other like the backs of our hands," Rhett says. "It's fun to bring a couple different writers in every week because every writer is living a different life and has a different perspective. Some are great at writing ballads and some are great at writing raw country music. Others are great at a more progressive (style). So at the end of the tour, I've stockpiled about 100 songs and none of them sound the same. I love that."

His father is awed by his son's work ethic when it comes to creating new material. "TR is a fiend, man," Akins says with a laugh. "We average about eight songs a weekend. Every time I think we're finished, a new idea hits him. The energy just keeps flowing."

Rhett was two years old when his father, then 22, moved the family from small-town Georgia to Nashville to try and make it in the music business. It was the early 1990s and country music was in a boom period led by juggernaut Garth Brooks. Akins quickly landed a songwriting deal, followed by a recording contract. He released albums, had several hits, shared stages and wrote songs with big name acts and became deeply enmeshed in the fabric of the town.

For young Thomas Rhett, growing up in Music City with a dad in the music business meant Halloween parties at Reba McEntire's house and sleeping in a bunk on his father's tour bus.

"Blake Shelton helped me with my homework one time when I was in the fourth grade," he recalls with a laugh. "Looking back on it, Blake was probably not the best person to help with my homework."

Rhett was still a kid when he began playing guitar and writing songs. His dad encouraged the young TR to tag along on his co-writing sessions. It was a foot in the door of the industry and a way to gain invaluable experience.

At 19, Rhett got serious about pursuing a music career. He signed a publishing deal and later a recording contract with Big Machine. His singles lit up country radio and he hit the road as an opening act, learning the ropes of the touring business from headliners Toby Keith, Lady Antebellum and Jason Aldean. In between big tour dates, he kept busy playing "every dive bar from Nashville to Seattle."

He's come a long way since those early club days. Now he's headlining United Center, a personal career goal.

"I wanted to play where the Bulls and the Blackhawks play," Rhett explains. "To me, the United Center is right up there with Madison Square Garden. It's one of those bucket-list places for me to play."

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## RIOT FEST PREVIEW

# The Village People co-founder is back

BY ALLISON STEWART

In 2017, after decades in the wilderness, Victor Willis returned to the Village People, the beloved '70s disco group he co-founded (he's the policeman, and sometimes a naval officer), and whose biggest hits he co-wrote.

It was a triumphant, emotionally charged homecoming for Willis, who had won a court battle for control of the Village People name. "It feels natural," he said in a phone interview in advance of the group's Sunday afternoon Riot Fest show. "It feels like it's where I should have been the whole time, anyway."

Willis, who is 68, was a veteran of the original Broadway production of "The Wiz" when music producers Henri Belolo and Jacques Morali recruited him for an early Village People prototype. The group's self-titled debut, released in 1977, featured Willis and a handful of background vocalists. After it became a modest hit, they scrambled to form a group around him. "There was no group but me, anyway," Willis remembers. "It was Jacques Morali and myself who put the group together. We're the ones who did the actual auditioning of the characters that became the look of the Village People."

Once the rest of the Village People cast was assembled, the hits came quickly: "Y.M.C.A.," "Macho Man," and "In the Navy," all co-written by Willis, covertly embraced gay culture without alienating straight fans. "All people got it, from little children to grandmothers, straight people to gay people, it didn't matter," Willis says.

"Macho Man" hit first, in June

**When:** 2:35 p.m. Sunday

**Where:** Douglas Park, 1401 S. Sacramento Drive

**Tickets:** \$49.98-\$149.98; [www.EventBrite.com](http://www.EventBrite.com)

of 1978, ushering in the longest era of peace and prosperity in the group's history.

Willis abruptly split with the Village People during the filming of their disastrous would-be biopic, 1980's "Can't Stop the Music." He doesn't want to discuss his departure from the group, or who made the decision that he should go. "It was a business decision," he says. "I don't want to get into that."

Willis was replaced by Ray Simpson, who had provided backing vocals for the group. His departure coincided with the downturn in disco, but even as the Village People initially struggled, Willis would watch them and think: That should be me up there. "I watched other people perform or try to imitate or simulate me," he says. "They were singing my songs, and I knew nobody could sing them better than I could, because I wrote them and sang them."

In the early '90s, something shifted. The Village People, once post-disco has been, became beloved mascots of retro camp. "Y.M.C.A." retroactively became one of the '70s' most enduring cross-generational hits, a mainstay of sports arenas, halftime shows and karaoke bars. They received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 2008, as Willis watched from the crowd. U2 paid homage to them in a music video. They opened for Cher.



COURTESY OF THE VILLAGE PEOPLE

Victor Willis, dressed as a cop, reprised his lead singer role in the revamped Village People in 2017.

Meanwhile, Willis's personal fortunes were on a downward slide. He divorced wife Phyllicia Ayers-Allen, who soon went on to stardom in "The Cosby Show." He faced drug and weapons charges and battled substance abuse, winding up at the Betty Ford Center in 2006. Things got so bad that at one point Willis was featured on "America's Most Wanted," and in headlines such as "Convicted Village People's cop on the run from real police." "I continued to write and sing," is how Willis describes those lost years, "and keep myself ready for the day that I would return."

Willis briefly re-joined the Village People in the early '80s, but Simpson has mostly handled the policeman role ever since. Though the group cycled through members — more than two dozen, and that's just the ones anybody kept track of — Simpson and original member Felipe Rose (the Native American) remained in the group for decades.

In 2017, Willis prevailed in his long-running federal lawsuit. He was awarded a share of the group's lucrative songwriting copyrights, and, eventually, his claim to the Village People name.

The victory sparked talk that he might reunite the Village People, but as far as Willis was concerned, his reunion with the official Village People name was the only one that mattered. The group consists of "myself, and it's the characters which have interchanged over the years behind me," Willis says. "But I'm the original Village People."

His legal battles over, Willis cleaned house. He deposed every member of the group, including some, like Rose and Simpson, who had been in the Village People for decades. Willis suggests that some could have stayed, though his battle with the Simpson-led Village People had been so drawn out, so public, that may always have been unlikely.

The Willis-led Village People

have kept up a high touring profile, and plan to eventually release new material. Willis and the exiled group members have squabbled publicly over rights to the Village People name. He has remained unsympathetic. "(The) ex-members must now move on with their lives the way Victor was forced to do years ago," the Willis-led group wrote in a Facebook post. "They had a great run."

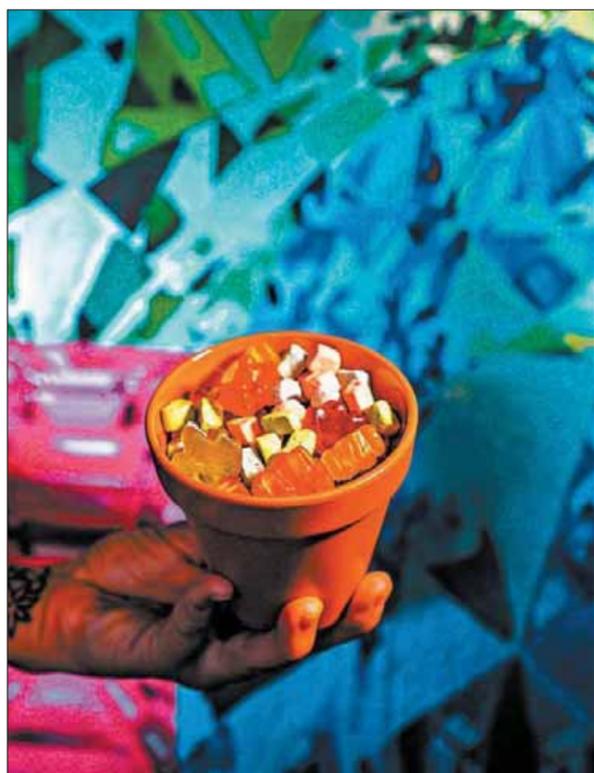
It should hardly be surprising that the early Village People legal contracts, put together in the mid-1970s, weren't written with posterity in mind. Who would have expected a novelty disco group to last 40-plus years? We did, Willis says. "We expected it. This was the purpose of doing it. We were trying to do exactly what we did, to make something that would last eternally."

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## WEEKEND DINING

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The Munchie Bowl, left, with breakfast cereals, gummy bears and Lucky Charms marshmallows and Gin & Chronic cocktail, right, with CBD.



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We are approaching the prime time for autumn vegetables.

## EAT

With the arrival of this weekend, we're approaching the final month of the outdoor season for the Logan Square Farmers Market, which posts up outside every Sunday through Oct. 27, then moves indoors for the winter. Do not weep, for we are also approaching the prime time for autumn vegetables, so get out there and enjoy a cool breeze, a great farmers market and some delicious vegetables, all of which are sourced locally. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Logan Square Farmers Market, 3107 W. Logan Blvd., free; logansquarefarmersmarket.org



GETTY

Sip a glass or two at Wine Fest on the Beach.

## DRINK

Sip on some wine in the sand while watching a sunset during the Wine Fest on the Beach this weekend. Guests can sample many different varieties throughout the three-hour event, which will also feature giveaways and other activities. If you prefer, you can just kick back and watch the sun descend below the skyline. Promotional ride deals to the event are available through Via; see website for complete details. 6-9 p.m. Friday, Shore Club, 1603 N. Lake Shore Drive, \$50 and up; eventbrite.com

## Tailgate on a quirky rooftop bar

BY GRACE WONG

With bars like The Berkshire Room, Apogee Lounge and The Sixth, the Fifty/50 Restaurant Group is known for serious cocktails in dressed-up environments. But their newest venture, Utopian Tailgate, is going in a different direction.

A tiger riding a Jeep as the restaurant's logo should give you an idea. Greg Mohr, co-owner, said Second City approached him and the ideas they brainstormed together grew more ridiculous as time went on. Whether it's the oversized lawn games, undersized table games, handheld bites with cheeky names or the craft cocktails served out of retro coolers, Utopian Tailgate is a fantastical and dressed-down concept that's grounded in the



Utopian Tailgate is Old Town's new rooftop bar that sits atop Second City, with sweeping skyline views and a tongue-in-cheek menu.

experience the restaurant group has in its other projects.

The entire space is inspired by the tailgating that occurs before music festivals and sports games, whether in a parking lot or in someone's backyard. Be-

sugar, ginger, Chinese five-spice powder, shallots and garlic before they're cooked low and slow and finished off with ginger syrup, hoisin and sweet chili.

The beverage menu is just as fun, but Mohr doesn't want people to think they're not still taking it seriously. You'll find drinks like The Big Pina, made with reposado tequila, coconut rum, pineapple, lime and agave, the Gin and Chronic, with gin, green chartreuse, lime, simple syrup, CBD and triple sec, or the Cherry Kola, made with bourbon, Averna, cherry liqueur, kola syrup and lemon.

If all this isn't enough, you can even order a beer pong table for your group to play on or to use as, well, a table.

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cause of the need to have one hand free for activities, most of the food menu is focused on handhelds, like the Chinatown Shuffle Spare Ribs — an ode to the song by the Grateful Dead — spare ribs brined with salt,

## WHERE TO EAT NOW

Restaurant reviews and profiles from Tribune food critic Phil Vettel, staff reporters and freelance writers. Reviewers make every effort to remain anonymous. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

**RPM Steak** This chic, sleek steakhouse exceeds expectations in so many ways I can scarcely list them all. There are superior cocktails in the bar, which offers great people-watching; a dizzying array of beefy options, from grass-fed steaks to A5 Japanese wagyu; superb seafood; and a memorable chicken. Dinner-jacket-clad servers are utterly professional. I feel more sophisticated eating here. Also somewhat underdressed. Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$23-\$155. 66 W. Kinzie St., 312-284-4990. — Phil Vettel

**Sable Kitchen & Bar** Sable has struggled with its identity, with a number of staff shuffles in recent years. Amber Lancaster, a French-trained chef who has worked at Alinea and Moto, then as a private chef, has turned it around. Her menu is an appealing mix of Mediterranean influences — dishes that easily match Sable's still-excellent cocktail program. She's making gradual progress, like with her pillowy ricotta gnudi, aided by a soothing onion broth and chanterelle mushrooms. Open: Breakfast and dinner daily; brunch Saturday and Sunday. Prices: Large plates \$14-\$38. 505 N. State St., 312-755-9704. — Phil Vettel

**Sal's Trattoria** Allen Sternweiler (Butcher & the Burger) is the chef behind this Lakeview charmer. A single-page, budget-conscious menu offers the usual suspects, plus more offbeat efforts. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Pasta and main courses \$18-\$28. 2834 N. Southport Ave., 773-857-1401. — Phil Vettel

**Sepia** Stars abound among the entrees at Sepia, the older sibling to the highly successful Proxi, both owned by Emmanuel Nony.

Executive chef Andrew Zimmerman and chef de cuisine Adam Zoscsak offer their takes on New American cuisine. Sarah Mispagel's pastry work doesn't disappoint, and service is spot on and eagerly conversant on the menu and wines. Open: Dinner daily; lunch Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees \$24-\$38; tasting menu \$95. 123 N. Jefferson St., 312-441-1920. — Phil Vettel

**Silencieux** Silencieux exists as the affordable middle ground between Michael Lachowicz's mid-range Aboyer and the event-night George Trois. The 24-seater features a three-course \$85 menu, with plenty of choices in each course. Though the room is inches away from Aboyer, sharing a common wall, entering the seven-table Silencieux is like stepping into another world. Colors are muted, and so is the sound, though the level isn't as library-quiet as the name might suggest. Happy, subdued chatter seems to be the norm. First to the table are the cheese-filled gougeres, a Lachowicz signature for more than 20 years; these golden-brown beauties are made with a mix of parmesan, romano, gruyere and mascarpone cheeses. Classic French appetizers include a foie-gras duet with a foie pain perdu; and a ragout of escargots and mushroom with Roquefort bordelaise. I opted for the gorgeous, oversize raviolo, filled with lobster meat and set over white asparagus and an asparagus-lobster emulsion. I won't torture you with descriptions of the soft-shell-crab special, as it's off the menu, but if it should ever reappear on the menu, grab it. Dover sole is presented with the solemnity of a religious rite. Lachowicz's excellent souffles highlight the dessert options, and a final extra of Grand Marnier chocolate truffles will send you happily out the door. Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Three-course menu \$85. 64 Green Bay Road, Winnetka. 847-441-3100 — Phil Vettel

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Uncle Rube sandwich with corned beef, smoked sauerkraut, Swiss cheese and Russian dressing on rye at Steingold's delicatessen.

**Steingold's** While Steingold's is inspired by Jewish food culture (pastrami-spiced lox, matzo ball soup, bagels), it is not even really a delicatessen. It is instead one of the best destination sandwich shops in Chicago. Consider the pastrami. Steingold's pastrami is crowned with smoked tangy sauerkraut, Swiss cheese with edges caramelized on the griddle, a lustrous lick of Russian dressing and stuffed in between two pieces of dark Publican rye bread. Open breakfast through dinner Tuesday-Friday; breakfast and lunch Saturday and Sunday. Prices: Entrees from \$5 to \$22. 1840 W. Irving Park Road, 773-661-2469. — Michael Nagrant

townier chef Stephen Gillanders (formerly of Lettuce Entertain You's Intro) wows with fine-dining finesse. Gillanders shows a deft hand with heat, which he employs the way other chefs use acidity. The highlight of his fried chicken (a boneless, skinless thigh), is the twice-fermented hot sauce (habanero-based, but deeply nuanced) poured tableside against a levee of creamed corn. Open: Dinner Wednesday-Sunday; brunch Saturday and Sunday. Prices: Main courses \$19-\$28. 1239 W. 18th St., 312-846-1077. — Phil Vettel

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# THE THEATER LOOP

BY CHRIS JONES



## With 'Oslo,' a backchannel pact

Look at the Broadway in Chicago website and you'll find the title "Oslo" among the shows listed. If you bought a season subscription to the offerings of the city's leading touring theater presenter (owned by companies controlled by New York's James L. Nederlander), you likely are holding tickets to the hit drama by J.T. Rogers, a gripping political thriller about the so-called Oslo Peace Accords, the Clinton-era series of backchannel negotiations that led to the state of Israel recognizing the Palestine Liberation Organization as the voice of the Palestinian people, and, at the same time, led the PLO to recognize the state of Israel.

You may recall the famous handshake between Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat, as brought together by President Bill Clinton.

"Oslo," a Tony Award-winning play that makes the point that it is often unsung diplomats and negotiators, as distinct from heads of state, who really make such crucial treaties happen, is a fabulous piece of writing. In 2017, I wrote that I thought it "best drama I have seen this year anywhere."

But in the end, director Bartlett Sher's production of "Oslo" did not get a national tour: it's hard to sell straight plays, as distinct from musicals, on the road. And if the cast size is 15 and the show no laugh riot, it's even harder.

So an unusual solution has been brokered: the Broadway Playhouse pro-



JOE MAZZA

Jed Feder and Anish Jethmalani perform in TimeLine Theatre Company's Chicago premiere production "Oslo."

duction of "Oslo" being sold by Broadway in Chicago will be the work of the Chicago-based nonprofit called TimeLine Theatre. The theory here is that Broadway in Chicago audiences will get a stellar staging while, in return, TimeLine will get home-town exposure on an unprecedented level.

"We expect to play to 26,000 people in six weeks," TimeLine artistic director PJ Powers said this week. "That is more than we usually play to in an entire year."

Plus, Powers said, the moment is apt. "This is both strategic and opportune," Powers said. "We are getting ready to open our new home in Uptown in 2022. So to be able to get this many eyeballs on our work is important for us."

So how did this come about? As with many things in the theater, it is a consequence of pre-existing relationships. One is between Timeline and Rogers, the playwright.

"They supported me when I was an emerging playwright," Rogers said.

"They produced 'The Overwhelming' and 'Blood and Gifts.' A lot of artistic directors think I'm British since I work a lot at the National Theatre. But I've been here for 20 years. And TimeLine always has known who I was and we always have hit it off."

Another crucial connection is the presence of Eileen LaCario, Broadway in Chicago's vice-president, on TimeLine's board.

It will be interesting to see how "Oslo" plays now. "Oslo" ends with the signing ceremony," Rogers

said, musing on that same question. "The highest of highs. We continue to tumble down from that moment of optimism. The stone is dropping deeper and deeper into the water from that moment. I suppose you could say that the further we seem to be away from that moment of promise, the play is that much more resonant. Which you might say is good for me but bad for all of us as citizens."

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## CHRIS JONES RECOMMENDS

### "Blue Man Group"

★★★★½  
"Blue Man Group" has been playing at Briar Street since 1997, a remarkable run of 20-plus years. Open run at the Briar Street Theatre, 3133 N. Halsted St.; \$49-\$69 at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

### "Grinning From Fear to Fear"

★★★★½  
Despite the title — or maybe because of the title — there's a real warmth to "Grinning From Fear to Fear," the revue from Second City's e.t.c. company and director Anneliese Toft. This show is both funny and forgiving; it understands the delicate art of optimistic comedy and the power of empathy. Open run at Second City e.t.c. Stage, 1608 N. Wells St. in Piper's Alley; \$21-\$58 at 312-337-3992 and [www.secondcity.com](http://www.secondcity.com)

### "Hamilton"

★★★★★  
This heartland "Hamilton" is more in touch with the fundamental scrappiness of the early years of a rebel colony turned into a spectacular democratic experiment. And in Chicago, a city where theater is founded on truth, it is somehow very much more human and vulnerable. That Chicago-style sensibility is led by Miguel Cervantes, the superb actor in the title role. Through Jan. 5, 2020 at CIBC Theatre, 18 W. Monroe St.; \$65-\$400 at 800-775-2000 or [www.broadwayinchicago.com](http://www.broadwayinchicago.com)

### "Into the Woods"

★★★★½  
"Into the Woods" is the Stephen Sondheim musical that seems to be a mash-up of fairy tales, only to reveal itself as a collection of songs about fear, hope, longing and lyrical truths for living, of which "be careful the things you do, children will listen" merely is the most famous. At Writers Theatre in Glencoe, longtime Chicago director Gary Griffin makes it all work well on both levels. There is a profound emotional commitment from his cast, most notably from Michael

Mahler, who plays the Baker, and McKinley Carter, who plays the mother of Jack. And Bethany Thomas, who plays the witch, sings "Children Will Listen" as beautifully and as richly as you would hear anywhere. Through Sept. 29 at Writers Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe; \$35-\$80 at 847-242-6000 or [www.writerstheatre.org](http://www.writerstheatre.org)

### "Love, Chaos and Dinner"

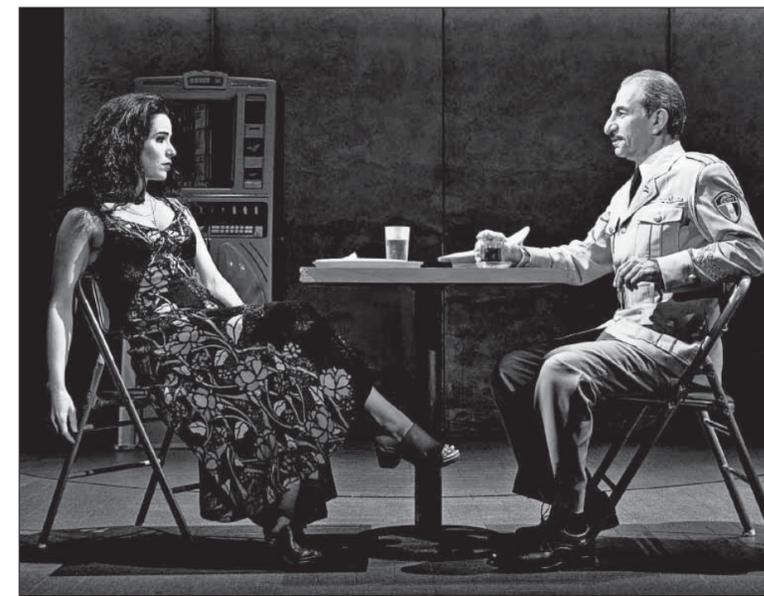
★★★★  
Teatro ZinZanni has opened "Love, Chaos and Dinner" in the heart of Chicago's theater district, delivering an inclusive, approachable, PG-13 rated Big Loop Night Out as it has been understood for decades by some suburbanites and tourists. You eat a bit, talk a bit, eat a bit more, watch some circus acts up-close. Open run at the Cambria Hotel, 32 W. Randolph St.; \$99-\$189 (includes dinner) at [www.zinzanni.com](http://www.zinzanni.com)

### "Miracle"

★★★★  
Now at the Royal George, "Miracle" is a musical with a score by Michael Mahler and book by Jason Brett, officially blessed by the Chicago Cubs. Set during the 2016 championship season, it's about a bar-owning, Cubs loving family in Wrigleyville trying to hold on to their place before the World Series. Through Sept. 29 at the Royal George Theatre, 1641 N. Halsted St.; \$59-\$79 at 312-988-9000 or [www.miraclethemusical.com](http://www.miraclethemusical.com)

### "Out of Love"

★★★★  
If you have ever been jealous of a more successful friend, you'll likely identify with Elinor Cook's "Out of Love," a wise, small and moving three-actor play that looks at three decades' worth of friendship between two girls, and then women, raised in a dull English town. Interrogating Theatre has the U.S. premiere under the direction of the very capable Georgetown Verdin. Through Sept. 14 by Interrogating at Rivendell Theatre, 5779 N. Ridge Ave.; \$32 at 312-219-4140 and [www.interrogatingtheatreproject.org](http://www.interrogatingtheatreproject.org)



MATTHEW MURPHY

Chilina Kennedy and Sasson Gabay in the touring cast of "The Band's Visit."

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### "The Bands Visit" ★★★★★

In "The Band's Visit," an Egyptian police band gets lost and ends up in the wrong Israeli town. The first national tour of this gorgeous Broadway musical is now in Chicago starring Chilina Kennedy as a stranded Israeli woman and Sasson Gabay as the head of the band. For a moment, love and happiness might just be possible as they walk through town with nowhere to go, but once you have a past, it's tough to open yourself up to more pain. This musical, no escapist bit of theater, is a beautiful work of direction from Chicago's own David Cromer and a masterpiece of a score from David Yazbek. Through Sept. 15 at the Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph St.; \$39-\$106 at 800-775-2000 or [www.broadwayinchicago.com](http://www.broadwayinchicago.com)

### "Pomona" ★★★★★

Alistair McDowall's riveting "Pomona," the stuff of nightmares, is directed by Robin Witt at Steep Theatre. There is a man and a woman in a car in Manchester, England. The desperate Ollie (Amber Sallis) is trying to find her missing sister and senses that this man (Peter Moore) might know something about her twin's fate. Through Sept. 14 at Steep Theatre, 115 W. Berwyn Ave.; \$10-\$38 at [www.steeptheatre.com](http://www.steeptheatre.com)

### "Something Rotten!" ★★★★★

"Something Rotten!" a Pythonesque spoof of Shakespearean pomposity, got a bum deal on Broadway. It's great to see the Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire give this funny thing another chance at a top-tier production, perfectly cast by director Scott Weinstein. The plot revolves around Nick Bot-

tom (the incisive KJ Hippensteel) and his brother (Alex Goodrich), scribes wanting to take down Shakes (Adam Jacobs). Weinstein gets that "Something Rotten!" mostly wants to give literate people a good time in the company of creative folk. Fun guaranteed. Through Oct. 20 at the Marriott Theatre, 10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire; \$50-\$60 at 847-634-0200 or [www.marriotttheatre.com](http://www.marriotttheatre.com)

### "Southern Gothic" ★★★★★

A house has been built inside the Windy City Playhouse for a summer run of "Southern Gothic" at its Playhouse South location. Not the usual stage set. As you walk into the theater for Leslie Liautaud's play, directed by David Bell, you're asked to enter what looks like a real house, replete with a lime-green kitchen. You and your fellow audience

members join four couples, variously loving, scheming, cheating and feuding, whose political and personal travails make up a play set during a fraught dinner party in Ashford, Ga., in 1961. Through Oct. 27 at Windy City Playhouse South, 2229 S. Michigan Ave.; \$65-\$85 at 773-891-8985 and [www.windycityplayhouse.com](http://www.windycityplayhouse.com)

### "You Can't Fake the Funk" ★★★★★

Writer and director Daryl D. Brooks is all about funk in his exuberantly entertaining new revue at Black Ensemble. Through one jukebox hit after another, his show argues that funk was born of rebellion. The party-like "You Can't Fake the Funk" rips along very nicely, deftly featuring Robert Reddick and his seven-piece band. Through Sept. 23 at Black Ensemble Theatre, 4450 N. Clark St.; \$55-\$65 at 773-769-4451 or [www.blackensemble.org](http://www.blackensemble.org)

## OPENING NIGHTS

### Friday

**"Tiny Beautiful Things":** Based on the book of the same name by Cheryl Strayed and adapted for the stage by Nia Vardalos, a play about an anonymous advice columnist, Sugar. Through Oct. 13 at Victory Gardens Theater, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave.; 773-871-3000 and [www.victorygardens.org](http://www.victorygardens.org)  
**"Newsies":** This Disney family musical centers on newsboys in New York City taking on a greedy tycoon. Through Oct. 20 at Paramount Theatre, 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora; 630-896-6666 and [www.paramountaurora.com](http://www.paramountaurora.com)

### Saturday

**"The Storefront Project":** A collaboration between the MCA and Prop Thtr celebrates Chicago's storefront theater scene by showcasing work by six Chicago-based directors. Sept. 14-15 and 21-22 at the Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 E Chicago Ave.; [www.mcachicago.org](http://www.mcachicago.org)

### Sunday

**"The Great Leap":** Lauren Yee's play tracks an American basketball team as they travel to Beijing amidst tensions in the late 1980s. Through Oct. 20 at Steppenwolf Theatre, 1650 N. Halsted St.; 312-335-1650 and [www.steppenwolf.org](http://www.steppenwolf.org)  
**"The Pajama Game":** This musical comedy takes place in the Sleep-Tite pajama factory where the workers demand a raise. Through Oct. 13 at Theatre at the Center, 1040 Ridge Road, Munster, Ind.; [www.theatreatthecenter.com](http://www.theatreatthecenter.com)  
**"Vanya on the Plains":** This world premiere penned by Jason Hendrick hones in on Elijah struggling to live with the technological divide within his immediate family. Through Oct. 27 at The Artistic Home, 1376 W. Grand Ave.; 866-811-4111 and [www.theartistichome.org](http://www.theartistichome.org)

### Monday

**"Dana H.":** Deirdre O'Connell will star in the haunting true story of playwright Lucas Hnath's mother Dana, when she was abducted by an ex-convict. Through Oct. 6 at Goodman Theatre, 170 N. Dearborn St.; 312-443-3800 and [www.goodmantheatre.org](http://www.goodmantheatre.org)  
**"Blue Stockings":** Four young women fight for education and self-determination as the first female students at Girton College in Cambridge 1896. Through Oct. 13 at The Den Theatre, 1331 N. Milwaukee Ave.; 773-697-3830 and [www.theden theatre.com](http://www.theden theatre.com)  
**"Whose Body?":** This mystery follows Lord Peter Wimsey as he tries to solve the case of a dead body in a bathtub. Through Oct. 27 at Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave.; 773-761-4477 and [www.lifeline theatre.com](http://www.lifeline theatre.com)

### Wednesday

**"Oslo":** The Tony Award-winning play tells the true story of negotiations between Israel and Palestine in 1992, all orchestrated by a Norwegian couple. Through Oct. 20 by TimeLine Theatre at Broadway Playhouse, 175 E. Chestnut St.; 800-775-2000 and [www.timelinetheatre.com](http://www.timelinetheatre.com)

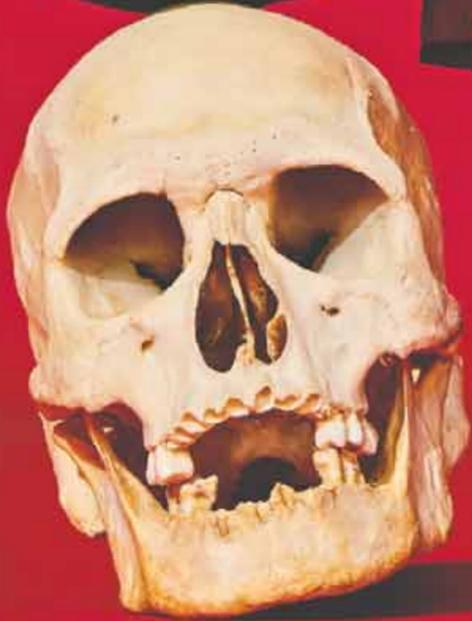
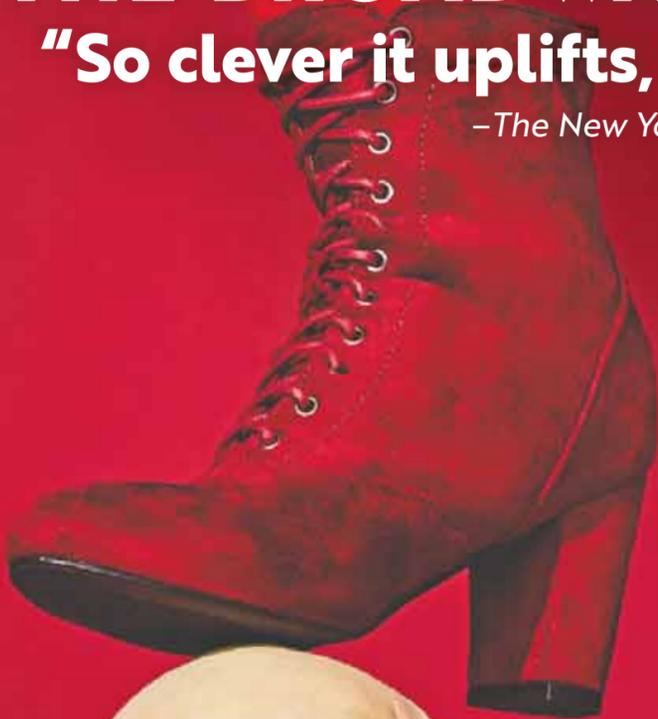
### Thursday

**"Peter and the Starcatcher":** Follow Peter Pan's backstory on his journey into Neverland. Through Oct. 20 at Citadel Theatre, 300 S. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest; 847-735-8554 and [www.citadel theatre.org](http://www.citadel theatre.org)  
**"The Color Purple":** Based on the 1982 novel by Alice Walker, the musical centers on Celie as she navigates life in the early 1900s in the American South. Through Nov. 13 at Drury Lane Theatre, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace; 630-530-0111 and [www.drurylanetheatre.com](http://www.drurylanetheatre.com)

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## Aviator can read speed limit signs and adjust

A pair of intriguing new features in the 2020 Lincoln Aviator luxury SUV promise to take some of the stress out of long drives.

- Cruise control that adjusts your speed to a set amount above or below the limit, when the posted speed changes.
- Revel's new 28-speaker Ultima 3D audio system.

I'm looking forward to experiencing both in a road trip with the Aviator.

Lincoln calls the new speed control "intelligent cruise control." It goes a step beyond adaptive cruise control, in which the driver sets speed and the following distance to the next vehicle.

Adaptive cruise control, or ACC, then applies throttle or brakes to maintain speed and distance. If the car ahead of you comes to a stop, it brings you to a stop behind it and accelerates back to the set speed when the lead vehicle starts moving again.

Lincoln's intelligent cruise adds the ability to read speed limit signs and lets the driver set a speed above or below the posted limit.

An example: On a highway trip, you set intelligent cruise for 3 miles over the limit because traffic is moving fast and you don't want to be a laggard. In a 70-mph zone, you drive at 73 mph. When you enter a construction zone with a posted 55-mph limit, the car slows to 58, unless the vehicle ahead is moving slower. As the posted limit rises, your car accelerates with it. Lincoln calls the amount you program above or below the limit "tolerance." It can be set from the Aviator's touch screen.

Combined with the Aviator's automatic lane centering, which subtly adjusts the steering wheel to keep you in the middle of your lane, intelligent cruise control should take a lot of the work out of long road trips, keeping the driver refreshed. It promises to help drivers who use ACC cruise around town, too.

I used intelligent cruise control for about 20 miles and found it to work pretty much as advertised. A longer test will tell me if it delivers on its promise to take away some of the drudgery of driving.

3D sound?  
Revel's new Ultima 3D audio had 28 speakers. It's standard on the Aviator Black Label, which starts at \$68,800. It combines new speaker placement with advanced digital sound processing for audio that impressed me in a brief test.



Revel 3D audio can mimic being surrounded by the performers.



Revel has 28 speakers and 20 amplifier channels.

The key feature, and the reason it's called 3D, are speakers mounted in the Aviator's headliner, the fabric lining the SUV's ceiling. Those speakers, just eight of the system's 28 total, make a surprising difference. Working with the latest surround-sound processing, they mimic the all-encompassing experience of a room with excellent acoustics.

Revel — the brand is part of Harman's corporate stable — also debuts its new Quantum Logic 3D Surround processor in the system. In the Aviator, you can select:

- Stereo, in which the music seems to come from the right and left corners of the dashboard;
- Audience, which creates the impression of sound coming from instruments and voices across the width of the dash, as if on stage;
- Onstage, in which the music comes from all around you. The speakers in the headliner are most apparent in this setting.

The proof of the system's effectiveness was hearing new elements in pieces of music I know well — at low volume.

— Mark Phelan, Detroit Free Press

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IN THE INTEREST OF  
**Christiana Perkins**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Monique Perkins (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00803

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Darius Hawkins (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **July 12, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Demetrios Kottaras** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **10/3/2019, at 10:00AM** IN CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM G, 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  
**August 28, 2019**

## LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

September 13, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF  
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**September 13, 2019**

## LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

Proposals will be received by the Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) on the date and time (Central Standard Time) stated for the specific Request for Proposal (RFP) listed below at 175 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 350, Chicago, Illinois, 60604: Project Name: Project 175 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 350, Chicago, Illinois, 60604: Project Description: Project 175 West Jackson Boulevard, Suite 350, Chicago, Illinois, 60604: Project Number: 2019-100-037 Questions Deadline: September 23, 2019 Time: 2:00 PM. cst Proposal Due Date: October 9, 2019 Time: 2:00 PM. cst Contact Person: Deborah O'Donnell Telephone Number: (312) 542-4725 E-mail Address: [do'donnell@thehacc.org](mailto:do'donnell@thehacc.org) The RFP Package may be downloaded by registering on our website which lists a complete list of all current bid opportunities with the HACC: [www.thehacc.org/e-procurement-services](http://www.thehacc.org/e-procurement-services) Proposals that are not properly submitted will be considered non-responsive and be disqualified from consideration. Proposals submitted late will not be accepted. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals if deemed in the best interest of the Housing Authority of Cook County. Richard Monocchio, Executive Director

## LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK

In the matter of the revision of the assessment of Real Property for 2019:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-35 of the Illinois Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/14-35) that the Assessor of Cook County will sit for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2019 assessment of Real Property located in the following township(s) or taxing district(s) in Cook County.

Such sitting will be held at the office of the Assessor of Cook County, Room 301, in the County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, and will continue thereafter from day to day as necessary until all such revisions in said township(s) or taxing district(s) have been completed.

Done by the Assessor of Cook County this 13th day of September, 2019.

Fritz Kaegi  
ASSESSOR OF COOK COUNTY

## LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF  
**Katlyn Barnett**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Arnita Barnett (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00447

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **May 02, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **10/03/2019, at 1:30 PM** IN CALENDAR 9 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.

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.

**UNLESS YOU** appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

**UNLESS YOU** appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**August 28, 2019**

## LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

September 11, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF  
**Kyle Harkey AKA Kyle Devon Jimmy Harkey**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Sheena Mclimore (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 15JA10293

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **July 15, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Shannon O'Malley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **10/03/2019, at 9:30 AM** IN CALENDAR 6 COURTROOM F, 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.

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.

**UNLESS YOU** appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

**UNLESS YOU** appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**September 13, 2019**

## LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK

In the matter of the revision of the assessment of Real Property for 2019:

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Such sitting will be held at the office of the Assessor of Cook County, Room 301, in the County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, and will continue thereafter from day to day as necessary until all such revisions in said township(s) or taxing district(s) have been completed.

Done by the Assessor of Cook County this 13th day of September, 2019.

Fritz Kaegi  
ASSESSOR OF COOK COUNTY

## LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF  
**Kyla Simmons**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Michelle Rodriguez (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00832

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Michelle Rodriguez (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 02, 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 **10/03/2019, at 9:00 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.

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.

**UNLESS YOU** appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

**UNLESS YOU** appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**August 26, 2019**

## LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

September 11, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF  
**Lucretia Lewis**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Lucretia Lewis (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00222

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **July 15, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **10/03/2019, at 9:30 AM** IN CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM I, 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.

**UNLESS YOU** appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

**UNLESS YOU** appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**August 16, 2019**

## LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK

In the matter of the revision of the assessment of Real Property for 2019:

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Such sitting will be held at the office of the Assessor of Cook County, Room 301, in the County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, and will continue thereafter from day to day as necessary until all such revisions in said township(s) or taxing district(s) have been completed.

Done by the Assessor of Cook County this 13th day of September, 2019.

Fritz Kaegi  
ASSESSOR OF COOK COUNTY

## LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF  
**Lucretia Lewis**

**FORECLOSURES**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION BankUnited N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Joseph Johnson; Mildred J Johnson; TCF National Bank; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants. Defendants. 2019CH08804 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: JOSEPH JOHNSON; Mildred J Johnson; TCF National Bank; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lot 28 in Block 2 in Morningside Addition, being a Subdivision of Lots "A", "B" and "C" in Meter's First Subdivision, a Subdivision of certain lands in fractional East 1/2 of Fractional Section 32, Township 36 North, Range 15 East of the Third Principal Meridian, as per Plat thereof Recorded June 28, 1923, as Document Number 998946, in Cook County, Illinois. Commonly known as: 3671 177th St, Lansing, IL 60438 and which said mortgage was made by, Joseph Johnson, a married man; Mortgage(s), to GSF Mortgage Corporation; Mortgage, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, Illinois, as Document No. 0030160086; and for other relief. UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this County, Cook, 50 W. Washington, Chicago, IL 60602 on or before October 14, 2019, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT. RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 120 North LaSalle Street, Suite 1140, Chicago, IL 60602 Phone: (312) 239-3432 Fax: (312) 284-4820 Attorney No.: 466489 pleadings@msmlaw.com File No: 1910L00033-1 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that this firm may be deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose. Pub: 9/13, 20, 27/2019 6439806

**FORECLOSURES**

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, v. JEANETTE COATES; STATE OF ILLINOIS; LIZETH OJEDA DBA BAY CITY INVESTMENTS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS. Defendants. Case No. 2019CH08912 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Jeanette Coates, Lizeth Ojeda dba Bay City Investments, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: The North 10 feet 4 inches of Lot 47 and all of Lot 48 in Block 40 in Hills Addition to South Chicago in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 31, Township 38 North, Range 15 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois. 8301 South Yates Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60617 21-31-300-062-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Jeanette Coates, Lizeth Ojeda dba Bay City Investments, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before October 7, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court, Zachariah L. Manchester (6303885) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-zlmanchester@manleydeas.com One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 9/6, 13, 20/2019 6432088

**FORECLOSURES**

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, v. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF HENRY E. PRIDE JR., AKA HENRY PRIDE JR., DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; DAANISHA SPIVEY; LINDA WHEELER, Defendants, Case No. 2019CH09886 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Henry E. Pride Jr., AKA Henry Pride Jr., deceased, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Linda Wheeler, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lots 40, 41 and 42 in Block 11 in Orchard Ridge Addition to South Harvey, being a subdivision of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 30, Township 36 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian and of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 25 and of the East 16 feet of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 25 both in Township 36 North, Range 13, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois. 17051 Anthony Avenue, Hazel Crest, IL 60429 29-30-126-017-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Henry E. Pride Jr., AKA Henry Pride Jr., deceased, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Linda Wheeler, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before October 7, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court, Michael A. Phelps (6297416) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-maphelps@manleydeas.com One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 9/6, 13, 20/2019 6432082

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, v. TIMOTHY BARCHAK, AKA TIMOTHY M. BARCHAK; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; ROBERT BARTLETT'S HARLEM AVENUE GARDEN HOMESITES, Defendants, Case No. 2019CH09457 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Robert Bartlett's Harlem Avenue Garden Homesites, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lot 18 in Robert Bartlett's Harlem Avenue Garden Homesites, being a subdivision of the North 1200 feet of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 and the North 1575 feet of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 37 North, Range 12, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois. 10345 South 73rd Avenue, Palos Hills, IL 60465 23-13-207-007-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Robert Bartlett's Harlem Avenue Garden Homesites, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before October 7, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court, Michael A. Phelps (6297416) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-maphelps@manleydeas.com One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 9/6, 13, 20/2019 6432072

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER, Plaintiff, v. BURMA S. GREEN, AKA BURMA GREEN; TIMMY FRIEND; SHERRY FRIEND; DIANGELO FRIEND; TAMIKA FRIEND; BURMA S. GREEN, AKA BURMA GREEN, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF VELMA S. FRIEND; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS. Defendants. Case No. 2019CH09385 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Tamika Friend, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lot 8 in Block 2 in the Subdivision of the West 10,728 acres of the East 53,640 acres of the South half of the North West Quarter of Section 4, Township 39 North, Range 13 East of the Third Principal Meridian in Cook County, Illinois. 5425 West Kamerling Avenue, Chicago, IL 60651 16-04-124-013-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Tamika Friend, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before October 14, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court, Shara A. Netterstrom (6294499) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-sannetterstrom@manleydeas.com One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 9/13, 20, 27/2019 6439815

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION VERSA CAPITAL, AS ASSIGNEE OF BARRINGTON BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, BARRINGTON BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff, -v- PROLOGUE, INC.; JAMES O'NEAL, DAWN O'NEAL, UNKNOWN OWNERS, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants, JAMES O'NEAL and DAWN O'NEAL Third-Party Complaint Plaintiffs, -v- VERSA CAPITAL, AS ASSIGNEE OF BARRINGTON BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, BARRINGTON BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, WINTRUST FINANCIAL CORP. AND HANY MORSEY Third-Party Complaint Defendants. 2017 CH 05313 3232 S. KING DRIVE, CHICAGO, IL 60616 and 13421 S. VERNON CHICAGO, IL 60827 NOTICE OF SALE FOR COURT J AND DUNN PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 30, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on October 4, 2019, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: COUNT I Parcel 1: Lots 32 to 38, inclusive, of the South 1/2 of Section 34, Township 37 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois. Parcel 2: Lots 1 to 6 in S. D. Weekly's Subdivision of Lots 27 to 31 Block 1 of the Tyler's Subdivision of the 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 34, Township 39 North, Range 14, lying East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois. Parcel 2: Lots 1 to 6 in S. D. Weekly's Subdivision of Lots 27 to 31 Block 1 of the Tyler's Subdivision of the 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 34, Township 39 North, Range 14, lying East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois. Parcel 3: Lots 25 and 26 in Block 1 in Tyler's Subdivision of the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 34, Township 39 North, Range 14, lying East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois. Commonly known as 3232 S. KING DRIVE, CHICAGO, IL 60616 Property Index No. 17-34-113-034-0000 (Affects Parcel 1) (Volume Number 525) 17-34-113-019-0000 (Affects Lot 1 of Parcel 2) 17-34-113-020-0000 (Affects Lot 2 of Parcel 2) 17-34-113-027-0000 (Affects the East 33 feet of Lot 3 of Parcel 2) 17-34-113-029-0000 (Affects Lot 4, except the East 43 of Parcel 2) 17-34-113-030-0000 (Affects the East 43 feet of Lot 4 of Parcel 2) 17-34-113-023-0000 (Affects Lot 5 of Parcel 2) The judgment amount was \$1,561,057.50. COUNT II Parcel 1: Lots 1 to 8, inclusive, in Block 7 in Market Addition to Riverdale, being a subdivision of the Southwest 1/4, North of Calumet River, of Section 34, Township 37 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois. Parcel 2: Lots 11 to 16, inclusive, in Block 1 in Market Addition to Riverdale, being a subdivision of the Southwest 1/4, North of Calumet River, of Section 34, Township 37 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois. Parcel 3: Lots 7 to 8 in Block 8 in Maryland Manor, being a subdivision of the south 1/2 of Section 34, Township 37 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois. Commonly known as 13421 S. VERNON, CHICAGO, IL 60827 Property Index No. 25-34-307-001-0000 (Affects Lot 8 in Block 7) (Volume Number 253) 25-34-307-002-0000 (Affects Lot 7 in Block 7) 25-34-307-003-0000 (Affects Lot 6 in Block 7) 25-34-307-004-0000 (Affects Lot 5 in Block 7) 25-34-307-005-0000 (Affects Lot 4 in Block 7) 25-34-307-006-0000 (Affects Lot 3 in Block 7) 25-34-307-007-0000 (Affects Lot 2 in Block 7) 25-34-307-008-0000 (Affects Lot 1 in Block 7) 25-34-307-009-0000 (Affects Lot 11 in Block 1) 25-34-303-005-0000 (Affects Lot 12 in Block 1) 25-34-303-006-0000 (Affects Lot 13 in Block 1) 25-34-303-007-0000 (Affects Lot 14 in Block 1) 25-34-303-008-0000 (Affects Lot 15 in Block 1) 25-34-303-009-0000 (Affects Lot 16 in Block 1) 25-34-315-002-0000 (Affects Lot 7 in Block 9) 25-34-315-001-0000 (Affects Lot 8 in Block 9) The judgment amount was \$340,728.98. The real estate is improved with a multi-family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(c)-1. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, NOONAN & LIEBERMAN Plaintiff's Attorneys, 105 W. ADAMS ST., SUITE 1800, Chicago, IL, 60603 (312) 431-1455 Please refer to file number 1787-15. 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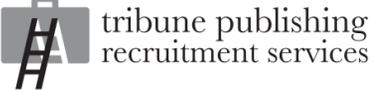
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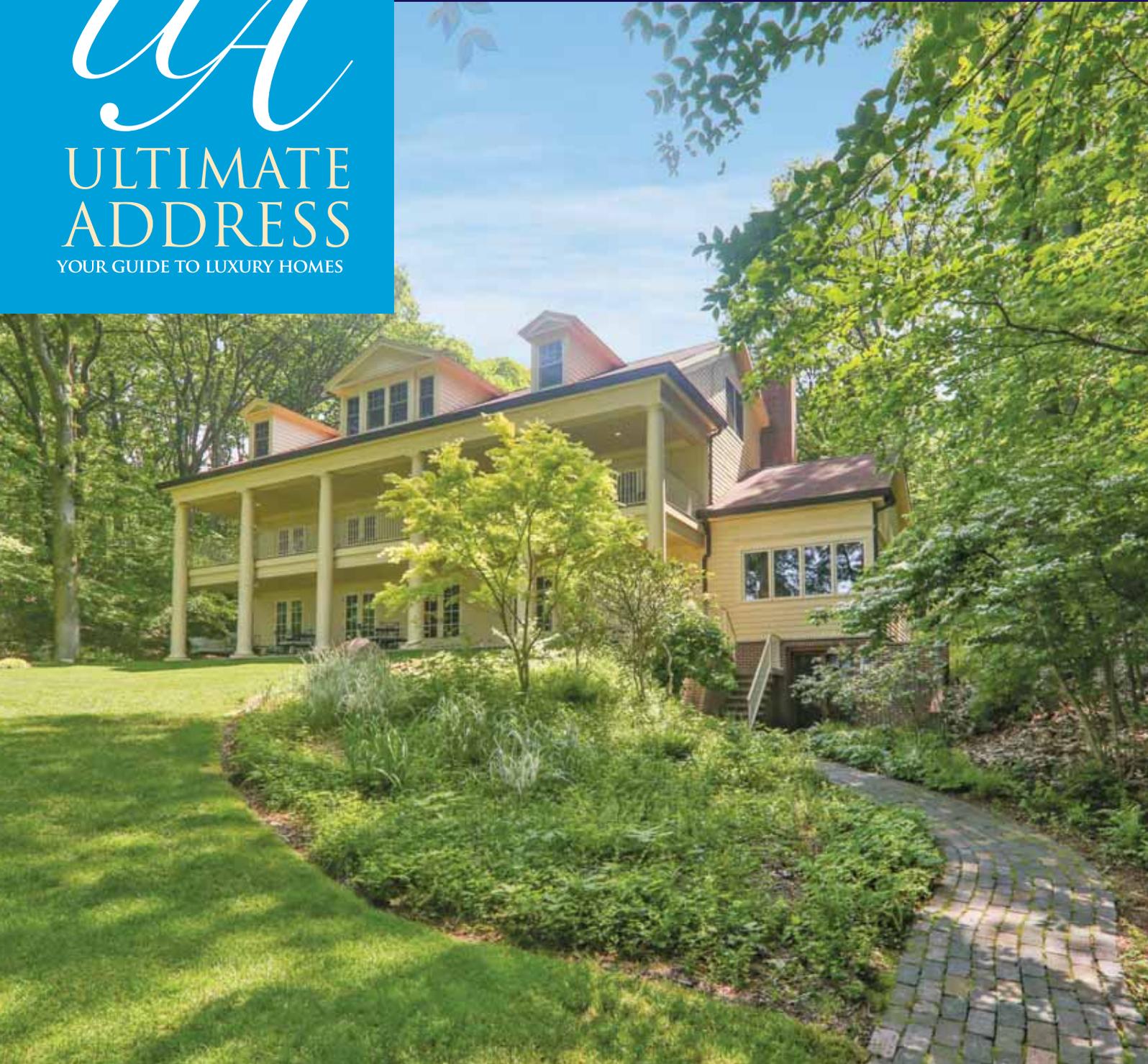
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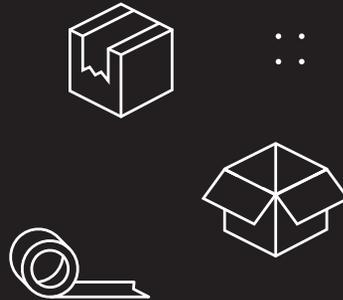
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Across the hallway is the kitchen with a center island, beautiful white cabinetry, and high-end appliances. The kitchen seamlessly opens to a picturesque dining room and leads to the covered porch. The main level also includes a quaint guest bedroom and bath.

Retreat to the second level, which is home to the other four bedrooms including the generously-sized master

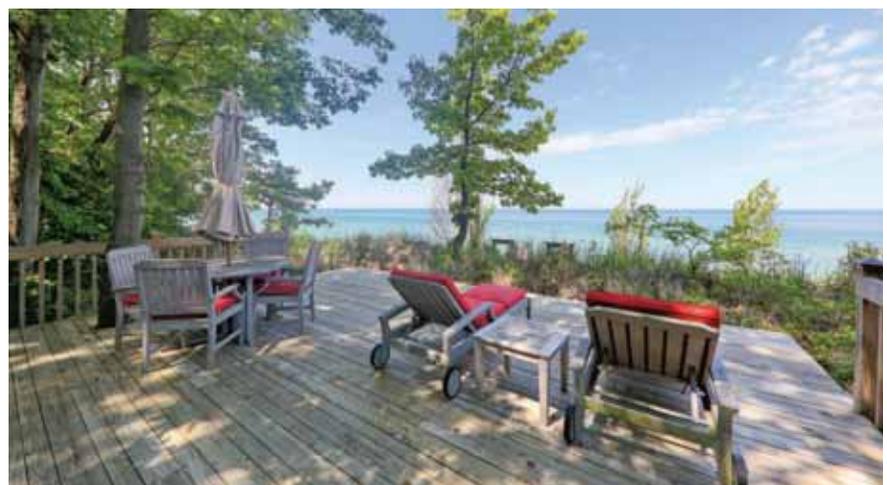
bedroom and master bath. The light-filled bedroom opens to the quiet second porch that also spans the length of the house and overlooks Lake Michigan and the beautifully-manicured yard. Head upstairs to the spacious third level, which serves as a multi-use recreational and family room with built-in shelves and a fireplace.

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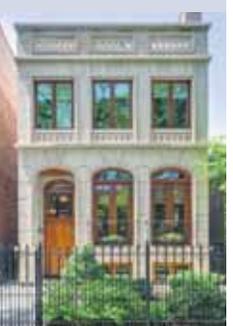
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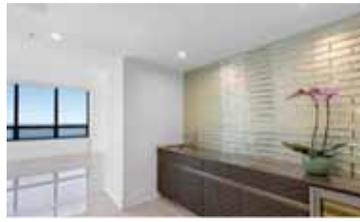
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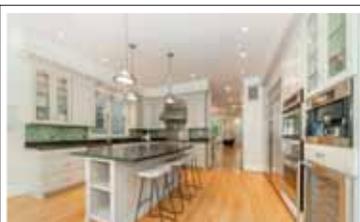
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