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— Mayor Lori Lightfoot



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Frankie Paulino, of Chicago, uses his vaping device at Dearborn Street and Jackson Boulevard in Chicago on Monday. Paulino said he believes excessive vaping is bad and prefers the mint flavor. Mayor Lori Lightfoot called for a ban on the sale in Chicago of flavored e-cigarettes.

Lightfoot urges ban on flavored e-cigs

And alderman says he'll push to outlaw sale of all vaping products

BY JOHN BYRNE, HANNAH LEONE AND GREGORY PRATT

Mayor Lori Lightfoot called for a ban on the sale in Chicago of flavored e-cigarettes Monday, calling them “the gateway” for children to get addicted to vaping and nicotine.

Southwest Side Ald. Raymond Lopez, however, said he will introduce an ordinance to the City Council Wednesday that goes further, banning all sales of electronic cigarettes and the cartridges of liquid used

to fill them.

The mayor said she's open to looking into a broader ban on vaping sales but said that's more “complicated.”

“We're certainly going to look at that but we're going to start with the flavored (e-cigarettes), particularly because we know this is like the gateway in which children become addicted. Really our big focus here, we want to do much more in terms of public awareness and attack this notion that this is a safe alternative to smoking,” Lightfoot said. “I think the alarm

that all of us are raising today from the statistics that have been cited is that our children are using these products and becoming addicted and the companies are targeting them. We want to eliminate that possibility.”

Lopez, 15th, said that with lots of public attention currently on the products because of the lung problems some users recently have suffered, the time is right to get rid of the products entirely. He dismissed the

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Trump: Appears Iran hit Saudis

President says he's 'not looking' at military action now

BY ROBERT BURNS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump declared Monday it “looks” like Iran was behind the explosive attack on Saudi Arabian oil facilities. But he stressed that military retaliation was not yet on the table in response to the strike against a key U.S. Mideast ally.

Oil prices soared worldwide amid the damage in Saudi Arabia and fresh Middle East war concerns. But Trump put the brakes on any talk of quick military action — earlier he had said the U.S. was “locked and loaded” — and he said the oil impact would not be significant on the U.S., which is a net energy exporter.

The Saudi government called the attack an “unprecedented act of aggression and sabotage” but stopped short of directly pinning blame on Iran.

Iran denied involvement.

Trump, who has repeatedly stressed avoiding new Middle East wars, seemed intent on preserving room to maneuver in a crisis that Secretary of State Mike Pompeo had immediately called Iran's fault. Pompeo said Saturday, “Iran has now launched an unprecedented attack on the world's energy supply.”

Trump, too, had talked more harshly at first. But by Monday afternoon he seemed intent on consultations with allies.

“That was an attack on Saudi Arabia,” he said.

“It wasn't an attack on us, but we would certainly help them,” he said, noting a decadeslong alliance linked to U.S. oil dependence that has lessened in recent years. The U.S. has no treaty obligation to defend Saudi Arabia.

Trump said he was sending Pom-

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2 men on trial in 2015 killing of 9-year-old

Authorities: Boy was lured to his death by father's gang rivals

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

On a cloudy night in April 2017, Chicago police officers patrolling West Englewood noticed a group shooting a makeshift music video in a vacant lot in the South Side neighborhood.

Spotting the squad car, the group took off running, tossing five semi-automatic handguns along South Wolcott Avenue as they fled, according to a police report.

Officers recovered and inventoried the pistols, a familiar routine in a city flooded with thousands of illegal firearms.

Further analysis led to a surprising discovery: One of the guns, a Smith & Wesson .40-caliber semi-automatic pistol, had been used in the infamous slaying of 9-year-old Tyshawn Lee about 1½ blocks before and just 11 blocks away.

Cook County prosecutors say the fourth grader was lured into an alley in the Auburn Gresham community and shot at point-blank range in a gang retaliation. He had been targeted because his father belonged to a rival gang

suspected of killing a gang member and wounding his mother in a shooting weeks earlier.

The trial of two reputed gang members charged in the execution-style killing is scheduled to begin in earnest Tuesday at the Leighton Criminal Court Building with opening statements and the beginning of testimony.

A jury was picked Friday to decide the fate of Dwright Doty, alleged by prosecutors to be the gunman, while a separate jury was being selected Monday for Corey Morgan, whose brother and mother were victims in the November 2015 shooting.

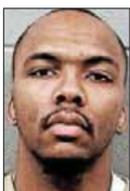
Prosecutors allege Morgan looked on from a black SUV as Doty shot Tyshawn multiple times.

Jurors are expected to learn how a bloody gang war between factions with ties to two of Chicago's most historic gangs had flared up in the months before Tyshawn's slaying. They will hear from eyewitnesses who were

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Morgan



Doty



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New Chicago Fire owner and Morningstar founder Joe Mansueto stands in the tunnel at SeatGeek Stadium in Bridgeview on Monday.

How MLS steered Mansueto to Fire

And why the new owner loves the team's name

BY JEREMY MIKULA

If things had worked out differently, Joe Mansueto likely would have owned a Major League Soccer club — but it might not have been the Chicago Fire.

Mansueto, the founder and chairman of Chicago-based financial services company Morningstar, acquired 100% control of the Fire last week, buying the remaining 51% stake after acquiring 49% of the team last year.

It was Mansueto's interest in soccer

that led him to MLS, but it was MLS Commissioner Don Garber who steered Mansueto in the direction of the Fire and then-owner Andrew Hauptman.

“Andrew didn't want to sell the whole team, he wanted to sell 49%,” Mansueto told the Tribune on Monday at SeatGeek Stadium in Bridgeview. “Then I had to make a decision: Do I want to buy 100% of a team maybe outside of Chicago or half of a team in my hometown? I opted for the latter and I'm really glad I did.”

Mansueto said he “looked at a few other cities” for potential investment, but Garber told him the league has seen success

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Times faces questions

The New York Times' handling of a new sexual misconduct allegation against Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh attracted almost as much attention as the accusation itself.

SPORTS

Sullivan: Rizzo a void

The Cubs have to deal with the loss of their leader and recent leadoff man, Anthony Rizzo, whose sprained right ankle has forced him to the bench the rest of the week — perhaps the season.

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Helmet-less bicyclists wait for a green traffic signal in the 1600 block of North Milwaukee Avenue in Chicago in 2018.

Bicyclists should be shamed into wearing helmets



REX W. HUPPKE

We're going to talk about bicycle helmets. And we're going to talk about the staggering number of people — children, teenagers and adults — who don't wear bicycle helmets.

Like the kid I saw this weekend riding along with both hands off the handlebars, fiddling with a wallet and not wearing a helmet, practically daring the asphalt to crack his head open.

People who don't wear bicycle helmets are about as ubiquitous as they are irresponsible. And they make me angry. So angry, in fact, that I'm handing this column over to my future self, Old Man Huppke.

He's cantankerous and, as he would say, doesn't give "a bloated bat's fart" what people think of him.

Remember, I didn't want this to happen. But you knuckleheads who ride bikes without helmets left me no choice. Old Man Huppke, the column is yours:

WHAT ON EARTH IS WRONG WITH YOU HELMET-LESS NUNPTIES? YOU GOT A DEATH WISH OR SOMETHING?!

I've seen a lot of stupid in my day, most of it coming from politicians, but peddling around with nothing to protect your noggin? That's high-level stupidity. What exactly makes you think your skull is dent-resistant?

You think you're invincible? Guess what, diddlepants? You're nothin' but meat stuffed into a skin suit, and if a car or curb or tree or pothole decides it wants to play natural selection, guess who's gonna lose?

DID YOU GUESS? THE ANSWER IS: THE MORON WHO ISN'T A WEARING A HELMET!

Lord have mercy, I have no idea what any of you witless fopdoodles think you're trying to prove.

And I see you all. You're everywhere, you jerks. Teens riding to school. Parents riding to the train. Kids riding to the playground. Families biking along the lakefront.

No helmet. No helmet. No helmet. No helmets.

And worst of all? The Rhodes scholars who ride along flexing their cranial toughness while a perfectly good helmet dangles from the handlebars.

YOU STINKIN' DULLARDS, WHAT KIND OF COCKY (EXPLETIVE) (EXPLETIVE) IS THAT (EXPLETIVE) NONSENSE?!?!

Great, now I have to take a heart pill. Not sure why I even care about you nincompoops.

Tell me this, what exactly leads you to decide, "Nah, I don't need this easy to use and readily available safety divide known to save lives?"

Afraid to muss up your hair? Worried it makes you look uncool?

I get that. But you know what can really muss your hair and make you look uncool? **HAVING HALF YOUR HEAD SHAVED BY THE SURGEON WHO NEEDS TO CUT YOU OPEN TO STOP THE CRANIAL BLEEDING CAUSED BY FALLING OFF YOUR BIKE WHILE YOU WEREN'T WEARING A HELMET!!**

Just to prove my point, I had younger (and dumber) me call George Chiampas, an emergency medicine physician at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

"We'll see various things from bicyclists riding at a slow pace that are struck by a vehicle or a car door that opens up and then they flip over the car door, to bicyclists who are riding at a fast speed along Lake Shore Drive and they either get distracted or try to avoid someone else and they get propelled off their bike," Chiampas said. "It's everything from mild injuries to intracranial bleeding, neck injuries and severe facial injuries."

And what do you half-wits suppose the good doctor has observed about the effectiveness of wearing a bicycle helmet? **PAY ATTENTION!**

"It could be the difference between life and death," Chiampas said. "It could be the difference between having a lifelong head injury and all of the secondary effects of that versus really minimizing that or completely avoiding it. It's a significant difference maker."

What do the helmets so many of you carp-brained mopes opt to leave

at home actually protect against? Oh, you know, just little stuff like, according to Chiampas, "significant facial injuries, significant scalp injuries, skull fractures as well as bleeding injuries on the brain."

But hey, what's a little brain bleeding when you're trying to keep your friends from thinking you're one of those uncool helmet-wearing nerds, right?

WRONG, YOU VIDEO-GAME-ADDLED SADDLE-GOOSE! YOU'RE GONNA GET YOURSELF HURT OR KILLED AND THEN YOUR FAMILY IS GONNA HAVE TO DEAL WITH IT AND YOU'RE GONNA MAKE A GIANT MESS OF A BUNCH OF PEOPLE'S LIVES, INCLUDING YOUR OWN, ALL BECAUSE YOU WERE TOO DUMB OR LAZY OR VAIN TO SPEND FIVE SECONDS STRAPPING A HELMET TO YOUR NOW-BLEEDING, FRACTURED, NOT-AS-TOUGH-AS-YOU-THOUGHT-IT-WAS HEAD!!!

When doctors like Chiampas get a call from an ambulance saying it's en route with an injured bicyclist, the first question the doctors ask is: Was the person wearing a helmet?

"If they weren't wearing a helmet, it escalates our concern for significant injury," he said. "That's how integral it is in our language."

Maybe it should be integral in your language as well, you ingrates.

"People will make arguments to convince themselves," Chiampas said, "but there's really no argument to not wear a helmet."

Look, I'm just an old man who got old in part because he didn't suffer a severe brain injury while riding a bike. You don't have to listen to me if you don't want to, but at least listen to the people who patch people's heads for a living.

What I'm trying to say is: **GET YOUR UN-HELMETED HEADS OUT OF YOUR KEISTERS AND STRAP ON A DANG HELMET, YOU HEEDLESS BICYCLING HEATHENS! IT'S SO EASY, EVEN NINNIES LIKE YOU CAN DO IT!**

Now don't make me come back to this column again. I've about had it with you dunderheads.

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Lawyer: Family was unaware of fetal remains

2,000-plus were found in garage after death of Ind. abortion doctor

By GRANT MORGAN,
MIKE NOLAN AND
ALICIA FABBRE

The family of a recently deceased Indiana abortion doctor has no idea why more than 2,000 medically preserved fetal remains were stored in the family garage in south suburban Crete Township, an attorney representing the doctor's widow said Monday.

Chicago attorney Kevin Bolger said Dr. Ulrich Klopfer's family has been cooperating with investigators since his wife made the discovery when cleaning out the garage after her husband's death.

"She has no idea long how they had been there and no idea why he put them there," he said. "Nobody knows."

Bolger said the garage was stacked "floor to ceiling" and was not used by the woman at all.

"You could barely walk in there."

Klopfer had three abortion clinics in Indiana: in Gary, South Bend and Fort Wayne.

Will County authorities said Monday they wouldn't be discussing the discovery of 2,246 preserved fetal remains further until their investigation is completed.

The Indiana and Illinois attorneys general will work together to investigate the

situation, Republican Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill said in a statement Monday.

Hill said he conferred over the weekend with Democratic Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul and they "agreed to work together" as Hill's office coordinates an investigation into the remains found at the home near the state border unincorporated Crete Township home of Dr. Ulrich Klopfer.

The Will County sheriff's office spokeswoman, Kathy Hoffmeyer, said Monday the probe of Klopfer's home is "a very sensitive situation" involving the sheriff's office, coroner's office and prosecutors.

In Indiana, four lawmakers are demanding an investigation to determine if the fetal remains were illegally transported across state lines.

State Rep. Ron Bacon and three fellow Republican lawmakers issued a statement Sunday saying the Indiana attorney general's office should investigate the abortion clinics in Allen, Lake and St. Joseph's counties where Klopfer worked.

The attorney general's office did not respond to a request for comment on that request Monday.

On Monday, neighbors of



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The house of Dr. Ulrich Klopfer in unincorporated Crete Township in Will County on Monday.

the doctor described Klopfer as being friendly.

"He was really a sweet person," one neighbor who declined to identify herself said.

She and another neighbor, Antoinette Zimmerman, said they knew Klopfer performed abortions but could not fathom that the doctor may have kept the remains at his property.

"I cannot believe that," Zimmerman said.

Neighbors said that three large waste containers arrived at the property late last week. On Monday, a

Will County sheriff's office squad was parked in the driveway of the home.

No connection has been made regarding the Indiana clinics where Klopfer worked and the preserved fetuses.

A filmmaker who interviewed the doctor said Monday that Klopfer used to visit at least one of his former clinics for years after its services were shut down by Indiana regulators.

According to Mark Archer, a producer and filmmaker from Fort Wayne, Klopfer would visit his for-

mer Fort Wayne clinic every week about five years after the clinic shut down, arriving on Wednesday, spending the night at the clinic and leaving Thursday morning.

On Jan. 11, 2016, the Indiana Attorney General's Office filed a complaint, alleging Klopfer violated state law nine times. The state alleged he failed to provide qualified personnel to monitor patients undergoing surgical abortion procedures.

As a result, his license was suspended in August of that year in Indiana.

Klopfer was licensed as a physician and surgeon by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation from early April 1973 until the end of July 1990, according to department spokesman Chris Slaby.

In 2017, Klopfer was listed on the "refuse to renew" list with the department due to a discipline case in Indiana.

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Associated Press contributed.

Judge tosses suit seeking to undo Lincoln Yards TIF

By HAL DARDICK

A Cook County judge on Monday tossed out a lawsuit by two advocacy organizations that wanted to undo the record \$1.3 billion subsidy for the Lincoln Yards development pushed through the Chicago City Council during the waning days of former Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration.

The union-backed Grass-

roots Collaborative and Raise Your Hand education advocacy group did not have standing to challenge the city's creation of the tax increment financing district that underpinned the subsidy sought by developer Sterling Bay, Circuit Judge Neil Cohen determined.

The two groups are advocacy organizations and couldn't show that they were harmed by creation of

the TIF district, Cohen wrote days after questioning their attorneys about the issue. The groups had argued their fight against TIF districts and Lincoln Yards in particular had diverted their time and money away from other efforts.

Cohen rejected that argument, writing that the two groups made "nothing more than a conscious choice ... as to where to direct their

advocacy. This choice does not magically confer standing upon the plaintiffs to challenge the city's decisions regarding TIF districts."

Timna Axel, a spokeswoman for the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, which represented the groups, said the organization is looking at options for potentially challenging the ruling. "We're

not going to give up on fighting broken TIFs in Chicago."

Law Department spokesman Bill McCaffrey said the city is "pleased with this ruling."

The two groups that filed the suit had maintained the TIF violated the state's Civil Rights Act because it will deprive largely minority, low-income areas of badly needed city revenue. But

City Hall argued the development will benefit the entire city. Sterling Bay, which was not named in the suit, has made the same argument.

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

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Ethics board fines pol consultant \$25K

Didn't register as lobbyist; has ties to Solis

BY JUAN PEREZ JR.
AND JASON MEISNER

A Chicago political consultant who federal authorities allegedly recorded offering Viagra and prostitution services to a former alderman has been fined \$25,000 for failing to register as a lobbyist with the city.

The Chicago Board of Ethics concluded there was probable cause to believe Roberto Caldero “engaged in several acts of unregistered lobbying” in 2015, citing media reports from early this year on a bombshell court filing that showed the FBI spent more than two years investigating alleged corruption schemes by former longtime 25th Ward Ald. Daniel Solis.

Solis sought erectile dysfunction drugs and sexual services at a North Side massage parlor from Caldero while the consultant lobbied the alderman on a variety of issues, according to a 120-page search warrant affidavit filed under seal in May 2016.

The affidavit — first obtained in January by the Chicago Sun-Times — was made public after the Chicago Tribune successfully argued in court for its release.

Ethics board officials met with Caldero and his attorney on Friday, the board said in a statement. Officials suggested more fines could be on the way.

“We continue to look at this, and as in the past, we have also looked to the employer of unregistered lobbyists and taken action with regard to them,” city ethics board chairman William Conlon told the Tribune.



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Then-Ald. Daniel Solis, 25th, speaks at Chicago City Hall in 2018.

On Monday, Caldero said, “I’m disappointed in the ruling and we’re going to appeal it through whatever means we can.”

Ethics officials will consider further action against Caldero’s employer in October, according to the board.

Officials voted to sanction Caldero after determining “he had not rebutted the finding that the facts available to the board demonstrated he engaged in unregistered lobbying in several attempts to influence a city elected official on behalf of a client with respect to taking city action in both a legislative matter and an administrative matter.”

Calling the pills “the blue medicine” in reference to their signature color, Solis asked Caldero for the drug on at least four different occasions, ac-

ording to the affidavit. There was no evidence Solis ever paid Caldero for the medication.

The affidavit suggested that Caldero also offered prostitution services to Solis at a North Side massage parlor on several occasions.

“Let me tell you why I called,” Solis was quoted as saying in one call from July 2015. “I want to get a good massage, with a nice ending.” When Caldero said he knew of a place and would make an appointment, Solis asked, “What kind of women do they got there?” the affidavit said. “Asian,” Caldero responded. “Oh good! Good, good, good,” Solis said, according to a transcript. “I like Asian.”

The FBI had the parlor under surveillance several times when Solis and Caldero visited, according to the affidavit. Federal au-

thorities said Solis’ bank records do not show any payments to the parlor.

At the same time, Caldero was lobbying the alderman on a variety of issues, including assistance for Elgin Sweeping, which was trying to get its \$1 million bill from the city’s Water Department lowered, the affidavit said.

After Solis successfully interceded on the company’s behalf, he solicited campaign contributions from Elgin Sweeping’s president, Chris Cacciatore, and his relatives, the affidavit said. Solis referred to his aldermanic efforts on the company’s behalf while seeking the donations, according to the affidavit.

Solis received a \$4,500 contribution from a company operated by Cacciatore’s brother, real estate developer Joseph Cacciatore,

in September 2015, according to the affidavit.

A few hours after Solis informed Caldero about the contribution, an FBI surveillance team saw the alderman and Caldero enter the massage parlor together. In a phone call earlier that day, Caldero allegedly had promised the politician the same “older lady” who previously had given Solis a massage.

“Be over there by 1,” Solis responded, according to the affidavit.

Raised in Chicago’s Humboldt Park neighborhood, Caldero, 66, was a longtime political operative for former U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez dating to Gutierrez’s first run for City Council in the 1980s.

He served as legislative director for the council’s Housing and Real Estate Committee, which Gutier-

rez chaired before being elected to Congress. In 1995, Caldero ran for 1st Ward alderman but garnered only 17.4% of the vote and lost.

Caldero was long associated with Puerto Rican causes. In 1977, he was among three activists jailed for six months for refusing to cooperate with a federal grand jury investigation into a series of bombings by the Puerto Rican extremist group FALN, according to a Chicago Tribune account. The article described Caldero as the “founder of a cultural center for Puerto Ricans in Chicago.”

Caldero also worked for years on a gang-violence reduction initiative at the University of Chicago that became a national model for the U.S. Department of Justice. In the late 1990s, he founded his own political consulting firm, Casique Associates.

Court records show Caldero filed for bankruptcy in 2015, around the same time the federal investigation of Solis was heating up. At the time, the IRS had placed liens on Caldero for back taxes totaling at least \$250,000 and his home on Chicago’s Northwest Side was being foreclosed on by the bank, records show. The bankruptcy was discharged in 2016.

Last year, Caldero’s name surfaced as a backer of a massive, Cuban-themed restaurant and music venture being planned along Division Street in Humboldt Park called Radio Rumba.

Caldero was pictured in several news accounts with other members of Division Street Hospitality, the development group behind the project.

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Lori Lightfoot, left, and Toni Preckwinkle appear together at the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition on April 3, a day after the mayoral runoff election.

Preckwinkle says she, Lightfoot to meet soon

BY JUAN PEREZ JR.

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle said she soon would meet with Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot to explore how the high-powered officials and onetime campaign opponents can work together. That’s about it for details.

Both women spoke to each other following their latest public exchange on the county’s bond reform controversy, Preckwinkle said Monday after addressing the City Club of Chicago. She didn’t elaborate on when that sit-down might occur.

“We agreed to meet,” Preckwinkle told reporters when asked for details. “We’ll be meeting soon, and hopefully some areas of possible collaboration will emerge from those meetings.”

Lightfoot also declined to speak at length on her private chat with Preckwinkle, saying both women need a relationship that isn’t played out in the me-

dia. “I am the mayor of this city,” Lightfoot told reporters later Monday morning. “I am not a reality TV star.”

A retreat behind closed doors would mark a shift in how both politicians have addressed weeks of public disagreement over how the judicial system should treat suspects accused of gun-related crimes.

Preckwinkle outlined her hopes to reduce inequitable access to health care, broadband and transit to a City Club of Chicago breakfast on Monday. That included plugs for a planned \$240 million Provident Hospital facility, calls to expand the Chicago Southland Fiber Network, and a reminder about talks to lower fares on the Metra Electric District and Rock Island lines between downtown and the far south suburbs.

The County Board president still prefaced that vision with another defense of bond reform policies that prompt debate over how to balance the court system’s

presumption of innocence and the need to keep potential shooters off city streets.

“Bond court reforms that we’ve put in place have been successful in making our county safer,” Preckwinkle said Monday. “Despite what you’ve heard, reducing our reliance on monetary bond has not hurt public safety.”

Asked where the city and county can work together, Lightfoot said there’s a lot of overlap and cited criminal justice, procurement issues and public health as areas where they can be “productive partners.” She wouldn’t discuss her relationship with Preckwinkle.

“I don’t think that’s the way that you build trust and confidence — by playing out relationships in public — so I’m just not going to go there.”

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Illinois coal plant to close within 3 years

Owner of facility near Peoria is also taking 4 others offline

BY MICHAEL HAWTHORNE

One of the dirtiest coal plants in Illinois will close within the next three years, the latest sign that the lung-damaging, climate-changing source of electricity is on the way out in the United States.

Shuttering the E.D. Edwards power plant south of Peoria resolves a federal lawsuit filed six years ago by local and national environmental groups, which documented how various owners had failed to install modern pollution-control equipment.

A federal judge agreed those decisions led to dirtier air in communities near the Edwards plant and contributed to smog and soot problems in Chicago and other downwind cities.

The legal settlement announced Monday comes less than a month after Vistra Energy, the most recent owner of the Edwards plant, announced it will close four other Illinois coal plants by the end of the year.

Combined with the earlier closures of coal plants in Chicago and several downstate communities, the Vistra shutdowns promise dramatically less pollution that can cause lung damage, heart disease and respiratory ailments. The Edwards plant alone was responsible for 36 deaths and 238 asthma attacks a year, according to a study by the nonprofit Clean Air Task Force that relied on federally approved methods.

Closing Edwards also

will eliminate millions of pounds of carbon dioxide the coal plant emitted each year, an amount equivalent to taking more than 337,000 cars off the road.

About 70 jobs will be lost when Edwards closes. Vistra agreed to spend \$8.6 million on job training and community projects as part of the settlement.

“This agreement shows how the energy transition already underway across the nation should move forward, ensuring cleaner air, better public health, and financial resources for the community and workers impacted by the closing,” said J.C. Kibbey, Illinois clean energy advocate for the nonprofit Natural Resources Defense Council.

Other plaintiffs included the Sierra Club and two Chicago-based groups: the Respiratory Health Association and the Environmental Law & Policy Center.

The new Vistra agreement is part of a steady shift to cleaner sources of electricity, despite President Donald Trump’s move to gut national climate pollution standards adopted by former President Barack Obama.

Fast-declining prices for wind and solar power are pushing coal out of the marketplace even faster than market analysis once expected. In August, Moody’s Investor Service downgraded its outlook for the North American coal industry to negative from stable, citing declining demand on the international market and the shift to gas and renewable energy in

the United States.

Natural gas now produces more electricity in the U.S. than coal, which as recently as a decade ago was responsible for more than half of the nation’s energy. The shifting economics are a major reason that more than 290 U.S. coal plants have either closed or been scheduled for retirement during the past eight years, according to a tally by the Sierra Club, a nonprofit advocacy group that turned up the pressure on power companies with a series of Clean Air Act lawsuits.

Vistra became Illinois’ largest producer of coal-fired electricity last year when it acquired eight power plants in a merger with Dynegy, another Texas-based company. Even before the deal was finalized, Vistra executives said they might end up scrapping the entire Illinois fleet because the aging coal plants struggle to compete in energy markets.

In a statement, the company said the Edwards agreement “allows an important period of time to support transition needs of the community and workers.”

For now, only three Illinois coal plants will remain in Vistra’s portfolio, including the Joppa plant on the state’s southern border. Compared with the Edwards plant, only Joppa emits more lung-damaging sulfur dioxide for the amount of electricity generated.

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Tyshawn

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near Dawes Park, where Tyshawn had been playing that day. They will also hear Doty's alleged confession to the shooting — captured on undercover audio recordings — to another inmate in Cook County Jail.

And they are also expected to hear about the murder weapon's improbable journey — a 1,300-mile trek from a New Mexico pawn shop to the South Side shooting scene to the street just blocks away where police recovered it.

'We a gang'

Albuquerque's Valley Pawn bills itself as the largest such shop in the Southwest.

"We're not your average pawn shop, especially when it comes to our firearm department," its website boasts alongside photos of spotless glass cases full of handguns.

The Smith & Wesson pistol used to kill Tyshawn was bought by a straw purchaser named Andre Williams in September 2015.

The day before, Corey Morgan's brother, Anthony, a longtime friend of Williams, had sent \$900 to Williams in a Walmart money transfer for the Smith & Wesson and a second gun, federal prosecutors have alleged.

Anthony Morgan got both guns in the mail a short time later.

Federal prosecutors in Chicago alleged that Anthony Morgan had arranged to buy at least seven handguns in all from Williams in a scheme that ran from February 2015 until May 2016.

In pleading guilty in January to the gun-running scheme, Anthony Morgan admitted that he gave the weapons to brother Corey and other members of the Terror Dome faction of the Black P Stones street gang.

"We a gang," Morgan allegedly said in a video-recorded statement after his arrest on the gun traf-



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The Rev. Michael Pflieger walks with Pierre Stokes, center, as he helps carry his son's casket from St. Sabina Catholic Church on Nov. 10, 2015. Cook County prosecutors say Tyshawn Lee was shot at point-blank range in a gang retaliation.

ficking charges. "We were gangbanging. I provided the guns for the neighborhood because (I had) the connect."

The gang feud between Terror Dome members and the Killa Ward faction of the Gangster Disciples stretched back years but had reignited in the weeks before Tyshawn's killing when the Morgans' other brother, Tracey, 25, was fatally shot in October 2015 after leaving a mandatory meeting for parolees, part of an anti-violence effort by Chicago police and other law enforcement.

The Morgans' mother, who was in the car with her son, was wounded in the attack, authorities have said.

The violation of an unwritten rule — the wounding of a family member — enraged Morgan, according to authorities.

"He allegedly said since his brother was killed and his mama was shot he was

going to kill grandmas, mamas, kids and all," Assistant State's Attorney George Canellis Jr. said after Corey Morgan was charged in Tyshawn's slaying.

A few weeks after the wounding of the Morgans' mother, Corey Morgan, Doty and Kevin Edwards, a reputed fellow gang member, were out looking for revenge when they spotted Tyshawn — whose father, Pierre Stokes, was suspected by Terror Dome gang members in the Morgans' shooting — walking to his grandmother's house after playing basketball in the park, police and prosecutors have said.

Prosecutors allege Doty chatted with Tyshawn, bouncing his basketball for a time. He lured him into the alley near 80th Street and Damen Avenue, telling the boy he would take him to the store and buy him anything he wanted, prosecutors said.

At the T in the alley, Doty

turned and faced Tyshawn before shooting him repeatedly, including once in the head, authorities allege.

A basketball he always carried with him was found nearby.

Wounds on the boy's hand indicate that he held up his arm in defense just moments before he was shot, authorities alleged.

Edwards, identified by prosecutors as the getaway driver, pleaded guilty earlier this month to first-degree murder in exchange for a sentence of 25 years in prison.

Circumstantial evidence

No forensic evidence ties the murder weapon to Doty. But prosecutors will likely rely on circumstantial evidence to link the Smith & Wesson to the Morgans — and Doty indirectly.

Corey Morgan had already been questioned in the slaying and released without charges not long after Tyshawn's death in November 2015. Later that month, police got a tip that

he was at a hotel in south suburban Oak Lawn, court records show.

Acting on the tip, a detective spotted Morgan walking out of the hotel with Doty. The detective said he could see a gun in Doty's waistband, according to a police report.

As the two drove off, police pulled them over and arrested both on weapons charges after finding the pistol in Doty's waistband as well as a second, loaded handgun in a blue duffel bag carried by Morgan, authorities said.

Prosecutors have argued that the fact that the gun recovered in Morgan's possession as well as the murder weapon were both trafficked by his brother — and bought by the New Mexico straw purchaser on the very same day — is strong circumstantial evidence that ties both defendants more closely to the slaying.

"Of all the guns sold in the entire U.S., of all the (guns) sold from people and by people, this particular weapon is sold in New Mexico to a guy in Chicago.

Coincidence?" Assistant State's Attorney Thomas Darman said at a court hearing in March. "That individual happens to be the brother of Corey Morgan. Coincidence?"

Defense attorneys have been quick to point out the inadequacies of the prosecution evidence on that point.

The only hard evidence that prosecutors can offer is that Corey Morgan was found with a gun trafficked by his brother — and not even the gun used to kill Tyshawn, said Todd Pugh, one of Morgan's attorneys.

"Everything else is a bunch of smoke. What they want the jury to conclude is that Corey Morgan received the murder weapon from his brother because they share the same last name," Pugh said at the March hearing. "... Our brother's crimes are being offered against us."

But Judge Thaddeus Wilson, who is presiding over the case, ruled that jurors could hear the gun evidence, potentially setting the stage for a federal agent and Andre Williams, the New Mexico straw purchaser, to testify at trial.

Williams pleaded guilty in 2017 to federal charges in New Mexico, admitting he lied to the pawn shop when he said he was the intended owner of the pistol. He has not yet been sentenced.

At his sentencing hearing last month in Chicago for his role in the gun-running scheme, Anthony Morgan apologized for his actions, saying he was "deeply ashamed" and knew what he did was illegal.

U.S. District Judge Charles Norgle pressed Morgan on who exactly he believed the guns would go to, but Morgan replied hesitantly.

"Friends, brothers," he said before his voice trailed off.

After a long silence, Norgle shot back, "Have you completed that sentence?"

The judge imposed a four-year prison term on Morgan.

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4 things to know about changes to storm predictions

BY ELAINE CHEN

Soon after storms started to move into Illinois last Wednesday night, the National Weather Service issued a tornado warning for Lake County, parts of Cook County and parts of McHenry County, after detecting rotation in storm clouds.

The next day, the weather service issued another round of tornado warnings, again after rotation was spotted on radar in storms, this time in the Aurora area.

The weather service wasn't always able to make predictions like this. Over the past decade, the federal agency has seen upgrades in modeling and detection technologies that allow it to predict severe storms and tornadoes further in advance, for larger areas, and with greater accuracy.

Here are four things to know about changes in tornado and severe storm forecasting:

More powerful computers mean longer-term predictions

Patrick Marsh, chief of the science support branch of the weather service's Storm Prediction Center in Oklahoma, said that the agency has been able to make longer-term predictions because its computing power has dramatically increased in the last decade.

After Hurricane Sandy in 2012, Congress allocated \$25 million to the weather service, which used the funding to upgrade its two supercomputing systems in Virginia and Florida that are used to make predictions nationwide.

Since then, the agency has been able to "run the models farther and farther out in time," Marsh said. It can now produce forecasts for severe storms up to

eight days in advance. A decade ago, "we were just beginning to explore the feasibility of eight days."

The weather service can predict tornadoes with a high level of confidence up to 48 hours in advance instead of the 24-hour-ahead predictions of 10 years ago.

Computing upgrades translate into more detailed predictions

The upgrades in computing power also have allowed the weather service to both narrow and expand the area of predictions, depending on what forecasters see in weather models.

Models can now look at atmospheric conditions in regions as small as about 2 miles by 2 miles, Marsh said.

"One, that allows us to shrink the overall area in which we're expecting severe storms and tornadoes from what we used to do," he said.

"Historically, our outlooks were very large."

At the same time, "it allows us to expand the area in the sense that we can see more details," Marsh added. "It allows us to provide severe weather forecasts for areas that we might otherwise have missed because we didn't have that kind of resolution."

Radar can now detect debris

While computing power has helped the agency make longer-term predictions, advances in detection technology have allowed it to make shorter-term predictions and better understand tornadoes as they happen.

Lee Carlaw, a meteorologist with the weather service's Chicago-area forecast

office, said the agency's radar equipment went through an upgrade in the early 2010s that allowed the radar to, among many new functions, detect debris.

"If (debris) is lofted high enough and enough stuff that is lofted in the atmosphere, the radar's data beam can pick that up," Carlaw said.

"We can then, like a spotter on the ground, confirm a tornado."

Spotters are people who report weather tornado conditions they see to the weather service.

Satellites send higher-resolution data at higher speeds

Satellites the weather service sends out to space have also upgraded in the past few years, Carlaw said.

Now, satellites "are sending extremely high-resolution satellite data as quickly as every 30 seconds," he said. "In years past that would have been unheard of," as satellites used to send back data every 15 minutes.

The service can see how the tops of thunderstorms evolve, as storm clouds change in size, height and rotation, Carlaw said.

"Satellites can't detect tornadoes per se, but they are another tool in our tool belt to detect things that would be concerning for issuing a tornado warning."

Ultimately, Marsh said, upgrades to radar and satellites also feed back into the models the agency uses to make long-term predictions, helping the models more closely mirror conditions in real life.

"Upgrades to radars and satellites provide additional inputs in the models, resulting in higher accuracy," Marsh said. "To run the models, we need to know the current state of the atmosphere."

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Times faces questions on Kavanaugh story

Offensive tweet, revision overshadow new accusation

BY DAVID BAUDER
Associated Press

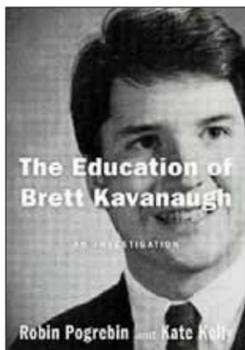
NEW YORK — Between an offensive tweet and a significant revision, The New York Times' handling of a new sexual misconduct allegation against Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh attracted almost as much attention as the accusation itself.

The story also gave President Donald Trump and his allies fresh ammunition in his campaign against the media, where the Times was already a favorite target.

The revelation that led several Democratic presidential contenders to call for Kavanaugh's impeachment came in the 11th paragraph of a story labeled "news analysis" that ran in the Sunday opinion section. The story is based on an upcoming book by Times reporters Robin Pogrebin and Kate Kelly, "The Education of Brett Kavanaugh: An Investigation," about the junior justice's brutal confirmation battle last year.

Headlined "Brett Kavanaugh Fit In With the Privileged Kids. She Did Not," the story was primarily about Deborah Ramirez, a Connecticut woman who alleged that Kavanaugh, as a freshman at Yale in 1983, had pulled down his pants and thrust his penis at her. Kavanaugh has denied those claims.

Yet the authors said they'd uncovered a similar story involving Kavanaugh at another freshman year party, where he allegedly



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"The Education of Brett Kavanaugh: An Investigation" was written by two Times reporters.

exposed himself and friends pushed his penis into the hands of a female student. The story said former classmate Max Stier reported the incident to the FBI and senators as Kavanaugh's nomination was being discussed, but said Stier would not discuss it with the authors. Kavanaugh would not comment on the story, a court spokeswoman said on Monday.

After the story was posted online but before it was in the print edition, the Times revised the story to add that the book reported that the woman supposedly involved in the incident declined to be interviewed, and that her friends say she doesn't recall the incident. While an editor's note pointed out the revision, it did not say why those facts had been left out in the first place.

A Times spokeswoman said no one was available for an interview on Monday.

The failure to initially report that the woman did not remember the alleged incident "is one of the worst



SUSAN WALSH/AP

President Donald Trump defended Justice Brett Kavanaugh, saying he was "the one who is actually being assaulted."

cases of journalistic malpractice in recent memory," John McCormack wrote in the conservative magazine National Review.

The Washington Post reported Monday that Sen. Christopher Coons, D-Del., alerted the FBI of the allegation at issue but that it was not investigated.

Coons wrote to FBI director Christopher Wray on Oct. 2, requesting an "appropriate follow up" with one individual who had come to Coons with information about Kavanaugh. Although the person's name was redacted in the one-

page letter, a spokesman for Coons confirmed Monday that the individual was Stier, who now leads a prominent nonpartisan group in Washington.

In the letter obtained by The Washington Post, Coons said "several individuals" who wanted to share information with federal authorities had contacted his office, but they had "difficulty reaching anyone who will collect their information."

The book's authors wrote that they had corroborated the second misconduct allegation with two officials

who said they had communicated with Stier. The newspaper did not identify them.

Placement of the accusation in the midst of an opinion section piece struck many in the journalism community as odd.

"How is this not a front-page story?" wrote Tom Jones of the journalism think tank the Poynter Institute.

In a statement, the Times said the opinion section frequently runs excerpts of books produced by the newspaper's reporters. The new accusations were un-

covered during the authors' reporting process for the book, which is why they had not appeared in the newspaper before.

Still, this doesn't explain why the new accusations weren't pointed out to editors and given more prominence in news pages. Todd Gitlin, a Columbia University journalism professor, suggested bureaucratic inertia might partly explain it — since it had been determined that the piece would run in the opinion section, no one stepped forward to question that.

Migrants tell stories of violence at tent court hearings

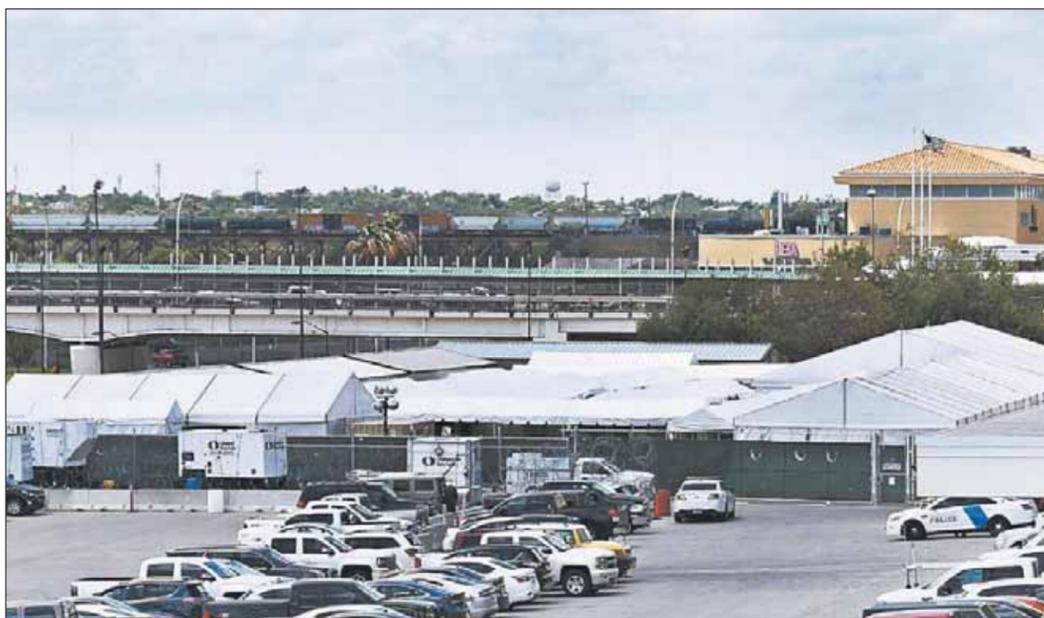
BY NOMAAN MERCHANT
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Tent courtrooms opened Monday in two Texas border cities to help process thousands of migrants who are being forced by the Trump administration to wait in Mexico while their requests for asylum wind through clogged immigration courts.

The court in Laredo opened with a judge who appeared by videoconference. Critics have denounced the proceedings because they are closed to the public and difficult for attorneys to access to provide legal representation.

One by one, the migrants stood up inside the tent and said they were afraid to be sent back to Mexico. The group included a woman from Honduras cradling her 4-year-old daughter, a Salvadoran man who said he was fleeing death threats and another man who said he was in hiding while he awaited a chance to enter the U.S.

The immigrants are part of a Trump administration policy officially called the Migrant Protection Protocols, but often known as the "Remain in Mexico" program. They spoke by video with the judge in San Antonio, where observers who



RICARDO SANTOS/THE LAREDO MORNING TIMES

Hearings began Monday in tent courts like this one in Laredo, Texas, which is next to the bridge leading to Mexico.

wanted to watch the hearings had to go.

Judge Yvonne Gonzalez had 52 cases on her docket. On the other side of the screen, 26 people were in court in Laredo. Gonzalez could see them on a TV in her courtroom.

After about 20 minutes, Gonzalez was close to ending the hearing when one man raised his hand and asked to speak. She told him

to go ahead.

"I'm not under any condition to demand anything," he said through a translator. "But I would like to ask you. My family is accompanying me, and we're fearful of being in Mexico."

Gonzalez said she would address him afterward. Then a second person asked to speak and also said he was afraid. Eventually, eight people spoke.

One woman said she had to pay someone to bring her back for her hearing. Another person said she had been kidnapped and mugged.

The Associated Press is not identifying the migrants who spoke out of concern for their safety.

Gonzalez looked to the attorneys from the U.S. government present in the courtroom and asked about

Mexico's role. "Are they helping with a place to stay?"

One of the attorneys, Kevin Terrill, replied that he did not know.

The judge conferred with U.S. government attorneys, then resumed court. She had each person who feared going back to Mexico approach the front of the room so they would be close on her television

screen, then told them a security guard would take them to another room in the tent so they could be screened by a different agency to determine whether they would have to go back.

Hours earlier, about 200 migrants were told to report to the bridge crossing in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, at 4:30 a.m. so they could be taken across the bridge and directly into the tent court on the other side.

A second tent court is in Brownsville. Journalists are barred from the tents, even though immigration court hearings are generally open to the public. Unlike in criminal proceedings, public defenders are not provided in immigration cases. Few migrants can afford a lawyer.

The Remain in Mexico program has become one of the U.S. government's biggest tools to prevent migrants from crossing the southern border. Mexico has been cooperating with the program under pressure from President Donald Trump.

At least 42,000 migrants have been forced back into Mexico this year after crossing the border. Many of them say they fled violence or threats in their home countries with hopes of getting asylum.

Epstein victims' claims died with him, federal judge rules

BY MARC FREEMAN
Sun Sentinel

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Jeffrey Epstein's death last month means a lawsuit by his sexual abuse victims is over — along with their hopes to hold Epstein and his co-conspirators in South Florida accountable, a federal judge ruled Monday.

By stopping the 11-year-old civil litigation, the court said it will not order any remedies for the government's violation of a crime

victims' rights law.

U.S. District Judge Kenneth Marra had been considering ways to grant some relief to the women involved in the case. In February, he ruled that federal prosecutors failed to properly consult Epstein's victims when they approved his 2007 deal to avoid prosecution on federal charges.

But everything changed Aug. 10 when the 66-year-old financier killed himself while awaiting a New York trial on sex trafficking charges, Marra wrote.

The judge said the "lengthy and contentious litigation" had become moot because Epstein is dead.

Marra conceded that the victims "in the end they are not receiving much, if any, of the relief they sought."

"They may take solace, however, in the fact that this litigation has brought national attention to the Crime Victims' Rights Act and the importance of victims in the criminal justice system," Marra wrote. "It has also resulted in the

United States Department of Justice acknowledging its shortcomings in dealing with crime victims, and its promise to better train its prosecutors regarding the rights of victims under the CVRA in the future."

Brad Edwards and Paul Cassell, attorneys for the victims, said this is a still a time for Epstein's victims to be proud.

"Together, we have forever demonstrated that nobody is above the law, not the wealthy and not even the Government," they

wrote in a statement.

Marra said the law does not allow for the lawsuit to continue as the victims' had wanted after Epstein's death, by taking aim at Epstein's alleged co-conspirators, or women who helped his sexual abuse activities from 1999 to 2007.

The lawyers for the victims said they are considering an appeal, along with other ways to continue their battle.

"Of course, this is not the ending we had hoped for, but the enormous progres-

sion of victims' rights through this case will ensure that violations like this never happen again in this country," Edwards and Cassell wrote. "For that, the fight was worth it."

In his previous ruling, the court found that Epstein's "non-prosecution agreement" violated the law because the victims were "deliberately" not told about Epstein's deal. That controversial deal resulted in Epstein pleading guilty in 2008 to two state prostitution charges.



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Between 13,000 and 14,000 U.S. troops are currently in the country.

17th US service member dies in Afghanistan war this year

BY RAHIM FAIEZ
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — A U.S. service member was killed in action in Afghanistan on Monday, NATO said, without providing further details.

Last week, President Donald Trump abruptly called off talks with the Taliban to end America's longest war, citing the killing of a U.S. service member in a Taliban attack days earlier.

Monday's death was the 17th U.S. combat death in Afghanistan this year, according to the Pentagon's count. There also have been three noncombat deaths this year. More than 2,400 Americans have died in the nearly 18-year war.

Across Afghanistan, militant attacks and more violence killed at least seven people as the country prepares for presidential elections later this month, Afghan officials said.

At least five civilians, including women and children, were killed when their vehicle struck a road-

side bomb in western Farah province on Sunday, according to Mohibullah Mohib, spokesman for the provincial police.

No one claimed responsibility for the bombing, which occurred near the city of Farah, the provincial capital, but the Taliban are active in the province.

Earlier this month, the Taliban launched an attempt to take the city of Farah, briefly seizing an army recruitment center and setting it on fire. Airstrikes were called in and the Taliban were eventually forced out of the city.

Separately, a magnetic explosive device attached to a mini bus belonging to a university in Ghazni province exploded and killed the bus driver. A spokesman for the provincial governor said five Ghazni University students were also wounded in the blast.

In eastern Logar province, a schoolgirl died in the crossfire during a battle in the Mohammad Agha district between the Taliban and the security forces, the police said.

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani canceled his first electoral debate with his main electoral rival, Abdullah Abdullah, the country's chief executive. Both men are partners in the national unity government.

Ghani's electoral team, in a statement released just before the start of the debate, claimed Abdullah has no political program and that Ghani did not want to debate him.

Abdullah, who was present at the TV studio where the debate was to be held, said Ghani "should have come and shared his plans."

Around 100,000 members of the country's security forces will provide security on election day, Sept. 28. Around 72,000 security personnel will be on duty around the 4,942 polling centers across Afghanistan while nearly 30,000 additional troops will serve as reserve units.

Approximately 20,000 American and allied troops remain in Afghanistan. Between 13,000 and 14,000 U.S. troops are currently in the country.

Source: NYC prosecutors subpoena Trump's tax returns

BY MICHAEL R. SISAK
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Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York City prosecutors have subpoenaed President Donald Trump's tax returns, a person familiar with the matter told The Associated Press on Monday.

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr.'s office recently sent a subpoena to Trump's accounting firm seeking the last eight years of state and federal tax returns for Trump and his company, the Trump Organization, the person said.

The person was not authorized to speak publicly about the matter and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Asked about the subpoena as he left the White House on Monday, Trump said: "I don't know anything about it." A lawyer for the Trump Organization, Marc Mukasey, said he is "evaluating the situation and will respond as appropriate."

Vance, a Democrat, subpoenaed the Trump Organization last month for records related to payments Trump's former lawyer, Michael Cohen, helped arrange to a porn actress who claimed she had an affair with Trump. His office is also pursuing a state mortgage fraud case against former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort.

Vance's office declined to comment Monday on the tax returns subpoena, the news of which was first reported by The New York Times.

Trump's accounting firm, Mazars USA, said in a statement that it "will respect the legal process and fully comply with its legal obligations."

Mazars was subpoenaed earlier this year by a House committee seeking Trump financial records. The firm



CAROLYN KASTER/AP

President Trump, his company and his family are fighting several subpoenas for financial and tax records.

said it believes strongly in ethical and professional rules governing the accounting industry and does not comment on work it does for clients.

Trump, a Republican, is already fighting efforts by several Democratic-led Congressional committees to obtain his tax returns and other records that could give them a window into his finances.

Trump and three of his children filed a lawsuit in April seeking to block two House committees from getting records that his longtime lender, Deutsche Bank, has said include tax returns. A federal appeals court indicated last month that it would take a hard look at the legality of the subpoenas after Trump's lawyers argued the House committee subpoenas were overly broad and unconstitutional.

In July, Trump sued to block the application of a new state law in New York that could allow a third House committee to obtain his state tax returns. In April, he and his company sued the chairman of the House oversight committee to block a subpoena issued to Mazars seeking financial statements, accounting records and other documents covering 2011 to 2018.

Meanwhile, New York

Attorney General Letitia James is investigating whether Trump exaggerated his wealth to obtain loans. She issued subpoenas to Deutsche Bank and Investors Bank in March seeking loan applications and other records related to Trump real estate projects and his failed 2014 bid to buy the Buffalo Bills.

Vance's investigation appears to be covering some of the same ground as two federal probes.

Federal prosecutors in New York and Washington, who spent months probing payments made during the 2016 presidential campaign to two women who said they had affairs with Trump, Daniels and model Karen McDougal.

Cohen, who made one of the payments himself and arranged for American Media Inc., the parent company of the National Enquirer, to pay the other, pleaded guilty to campaign finance violations, tax evasion and other crimes and is serving a three-year sentence at a federal prison in upstate New York.

A lawyer for Cohen declined to comment on Vance's subpoenas.

Trump, who denies any sexual relationship with either woman, has said any payments were a personal matter, not a campaign expense.

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peo to Saudi Arabia "to discuss what they feel" about the attack and an appropriate response.

One U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations, said the U.S. was considering dispatching additional military resources to the Gulf but that no decisions had been made. The U.S. already has the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier battle group in the area, as well as fighter jets, bombers, reconnaissance aircraft and air defenses.

Trump, alternating between aggressive and non-violent reactions, said the U.S. could respond "with an attack many, many times larger" but also "I'm not looking at options right now."

American officials released satellite images of the damage at the heart of the kingdom's crucial Abqaiq oil processing plant and a key oil field, and two U.S. officials said the attackers used multiple cruise missiles and drone aircraft.

Private experts said the satellite images show the attackers had detailed knowledge of which tanks and machinery to hit within the sprawling Saudi oil processing facility at Abqaiq to cripple production. But "satellite imagery can't show you where the attack originated from," said Joe Bermudez, an expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies who examined the images.

"What the photos indicate is that someone planned a sophisticated, coordinated attack that really impacted the production of oil at this facility," he said.

The U.S. alleges the pattern of destruction suggested Saturday's attack did not come from neighboring Yemen, as claimed by Iranian-backed Houthi rebels there.

A Saudi military official alleged "Iranian weapons" had been used.

The Saudis invited United Nations and other international experts to



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President Donald Trump speaks with reporters Monday before departing from the South Lawn of the White House.

help investigate, suggesting there was no rush to retaliate.

Jon Alterman, the chief Middle East expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said the Saudi caution reflects the kingdom's wariness of taking on Iran.

"I don't think there's a great independent Saudi capability to respond," he said. "You don't want to start a war with Iran that you don't have an idea how you're going to end."

In New York, the new U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Kelly Craft, condemned the attack and said that "emerging information indicates that responsibility lies with Iran."

At the Pentagon, Defense Secretary Mark Esper suggested Iranian involvement too. In a series of tweets after meeting with Trump and other senior national security officials, Esper said the administration was working with partner nations "to address this unprecedented attack and defend the international rule-based order that is being undermined by Iran."

Iran rejected the allegations, and a government spokesman said there now is "absolutely no chance" of a hoped-for meeting between Iranian President

Hassan Rouhani and Trump at the U.N. General Assembly next week.

"Currently we don't see any sign from the Americans which has honesty in it, and if the current state continues there will be absolutely no chance of a meeting between the two presidents," spokesman Ali Rabiee said.

Downplaying any talk of imminent U.S. military action, Vice President Mike Pence's chief of staff, Marc Short, told reporters at the White House that Trump's "locked and loaded" was "a broad term that talks about the realities that" the U.S. is "safer and more secure domestically from energy independence."

The new violence has led to fears that further action on any side could rapidly escalate a confrontation that's been raging just below the surface in the wider Persian Gulf in recent months. There already have been mysterious attacks on tankers that Washington blames on Tehran, at least one suspected Israeli strike on Shiite forces in Iraq, and the downing of a U.S. military surveillance drone by Iran.

Those tensions have increased ever since Trump pulled the U.S. out of Iran's 2015 agreement with world

powers that curtailed Iranian nuclear activities and the U.S. reimposed sanctions that sent Iran's economy into free fall.

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Jeffrey Roberts, 49, eats at his relatives' destroyed home on Grand Bahama.

Dorian's terror lingers on in minds of many Bahamians

By DANICA COTO
Associated Press

HIGH ROCK, Bahamas — One woman and her husband huddled on top of a bedroom dresser for two days, surrounded by floodwaters.

Another man sat in his wheelchair for nearly 48 hours in water up to his chest, alone in his home.

A third rescued a friend who sat in shock when part of a building where they sought shelter blew away.

Stories of survival are trickling out across northern Bahamas as the initial shock wears off from Hurricane Dorian, one of the strongest Atlantic hurricanes in history.

And the extent of the storm's terror lingers on in the minds of many.

Mental health counselors are now fanning out into communities to help those traumatized by the direct hit of the Category 5 storm that forced the evacuation of nearly 5,000 people and killed at least 50 others. About 1,300 are still missing in the hard-hit islands of Grand Bahama and Abaco, although the government has said many

could be in shelters and with loved ones.

"I think some persons can't believe that it happened, and others are still processing it," said Pastor Robert Lockhart of Calvary Temple in Grand Bahama.

He offered his pulpit on Sunday to more than 200 people in attendance, offering to let congregants share their stories as part of an islandwide effort to prevent what officials warn could become a mental health crisis as people struggle to absorb the extent of the devastation.

Only six people spoke, but the crowd clapped and cried with them.

"They needed to have an outlet and share these emotions," Lockhart said. "People felt like they were going to die."

Among those who shared survival stories was 49-year-old Carlos Evans, who began to use a wheelchair after he was injured while working at an oil refinery.

He recalled how he kept shining the light from his cellphone on the rising water as he tried not to panic. The water finally stopped surging when it

reached his chest, and he waited alone for nearly two days until he was rescued.

"I wanted to encourage somebody else," he said of his decision to speak.

Dorian hit the northern Bahamas on Sept. 1 with sustained winds of 185 mph, unleashing flooding that reached up to 25 feet in some areas. It then remained nearly stationary for a day and a half, flattening homes, sweeping away children and adults and stripping people of their most treasured possessions, leading the U.N. secretary-general to call the storm a "Category Hell."

Members of the International Medical Corps planned to open a clinic on Monday in High Rock in eastern Grand Bahama — one of the hardest-hit communities — to help those who have injuries or are struggling emotionally.

But mental health specialist Eoin Ryan said it will take a couple of weeks or even months to determine the storm's psychological toll. He also said many are still seeking food, water and shelter and will deal with the emotional impact once they're out of shock.

Hottest summer since 1880

N. Hemisphere sees record temperatures

By ANDREW FREEDMAN
The Washington Post

The Northern Hemisphere just had its hottest summer on record since 1880, according to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration data released Monday. NOAA found the average global surface temperature taken by thousands of thermometers, buoys and other sensors tied with that of 2016 for the top spot, with a temperature anomaly of 2.03 degrees above the 20th-century average.

In addition, August was the world's second-hottest such month, according to both NOAA and NASA, with unusually hot conditions seen from pole to pole and across every ocean.

What's remarkable about 2019's record warmth is that it comes in the absence of a strong El Niño event in the tropical Pacific Ocean. Such events tend to boost global temperatures by warming the seas and sending more heat into the atmosphere. Instead, a weak El Niño has been present at times during 2019.

As global average temperatures continue to rise in response to increasing levels of human-produced greenhouse gases, it is becoming easier to exceed climate benchmarks even without strong El Niño events. For example, according to NOAA, the five hottest summers in the Northern Hemisphere have each occurred during the past five years.

This summer featured unusual events that are symptomatic of a rapidly



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People cool off in July at the Trocadero Fountains in Paris, which saw all-time high temperatures this summer.

warming planet. There was a brutal heat wave across Europe in July that established new national high temperature records and broke Paris' all-time hottest temperature. In addition, Arctic sea ice plummeted to the second-lowest level on record for the month of August.

Furthermore, the Arctic was ablaze, from the boreal forests of Alaska and Canada to the Siberian tundra and vast spruce forests, highlighting the possibility that the region could go from an absorber, or "sink," of carbon to a source of additional carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere.

The most notable temperature departures from average occurred across the north Pacific Ocean, where the "Blob" of unusually warm ocean waters has returned, as well as the Bering Sea, northern Canada, central Europe and northern Russia.

Western Canada, western Russia and parts of Indonesia

were unusually cool for the season compared to the 1981-2010 average.

"Record high temperatures were observed across parts of the western coast of Alaska, the Bering Sea, western Pacific Ocean, Mexico, the Atlantic Ocean, western and southern Africa, northern Indian Ocean, and across parts of South America, Europe, and Asia. However, no land or ocean areas had a record-cold June-August temperature," NOAA found.

South America, Europe, Africa, the Gulf of Mexico and the Hawaiian region had a temperature departure from average for the summer months that ranked among the three warmest such periods on record. Africa, for example, had its warmest June-through-August period on record.

NOAA calculates that 2019 is likely to be between the second- and fourth-warmest year on record for the globe, with a near certainty of a top five warmest year.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Venezuela opposition splits over talks with government

CARACAS, Venezuela — A minority group of opposition parties in Venezuela agreed Monday to enter negotiations with President Nicolas Maduro's government without the participation of U.S.-backed opposition leader Juan Guaidó, eroding his efforts to hold together a coalition to confront the socialist administration.

The agreement was signed by representatives of several opposition

parties alongside Maduro's top aides in a televised event attended by foreign diplomats.

It marks the first significant split in the anti-Maduro camp since Guaidó, as head of the opposition-controlled congress, declared himself interim president in January, citing what was seen as Maduro's fraudulent re-election last year. Guaidó quickly drew recognition from the U.S. and more than 50 nations.

On vote eve, Netanyahu vows total W. Bank settlement annex

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed Monday to annex "all the settlements" in the West Bank, including an enclave deep in the heart of the largest Palestinian city, in a last-ditch move that appeared aimed at shoring up nationalist support the day before a do-over election.

Locked in a razor tight race and with legal woes hanging over him, Netan-

yahu is fighting for his political survival.

In the final weeks of his campaign he has been doling out hard-line promises meant to draw more voters to his Likud party.

Israelis head to the polls Tuesday in the second election this year, after Netanyahu failed to cobble together a coalition after April's vote, sparking the dissolution of parliament.

Solomon Islands nod to China adds to squeeze on Taiwan

BEIJING — The Chinese government scored a fresh diplomatic coup Monday over Taiwan and the United States after the Solomon Islands, a strategically significant archipelago in the Pacific Ocean, severed ties with Taipei in favor of Beijing.

The island nation's defection whittled the number of countries that recognize Taiwan down to just 16 after Beijing flipped key allies, including the

Dominican Republic and El Salvador, in recent years over objections from Washington.

Solomon Islands Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare endorsed the switch in a Cabinet meeting Monday, Taiwanese Foreign Minister Joseph Wu told reporters.

Wu accused China of conducting "diplomacy with money" and interfering in Taiwanese domestic politics.



MARINA DEVO/AP

Rescuers and volunteers work to successfully return a killer whale to the ocean near Mar Chiquita, Argentina, on Monday after seven of the sea creatures were stranded on the beach. Six whales were sent back to deep water; one died in the process.

Noise but no breakthrough as Johnson, Juncker talk Brexit

LUXEMBOURG — British Prime Minister Boris Johnson was booed by protesters and berated by Luxembourg's leader on a visit to the tiny nation Monday for his first face-to-face talks with the European Union chief about securing a Brexit deal.

On a day of commotion and conflicting signals, Johnson pulled out of a news conference because of noisy anti-Brexit demonstrators, leaving Luxembourg's prime minister standing alone next to an empty lectern as he addressed the media.

Still, Johnson insisted

there was a strong possibility of securing a divorce agreement before Britain is due to leave the 28-nation bloc in just over six weeks.

"Yes there is a good chance of a deal. Yes, I can see the shape of it," Johnson asserted at a separate appearance before reporters at the British ambassador's residence.

EU leaders were far more skeptical. With the Brexit deadline set for Oct. 31, the European Commission said the first in-person meeting between Johnson and European Commission chief Jean-Claude Juncker ended with no break-

through in the impasse over how Britain can leave the EU with a plan in place to manage the divorce.

Britain had yet to offer any "legally operational" solutions to the problem of keeping goods and people flowing freely across the Irish border, the main roadblock to a deal, it said.

Luxembourg Prime Minister Xavier Bettel, who also met Johnson on Monday, said the British leader needed to act.

"We need more than just words," he said. "We need a legally operable text to work on as soon as possible."

Activists seek police video of tethered man

GALVESTON, Texas — Protesters marched to demand the release of police body camera footage showing the arrest of a homeless black man who was tethered with a rope and paraded through a Texas city by white officers on horseback.

Images shared online of

the two Galveston police officers leading Donald Neely using a rope tied to his handcuffs — reminiscent of pictures showing slaves in chains — sparked public outrage. But the Texas Rangers determined that the officers didn't break any law, the Galveston County Daily News re-

ported.

City officials have said the body camera footage cannot be released until a Galveston County Sheriff's office review is complete.

Neely, 43, was arrested Aug. 3 on a criminal trespass charge. Galveston Police Chief Vernon Hale has since apologized.

Worldwide protests on climate are set for Friday

BERLIN — Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to join worldwide demonstrations this week ahead of a U.N. climate summit in New York.

Organizers said Monday that more than 800 events were planned in the United States for Friday's "global climate strike," while in Germany over 400 rallies have been registered. Campaigners are also staging protests in most other European countries, Australia, Japan, India, South Africa, Canada and dozens of other locations. It follows a similar coordinated protest in March that drew many tens of thousands around the world.

The protests this Friday are partly inspired by the activism of Swedish teenager Greta Thunberg, who has staged weekly demonstrations under the heading "Fridays for Future" over the past year.

In Ecuador: Millions of Ecuadorians are at risk of identity theft because a security breach exposed a trove of data including names, phone numbers and birth dates, a cyber security firm said Monday.

Researchers at vpnMentor said the problem stemmed from an unsecured server located in Miami that contained information on over 20 million individuals, most of whom reside in Ecuador. The South American nation has just over 17 million people, meaning nearly everyone could have been exposed.

Experts said Ecuador does not have mechanisms in place requiring companies to protect personal data.

It wasn't immediately clear if anyone had wrongfully accessed the data.

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EDITORIALS

The US can't let Iran, or anyone else, choke off oil supplies

Again, an attack on oil supplies puts the Middle East on edge. Again, Iran is a suspect.

In June, the U.S. blamed Iran for using mine attacks to disrupt oil shipments through the Persian Gulf. This time, the target was Saudi Arabia's oil infrastructure. On Saturday, air attacks caused significant damage to state-owned oil installations that produce more than half of the crude output from Saudi kingdom, the world's largest oil exporter. Oil prices spiked.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo accused Iran of engineering what he described as "an unprecedented attack on the world's energy supply." Sunday night, President Donald Trump tweeted that the U.S. is "locked and loaded depending on verification." Iran denied responsibility.

The region's already on a slow boil due to the 4-year-old civil war in Yemen and the ongoing conflict between the U.S. and Iran over U.S.-imposed sanctions. In the complex rivalry playing out in the Gulf, Iran sides with Houthi rebels fighting for control of Yemen against a Saudi-led coalition. The U.S., which counts the Saudis as an ally, is pressuring Iran with sanctions to force a renegotiation of the 2015 nuclear

agreement.

Trump's on solid ground using sanctions to squeeze Iran until supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's regime returns to the table to negotiate a nuclear deal that would truly defang an untrustworthy regime. But Trump's going off half-cocked using wording like "locked and loaded." There's still much that's unknown about what happened to those oil facilities, including proof of Iran's culpability and the method of delivery: drones, cruise missiles or a combination.

Tehran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps has been training militia proxies in Lebanon and Yemen in the use of drone warfare, *The New York Times* reported. Houthi rebels in Yemen claimed responsibility for the Saudi attack, saying they launched an armada of drones. But U.S. intelligence reports suggest cruise missiles did the job. Either way, Iran is a likely culprit.

"Iran may not have technically executed the attacks, but it is extremely doubtful that the Houthi could have executed them without Iranian assistance," Anthony Cordesman, a security analyst for the Center for Strategic and International Studies, wrote on the center's website.

Beyond verification of responsibility, the U.S. needs to calibrate the right response, in tone and action, to convince Iran to end its pattern of dangerous brinkmanship. Trump's vague but menacing threats aren't helpful.

It's impossible at this point to argue for, or against, a U.S. retaliatory strike against Iran. The situation's too murky. Ideally, the U.S. will deliver a calm but clear message to Iran warning it against continuing its pattern of adventurism.

The best course for the U.S. would be to work in lock-step with Europe, but that won't be easy. The two sides aren't on the same page. Trump pulled out of the nuclear deal that President Barack Obama signed with Iran, European leaders, China and Russia. Trump wants a new agreement that addresses Iran's support of terrorism and pursuit of ballistic missiles. Europe clings to hopes of keeping the old deal alive.

A unified West would be in a better position to deter or respond to the latest crisis brought on by recalcitrant Iran. But at the end of the day the U.S. cannot allow global energy supplies to be held hostage by Iran or anyone else.



AMR NABIL/AP

A worker writes a receipt at a gas station in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia, on Monday. Global energy prices spiked on Monday after a weekend attack on key oil facilities in Saudi Arabia caused the worst disruption to world supplies on record.

Save the Reagan Boyhood Home in Dixon

When Ronald Reagan was afflicted with Alzheimer's disease, his memories of his long and eventful life gradually, inexorably dissolved. The last ones to survive in his mind and his conversations were not the ones of his presidency or his Hollywood career or his beloved horseback rides, according to Richard Norton Smith, who served as director of Reagan's presidential library. They were of working as a life-guard as a boy in Dixon, Illinois.

The modest white wood-framed house in Dixon where he lived for three years is still there, but it has seen better days. The Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home once drew 20,000 visitors a year, but with his presidency receding into history, it now gets less than a third of that number.

The nonprofit that runs it has been losing money for the past five years, including \$195,000 last year, and has debts from the extensive work the house needed a few years ago. "We cannot keep bleeding money," Executive Director Patrick Gorman told *Tribune* reporter Madeline Buckley. He added, "We need staff here that we cannot afford."

The prospect that the site might close, or sink into disrepair, should concern everyone in the state, regardless of political inclination. Reagan is one of four presidents with a strong Illinois connection, the others being Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses S. Grant and Barack Obama. But Reagan is the only one born here. His presidency, by any standard, was one of the most consequential of the 20th century,



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The Ronald Reagan Boyhood Home in Dixon, Illinois, has been losing money.

helping to conquer inflation, reinvigorate the economy with tax cuts and set in motion the end of Soviet communism.

The city was important to Reagan. It was in Dixon that he was baptized at the First Christian Church, and at the high school that he acquired an interest in acting. At a local park, he carried out a reported 77 rescues as a lifeguard. On his final visit, in 1990, the former president had lunch at the house, enjoyed ice cream at the visitors center and got a look at the bronze statue of him next door. Later, visiting Dixon High School, the Gipper threw a few passes to members of the football team.

This is one of those historic places that helps to humanize an important historic figure, and it deserves preservation. Grant's home in Galena is under the care of the state Department of National Resources, and in normal times, the state of Illinois might purchase the Reagan home to ensure its survival. Given the fiscal strains in Springfield, however, that may be unrealistic to expect.

Maybe the National Park Service would like to buy it, as it tried to do in 2002. Or maybe a wealthy person who recognizes Reagan's importance and wants future generations to appreciate it will decide to make an investment. That way Reagan's home could continue to help educate people about the place that shaped him, and his role in shaping modern America.

Not every city or state can say it gave rise to a president, and it's a legacy worth saving.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

There were a lot of good politicians on the debate stage in Houston. But the night rang hollow as they clung to the old conventions — the over-coached performances, the canned lines, the pandering, the well-worn childhood anecdotes meant to project "reliability."

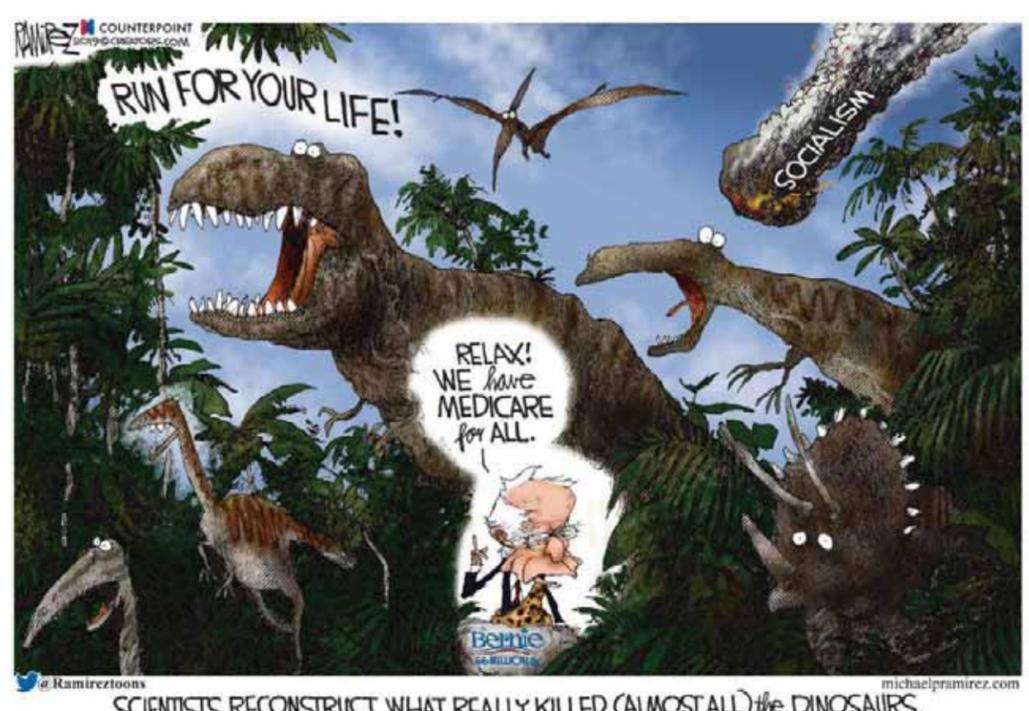
Tactics superseded passion and vision. Everyone seemed one tick off. Unlike with Barack Obama in 2008, none made you feel like you wanted to pump your fist in the air and march into the future behind them. ...

The split screen Thursday night was riveting. You know that the barbarian behind the White House gates will run with all the ammunition the Democrats were supplying him in real time. The president said, "Democrats want to confiscate guns from law-abiding Americans," and Beto O'Rourke said, "Hell, yes, we are going to take your AR-15, your AK-47." The president said the Democrats would impose "crippling taxes," and Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren proposed all their free stuff that would require tax hikes. ...

There were a bunch of high-end, professional pols there and yet no one actually won it. Not a good sign. The candidates struggled to alchemize our exhaustion into excitement. The three hours seemed endless, with two questions hanging over the night: "Can't anybody here play this game?" and "Will the most beatable candidate in American history win twice?"

Maureen Dowd,
The New York Times

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SCIENTISTS RECONSTRUCT WHAT REALLY KILLED (ALMOST ALL) THE DINOSAURS.

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Signs poking from lawns around Itasca express opposition to a proposed Haymarket Center facility, which would offer in-patient treatment for drug addiction aimed at suburban residents on Medicaid. Residents worry that the facility will damage their community, but in reality the opioid epidemic already has.

Would you support an opioid addiction treatment center in your neighborhood?

BY KRISTEN MCQUEARY

In the grip of a national opioid crisis that has been destroying families and driving up the cost of health care, controversy over an addiction facility is unfolding in west suburban Itasca.

Residents of the 8,600-plus village are aggressively fighting a proposal to allow a drug treatment center to open in an up-for-sale Holiday Inn. The hotel is confined within a business park off Interstate 290, away from residences. Introduced by Haymarket Center, which is headquartered in Chicago's West Loop, the facility would provide in-patient treatment for drug addiction aimed at suburban residents on Medicaid.

Opposition in Itasca has been pronounced. But the "No Haymarket" signs poking from lawns around town are symbols of fear, not fact. Residents worry the facility will damage their community. The reality is, the opioid epidemic already has.

No town, no city, no region, no

state, no demographic — no taxpayer — has been protected from the reach of the opioid crisis. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that between 1999 and 2017 more than 702,000 people died from overdoses. In 2017, it was the leading cause of injury-related death in the United States. The victims are your mothers, brothers, cousins, neighbors, children.

Nationally, the response to the opioid crisis has been a slow awakening. Only in recent years has law enforcement taken more seriously predatory and fraudulent prescription practices among doctors and pharmacies. Under President Donald Trump, the federal government is releasing more funding for data collection and addiction services. And many first responders across the country now are equipped with overdose medication that has saved thousands of lives.

Purdue Pharma, maker of the popular painkiller OxyContin, filed for bankruptcy Sunday, the first step

toward settling thousands of lawsuits related to the opioid crisis.

But then what? Addicts who survive an overdose, or live with their addictions, face waiting lists and few treatment options for long-term success. Haymarket Center, despite its sturdy reputation in the addiction space, struggles to find host communities. In Itasca, during community meetings and outreach, the nonprofit adequately addressed concerns about lost tax revenue, public safety and emergency response capabilities. This is a privately owned hotel attempting to sell to a private nonprofit.

But at the end of the day, Haymarket can't resolve the overarching resistance of NIMBY, or not in my backyard.

Rosecrance, another in-patient drug treatment facility network, faced similar backlash when it opened a location in Lakeview, one of Chicago's more upscale neighborhoods, in 2016. Residents resisted fiercely. But the treatment center opened anyway, and the bulk of complaints since then have

been about cigarette smoking near the building. That's it.

The debate comes down to this: Are we focused on broad solutions or on micro self-interest? Do we care about addressing the epidemic of opioid addiction or just gawking at overdose videos on YouTube? Do we want more government spending on emergency calls and incarceration of nonviolent offenders? Or do we trust an experienced provider to oversee what is essentially a sober living facility, probably less disruptive than a corner gas station?

The Itasca Village Board is expected to make a final decision on the Haymarket proposal next month. There's no question members of the board will be under rigorous pressure to reject it. It would be easy to do so. But what's easy is not always what's right.

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PERSPECTIVE

Before CPS teachers strike, CTU should get its own house in order

BY KAREN MOODY

I've been a proud member of the Chicago Teachers Union since I started teaching in 1995. I've worked as a teacher in many of Chicago's highest-needs neighborhoods, and I've dedicated my life to the students in my classroom. Things haven't always been easy, but I believed my union would have my back.

When I needed CTU's support in 2018, however, I was left to fend for myself. It came as a shock — because a few years earlier, I had a positive experience with my CTU field representative. Things had changed.

This time, I needed to file a grievance for an issue I was having with a school administrator. It was a turbulent time for me, as I had just been diagnosed with an autoimmune disorder, and although my illness was manageable, I also needed my union rep to help me figure out a way to find time to get my symptoms under control by transitioning into a different position, because working in a challenging, high-needs school presented serious challenges to getting healthy. This time, more than ever, I really needed the support of my union.

The problems started almost immediately: I spoke once with a field rep who then disappeared and offered no assistance. I tried reaching my rep again over the phone. No answer. I called the union's head office. No response. I tried everything I could, but no one from the union would help. (Co-workers told me my experience was not unique.) Finally, I called Chicago Public Schools. And the school district's central office, not the union, helped me figure out a way to remain in the classroom while I got my health issues under control.

Today, the union is telling me to "save my money" for a potential strike. Yet I couldn't even get CTU to respond to my calls when I was ill and struggling. I've always followed union and contract issues closely, and I enthusiastically participated in the historic 2012 teachers strike. But I'm a single mom, and between work, managing my disease and raising my daughter, my attention can be spread thin. Now my eyes are open, and I can see just how far CTU has strayed from the mission I thought I was funding: supporting teachers.

CTU touts itself as an exemplar of democratic organizations, but union leadership and a small group of insiders from the Caucus of Rank-and-File Educators,



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Chicago Teachers Union President Jesse Sharkey, shown in August, has dismissed critics of a trip taken by a group of teachers to Venezuela.

or CORE, tightly control the messaging, House of Delegates business and political decisions. The Members First caucus, which arose out of the sentiment that the union's focus has moved away from member representation and toward politics, has been stonewalled in its efforts to gain transparency surrounding the union's annual budget, campaign contributions and other spending priorities.

Those who dare to criticize or question these insiders are met with questions about their own loyalty and involvement in activism and committee work — and shamed for "doing the boss' work."

Approximately 40 schools, most on the South Side, are not even represented in the House of Delegates. They have no voice in important matters such as the vote on setting a date for a strike vote earlier this month. Teachers in these disenfranchised schools work in some of the highest-needs neighborhoods in the city. This renders CTU's claims of "unanimous" votes on matters that come before the House of Delegates disingenuous at best, misleading at worst.

In March, CTU "unanimously" passed an unusual resolution for a teachers union: "CTU Resolution to Oppose the Invasion of Venezuela." Astonishingly, four CTU members formed a delegation and traveled to Venezuela to meet and

declare "solidarity" with that very regime. It was especially mind-boggling given that teachers in Venezuela went on strike last May, and were subject to arrest and mistreatment by their government. CTU President Jesse Sharkey dismissed critics of the bizarre incident — not those responsible for it — as divisive.

Simple reforms would get the dysfunctional CTU back on track:

- empowering all schools by ensuring each has an active delegate;
- making union finances transparent to rank-and-file members and keeping membership fully informed on all political spending;
- abandoning our antiquated voting process and instead using electronic voting in the House of Delegates decisions and for elections;
- prioritizing the protection of members' rights and member services.

Despite current rhetoric, Sharkey and other CTU leaders seem to have forgotten the reason for the union's existence: its members. Before leading teachers out of our classrooms to strike, we need stronger leadership in our workplace and help getting our own house in order.

Karen Moody has been a Chicago Public Schools teacher, and a member of the Chicago Teachers Union, since 1995.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Congestion fee?

Boost mass transit

Regarding the Sept. 13 editorial "Congestion pricing could ease traffic, but let's see the plan": Kudos for stressing that if Mayor Lori Lightfoot implements a downtown congestion pricing fee, that some of the proceeds to make Chicago more efficient must be used for mass transit. A congestion fee is a major mobility change. There must be a detailed professional planning process.

Mass transit service levels, capacity constraint during rush hour times, infrastructure and some new service will require additional funding as more drivers will turn to transit.

The Regional Transportation Authority and its services, the CTA, Metra and Pace, need to be part of the planning process. The RTA looks forward to working with the city to make Chicago an even more livable home with continued equity and economic growth for all.

— Kirk Dillard,
Chairman, Regional Transportation Authority, Chicago

How the city could ease gridlock

Mayor Lori Lightfoot is correct to focus some of her attention on the traffic issues in downtown Chicago, even with all of the other systemic issues facing the city. Stalled traffic lowers productivity and, as importantly, frustrates residents and visitors to the point in which Chicago becomes a much less attractive city to visit or live in.

Lightfoot's suggestion to impose congestion pricing will be critical to help lower traffic density and will take time to enact. What the mayor and the Tribune Editorial Board are ignoring is that much of the problem is due to gridlock: vehicles stuck in intersections after a light turns red, blocking cross traffic.

CTA buses are major contributors: When they enter a stalled intersection, they block the entire intersection. Cities throughout the world have made efforts to alleviate gridlock; while of varying effectiveness, they have helped ease traffic congestion.

There are a few things Chicago could try to more quickly reduce gridlock and congestion: Introduce "Don't Block the Box" signage and markings in congested areas. Instruct police and traffic wardens to warn or ticket drivers blocking intersections. Warn or ticket pedestrians who cross without a walk sign. Have CTA instruct bus drivers to not enter intersections that they cannot clear.

These steps would not solve the congestion problem but would help reduce gridlock until other measures can be enacted and make the city a more pleasant place for residents and visitors.

— Hank Seifert, Wilmette

Require zoning fee for condos

Chicago needs to consider increasing city service fees rather than looking at the general public to fill the purse. Consider zoning certification.

When a property is transferred or sold in Chicago, a water certification is always required. At the same time, zoning certification, at a cost of \$120, might be required, depending on the type of residential property.

Currently, if a building is a single-family home or contains up to five units, this extra paperwork is required, yet a condo, a single dwelling unit, does not require this paperwork and fee.

The city needs to close this paperwork loophole and look into similar matters before raising property taxes.

— Andrew Border, Chicago

Sunflower fields ease pain of life

I live in northern Lake County on the Illinois-Wisconsin border. This year, the farmers could not plant their normal crops such as corn and beans due to wet soil conditions.

When soil conditions were right, they planted sunflowers as a cover crop. The sunflowers are now blooming, and they are beautiful. There are several large fields here in the Antioch and Trevor, Wisconsin, area.

It is sometimes difficult to read the daily paper, with all the problems and challenges we face today; however, when I pass these fields, it makes me think about what a wonderful world we live in. Thank you to the farmers for this.

— Dennis Sheehan, Antioch

Welcome dose of humane feeling

As my age reaches the often-mentioned mark of "four score and seven years," I find my faith in humanity refreshed.

The Tribune's Labor Day article "Pregnant behind bars" (about a new pregnancy wing at Logan Correctional Center in central Illinois) was a timely expression of the fact that we can still be a humanely civilized state and nation.

Thanks, I needed that!
— Robert Rue, Bolingbrook

This is the Brett Kavanaugh mess we feared

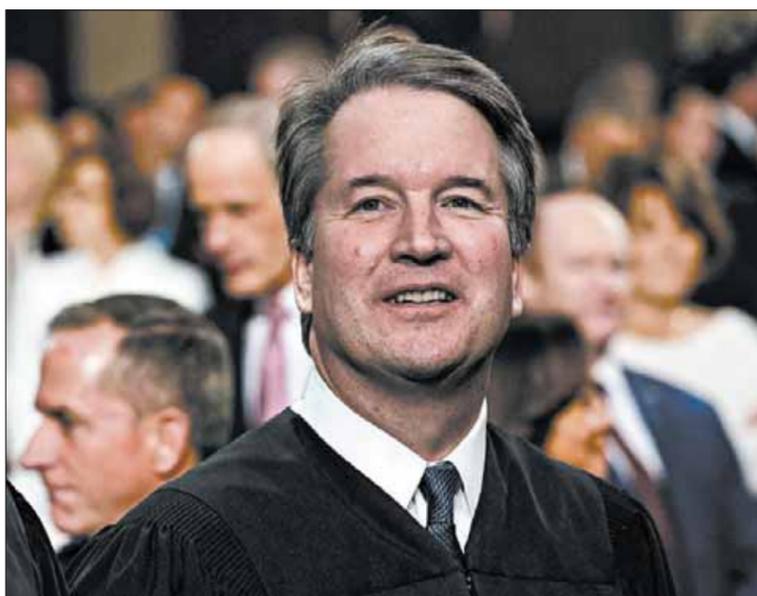
BY JENNIFER RUBIN

In September 2018, I warned about the abbreviated FBI investigation into allegations that Brett Kavanaugh engaged in sexually aggressive behavior: "If Democrats retake one or both houses in November, they will be able to investigate, subpoena witnesses and conduct their own inquiry. The result will be a cloud over the Supreme Court and possible impeachment hearings. ... Kavanaugh has not cleared himself but rather undermined faith in the judicial system that presumes that facts matter."

And sure enough, two New York Times reporters have found multiple witnesses to the allegations from Deborah Ramirez that Kavanaugh exposed himself during a dorm party at Yale. One newly discovered witness had information concerning yet another, similar event. That witness, Max Stier, is the chief executive of Partnership for Public Service, a nonpartisan group that, among other things, tracks nominations and confirmations. According to the Times report, he brought the information to the Senate Judiciary Committee (to whom? And who knew about this?) and to the FBI. (I have relied on Stier for expertise about the federal government and found him to be scrupulously nonpartisan and honest.) He might have been a compelling witness. The New York Times now reports that the woman involved in the incident Stier witnessed does not remember it.

Democratic candidates Sens. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., and Kamala Harris, D-Calif., as well as Julián Castro, are arguing for impeachment on the theory that Kavanaugh lied about his past conduct and engaged in sexually abusive behavior. There is certainly merit in the idea that regardless of the Senate's unwillingness to remove him, the American people should understand just who this justice is, how the investigation of him was rigged and how his elevation to the Supreme Court has sullied the institution. That might figure prominently if and when a Democratic president has the chance to reshape the court.

Ilyse Hogue, head of NARAL Pro-Choice America, told me, "Americans should be appalled that GOP Senators are complicit in the cover-up of Brett M. Kavanaugh's abuses rather than demanding all evidence be brought (to) light before confirmation." She continued, "We can't undo the wrongs that have been done to these women, but we can and will make those who refused them justice pay at the polls next year. We're hearing from



DOUG MILLS/NEW YORK TIMES

Supreme Court Associate Justice Brett Kavanaugh watches as President Donald Trump arrives to give his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress in February.

voters from Maine to Colorado who are committed to make this count."

And speaking of Maine, it's Republican Sen. Susan Collins who will once more receive the lion's share of the criticism and anger. Not only did she cast the last holdout vote on the premise that Kavanaugh would uphold the right to an abortion (!), but she accepted an obviously fraudulent investigation. Had she demanded a real inquiry, including witnesses we now know about, the truth might have come out before Kavanaugh was elevated to the court. The Supreme Court might not have been grievously diminished. Collins was already high on the list of progressives' targets for 2020. This will be one more reminder that she utterly failed in her role to render advice and consent on judicial nominees.

The latest Kavanaugh revelations, as we predicted, were inevitable. The cursory and artificially restricted FBI investigation was a farce, a Kabuki dance to give Republicans cover to vote for him. When a Democratic majority in the House and a Democratic president (if they prevail in 2020) decide to waive privileges, open the investigation up to scrutiny and demand that FBI Director Christopher Wray testify, more and more evidence will tumble out. And then what? We'll revisit the fight we had in the Kavanaugh hearing. While a

Democratic House might impeach him for lying under oath, the Senate would never obtain a two-thirds majority that would leave the "Kennedy seat" to be filled by a Democratic president.

Kavanaugh already is tainted in the eyes of those who believe he lied when he denied any and all allegations of sexual conduct as well as excessive drinking. A cloud hangs over the Supreme Court as things stand, and perhaps it would get darker with some investigation. The credibility, fairness and honesty of the court will be in doubt for as long as he sits on the court.

If Democrats do win the White House, they may pursue this, or worse, ratchet up the Supreme Court wars by adding seats. (Kavanaugh's vote shouldn't count! And the Gorsuch seat was illegitimate too!)

The Supreme Court will continue to hemorrhage respect and legitimacy. And the pattern will continue, another institutional casualty in the Trump era. If only Collins had displayed the courage to demand a legitimate investigation, both parties, the Senate and the Supreme Court might have avoided this debacle.

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WGN no longer Chicago's very own

Tribune Media sale to Nexstar Media Group approved by FCC

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

After nearly a century of broadcasting, WGN will no longer be Chicago's very own.

The Nexstar Media Group's \$4.1 billion purchase of Chicago-based Tribune Media was approved by the Federal Communications Commission

Monday, creating the nation's largest local TV station ownership group, and moving the corporate nexus to Texas. The deal is expected to close later this week.

In granting the merger, the FCC said viewers would benefit from combining the two giant media companies under the Nexstar corpo-

rate umbrella.

"The Commission found that the proposed merger would provide several public interest benefits to viewers of current Tribune and Nexstar stations," the FCC said in a statement Monday. "For example, viewers would benefit from their local stations having increased access to Nexstar's Washington, D.C., news bureau and state news bureaus."

Nexstar, which launched just over 20 years ago with

the purchase of a single TV station in Scranton, Pa., has grown into a broadcasting behemoth with 174 stations in mostly small and midsize markets across the U.S.

The acquisition of Tribune Media gives Nexstar both broadcasting history and major market heft, adding 42 TV stations including WGN-Ch. 9 in Chicago. The deal also includes cable channel WGN America and WGN-AM 720.

Nexstar has agreed to sell 21 TV stations in 16 markets

— including Tribune-owned WPIX-TV in New York — to comply with FCC and Department of Justice ownership restrictions. The company is planning to use the \$1.36 billion in gross proceeds to help fund the Tribune acquisition and reduce debt.

The Justice Department signed off on the deal on July 31 — with the agreement by Nexstar to divest stations in 13 markets to resolve antitrust concerns.

The Justice Department

and attorneys general in three states, including Illinois, had filed a federal complaint against Nexstar and Tribune Media alleging the proposed merger would eliminate competition and allow the combined company to charge higher retransmission fees to cable and satellite providers, as well as higher local advertising rates.

"We're very pleased with today's decision by the FCC,

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SLIM PICKINS



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Jan Vlcek picks apples at Homestead Orchard in Woodstock on Friday. Orchard owner Donald Burda has 23 varieties of apples this year.

Extreme weather hurt crops at area apple orchards

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

A trip to an apple orchard to hand-pluck fruit is a rite of autumn for many Chicago-area families, but this year's extreme weather has some farms warning of slim pickings.

Winter's polar vortex, spring's record rainfall and the pelting of a few hail storms caused enough disruption to apple trees that some orchards are starting picking season late, ending it early or not opening at all.

At Homestead Orchard in Woodstock, 65 miles northwest of Chicago, co-owner Don Burda expects to run out apples by the end of September, a month earlier than usual. The trees that usually produce apples that ripen in October never blossomed, he said, likely because of the severe winter cold.

"We have no Jonagolds, Braeburns, Jonathans, Empires," said Burda, a retired teacher who founded the five-acre farm in 2000. "This is my 20th year and this is the first we won't have (October) apples to sell."

The region's agriculture sector has taken a beating this year, particularly Illinois corn and soybean farmers who had to contend not only with spring flooding that delayed or prevented

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Vlcek, from left, Loree Azzaretto and Lisa Neubert carry bags of apples at Homestead Orchard on Friday in Woodstock.

"This is my 20th year and this is the first we won't have (October) apples to sell."

— Don Burda, co-owner at Homestead Orchard

Amazon to hire 400 new workers

Company's Loop office is doubling its head count

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

Amazon is roughly doubling the number of employees in its Chicago Loop office, adding 400 new jobs and 70,000 square feet of new space.

The new hires will work in fields including cloud computing, advertising and business development, Amazon said Monday.

The Chicago office, which opened in 2016 at 227 W. Monroe St., currently has more than 400 employees working for the company's web services, advertising, and transportation and operations units.

"We're excited to create more opportunity in Chicago — a city with terrific talent and a culture of innovation," Geoff Nyheim, Amazon Web Services sales director for the central U.S., said in a news release.

The expansion is something of a consolation prize after Chicago made it to the final round of Seattle-based Amazon's search for a second headquarters site promising tens of thousands of jobs last year. Amazon ultimately settled on a headquarters in Virginia but also said it would grow its tech hubs. Chicago is one of 18 such hubs in North America.

The new Chicago jobs are among more than 30,000 positions Amazon said it is working to fill nationwide. Amazon is conducting job fairs in six cities, including Chicago, on Tuesday where candidates can meet with recruiters and learn about roles throughout the company, from warehouses to corporate offices.

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Chicago-area parts suppliers may feel sting of UAW strike

If plants are closed for a while, impact could trickle down

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

The union is looking to increase wages and profit-sharing, reduce the reliance on temporary workers and secure plant and product investment from the automakers in the wake in General Motors has no auto plants in Illinois but the nascent strike by the United Auto Workers against the automaker could affect Chicago-area parts suppliers — if it lasts long enough.

Nearly 50,000 UAW

members went on strike just after midnight after contract talks reached an impasse. It is the first walk-out at GM auto plants since 2007 and involves 33 manufacturing plants in nine states across the U.S., as well as 22 parts distribution warehouses.

"The trickle-down impact depends entirely on how long this strike lasts," said Michelle Krebs, a Detroit-based analyst for Autotrader. "It won't have an immediate impact, although when plants aren't running, they won't be needing parts."

A protracted strike would eventually be felt by Chicago-area GM suppliers, such as Urbana-based auto

parts manufacturer Flex-N-Gate, which opened a new facility on Chicago's South Side early this year. Named a GM supplier of the year for 2017, the company is the 10th-largest original equipment supplier in North America, with more than 23,000 employees at dozens of manufacturing facilities worldwide.

"Work stoppages occasionally happen and when they do, Flex-N-Gate prepares accordingly," Jim Spokesman, a Flex-N-Gate spokesman, said in an email. "At this time, it is too early to determine what impact, if any, this will have on our business."

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General Motors employees Bobby Caughel, left, and James Crump shout out as they protest with labor supporters outside of the Flint Assembly Plant in Michigan on Monday.

Oil prices spike after attack on Saudi plant

Markets fell as possible shortage threatens economies

BY TALI ARBEL
Associated Press

Global energy prices spiked Monday by 15% after a weekend attack on key oil facilities in Saudi Arabia caused the worst disruption to world supplies on record.

The attack on the country's largest oil processing plant halted more than half of its daily exports, resulting in the loss of 5% of world crude oil output. That's especially worrying for oil-thirsty Asia, where China, Japan, South Korea and India are major customers of Saudi oil.

The price of U.S. crude and Brent crude oil were both up 15% in midday trading.

"The attacks this time posed a serious threat to key international energy infrastructure, and we express concern that they under-



MARK LENIHAN/AP

Global stock markets sank Monday after crude prices surged after an attack on a Saudi oil processing facility.

mine the energy security of the entire world and stability in the region," South Korea's Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

"We condemn any similar acts," it said.

Oil prices spiked shortly after trading began Monday, with U.S. crude jumping more than 15% and Brent leaping nearly 20%. But the

initial surge moderated on talk of tapping strategic reserves to weather any shortfalls.

In midday trading, U.S. crude shot up again, adding more than \$8 per barrel, to about \$63, and Brent picked up more than \$9 per barrel, to \$69.

Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi rebels claimed re-

sponsibility for the attack on the Saudi Aramco plant.

"To take Saudi oil production down 50%, that's shocking," said Jonathan Aronson, a research analyst at Cornerstone Macro.

Refiners, who would profit from higher prices, saw their share prices jump, with China's CNOOC up 3.6% and PetroChina gaining 4.3%. Russia's Rosneft's shares gained 4.8% while Australia's Woodside Petroleum ticked up 4.3%. Airline shares declined in anticipation of higher fuel costs.

The attack may add to anxiety about the stability of the world's oil reserves given the tensions rumbling in the region.

"Saudi Arabia has been a very reliable supplier of oil in the world," said Jim Burkhard, who heads crude oil research for IHS Markit. He said the attack added a "geopolitical premium" back into the price of oil.

Oil prices tend to hurt the economy as consumer costs rise, and Asia is the region

most vulnerable to big supply disruptions.

Saudi Arabia provides about a fifth of China's crude imports, more than 37% of Japan's and almost a third of South Korea's. Japan is nearly 100% dependent on imports.

Higher oil prices will increase costs throughout the production chain for East Asian countries that are both export-oriented and dependent on oil imports, said Francis Lun, a Hong Kong-based analyst. "It will increase the price of everything produced, from electronics to medical equipment to food and everything else," Lun said.

The world's richest countries have oil reserves of more than 2 billion barrels.

According to the Joint Organization Data Initiative, Saudi Arabia has nearly 27 days worth of reserves. It holds reserves at home and in Egypt, Japan and the Netherlands. That can alleviate some concerns.

Meanwhile work was

underway to restore production at the Abqaiq plant. The Wall Street Journal reported Sunday that Saudi officials said a third of crude output would be restored by Monday. Bringing the entire plant back online may take weeks. Officials said they would use other facilities and existing stocks.

Chris Midgley, global head of analytics for S&P Global Platts, estimates prices could surge into the "high \$70" per barrel range. It could go even higher if disruptions are prolonged, but that is not expected, he said in a research note.

The situation is better today than it would have been a decade ago, thanks to the U.S. energy boom.

The U.S. has a cushion because it and Canada both produce plenty of oil, leaving the U.S. less reliant on the Middle East. But it's still a global market. "If you take oil anywhere out of system it affects everybody," said Burkhard.

Feds say Chicago travel agent gamed Delta's program

Man fraudulently redeemed 42 million frequent flyer points, costing airline \$1.75M

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

A travel agent allegedly gamed Delta Air Lines' frequent flyer program designed for businesses, fraudulently accruing and redeeming more than 42 million points for flights and other benefits, according to federal prosecutors.

Gennady Podolsky, 43, managing partner of Chicago-based Vega International Travel Services, was arraigned on charges of wire fraud in Atlanta last week after being indicted by a grand jury, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia said in a news release Friday.

"The fraudulent accumulation of frequent flyer miles in the travel industry may seem like a victimless crime, however, large corporations stand to lose significant profits," Chris Hacker, special agent in charge of FBI's Atlanta office, said in a news release. "The FBI will do everything in its power to protect companies and to stop anyone who participates in this corrupt behavior."

Delta's corporate frequent flyer program, SkyBonus, lets businesses collect points when their employees travel. Those points can be redeemed for flights, upgrades and other perks.

Podolsky allegedly set up a SkyBonus account in the name of a genetic testing facility founded and run by relatives of Vega Travel's president, and linked tickets

bought by the travel agency's clients to that account — even though they weren't employees and shouldn't have been able to earn points, the indictment states.

Between March 2014 and April 2015, Podolsky accrued and redeemed more than 42 million SkyBonus points for flight certificates valued at about \$575,000, the indictment alleges. Prosecutors estimated Delta's loss at more than \$1.75 million.

"We're happy to see any kind of fraud indicted and continue to work with the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's Office to make sure this case is prosecuted to its fullest extent," Delta said in an emailed statement.

Attorneys for Podolsky, who is a dual resident of the U.S. and Ukraine, denied that his actions had been fraudulent.

"Indeed, while the Government says Delta is a victim, the evidence at trial will show Delta actually netted millions of dollars of profits from its relationship with Mr. Podolsky," his attorneys said in a statement.

Podolsky pleaded not guilty last week in Atlanta and was released to his residence in Chicago, according to court records.

Vega Travel did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

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Chicago-based Vega International Travel Services allegedly gamed Delta Air Lines' frequent flyer program for businesses, according to federal prosecutors.

Cresco Labs to spend \$283M to expand presence in West

BY KIM QUILLEN

Cresco Labs, a Chicago-based cannabis company that operates dispensaries in seven states, announced a planned \$283 million acquisition Monday that will deepen its presence in Nevada and Arizona.

Cresco has agreed to acquire Tryke Companies, LLC, which operates two dispensaries in Arizona and four in Nevada, including a flagship location adjacent to the Las Vegas strip. Tryke,

which is headquartered in Nevada, also was recently awarded a cultivation license in Utah.

"With significant in-state populations and tourist traffic, Nevada and Arizona were key near-term targets for expansion," Cresco Labs CEO and Co-founder Charlie Bachtell said in a news release.

Cresco's cash and stock acquisition, which still requires the approval of regulators, is expected to close in the first half of 2020.



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Vaping juice that contains THC, the psychoactive compound found in cannabis, is difficult to find in Europe.

UK endorsing vaping over smoking

Products in Europe less potent, fewer deaths than in US

BY THOMAS MULIER AND CORINNE GRETLER
Bloomberg News

In vaping, the special relationship is coming undone.

While President Donald Trump has vowed to "do something very, very strong" after hundreds of reported cases of lung illnesses related to electronic cigarettes, public health officials in the United Kingdom, the biggest market in Europe for the products, endorse vaping as a way to wean people off smoking.

It's the prevailing view across Europe, where authorities are more sanguine because the ailments popping up in the U.S. have largely been linked to vaping liquids laced with THC, the psychoactive compound in cannabis, which is off-limits in much of Europe. Use among European teenagers is also much lower than in the U.S., as is the nicotine content in popular vaping products.

"If you're a smoker and you have not stopped

smoking, try vaping," Martin Dockrell, head of tobacco issues at Public Health England, said in an interview posted on his Twitter feed this month. The government agency has repeatedly said vaping is 95% less harmful than cigarettes.

The response to the vaping crisis underlines a deeper difference in the two regions' approach to smoking alternatives. U.K. health bodies are leading a push for acceptance of products such as Imperial Brands' Blu and British American Tobacco's Vype as a way to get people to quit smoking, which is linked to cancer, heart disease and other ailments. Conversely in the U.S., which has seen countless tobacco lawsuits over the past decades, cigarette alternatives are feared to be a possible gateway into smoking.

What aligns both regions is that smoking rates have fallen, while vaping numbers have climbed. In the U.S., about 13% of the population smoked cigarettes last year, down from about 18% in 2013, according to Euromonitor International. In the U.K., the rate has come down to 14%

from 19%, while declines have been slower in countries like France and Germany.

The U.K. is Europe's No. 1 vaping market, with 6.3% of the adult population using such devices, but far fewer British teenagers vape than their counterparts in the U.S. About 1.6% of 11- to 18-year-olds said they used e-cigarettes more than once a week, according to a YouGov survey published by anti-smoking group Action on Smoking and Health in June. The Health & Human Services Department said Wednesday that the proportion of regular vapers among U.S. high school students has risen to one in four, citing preliminary data from a new survey.

U.K. authorities said they received seven reports in 2019 of adverse reactions suspected to have been caused by vaping, with no fatalities. Meanwhile, there have been 380 U.S. reports in recent months about the mysterious symptoms linked to the practice, including six deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Vaping liquids that contain THC are hard to find in Europe, which may explain why the EU hasn't seen similar health scares as in the U.S. State health officials in New York have pointed to vitamin E acetate as a likely culprit for the respiratory symptoms, as the substance has been found in some products used to inhale THC.

Europe's effort to push cigarette smokers toward vaping and heated tobacco devices is rooted in a public health approach called harm reduction that gained acceptance in the 1980s for prevention of HIV and other diseases among sex workers and injecting drug users. The approach seeks to diminish the impact of risky behaviors by promoting infection-blocking tools like clean needles and condoms. The strategy contrasted with efforts like the "Just Say No" anti-drug campaign championed by Nancy Reagan.

"We are clear vaping is not without risks, but compared with smoking tobacco it is far less harmful," said Rosanna O'Connor, director of alcohol, drugs and tobacco at Public Health England.

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which enables us to clear the last remaining regulatory hurdle in our path," Tribune Media's CEO Peter Kern said in a statement. "We look forward to closing our transaction with Nexstar very soon."

Nexstar agreed to buy Tribune in December with an all-cash offer that values the company at \$46.50 a share. The total purchase price is \$6.4 billion, including the assumption of debt.

The merger creates the largest TV station group in the U.S., unseating Maryland-based Sinclair Broadcast Group, which was forced to abandon its own takeover attempt for Tribune Media last year after the \$3.9 billion transaction drew the ire of regulators.

The proposed Sinclair deal raised concerns in Chicago and across the

country, in part due to the broadcaster's politically conservative editorial leanings. But the future for WGN America and WGN Radio may be somewhat up in the air under Nexstar, which owns no other radio stations or cable channels.

While there have been no announced divestitures of any of the WGN properties, one change is certain — the deal pulls the plug on Tribune Media, a Chicago-based broadcasting empire with a national footprint and deep local roots.

The company's broadcast portfolio started with WGN-AM 720, a pioneering radio station launched by Chicago Tribune publisher Col. Robert McCormick in March 1924, with the call letters standing for "World's Greatest Newspaper."

Tribune Media's flagship TV station, WGN-Ch. 9, has been "Chicago's Very Own" since it hit the airwaves in 1948. For Chi-

cagoans of a certain age, the station made its mark with Cubs baseball and homegrown children's programming, including classics such as "Ray Rayner and His Friends," "Garfield Goose and Friends" and "Bozo's Circus."

WGN America, which started as a superstation in the 1970s by uploading WGN's broadcast schedule to satellite, dropped Cubs baseball and Chicago news several years ago, converting to a full-fledged cable channel with original and syndicated programming.

WGN TV will broadcast its final Cubs game this season as the team launches its own regional sports network.

The fate of Tribune Media's employees — and its Chicago corporate headquarters — will likely become clearer in the days and weeks ahead.

Tribune Media had about 5,800 full- and part-

time employees as of Dec. 31, according to financial filings, most of whom worked at the company's TV stations across the country. The Chicago headquarters houses senior management, the finance and real estate departments and other corporate functions that likely will be absorbed into Nexstar's Irving, Texas-based operations.

When the deal was announced in December, Nexstar projected \$160 million in cost savings during the first year, in large part through corporate overhead and station level expense reduction.

In 2014, Tribune Media spun off its legacy publishing division as Tribune Publishing, which owns the Chicago Tribune and other major daily newspapers.

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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 27,172.87 Low: 27,032.56 Previous: 27,219.52



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
-23.17 (-.28%)	-9.43 (-.31%)	+6.46 (+.41%)
Close: 8,153.54	Close: 2,997.96	Close: 1,584.60
High: 8,165.33	High: 3,002.19	High: 1,590.50
Low: 8,121.25	Low: 2,990.67	Low: 1,570.50
Previous: 8,176.71	Previous: 3,007.39	Previous: 1,578.14

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.06 to 1.84%	+12.20 to \$1,503.10	-0.08 to 108.05/\$1	+0.0051 to .9086/\$1	+8.05 to \$62.90

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +90	NASD +82	S&P +66	DOW +3.60	NASD +1.88	S&P +2.54	DOW +3.89	NASD +3.26	S&P +3.78

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 19	488	490	482.25	488.75	+5.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 19	372	374.75	367.50	374	+5.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Nov 19	903.25	904.75	894.25	900	+1.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Oct 19	29.60	30.21	29.46	30.14	+8.5
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Oct 19	298.30	299.30	293.80	295.20	-2.70
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	Oct 19	61.48	63.38	58.77	62.90	+8.05
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Oct 19	2.688	2.700	2.641	2.681	+0.067
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Oct 19	1.6370	1.7785	1.6370	1.7524	+1.993

Source: The Associated Press

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.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	83.36	-91	Equity Commonwith	N	33.80	+15	Middleby Corp	O	120.15	-27
AbbVie Inc	N	70.58	+07	Equity LifeSty Prop	N	132.12	+193	Mondelez Intl	O	54.05	-03
Allstate Corp	N	106.38	+57	Equity Residential	N	85.05	+50	Morningstar Inc	O	154.85	-25
Aptargroup Inc	N	116.48	-92	Exelon Corp	N	47.38	+11	Motorola Solutions	N	166.03	-101
Arch Dan Mid	N	41.96	+33	First Indl RT	N	39.19	+41	NiSource Inc	N	29.04	..
Baxter Inc	N	86.92	-01	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	53.45	-100	Nthn Trust Cp	O	98.01	-93
Boeing Co	N	378.85	-91	Gallagher AJ	N	87.56	+58	Old Republic	N	22.86	+22
Brunswick Corp	N	53.80	+12	Grainger WW	N	295.81	+25	Packaging Corp Am	N	105.87	-250
CBOE Global Markets	N	111.00	-06	GrubHub Inc	N	65.91	-49	Paylocity Hldg	O	95.02	+41
CDK Global Inc	O	46.86	+56	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	103.61	-151	RLI Corp	N	90.40	+60
CDW Corp	O	113.00	+129	IAA Inc	N	44.32	-47	Stericycle Inc	O	52.14	+115
CF Industries	N	51.34	+143	IDEX Corp	N	171.53	+65	TransUnion	N	80.36	+58
CME Group	O	207.00	+120	ITW	N	156.79	-298	Tribune Media Co A	N	46.66	+05
CNA Financial	N	49.53	+30	Ingredion Inc	N	83.27	-33	US Foods Holding	N	41.56	-63
Cabot Microelect	O	140.25	+2.03	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	140.52	-145	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	225.45	-141
Caterpillar Inc	N	133.15	-63	Kemper Corp	N	75.61	-08	United Airlines Hldg	O	88.76	-259
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	30.44	+57	Kraft Heinz Co	O	29.62	+37	Ventas Inc	N	70.86	+88
Deere Co	N	164.59	-83	LKQ Corporation	O	32.06	-68	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	55.34	-65
Discover Fin Svcs	N	83.59	-1.19	Littelfuse Inc	O	181.65	-15	Wintrust Financial	O	66.83	+19
Dover Corp	N	99.25	-42	McDonalds Corp	N	207.40	-2.41	Zebra Tech	O	202.78	-2.38

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Chesapck Engy	2.06	+28
EnCana Corp	5.54	+79
Whiting Petroleum	11.23	+3.69
Denbury Res	1.56	+3.78
Transocean Ltd	6.51	+3.78
Ford Motor	9.30	-15
AT&T Inc	37.31	-60
Sthwstn Energy	2.28	+05
Gen Electric	9.38	+04
Energy Transfer LP	13.43	-59
Bank of America	30.13	-04
Halliburton	22.49	+2.22
Callon Petrol	5.32	+81
SemGroup Corp	16.50	+6.22
Aurora Cannabis Inc	5.45	-50
Oasis Petroleum	4.80	+1.08
Marathon Oil	14.17	+1.47
Petrobras	15.08	+5.4
Range Resources	5.17	+5.4
Kinross Gold	4.92	+2.0
Occid Petl	47.80	+2.71
Schlumberger Ltd	39.31	+1.98
Baker Hughes GE	23.81	+1.09
Antero Resources	4.30	+6.9

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Adv Micro Dev	30.83	+1.4
Alder BioPharm	18.50	+8.44
Centennial Res Dev A	5.80	+1.39
Apple Inc	219.90	+1.15
Zynga Inc	5.87	-05
Alta Mesa Resources	.11	+0.4
FuelCell Energy	.40	+0.0
Micron Tech	50.15	-35
Microsoft Corp	136.33	-99
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.37	-02
American Airlines Gp	27.77	-2.18
Caesars Entertain	11.92	+02
Guardian Health Sci	.39	+0.6
Comcast Corp A	46.27	-61
Intel Corp	52.20	-34
Cisco Syst	49.96	-07
Roku Inc	149.54	+1.99
VEON Ltd	2.39	-08
Gulfpport Energy Corp	3.48	+5.0
Patterson UTI Energy	11.02	+1.91
Naked Brand Group	.04	+0.0
Overstock.com Inc	19.75	-5.18
Huntgrn Bancshs	14.62	+0.2
Altaba Inc	70.22	+1.7

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3030.75	-5/-0
Stoxx600	389.53	-2.3/-6
Nikkei	21988.29	..
MSCI-EAFE	1919.61	+14.3/+2
Bovespa	103680.40	+171.7/+2
FTSE 100	7321.41	-46.1/-6
CAC-40	5602.23	-53.2/-9

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	37.31	-60
Alibaba Group Hldg	177.07	-2.10
Alphabet Inc C	1231.30	-8.26
Alphabet Inc A	1231.63	-8.40
Amazon.com Inc	1807.84	-31.50
Apple Inc	219.90	+1.15
Bank of America	30.13	-04
Berkshire Hath B	210.33	-3.28
Exxon Mobil Corp	73.73	+1.09
Facebook Inc	186.22	-97
HSBC Holdings prA	26.20	+11
Home Depot	230.99	-2.99
JPMorgan Chase	119.16	-1.07
Johnson & Johnson	129.54	-1.24
MasterCard Inc	274.08	-2.24
Microsoft Corp	136.33	-99
Procter & Gamble	119.75	-2.37
Visa Inc	176.11	-1.16
WalMart Strs	115.57	-1.86

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.945	1.91
6-month disc	1.87	1.87
2-year	1.75	1.79
10-year	1.84	1.90
30-year	2.31	2.37

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1503.10	\$1490.90
Silver	\$17.90	\$17.436
Platinum	\$939.20	\$952.20

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)	56.2556
Australia (Dollar)	1.4059
Brazil (Real)	4.0896
Britain (Pound)	.8049
Canada (Dollar)	1.3240
China (Yuan)	7.0671
Euro	.9086
India (Rupee)	71.847
Israel (Shekel)	3.5453
Japan (Yen)	108.05
Mexico (Peso)	19.4441
Poland (Zloty)	3.93
So. Korea (Won)	1185.57
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.91
Thailand (Baht)	30.52

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	32.27	+0.4	+8
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	27.70	-2.4	+3.7
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	48.82	-2.4	+3.7
American Funds CdtInclBldrA m	61.08	-0.9	+5.6
American Funds FdmTlInvsA m	59.88	-2.0	+3.1
American Funds GrfAmrca m	50.41	-0.1	+1.2
American Funds InvCamrca m	38.45	-0.7	+1.9
American Funds NvPrspctvA m	44.97	-2.5	+4.5
American Funds WAMTInvsA m	46.78	-0.3	+6.8
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.10	+0.4	+8.4
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	41.69	-2.2	+7
Dodge & Cox Stk	192.38	+8.1	+8
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.71	+0.3	+7.3
Fidelity 500DlxInPrm	104.62	-3.2	+5.2
Fidelity Contrafund	13.08	-0.4	+8
Fidelity TlMktDlxInPrm	85.22	-1.6	+3.9
Fidelity USBDlxInPrm	11.88	+0.4	+9.2
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.32	+0.1	+5.4
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	10.98	+0.4	+9.4
PIMCO IncI	11.96	..	+6.3
PIMCO IncInsl	11.96	..	+6.4
PIMCO TlRetIns	10.42	+0.4	+9.5
Schwab SP500Dlx	46.48	-1.5	+5.3
T. Rowe Price BCGR	116.60	-3.5	+5.0
T. Rowe Price GrStk	69.26	-1.8	+4.7
Vanguard 500DlxAdmrl	277.84	-8.6	+5.3
Vanguard BalldAdmrl	37.58	+0.1	+6.4
Vanguard DivGrInv	30.20	-1.6	+13.9
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	76.54	-1.8	+6.4
Vanguard GrldAdmrl	86.39	-2.3	+6.3
Vanguard HCAmrl	81.82	-0.2	-3.5
Vanguard InTrnGAdm	9.98	+0.2	+9.9
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	14.40	-0.2	+7.2
Vanguard InslDlxIn	272.62	-8.5	+5.3
Vanguard InslDlxInPlus	272.65	-8.5	+5.3
Vanguard InslTlMInPls	64.50	-1.2	+4.0
Vanguard MDCpldAdmrl	209.64	+7.0	+3.8
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	140.45	-7.3	+1
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.70	+0.1	+5.5
Vanguard SmCpldAdmrl	75.72	+3.1	+2.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	32.26	-0.1	+5.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	19.37	-0.2	+5.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	35.33	-0.5	+5.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.70	-0.4	+4.4
Vanguard TlBMDlxAdmrl	11.01	+0.3	+9.2
Vanguard TlBMDlxIn	11.01	+0.3	+9.2
Vanguard TlInBldAdmrl	23.35	+0.7	+10.3
Vanguard TlInBldIn	35.04	+0.1	+10.3
Vanguard TlInBldInxv	11.68	+0.4	+10.3
Vanguard TlInSldAdmrl	28.10	-1.6	+1.0
Vanguard TlInSldIn	112.39	-6.1	+1.1
Vanguard TlInSldInPlus	112.42	-6.1	+1.1
Vanguard TlInSldInxv	16.80	-0.9	+1.0
Vanguard TlSMldAdmrl	74.23	-1.4	+4.0
Vanguard TlSMldIn	74.25	-1.3	+4.0
Vanguard TlSMldInxv	74.21	-1.4	+3.9
Vanguard WngtInAdmrl	73.44	-0.4	+8.6
Vanguard WsllyInAdmrl	65.29	+1.2	+9.6
Vanguard WndsrldAdmrl	65.25	+0.3	+3.2

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OBITUARIES

ANDREA GRONVALL 1952-2019

Producer for Siskel and Ebert wrote for the Chicago Reader

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH

Andrea Gronvall was a producer for the film review shows co-hosted for many years by critics Roger Ebert and Gene Siskel and also reviewed and wrote about movies for the Chicago Reader.

"She (was) a very generous and loyal friend, as well as someone who brought the same sort of scrupulous attention to everything she later did as a print journalist and reviewer, even in a shrinking market where such virtues are seldom noticed, much less appreciated," retired Reader film critic Jonathan Rosenbaum said. "And her avid curiosity and enthusiasm as a reader and as a spectator made her open to all sorts of things."

Gronvall, 67, died of natural causes on Sept. 4 at her home in Uptown's Margate Park, said a cousin, Donna Gaeth. Gronvall recently had been battling bronchitis, Gaeth said.

Andrea Lee Gronvall was born in Chicago and grew up on the North Side, graduating in 1969 from Lake View High School, where she was her graduating class's valedictorian. She earned a bachelor's degree in radio, TV and film from Northwestern University's School of Speech in 1976.

She worked for Margie Korshak's public relations firm and for Second City before joining the staff of Tribune Entertainment's nationally syndicated movie review show "At the Movies" in 1982.

Siskel, then the Tribune's film critic, and Ebert, of the Sun-Times, had started with "Sneak Previews" on WTTW-Ch. 11 in 1975 and jumped to Tribune Entertainment to create "At the Movies" in 1982. They left



RICH HARRIS

Tribune Entertainment in 1986 after striking a deal with Disney to start yet another movie-review show.

"While she had other major responsibilities that she performed brilliantly, Andrea had the unenviable task of mediating between Gene and Roger. (She was) somewhat of a den mother to two brothers constantly battling it out," said Siskel's widow, Marlene Iglitzen. "She was both clever and tactful, and she made each critic feel like she was taking his side."

"Siskel & Ebert" executive producer Larry Dieckhaus said Gronvall "understood creative minds" and cited her ability to perceive "the insecurity of each critic."

"She understood each critic's difficulty admitting a word or phrase change was needed in the script because words or a phrase clashed with what the accompanying clip would show," he said. "She always saw the important films and was a critic in her own right and understood how questioning interpretation of words in the script needed to be spoken correctly for viewers."

Janet LaMonica, who was an assistant producer on the show, recalled Gron-

vall's "vast knowledge of film."

"Everyone in the film industry knew and respected her," LaMonica said. "She was more than that, though. Andrea was a kind and generous soul. She always thought of others and never made a big deal about the nice things she did. In other words, she never let her right hand know what the left was doing. She lived her Jewish faith."

After Siskel's death in 1999, the show continued with Ebert and a rotating series of guest substitutes before Richard Roeper was made permanent co-host in 2000. In 2003, Gronvall left the show in a round of layoffs.

In 2004, Gronvall began writing film criticism for the Chicago Reader. J.R. Jones, who edited the Reader's film section from 1997 until leaving the publication last year, praised Gronvall's knowledge of cinema and her passion for culture.

"Her writing had a strong ethical sense that, I think, came from her religion and her natural compassion," Jones said. "She also did her homework, made her deadlines and got her facts straight — invaluable traits to any editor."

Gronvall continued to review films for the Reader until this summer. One of her final reviews was of the 2004 documentary "Leaving Home, Coming Home," which recently was screened in theaters. The documentary is about filmmaker Robert Frank, who died on Sept. 9.

Gronvall also is survived by a brother, Jeffrey. Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON SEPTEMBER 17 ...

In 1787 the Constitution of the United States was completed and signed by a majority of delegates attending the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

In 1862 Union forces held back a Confederate invasion of Maryland in the Civil War Battle of Antietam.

In 1920 the American Professional Football Association — precursor of the National Football League — as formed in Canton, Ohio.

In 1923 country music pioneer Hank Williams Sr. was born in Georgiana, Alabama.

In 1934 Maureen Connolly, the first woman to win the Grand Slam of tennis, was born in San Diego.

In 1939 the Soviet Union invaded Poland, more than two weeks after Nazi Germany launched its assault.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied paratroopers launched Operation Market Garden, landing behind German lines in the Netherlands. The Allies, however, encountered fierce German resistance.

In 1949 more than 130 people died when fire gutted the Canadian passenger steamer Noronic at a pier in Toronto.

In 1962 U.S. space officials announced the selection of nine new astronauts, including Neil Armstrong, who became the first man to step onto the moon.

In 1972 the television show "M*A*S*H" premiered on CBS.

In 1976 NASA publicly unveiled the space shuttle Enterprise at ceremonies in Palmdale, California.

In 1978, after meeting at Camp David, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat signed a framework for a peace treaty.

In 1980 former Nicaraguan President Anastasio Somoza was assassinated in Paraguay.

In 1983 Vanessa Williams, of New York, became the first black contestant to be crowned Miss America. (The following July, she also became the first Miss America to resign in the wake of her Penthouse magazine scandal.)

In 1984 Progressive Conservative leader Brian Mulroney took office as Canada's 18th prime minister.

In 1986 the Senate confirmed the nomination of William Rehnquist to become the 16th U.S. chief justice.

In 1988 opening ceremony

for the Summer Olympics took place in Seoul.

In 1991 the U.N. General Assembly opened its 46th session, welcoming new members Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, North and South Korea, the Marshall Islands and Micronesia.

In 1992 a federal judge overturned the impeachment of former U.S. District Judge Alcee Hastings, saying he did not receive a fair trial by the Senate, which convicted him in 1989 of perjury and conspiracy.

In 1994 Heather Whitestone, of Alabama, was crowned Miss America, the first deaf contestant to win the title.

In 1995 Hong Kong held its last legislative election before the 1997 takeover by China, with some of Beijing's fiercest critics the big winners.

In 1996 former Vice President Spiro Agnew died in Berlin, Maryland; he was 77.

In 1997 a U.N. helicopter flew into a mountain in central Bosnia and burst into flames, killing German diplomat Gerd Wagner, five Americans and six others.

Also in 1997 President Bill Clinton rejected a ban on land mines endorsed by 89 countries.

In 1999 President Bill Clinton lifted restrictions on trade, travel and banking imposed on North Korea a half-century earlier, rewarding it for agreeing to curb missile tests.

In 2002, after years of denials by his country, North Korean leader Kim Jong Il admitted that North Korean spies had abducted about a dozen Japanese citizens decades earlier, and that at least four of the Japanese were still alive.

In 2005 two passengers were killed and more than 80 injured when a Chicago commuter train derailed while changing tracks.

Chicago Tribune Death Notices
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Death Notices

Abbate, Martha I.

Martha I. Abbate, 76, of Chicago, passed away peacefully at home on Sept. 14, 2019. Beloved wife of Joseph Abbate; loving mother of Francesca (Dan Hellenberg) Abbate; devoted sister of Zoe Keithley and the late Byrne & Allen Marhofer; cherished aunt of many loving nieces and nephews; treasured friend of many. Special thanks to Rainbow Hospice. Visitation Wed. Sept. 18, 3-7 pm at **Lakeview Funeral Home**, 1458 W. Belmont Ave. Chicago, IL 60657. Funeral Mass Thu. Sept. 19, 10 am at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cath. Church, 708 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, IL 60657. Interment Calvary Cemetery, Evanston, IL. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to a charity of choice. Info: www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com (773) 472-6300.



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Alden, Carl A.

Carl A. Alden, age 91, US Army Veteran, late of Mokena, IL (Old Castle Woods since 1991). Beloved husband of the late Juanita Alden nee Madura. Loving father of sons; Craig, Blair, Lance, Eric, and Rhett. Caring grandfather of many, including Hayley and Kian. Carl worked fifty years in the construction trades in the Chicago Area, was an avid gardener, was a great friend to many in the region, always treating all people with dignity and respect, he provided wise counsel to family. So wise that his careful, concise words had profound effects. Carl loved animals both wild and domestic. Carl grew up in Chicago's East Side neighborhood, and attended Taylor Elementary and Bowen High School. Carl was a Chicago White Sox Fan. Visitation will be held Thursday, September 19, 2019, 3:00-9:00 PM at the Vandenberg Funeral Home, 19604 Wolf Road Mokena, IL 60448. Chapel service on Friday 11:00 AM at the Funeral Home. Interment will be held in Private. For information on services, 708-479-1210 or www.vandenbergfuneralhome.com.

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Baniewicz, Anthony D.

Anthony D. Baniewicz, beloved wife of 59 years, Patricia C. Baniewicz; cherished father to Christine K. (Andrew) Goldman, Cindy (Jon) Wagner, Glenn (the late Krissy) Baniewicz, and the late Cathy A. Baniewicz; loving papa to Timothy Goldman, Brittany (Eric) Rose, Mark Baniewicz, and Troy Baniewicz; loving brother and uncle to many. Funeral Thursday 9:15 A.M. from **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Avenue, Darien to St. Scholastica Church, Mass at 10:00 A.M. Interment at Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 3-8 P.M. For Funeral info (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com.



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Brelie, Earl

Earl Brelie, 91, of Arlington Hts.; loving husband to the late Dorothy (nee Somor); loved father to Scott (Ellen), Paul (Linda) and Lynn (David) Garel; beloved grandfather to Kurt (Melissa), Alison, Teri (Mike) Wonsler and Marc; cherished great-grandfather to Elijah, Chase and Brayden; and dear brother to Betty Brelie. Mr. Brelie joined the Chicago Fire Department in 1948. During this time at the Department, he held positions of Lieutenant, Captain, Chief of Emergency Medical Services and Battalion Chief. Earl retired from the Chicago Fire Department in 1991. Visitation Wednesday, September 18, 2019 from 3 pm until 7 pm Funeral Service at Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd., 1520 N. Arlington Hts. Rd. (four blocks south of Palatine Rd.), Arlington Hts., IL 60004. Interment is private. In lieu of flowers the family asks that the memorial donations be made to the Ende, Menzer, Walsh and Quinn Retirees', Widows' and Children's Assistance Fund @ www.widowsandchildrens.org. Funeral Information and condolences can be given at www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.



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Brennan, Richard

Richard Brennan, age 79 of Ogden Dunes, IN passed away on Monday, September 9, 2019 in Bradenton Beach, FL. He was born on February 15, 1940 in Chicago, IL to Joseph and Arlene (Woods) Brennan. Richard is survived by his wife of 28 years Kim (Kelly) Brennan; sons, Luke Richard (Laura) Brennan, Joseph Malachy Brennan; daughter, Brooke Brennan (Edward) Recktenwall; grandsons, Brennan Edward Recktenwall, Keegan Kelly Recktenwall; granddaughters, Katie Virginia Brennan, Finley Jean Recktenwall, Kira Grace Brennan; sisters, Marylou Carroll, Carol Wiethoff; sister-in-laws, Crystal Lynn Ireland, Tina (Gary) Champlin; . He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Brennan; mother, Arlene Ruth Brennan; brother, William Brennan; father-in-law, Robert Kelly; mother-in-law, Jean Kelly; brother-in-laws, John Carroll and James Wiethoff; aunt, Grace Larkin; uncle, Jim Larkin and cousin, Jimmy Larkin.

Richard graduated from Mendel High School in Chicago, IL and then served an apprenticeship with the Electrician union IBEW Local 134 in Chicago. He was owner and president of Brennan Builders for over 40 years. Richard served as a volunteer fireman and building commissioner for the town of Ogden Dunes. He donated land, "Brennan Woods" to the Portage Park Department. He developed land and built homes and townhomes in Chicago, Chesterton, Ogden Dunes, Portage and Merrillville. Richard loved morning runs and later, morning walks on the beach and collecting beach glass. He enjoyed golfing with his friends, Bob and Dan, "just for fun", fishing on the dock with his grandchildren at his Anna Maria Island home. He loved spending time with his friends and family, a few beers and sharing stories of his time growing up on the South Shores of Chicago. Richard was a devoted fan of the Bears, Notre Dame and the Chicago White Sox. He was honored to be part of the electrical team to install the lights for the first night games at Comiskey Park.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 10:00 am at Saint Ann of the Dunes Catholic Church, 433 Golfwood Rd. Beverly Shores, IN 46301 with Father John Barasinski officiating. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 from 2:00 pm until 8:00 pm with a Rosary service at 6:30 pm at **Edmonds & Evans Funeral Home**, Portage Chapel, 6941 Central Ave., Portage, IN 46368 and also from 9:00 am until 10:00 am Thursday morning at the church. Burial to follow at St. Patrick Cemetery in Chesterton. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.ee-fh.com.

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Himmelblau, Resa

Resa Beverly Himmelblau, nee Cohen, 87, beloved wife of the late Leo, happily married for 66 years; loving mother of Ray (Bonnie), Bruce (Sue) and Larry (Clare Ann) Himmelblau; cherished grandmother of Eric, Ryan, Jeffrey and Alec Himmelblau; devoted daughter of the late Aron and Adele Cohen. Resa was a past president of Wilmette Hadassah and a dedicated member of Beth Hillel Bnai Emenah Congregation. Chapel service 10 AM Tuesday at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to North Shore Hadassah. For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Malone, Gerard J. "Jerry"

Gerard J. "Jerry" Malone, age 84, U.S. Army veteran 1954-1956, a resident of Naperville, IL since 1974, formerly of Chicago's Beverly neighborhood, passed away on Sunday, September 15, 2019 at his home with his loving wife Ann and family at his side. He was born February 26, 1935 in Evergreen Park, IL. Arrangements by **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, Naperville, IL. For a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.



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O'SULLIVAN, ARLENE M.

Arlene M. O'Sullivan, 86, of Western Springs. Beloved wife of Gene for 58 years. Loving mother of Cathy (George) Evans, Peggy Henderson, Paul (Lisa) O'Sullivan and Ann (Jim) Leifker. Devoted grandmother of Emily and Tom Evans, Josh Henderson, Gavin O'Sullivan and Erin Leifker. Dear sister of Marsha Klein. Visitation 4 to 8pm Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2019 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Prayers 10:30am Thursday, Sept. 19, 2019 at the funeral home to St. John of the Cross Church, Western Springs for Funeral Mass at 11:00am. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Arlene enjoyed gardening and bird-watching, she was an active member of a neighborhood bridge club for many years, and, most of all, she loved and enjoyed her grandchildren. Funeral home phone 708/352-6500 or www.hjfunerals.com



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Perlove, David "Dovey"

David "Dovey" Perlove, 79. Beloved husband and best friend for 56 years of Susan "Susie" nee Kushner. Loving father of Steven Perlove, Michael (Jamie Boton) Perlove and Abbe (Michael) Sinnwell. Proud "Poppy" of Emma and Camryn. Dear brother of Sandra Weiss and Marc (Marlene) Perlove. Cherished uncle of many nieces and nephews. Service Tuesday 12 noon at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd., (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Interment private. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 100 Tri-State International, suite 125, Lincolnshire IL 60069, www.cancer.org or PAWS Chicago, 1997 N. Clybourn Ave., Chicago, IL 60614, www.pawschicago.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com



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Podlazek, Irene S.

Irene S. Podlazek, 93, died September 14, 2019. Daughter of the late John and the late Mary (nee Danek). Loving sister of the late Leo (late Josephine), late Edward and Loretta (Ted) Pozniak. Dear aunt of Thomas (Sandra) Pozniak, Kathleen Pozniak, Carol Posniak, Robert (Angela Riccio), late James, Kenneth (Mary Pat), and Joann (Joseph) Majewski. Fond aunt of ten great nieces and nephews and five great-great nieces and nephews. Funeral Thursday, September 19, 2019 from **Szykowny Funeral Home Ltd.**, 4901 S. Archer Ave., Chicago, (one blk east of Pulaski at Szykowny Blvd.) Jonathan F. Siedlecki, Director, Chapel Service 9:00 am to St. Pancratius, Mass 10:00 am. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday, September 18, 2019 3:00 to 8:00 pm. For info call 773-735-7521 or visit www.szykowny.com.

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Rogers, Richard "Rick"

Rick was born August 31, 1950 in Lockport, IL. He passed away unexpectedly at his home September 14, 2019. Rick was a proud alumnus of Northwestern University. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Nanci Rogers; children, Kerry Rogers, and Brett (Alison) Rogers; and brother John Rogers. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Lorraine Rogers, and brother Robert. Visitation will be 3pm until the memorial service at 5pm, Friday September 20 at **Davenport Family Funeral Home**, 149 W. Main St. (Lake Cook Road) Barrington. Interment will be private. Please visit www.davenportfamily.com to send condolences.



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Ryan, Doris J.

Doris J. Ryan, nee Dowell was born in Aurora, IL July 29, 1929 and died Sept. 14 Visitation at Matz Funeral Home, 410 E. Rand Rd. Mt. Prospect Wed., Sept. 18, 2019, 4-9 PM. Prayers Thurs. 9:30 AM to St. Emily Church, 1400 E. Central Rd. Mt. Prospect. for 10 AM mass. Burial at All Saints Cemetery. A graduate of West Aurora High School and Copley Hospital School of Nursing. In 1951 she married the late Edwin Ryan and lived in Chicago until moving to Des Plaines in 1960. She loved fishing in Presque Isle Wisconsin, bowling and golfing in Arlington Hts. Survivors include 3 sons, Michael (Chris), Kevin and Thomas (Cheryl), 8 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. 847/394-2336

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Pick 4 midday	0465 / 3
Lucky Day Lotto midday	
	311 28 38 39
Pick 3 evening	Not available
Pick 4 evening	Not available
Lucky Day Lotto evening	
	Not available
Sept. 17 Mega Millions: \$192M	
Sept. 18 Powerball: \$70M	
WISCONSIN	
Sept. 16	
Pick 3	735
Pick 4	4613
Badger 5	Not available
SuperCash	Not available

INDIANA	
Sept. 16	
Daily 3 midday	125 / 6
Daily 4 midday	5281 / 6
Daily 3 evening	Not available
Daily 4 evening	Not available
Cash 5	Not available
MICHIGAN	
Sept. 16	
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Sacks, A. Lee

A. Lee Sacks, age 85, of Winnetka, graduated from Marshall High School in 1951 and DePaul University in 1955; served honorably in the U.S. Navy during the Post Korean Conflict; Lee was President of Sacks and Sacks Insurance until it was sold to JMB Realty Corp in 1971. He enjoyed a long successful career at JMB Realty and JMB Insurance; beloved husband

to the love of his life Elise, nee Gutter, they have been married for 61 years; loving father of Michael (Cari) Sacks and Kenny (Julie) Sacks; adored Papa of Matthew, Rachel, Benjamin, Chloe, Jonah and Phoebe Sacks; cherished brother of the late Miriam (late Jack) Sacks; dear brother-in-law of the late Larry (Carole) Gutter; treasured uncle and a large extended family who loved Lee like a dad or grandfather. Service Tuesday, 12 Noon at Am Shalom, 840 Vernon Ave., Glencoe. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, www.ushmm.org. Info: The Goldman Funeral Group, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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Schoneberg, Julius

Julius "Jui" Schoneberg, 99. Beloved husband of the late Phyllis (nee Umansky); devoted father of Barbara (Joel) Strauss, Marcia (Larry) Roth, and Marty (Lise) Schoneberg; cherished grandfather of Jeremy and Scott (Chris) Dubin, Stacy (David) Rudd, and Brendan Schoneberg; proud great-grandfather of Logan, Leia, and Evie. A memorial service will be held Thurs, Sept. 19, 2 PM, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org, or the Anti-Defamation League, www.adl.org. For info: 847-256-5700.

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Shevin, Harriette E.

Harriette E. Shevin, age 81. Beloved wife of the late Cary J. Shevin. Loving mother of Bonni (Jeff) Sandy and the late Phillip Shevin. Proud grandmother of Evan, Brandon and Zachary. Cherished aunt and friend of many. Service Thursday 12 noon at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd., (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Interment Shalom. Memorials to American Cancer Society, 225 Michigan Ave., #1200, Chicago, IL 60601, www.cancer.org and ORT America, Phillip Shevin Memorial Fund, 3701 Commercial Drive, Suite 13, Northbrook, IL 60062, www.ortchicago.org and Multiple Sclerosis Society, 525 West Monroe, Suite 900, Chicago, Illinois 60661, www.nationalmssociety.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfinfo.com

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Studinski, Pierina

Pierina Studinski, nee D'Onofrio, age 91, passed away on September 15, 2019. Preceded in death by her loving husband and best friend of 72 years, Erven. Beloved Mother of the late Dennis (Barbara), Barbara (Robert) Petree, Debra (Darryl) Trinco, Brenda (Matthew) Porzel. Cherished Grandmother of Alicia (Matthew) Weinstock, Curtis (Nancy) Studinski, Eric Studinski, Christopher (Lori) Petree, Nicholas (Elizabeth) Petree, Ryan (Danielle) Porzel, Randy (Jennifer) Porzel, and Rachel (Jacob) McConnell. Dear Great-Grandmother of 17. Family and Friends are to gather for the Visitation Tuesday, September 17, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:0 p.m. at Russo's Hillside Chapels, 4500 Roosevelt Road, Hillside, Illinois 60162 (Located between Mannheim and Wolf Road). Funeral to follow Wednesday, September 18, 2019 from Russo's Hillside Chapels at 9:00 a.m. Proceeding to Divine Providence Church, 2550 Mayfair Avenue, Westchester, Illinois. Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. Entombment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For additional information call (708) 449-5300. Please visit Pierina's personal tribute website at www.russoshillsidechapels.com and sign her guestbook. In lieu of flower donations to the American Heart Association is appreciated.



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White, Timothy Christian

Timothy Christian White, 81, died peacefully at his home in Chicago IL on September 13, 2019. Tim was born April 16, 1938 to Raymond and Elizabeth White. He received his BA from Shimer College and his MFA in photography from the Illinois Institute of Technology. He taught photography at several colleges and Universities including St. Xavier University and Loyola University. Tim's photography were included in several art shows including one man shows. He was a truly gifted artist juxtaposing objects, imagination and symbolism with his unique perspective of the world around him. Committal Service and Interment will be at the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Bloomington IL on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 12:00 Noon. He leaves behind his mother Elizabeth, his sister Sara (Steve) Grassi, nephews Ben, Alec & Kit, many friends & cousins. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Plum Lake Fire Department, 2891 Froelich Dr., Sayner, WI 54560. Funeral Info: **Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors**, 708-636-5500 or heeneyfn.com



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Zabloudil, Jr., Joseph

Joseph Zabloudil, Jr., age 94, of Elmhurst, Navy Veteran of WWII; member Visitation Catholic Church, beloved husband of the late Beatrice T. Zabloudil, nee Hennek; loving father of Susan (Stephen) Bradley, Mary Clare (Quentin) Sullivan and David Zabloudil; proud grandfather of Ryan (Apyr) Bradley, Jack, Kyle, Matthew and Sarah Sullivan and Julia and Adam Zabloudil; cherished great-grandfather of Nathan Bradley; dear brother of the late Ralph (the late Frances) Zabloudil and Shirley (the late Robert) Bills. Visitation Friday, September 20, 2019, 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at **Gibbons Funeral Home**, 134 South York Road, (½ mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Friends and family will meet for a Mass of Christian Burial, Saturday, September 21, 2019, 9:15 a.m. at Visitation Catholic Church. Interment Resurrection Catholic Cemetery, Justice. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Elmhurst/Yorkfield Food Pantry, 1083 S. York Road, Elmhurst, Illinois 60126. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneral-home.com

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IN THE INTEREST OF
Baby Boy Schackart AKA Connor Schackart

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Dawn Schackart (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01062

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 26, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Maxwell Griffin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **10/07/2019**, at **1:30 PM** in CALENDAR 3 COURTROOM C, 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 27, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Desire Keshonna Jefferson AKA Desire Marchman

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Alexandria Marchman (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00425

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
September 17, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Elijah Deyshon Jefferson AKA Elijah Marchman

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Alexandria Marchman (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00426

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
September 17, 2019

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IN THE INTEREST OF
Elijah Deyshon Jefferson AKA Elijah Marchman

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Alexandria Marchman (Mother)

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September 17, 2019

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JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00426

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 13, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Nicholas Geanopoulos** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **10/17/2019**, at **11:00 AM** in CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, 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.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Jamini Webb

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Christine Webb (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00910

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **August 20, 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 **10/7/2019**, at **2:00 PM** in CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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 17, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Jayden Colon

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Blanca Cruz-Flores (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00127

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Blanca Cruz-Flores (Mother)**, **Daniel Colon (Father)**, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **February 11, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Andrea Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **10/07/2019**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 4 COURTROOM D, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared 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. 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 30, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Elijah Deyshon Jefferson AKA Elijah Marchman

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Alexandria Marchman (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00426

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 13, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Nicholas Geanopoulos** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **10/17/2019**, at **11:00 AM** in CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, 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.

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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 17, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Elijah Deyshon Jefferson AKA Elijah Marchman

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Alexandria Marchman (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00426

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 13, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Nicholas Geanopoulos** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **10/17/2019**, at **11:00 AM** in CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, 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 17, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Elijah Deyshon Jefferson AKA Elijah Marchman

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Alexandria Marchman (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00426

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICES

TO: OCCUPANT; PEACEFUL WORLD MOVEMENT, INC. NFP ; SMM-TAX, INC. C/O MATTHEW CONNELLY; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD001899 FILED: 06/28/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/05/2017 Certificate No. 15-0005994 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 11451 S MICHIGAN AVE CHICAGO, IL 60628 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-22-119-006-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 12/27/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 12/27/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 01/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 12/27/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 9th day of September, 2019. Pub: 9/17, 18, 19/2019 6437574

TO: OCCUPANT; CHICAGO TITLE AND TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE U/T/A DATED 10/04/2001 A/K/A TRUST NO. 1110208; ORVELLE NERO; MURIEL GORDON; CITY OF BLUE ISLAND; VERMONT HILLS AND GIBSON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD001875 FILED: 06/28/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/03/2017 Certificate No. 15-0005651 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2140-44 VERMONT ST BLUE ISLAND, IL 60406 Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-31-123-018-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 12/27/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 12/27/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 01/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 12/27/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 9th day of September, 2019. Pub: 9/17, 18, 19/2019 6437422

TO: OCCUPANT; ILB REAL ESTATE, LLC COMERICA BANK SBA DIVISION; COMERICA BANK; MIDLOTHIAN SPORT CYCLE; MIDLOTHIAN SPORTS & CYCLE, LLC F/K/A ILB LLC; Administrator of Small Business Administration; U.S. Attorney General; U.S. District Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE U/T/A NO. 8002359629; TEAM ENTERPRISE, INC. F/K/A MIDLOTHIAN SPORTS & CYCLE, INC. LONG BEACH ENTERPRISES INC.; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD001873 FILED: 06/28/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/03/2017 Certificate No. 15-0002029 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 14723 S PULASKI RD MIDLOTHIAN, IL 60445 Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-11-300-041-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 12/27/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 12/27/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 01/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 12/27/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 9th day of September, 2019. Pub: 9/17, 18, 19/2019 6437411

TO: OCCUPANT; MAJEED LTD; MAVI OIL, INC.; MAJEED LTD.; CITY OF OAK FOREST; ARAS ALKASS; ZUHER BENJAMIN; SHAMBURAM RATNA INC. D/B/A MARATHON C/O ANIL RAJAK; MARATHON PETROLEUM COMPANY F/K/A MARATHON OIL COMPANY; MARATHON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD001874 FILED: 06/28/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/03/2017 Certificate No. 15-0003034 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 15100 S CICERO AVE OAK FOREST, IL 60452 Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-16-215-068-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 12/27/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 12/27/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 01/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 12/27/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 9th day of September, 2019. Pub: 9/17, 18, 19/2019 6437415

TAKE NOTICES

TO: OCCUPANT; RONALD SCHRAMM; R. SCHRAMM; LAURA SCHRAMM a/k/a LAURA SCHIEMANN; R & L AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD001894 FILED: 06/28/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/04/2017 Certificate No. 15-0003112 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 14217 HALSTED ST RIVERDALE, IL 60827 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-05-401-008-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 12/27/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 12/27/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 01/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 12/27/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 9th day of September, 2019. Pub: 9/17, 18, 19/2019 6437506

TO: OCCUPANT; AKPEVWE S OJDGE; MARQUETTE BANK; BESTMED CARE SERVICES; ADONIS COLLEGE OF NURSING, INC. F/K/A BESTMED-CARE SERVICES, LTD.; DIAONOSORIC; THERAPEUTIC REHAB CENTER; JAMES ADEMILIU; AKPEVWE S OJDGE; JAMES ADEMILIU; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD001890 FILED: 06/28/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/04/2017 Certificate No. 15-0003364 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1313 SIBLEY BLVD. DOLTON, IL 60419 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-11-400-037-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 12/27/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 12/27/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 01/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 12/27/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 9th day of September, 2019. Pub: 9/17, 18, 19/2019 6437512

TO: OCCUPANT; SCOTT FEHR; HOMEWOOD INVESTMENT VENTURES; SCOTT FEHR D/B/A DELANO'S PIZZA; Village of Homewood; Illinois Department of Revenue; Illinois Attorney General; DAWN FEHR; DELANO'S PIZZA; HOMEWOOD INVESTMENT VENTURES; Village of Homewood; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD001891 FILED: 06/28/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/04/2017 Certificate No. 15-0003784 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 18155 DIXIE HWY HOMEWOOD, IL 60430 Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-31-409-070-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 12/27/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 12/27/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 01/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 12/27/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 9th day of September, 2019. Pub: 9/17, 18, 19/2019 6437514

TO: OCCUPANT; EMIL ZAGER AND SUZANNE M ZAGER AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THEIR DECLARATION OF TRUST DATED 04/25/2011; EMIL ZAGER; SUZANNE ZAGER; CALUMET GREEN; INC. AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2019COTD001892 FILED: 06/28/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 04/04/2017 Certificate No. 15-0003970 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality)Not Applicable and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1004 MICHIGAN CITY RD CALUMET CITY, IL 60409 Legal Description or Property Index No. 30-18-133-021-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 12/27/2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 12/27/2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 01/15/2020 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 12/27/2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 9th day of September, 2019. Pub: 9/17, 18, 19/2019 6437516

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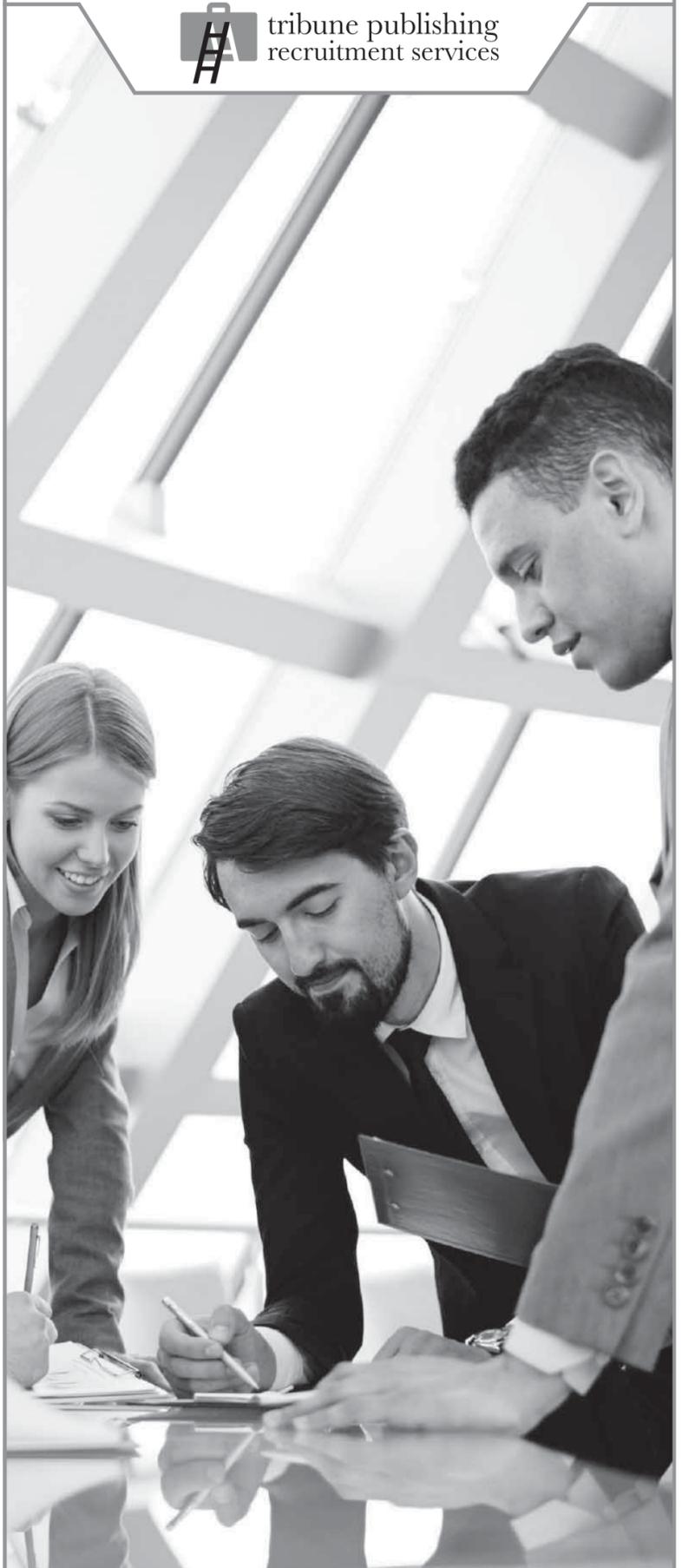
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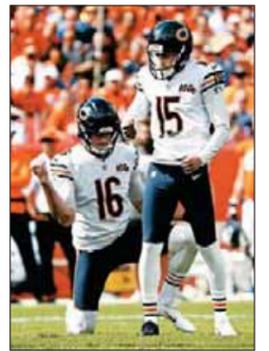
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Anthony Rizzo sprained his right ankle on Sunday.	<h1>September</h1>					
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Eddy Pineiro is a perfect 4-for-4 on field goals this season — two of those coming from 50-plus.

Kicking derby comes up roses



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

DENVER — Chris Tabor hasn't spent a lot of time talking about how the Bears' offseason kicking derby was covered by the media, but it's easy to tell he didn't believe it was always between the uprights.

"I understand why there was a lot of hoopla on the kicking thing, probably in my opinion a little much, but that's OK," Chris Tabor said last week. "I get it."

The special teams coordinator figured the Bears would be judged on what the winner of the competition would do during the season, not on the results of the long line of kickers they paraded through Halas Hall.

Because of the way the Bears crashed out of the playoffs — with Cody Parkey missing the winning field goal with his double doink — and how they looked at so many options in the offseason, the kicking competition was fair game.

Did they know what they were looking for in a long line of guys with no experience or next to no professional experience?

The goal, and this was repeated time and time again by general manager Ryan Pace and on down, was to discover a young talent who finally put everything together. The Bears believe that's what some of the teams with the most successful kickers in the league have done. Once upon a time, they similarly stumbled into Robbie Gould. As the process played out, you began to wonder if they were going to have to abandon that search and go with an established veteran who was cut elsewhere.

Two games don't tell us a ton, but Eddy Pineiro made one huge kick Sunday as time expired and two other big ones earlier in the game. Coach Matt Nagy put it best.

"Games like this just absolutely multiply your confidence to another level," he said. "So for him, I like rooting for good people and he's a good person. He fought through a lot to get to this point where he's at right now. He listened to his coaches, and he trusted himself and he has his teammates who believed in him throughout this whole process. I always say good things happen to good people. Well, he's good people and good things happened today. He helped us win that game. I mean he had a 40-yarder, a 52-yarder and a 53-yarder to win the game. You can't make that up."

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'It could be worse,' but Cubs expect to be without Rizzo for stretch run

BY MARK GONZALES

Compensating for the loss of slugger Anthony Rizzo will be as challenging for the Cubs as earning a playoff berth in the next 13 days.

An MRI on Monday showed that Rizzo suffered a Grade 2 lateral sprain of his right ankle. He will wear a boot for the next five to seven days before he's re-evaluated to determine when he might return.

That scenario puts at least

the rest of the regular season in jeopardy for Rizzo and leaves manager Joe Maddon with another juggling act in a lineup that became invigorated when Rizzo was moved to the leadoff spot.

"It's a significant hurdle for the team, but it's one we can certainly overcome," President Theo Epstein said. "Other teams we're facing are dealing with similar issues."

Rizzo's injury, which occurred Sunday when he tried

to field a bunt, couldn't have come at a worse time.

The Cubs, who trailed the NL Central-leading Cardinals by two games entering Monday night, have seven games left against St. Louis — including a season-ending series Sept. 27-29.

Similarly to Javier Baez, who is out with a broken thumb, the Cubs haven't ruled Rizzo out for the season.

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Step right up: Cubs must fill voids



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

If the Cubs are going to go deep into October, they're probably going to have to get there without two of their biggest weapons. In a season with so many ups and downs, would you expect anything different? They've so far survived the loss of shortstop Javier Baez to a broken thumb, thanks to the unexpected infusion of offense and energy from rookie call-up Nico Hoerner. Now they have to deal with the loss of their leader and recent leadoff man, Anthony Rizzo, whose sprained right ankle has forced him to the bench the rest of the week — and perhaps the rest of the season. Inside: Three big questions for the Cubs.

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INSIDE | In the wake of another injury to a Cubs regular, President Theo Epstein has some good things to say about Joe Maddon: "There have been a lot of moving parts thrown at him this year. It's not the type of thing that normally bothers him." **Page 5**

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TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL ROSENTHAL

Winners!!! (And losers)

It took until the season's seventh quarter for the Bears to score their first touchdown. Their defense's first takeaway didn't come until the eighth.

But, despite nearly every imaginable screw-up down the stretch, the Bears emerged with a win on a last-second field goal by Eddy Pineiro, defeating the Broncos 16-14 on Sunday in Denver.

"In many ways I think this exorcises a lot of demons for the Chicago Bears — last week, and last year in the playoffs," Howie Long said on Fox's postgame show.

Whether or not this exercise was an exorcism, it is better to be 1-1 than 0-2, especially when the Packers are 2-0.

Beyond the score, as always, there were other winners and losers.

Winner: Fox locker-room cam.

Fox eavesdropped on Bears coach Matt Nagy addressing his team immediately after the much-needed Week 2 victory. "It doesn't matter how they come, OK?" Nagy said. "We do it together, we do it as a team, and that's what we did tonight. What do we say? We need one second and the ball. That's all we need, and that's a credit to you guys for never giving up."

Loser: NBC Sports Chicago.

If you were excited to see NBC Sports Chicago's big "Football Aftershow," on Sunday, you waited. *And waited. And waited.* Laurence Holmes and company were on hold for close to an hour after the Bears game's conclusion until an abbreviated White Sox postgame show with Chuck Garfien and Ozzie Guillen finally wrapped. For all its "authentic fan" branding, it's business partners first.

Winner: Eddy Pineiro.

The Bears kicker nailed the 53-yard game-winning field goal as time ran out after earlier makes from 40 and 52 yards plus an extra-point conversion. It's Pineiro as in hero this week. The pitchforks and torches stay in the garage. For now.

Loser: Dick Stockton.

The veteran play-by-play man may not be at the top of his game, but he doesn't deserve to be criticized for things he does right. Some on Twitter claimed he said "Broncos win it" when they scored a two-point conversion to take a one-point lead with 31 seconds to go. What Stockton actually said was, "And the Broncos lead it."



Matt Nagy won, Vic Fangio lost, but neither can be feeling all that good right now. JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Loser: Quality control.

Defensive offside on what should have been a missed Broncos extra-point conversion, setting up a go-ahead two-point play for the Broncos. Twelve men in the huddle as the Bears were trying to drive at the end. The Bears can try to feel good about this, but this would be ugly and hard to shrug off even late in an early preseason game.

Winner: Rodeo fans.

Talk about Bronco busting. Fox analyst Mark Schlereth got a head start on his weekday Denver sports talk radio program riding Broncos tackle Garrett Bolles. It's not as though the criticism was undeserved. Bolles was flagged for holding four times. Four. If this had been nationally televised, referee Adrian Hill could have turned "Holding, No. 72" into a catchphrase.

Loser: Vic Fangio.

Sure, thanks to working as the Bears defensive coordinator last season, Fangio was wise to all of Matt Nagy's tricks. But presumably Nagy was on to Fangio as well. Didn't matter because both their teams were so sloppy.

Winner: Cowboy hats.

Had the Bears lost, the Joe Maddon-esque gimmick of players wearing cowboy hats for the trip out West would have been ripe for derisive "big hat, no cattle" jokes. But hold your horses, apparently they're off the hook.

Loser: ESPN+.

The subscription streaming service has revived ESPN's late and largely unmourned "NFL PrimeTime" (1987-2005) wrap-up show with Chris Berman and Tom Jackson behind its payroll. If ESPN+ wants to do a show for NFL fans, how about a traditional halftime show during "Monday Night Football" so they don't have to watch that insipid music-video thing ESPN now runs.

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	Saturday @FC Cin. 6:30 p.m. ESPN+	Sept. 29 Toronto FC 4 p.m. ESPN+

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	7:05 p.m. Reds at Cubs	WCIU-26, ESPN WSCR-AM 670
	9 p.m. Marlins at D'backs (in prog.)	MLB
BASKETBALL	5:30 p.m. WNBA: Sparks at Sun	ESPN2
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SOCCER	11:55 a.m. Inter Milan vs. Slavia Praha	TNT
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Biggs

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It was the longest field goal to win a game for the Bears on the final snap since Paul Edinger hit a 48-yarder to lift them to a 24-21 victory over the Raiders on Oct. 5, 2003, at Soldier Field. Edinger also hit a 54-yard field goal to beat the Lions 23-20 on Dec. 24, 2000, with just two seconds remaining at the Pontiac Silverdome. That kick knocked the Lions out of the playoffs. Pineiro's kick prevented the Bears from returning home 0-2, something that would have cast a black cloud over a season that began with such high hopes two weeks ago.

Can you imagine the added scrutiny if they lost the game on a missed kick?

Pineiro ought to be a slam dunk to be named the NFC special teams player of the week. He's 4-for-4 on field goals and made the only extra point he has attempted. This is how the Bears go from *thinking* they can believe in Pineiro, for whom they traded a conditional 2021 seventh-round pick to the Raiders, to actually believing in him. That's because before you see the guy do it in live action, you're operating on hope.

"I was just hitting some kicks into the net," Pineiro said. "Tabor was just telling me, 'Get an easy swing in,' this and that. I go, 'Coach, I got you. This one's for you.' Just went out there and hit my kick, you know?"

Why did Pineiro tell Tabor the kick was for him?

"For all the things he has been through, the coaching staff's been through," Pineiro said. "The whole kicking situation. It was pretty cool."

This air of Denver or not, Nagy's confidence will be up with Pineiro after he elected to keep quarterback Mitch Trubisky and the offense on the field and go for it on fourth-and-10 rather than have Pineiro attempt a 51-yard field goal in the opener against the Packers.

The Bears picked Pineiro as their guy after two preseason games (and one failed trade bid for Kaare Vedvik) and then didn't make any roster moves after kickers were cut elsewhere. But he didn't exactly start the season with a lot of street cred in the locker room or with the coaches. He has enough now that you can almost guarantee the Bears will reach the condition to ship that 2021 seventh-round pick off to the Raiders (the pick goes to Oakland if Pineiro is on the roster for just three more games). The price is worth it practically for winning Sunday's game alone.

One amazing finish in nearly a million homes

More than a quarter of the Chicago television market watched the Bears' 16-14 victory over the Broncos on Sunday. Dick Stockton's call with Mark Schlereth on FOX-32 averaged a 26.6 household rating, which translates to almost 865,000 Chicago-area TV homes.

Not surprisingly, viewership peaked as the game heated up late.

Nearly 992,000 Chicago-area homes were tuned in as the Broncos seized a one-point lead with 31 seconds left only to have the Bears, abetted by a specious roughing-the-passer penalty on the Broncos' Bradley Chubb, steal the victory on Eddy Pineiro's last-second 53-yard field goal.

The Bears' second game last season against the Seahawks averaged a 29.7 rating, but it was a "Monday Night Football" telecast in prime time.

— Phil Rosenthal

"It means everything," Pineiro said. "I've been working my butt off. All the stuff that I've been through, 'Augusta silence,' the kickers getting cut left and right, all the crazy things going on. It was a pretty cool moment."

To hear Pineiro tell it, all the noise surrounding the Bears' kicker situation — they were lampooned in Sports Illustrated — helped steel him for the moment.

"I think it's prepared me," he said. "Like I said, all the crap that I've been through, all the stuff and the whole kicking situation, what happened last year."

"I was talking to Pat (O'Donnell) on the sidelines going, 'Man, I hope I get this shot.'"

That might be what Patrick Mannelly likes most about the young kicker. The retired long snapper picked up a lot in 16 seasons and 245 games, noting the tendencies, nuances and idiosyncrasies of kickers along the sideline.

"I like that he said he was wanting a chance to kick the game-winner," Mannelly said. Sounds pretty standard, right?

"I have seen other kickers in that situation look scared on the sideline," he said.

Fear does not appear to be an issue with Pineiro. Two weeks into a 16-game season, the Bears and Tabor have made the right moves when it comes to their kicker.

This column was excerpted from Brad Biggs' "10 thoughts." Read the entire column at chicagotribune.com/bears

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BEARS



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Leonard Floyd, left, and Khalil Mack look befuddled after the Broncos took a late lead on a two-point conversion from the 1-yard line.

On conversion, refs were actually spot on

BY BRAD BIGGS

The Bears could have beaten the Broncos without Eddy Pineiro's final-play heroics if Buster Skrine had not been called offside on Brandon McManus' missed extra point.

Not only did Skrine's penalty give the Broncos another life, it allowed them to attempt a two-point conversion from the 1-yard line after enforcement of the penalty.

Skrine's penalty came after the Broncos were called for delay of game, which stopped them from attempting a two-point conversion from the 2-yard line and set up a 38-yard extra point for McManus that sailed right.

Many observers questioned why the Broncos were able to attempt the two-point conversion from the 1 instead of moving half the distance to the goal line from the 7 after enforcement of the delay-of-game penalty.

Referee Adrian Hill and his crew got the call and spot right on what turned out to be a successful conversion as quarterback Joe Flacco connected with wide receiver Emmanuel Sanders for a 14-13 lead with 31 seconds remaining.

"You have a delay-of-game penalty against the Broncos, so you enforce that penalty from either the 2 or the 15. So they elect to take it from the 15 and try the one-point try," Fox Sports rules analyst Dean Blandino, the NFL's former head of officiating, said during the broadcast. "Then you give a 5-yard penalty against the Bears. Well, guess what? You can take that from the 2-yard line half the distance to the 1. It's just an interesting way it turned out."

The NFL rulebook spells out the scenario but in a complicated manner. The bottom line is the rule states the Broncos are allowed to re-spot the ball with the penalty enforced from the original yard line (the 2 in this case) despite the previous penalty against the Broncos.

"TWO-POINT TRY ATTEMPT — A FOULS ON SUCCESSFUL TRY — B FOULS ON RE-TRY. On a 2-point Try from the B2, runner A3 scores, but tackle A8 is called for holding. Team A elects to have the 10-yard penalty enforced from the B15 and attempt a kick-try from the B25. Before the snap for the kick, B3 encroaches. Ruling: Re-Try B20 (kick), kickoff A35; re-Try B1 (run or pass), kickoff A35; re-Try B25 (kick), kickoff A40; or re-Try B2 (run or pass), kickoff A40. Team A always has the option to enforce a Team B foul from the previous spot or the other Try spot. The other Try spot does not change, regardless of any penalty enforced during previous Try attempts. Team A, after enforcement, can also choose where the ball is spotted between the hash marks."

Simplified, the Broncos had the option to have the penalty assessed from the previous spot (20-yard line to 15) or the other try spot (2-yard line to 1). The original penalty against the Broncos essentially falls off in this case, and they are allowed to attempt a conversion from the 1-yard line.

"It's a unique rule," Bears coach Matt Nagy said Monday. "I'll say that. It's unique. So I'm sure they'll look at it. I don't think it happens very often. Now that it happened, maybe they'll check it out and see."

"There's some advantage there to different types of rules. For instance, instead of delay of game or instead of an offside, there



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Eddy Pineiro's 53-yard winner saved a lot of Bears some grief Sunday.

Skrine after penalty: 'Thank God for Eddy, my guardian angel'

BY COLLEEN KANE

DENVER — Buster Skrine was prepared to go into the Bears' postgame locker room and say he lost Sunday's game against the Broncos.

The Broncos had just scored a touchdown to pull within 13-12 late in the fourth quarter. After a delay-of-game penalty set them back to the 7-yard line on their two-point conversion attempt, the Broncos opted to kick the extra point instead.

Brandon McManus' attempt went wide right, but Skrine was called for an offside penalty. The Broncos got another shot, and their two-point conversion was good for a 14-13 lead.

"The snapper hit a vet move," Skrine said. "They said 'set,' and he twisted the ball. I was trying to make a play, block that and win the game. Thank God for Eddy, my guardian angel."

Eddy Pineiro's 53-yard field goal as time expired gave the Bears a 16-14 victory and saved Skrine from having to take some blame for a loss.

And it rescued the Bears defense from lamenting how a strong effort petered out on the Broncos' final drive as they grew tired on a warm afternoon in higher altitude than they are used to playing in.

"You don't want that breakdown at the end," outside linebacker Khalil Mack



Skrine

said. "Altitude is a real thing. At the end of the day, I don't care how you get the W. It was a hard win. I'll take it."

Until the two-minute warning, the Bears had held the Broncos to a pair of McManus field goals going up against their former defensive coordinator Vic Fangio.

Mack and defensive lineman Nick Williams each sacked quarterback Joe Flacco, and cornerback Kyle Fuller recorded the Bears' first takeaway of the season. He stepped in front of Flacco's pass intended for Emmanuel Sanders at the Bears 3-yard line with 4:51 to play to thwart an earlier attempt at a tying touchdown drive.

But Flacco found Sanders for a 7-yard touchdown, an impressive catch in the back right corner of the end zone behind Fuller a few minutes later, and Fuller also failed to stop Flacco's pass to Sanders for the two-point conversion.

It was just the second touchdown the Bears have allowed over two games, but it left the offense and special teams units in the pick-me-up roles late Sunday.

"There are going to be times when the offense has our back, times when we are going to have the offense's back or times when special teams is going to need to have our back," cornerback Prince Amukamara said. "I feel like all three had a part in that today."

could be a personal foul, 15 yards that pushes you back. And now all of a sudden you're kicking a 48-yard extra point and, OK, now we jump offside and now it goes from the 30-yard line down to the 1. They'll get it right, though."

There was some gray area on Hill's roughing-the-passer call on Broncos outside linebacker Bradley Chubb in the final

minute, as well as the same call he made against Bears defensive tackle Eddie Goldman earlier in the fourth quarter.

Hill made judgment calls that the defenders landed on the quarterback with all or most of their body weight, and the call on Chubb greatly aided the Bears getting in range for Pineiro's winning 53-yard field goal.

WHAT WE LEARNED

Winning drive came up short on style points

BY COLLEEN KANE AND DAN WIEDERER

Bears coach Matt Nagy addressed the media Monday at Halas Hall after reviewing film of Sunday's 16-14 victory over the Broncos. Here are four things we learned.

1. Sunday's result put a fresh coat of paint over a final drive that had all sorts of blemishes.

Yes, Eddy Pineiro nailed a game-winning kick as time expired, a moment of triumph he was afforded after Mitch Trubisky drilled a 25-yard completion to Allen Robinson on the final offensive snap. But the sequence leading up to that finish provided additional evidence that the Bears offense has plenty of sloppiness to clean up.

Let's not forget the Bears were awarded 15 critical yards on a roughing-the-passer penalty against Bradley Chubb with 24 seconds to play, a questionable call that former NFL vice president of officiating Dean Blandino criticized Monday.

"I thought Chubb was coming off a block and he was still being contacted by the offensive tackle," Blandino said on an "NFL on Fox" Twitter broadcast. "And I don't know what else he could have done. Obviously, they're asking defensive players to take their hand or their arms off of the quarterback. Don't keep him wrapped up and stuff him into the ground."

"It looked, to me, more just like the follow-through from a conventional tackle. I did not see that as a foul."

And let's not forget what happened after that penalty either. On first down, Trubisky's deep shot to Robinson up the right sideline never had a chance, landing 6 yards out of bounds. Trubisky threw behind Robinson on another incompletion on second down, with cornerback Kareem Jackson knocking the pass down. That, Matt Nagy explained Monday, was a result of Robinson making an uncharacteristic mistake on his route and not flattening out when he should have.

Then on third down, Trubisky's pass was again off the mark, and Tarik Cohen bobbled and dropped it. And on fourth down, just before the Trubisky-to-Robinson strike, the Bears were flagged for having 12 men in the huddle, a head-scratching communication blunder among players that Nagy acknowledged was inexcusable in that situation.

"We're much better than for that to happen," Nagy said. "We were in a very basic personnel grouping, and that's just a matter of communication of saying one guy's in and one guy's out. That's about as basic and easy as it gets."

"And our guys need to understand that's as important a mistake as there can be in a game. That's a 5-yard penalty. That means a lot in that situation. We can't have that."

Somehow, the Bears escaped all of those breakdowns and left Denver with a much-needed win and a 1-1 record. Still, the need for more efficiency, focus and production cannot go overlooked.

2. Trey Burton still is getting into game shape.

Tight end Trey Burton was active for his first game this season after missing the Week 1 loss to the Packers with a mild groin strain.

Burton played 26 snaps, was targeted three times and had two catches for 5 yards. His biggest play opened the winning drive, when he gained 5 yards on a catch as quarterback Mitch Trubisky was being taken down by Broncos outside linebacker Bradley Chubb.

Matt Nagy said Burton "did as best as he could" and emerged from the game "pretty good" in terms of his health.

But Nagy said Burton still is getting into game shape after missing time in training camp. Burton first worked back from offseason sports hernia surgery and then sat out after the latest groin strain.

"He's been out of it so long," Nagy said. "If you expect him to go into Denver and play 60 to 70 plays, that's not happening. We knew we'd have a plan for him if he did play, how many reps we'd get him, and that's kind of what we followed."

3. Matt Nagy doesn't think Bilal Nichols will need to go on injured reserve.

Defensive lineman Bilal Nichols, a 2018 fifth-round draft pick, suffered a wrist injury in Sunday's victory after playing 11 snaps and wore a cast after the game. Matt Nagy said the Bears will know more about his injury in the next couple of days, and it's logical to believe he could miss extended time.

Nichols had 28 tackles and three sacks last season as a rookie and has two tackles in two starts this year.

4. Eddy Pineiro has been embraced throughout the Bears locker room.

Matt Nagy explained Monday that kicker Eddy Pineiro is a likable youngster with an infectious personality.

"We all know (it's great) when you have somebody who's just a good person," Nagy said. "They smile all the time. They say 'thank you' and 'please' all the time. They're very gracious, they're very humble. That's who he is as a person."



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WHITE SOX

TWINS 5, WHITE SOX 3

After first slam, Jimenez named AL Player of Week

By LAMOND POPE

MINNEAPOLIS — Eloy Jimenez set the tone with his first swing last week.

The White Sox rookie slugger hit a 1-1 sinker from Royals starter Jakob Junis over the right-field wall in the first inning on Sept. 10 for a grand slam.

It was the first slam of his career, and on Monday he received his first league honor: American League Player of the Week.

“It means a lot,” Jimenez said of the recognition before Monday’s game against the Twins at Target Field. “Finally, I get my timing back and I feel good.”

The left fielder went 10-for-23 (.435) with a double, three home runs, 11 RBIs, three walks, six runs and a 1.370 OPS in six games.

“He’s putting the ball out of the ballpark, driving in quite a few runs, having some really good at-bats (and) you can see him using all parts of the field,” Sox manager Rick Renteria said. “He’s seeing the ball well. I know it’s cliché, but he’s literally seeing the ball very well, getting good pitches to handle and he’s actually been doing it in big moments for us as well.”

It’s the fourth time a Sox player has received league recognition this season. Tim Anderson was named the AL Player of the Month for March/April, and Lucas Giolito was named AL Pitcher of the Month for May and AL Player of the Week for May 27-June 2.

Jimenez, 22, said his favorite moment of last week was “every at-bat,” especially the grand slam, which he said was “amazing.” He had two hits, including a three-run homer, and four RBIs the next night against the Royals. He became the youngest Sox player with consecutive four-RBI games and the first Sox player overall to accomplish the feat since Alexei Ramirez on Aug. 17-18, 2008. He had three multihit games during the week.

“You can see when I’m healthy and playing every single day,” Jimenez said. “For me, the biggest thing is being healthy for next year. It’s going to be fun because I’m going to work hard. I hope God gives me the opportunity to play every single day.”

Jimenez has a .259/.309/.489 slash line with 15 doubles, 27 home runs, 69 RBIs, 60 runs and a .799 OPS in 112 games. He suffered a high right ankle sprain April 26 and returned May 20. He was on the injured list July 17-27 with a bruised ulnar nerve in his right arm.



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Eloy Jimenez follows through on his grand slam against the Royals on Sept. 10.

WHITE SOX RECAP

Reynaldo Lopez allowed five runs on nine hits in 5 1/3 innings Monday as the White Sox lost to the Twins 5-3 in Minneapolis. He wasn’t helped by the defense, which made two errors. The Sox have lost three straight and 15 of 20. After the game the Sox announced that ace Lucas Giolito has a mild lat strain. Because it’s typically a three- to four-week recovery, Giolito’s season is over. He finishes 14-9 with a 3.41 ERA and 228 strikeouts in 176 2/3 innings. For more coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

“When I came back to play (in late July), it was a little bit tough because I faced really good pitchers like (Noah) Syndergaard, (Jacob) deGrom, (Zack) Wheeler” of the Mets, Jimenez said. “I have confidence at the plate and now I’m back and I feel really good.”

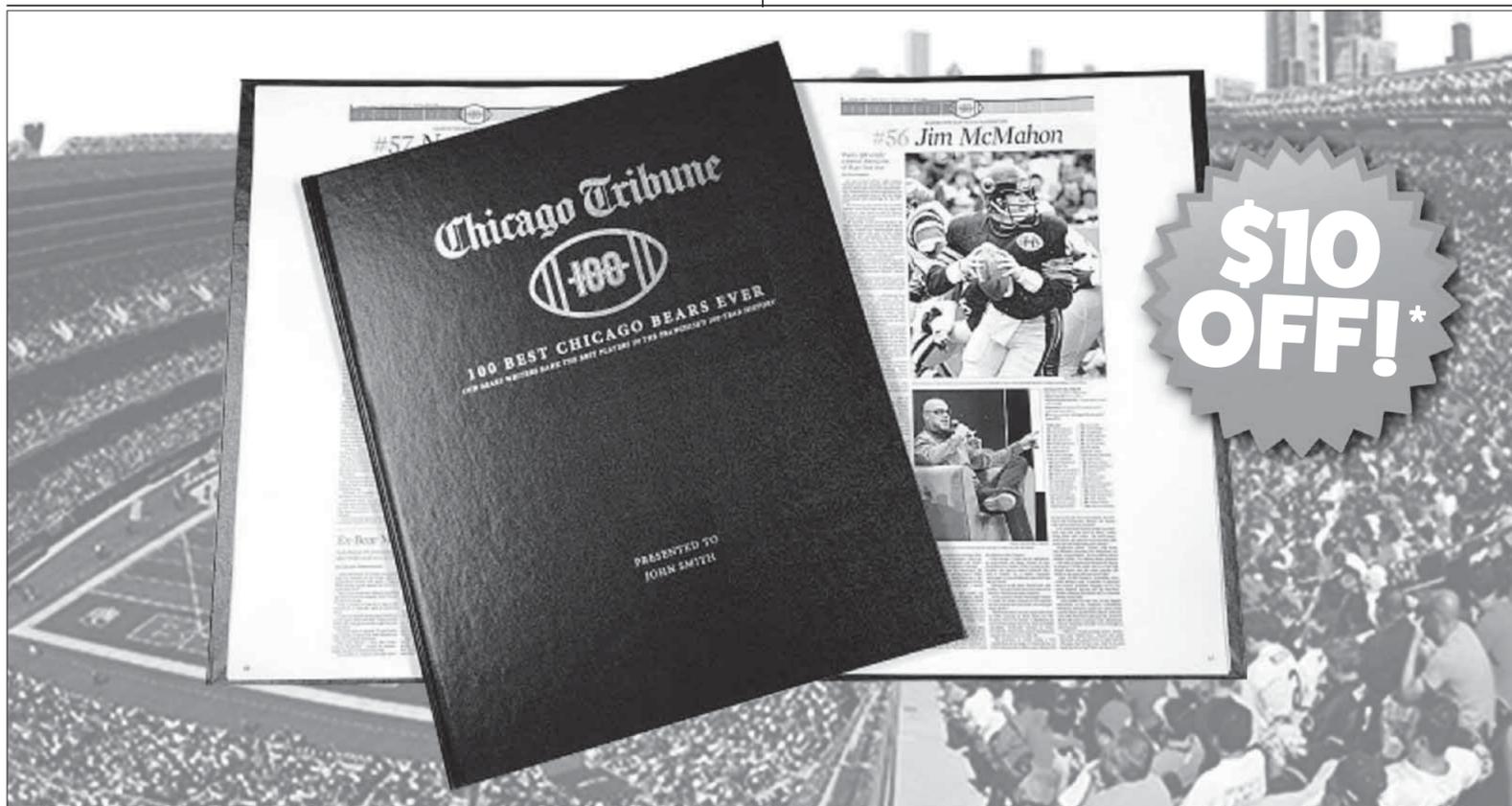
Jimenez ranks among AL rookie leaders in home runs (first), total bases (first, 208), RBIs (second), runs (second), extra-base hits (second, 43) and hits (tied for second, 110). His 27 homers are tied for the third-most by a Sox rookie.

“He’s both impacting us on a daily basis in terms of being able to put us ahead or tack on runs, whatever the case might be, you see him growing and kind of feeling it a little bit,” Renteria said. “I think he’s pretty happy right now where he’s at.”

Jimenez has been on a tear in September. Entering Monday, he was hitting .333 (19-for-57) with five doubles, five home runs, 15 RBIs and a 1.071 OPS this month.

Jimenez said one of the lessons he has learned this season is to “be patient.”

“It’s the biggest part for me,” he said. “Be patient at the plate and just keep working hard.”



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CUBS

Epstein on Maddon: 'Joe's done a great job'

BY MARK GONZALES

There are many factors that will dictate the Cubs' future and whether Joe Maddon will return as manager in 2020.

But in the wake of injuries to several key players and the stagnation of others, President Theo Epstein on Monday credited Maddon for his calm approach.

"Joe's done a great job as always," Epstein said. "Since he's been here, he's been a terrific partner. There have been a lot of moving parts thrown at him this year. It's not the type of thing that normally bothers him."

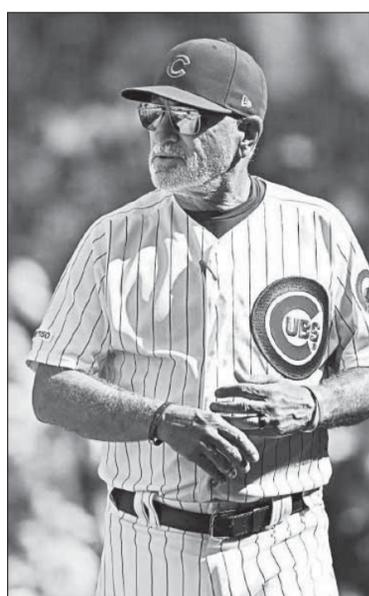
The latest challenge for Maddon is the loss of slugger Anthony Rizzo to a Grade 2 sprain of his right ankle.

As recently as Thursday morning, Maddon emphasized the importance of staying in the moment and not delivering a fiery speech. Since his comments, the Cubs had

won four straight games entering Monday. "(Maddon) takes such an even-keeled approach to managing the club. So he's not rattled by that. He looks for solutions and collaborates. You couldn't tell if he has a totally healthy roster or is leading the league in injuries. He's unflappable that way."

Maddon has remained calm despite losing closer Craig Kimbrel to right elbow tendinitis since Sept. 2. Kimbrel, who was eligible to return from the injured list last week, will throw a simulated game Tuesday with the possibility he could be activated in time for the Cardinals series starting Thursday night.

Shortstop Addison Russell took a step toward returning by hitting off a tee Monday. Russell remains in the concussion protocol after getting beamed by a pitch Sept. 8 against the Brewers and is eligible to be activated Thursday.



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Theo Epstein praised Joe Maddon, above, for keeping the Cubs afloat.



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CUBS 8, REDS 2

Eight runs is plenty

The Cubs picked up the slack Monday night for the injured Anthony Rizzo and the ineffective Cole Hamels. Kyle Schwarber, above, hit a three-run home run, his 37th bomb of the season, in the first inning and made a diving catch in left field to save a run in the fourth in the Cubs' 8-2 victory against the Reds at Wrigley Field. The Cubs won their fifth straight game to remain two games behind the first-place Cardinals in the National League Central. They also moved within a half-game of the Nationals for the top wild-card spot. Relievers Steve Cishek, Alec Mills, Rowan Wick, Kyle Ryan and David Phelps held the Reds scoreless over the final 5²/₃ innings. Nicholas Castellanos hit a two-run double, his 55th, to cap a three-run eighth. For more coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

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"I've seen Curt Schilling in the doctor's office trying to figure out how to staple his ankle ligament back to the bone so he can pitch" in the 2004 American League Championship Series, Epstein said. "I've learned never to rule anything out."

But the Cubs are proceeding as if Rizzo won't return soon. And it will take several players to try to make up for the loss of Rizzo, who is batting .289 with 26 home runs and 93 RBIs.

"You're not going to make that up with one player," said Ben Zobrist, who returned to the leadoff spot Monday night. "Everyone steps up into that situation and tries to do what we're capable of doing. That's how we try to fill the hole and do the best we can to put a lot of runs on the board and play solid defense, which is what he brings. It's a tough blow, but he's going to be right there with us, cheering us on."

Still, Maddon faces a balancing act. For instance, before Rizzo's injury, Zobrist, 38, often would be pulled after three at-bats to ensure his strength.

"It's going to be very fluid with him daily," said Maddon, adding that he ruled out Zobrist as a candidate to play first base.

Switch hitter Victor Caratini, who has hit safely in six of his last seven games, made his sixth start at first base Monday night. But Caratini will move behind the plate Tuesday night to catch Yu Darvish for

'Bachelor' bumps Tuesday's Cubs game to CW-26

For Cubs fans, the season finale of ABC's "Bachelor in Paradise" means paradise lost.

Or at least displaced.

The Cubs-Reds game originally scheduled for 7:05 p.m. Tuesday on ABC-7 is getting bumped to the newly rebranded CW-26, a move bound to confuse even some diligent viewers who try to stay abreast of which TV outlet is carrying the Cubs on a given day.

While the Cubs' TV partners divvy up the games well in advance of ABC deciding what it will schedule and when, it appears ABC-7 bosses were caught off guard by the decision in recent days to put the "Bachelor" season-ender in the 7 p.m.

Tuesday slot. That necessitated moving baseball to what might be better known as WCIU-Ch. 26.

WCIU once was a familiar secondary outlet for displaced WGN games when that station had a programming conflict with its many sports events, but it's no longer on Cubs fans' radar for games.

Confusion over which Cubs TV outlet is carrying any particular game is one of the selling points the team and partner Sinclair Broadcast Group are using to advance Marquee Sports Network, the dedicated channel they're set to introduce in February.

— Phil Rosenthal

the 18th time this season.

That leaves switch hitter Ian Happ and backup catcher Jonathan Lucroy as possibilities. Willson Contreras hasn't started a game at first since Aug. 9, 2017, and Maddon said he wasn't sure if he would use him there after Contreras missed a month with a strained right hamstring.

Maddon already ruled out moving Kris Bryant to first base because he believes Bryant has provided exceptional defense at third.

"I really believe our guys will rally around this moment," Maddon said. "It's going to be one of those daily calls."

Rizzo spoke expansively about his injury and his hopes of returning.

"Every year is not going to be 2016," said Rizzo, referring to the Cubs' World Series title season. "You have ups and downs. You miss guys, key guys. Everyone in this locker room is capable of carrying a heavy load."

"I have full faith in all the guys."

Rizzo said he initially blacked out after rolling his ankle Sunday. He said his ankle was still throbbing as he spoke to reporters while his leg rested on a scooter Monday.

"These weeks in September and October are why you play baseball," Rizzo said. "It's the funnest time of year. It's pressure-packed, action-packed. So to miss anytime right now sucks. But it could be worse. And I'm grateful it's not worse."

Sullivan

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1. Who's the man?

Rizzo's absence hurts the lineup in multiple ways, especially because he's a left-handed power bat and is hitting .318 with a .438 on-base percentage and .949 OPS in the second half.

The Cubs will have to turn to a Rizzo-by-committee, asking Kris Bryant, Nicholas Castellanos, Willson Contreras and Kyle Schwarber to lift the offense onto their collective shoulders.

So far, so good. Castellanos has been the team's catalyst since he arrived from the Tigers at the trade deadline, and all four came through against the Pirates. Of course, it was the Pirates, so that deserves an asterisk.

The degree of difficulty increases this week with the Reds, who have some real pitchers on their roster, before the Cardinals arrive and throw Jack Flaherty, Michael Wacha, Dakota Hudson and Miles Mikolas against the Cubs in a crucial four-game showdown.

Bryant is hitting .378 in September with a 1.289 OPS and will be the designated straw that stirs the drink down the stretch. He said Saturday he has had "more bad days than good," but manager Joe Maddon thinks he's being too hard on himself.

"I appreciate that, the fact that he's self-critical in a sense," Maddon said. "But he's also got to give himself a break. Cut yourself some slack, brother. I'll tell you, there are 29 other teams that would like to have him."

Hoerner also could be a Rizzo clone, though the Cubs don't want to put that much pressure on the youngster. Not that he couldn't handle it.

2. Who's the leadoff man?

This is a trickier question.

Rizzo, the self-described G.L.O.A.T. (Greatest Leadoff Of All Time), has a slash line of .421/.560/.737 this year in his brief time in the leadoff spot, which has been a sore spot for the Cubs all season.

The Cubs are last in the majors by a long shot with a .208 average and .289 OBP in the top spot. Even when a hot hitter gets a chance at the top, like Jason Heyward did in August, he seems to wither during his opportunity.

"This one is on me," Cubs President Theo Epstein said. "You look up at the end of the year and you have a sub-.300 on-base from the leadoff spot, and you're shooting yourself in the foot ... We've tried guys and they've struggled in that spot."

Ben Zobrist is the likeliest choice against right-handed pitching. The Cubs face three right-handers in the Reds series, starting Monday night with Kevin Gausman, with Zobrist in the top spot.

Zobrist is hitting .367 in 10 games since returning from his four-month absence with a .441 OBP that apparently has rubbed off on the rest of the team.

The Cubs are second in the majors in September with a .364 OBP and second with 98 runs after their three-game shellacking of the Pirates.

Zobrist hit his first home run of 2019 on Saturday.

"I had a couple in my rehab stint," he said. "I'm not thinking of any of that, just trying to put good at-bats together and help the club win."

Asked if he was back in the swing of things, Zobrist laughed.

"That's a tough question," he said.

"I don't necessarily feel that good at the plate. But it's not about that. It's about finding ways to move the ball where I need to at times, and I've done that a few times."

"That's the good thing. You don't always have to feel good to do something for the team. I try to preach that to the young players."

3. What are the postseason pitching plans?

As the Cubs move closer to the Cardinals in the National League Central and to the Nationals for the first wild-card spot, they have to plan for either a do-or-die wild-card game Oct. 1 or a best-of-five division series, probably against the Braves.

The wild-card game starter appears to be a no-brainer.

Yu Darvish is eighth in the majors since the All-Star break with a 2.44 ERA and third with an 0.78 WHIP. He has 93 strikeouts and only six walks in his 11 second-half starts. Cubs fans are now saying something they never thought they would say: "We believe in Yu."

If the Cubs win the NL Central, Darvish and Kyle Hendricks (2.94 ERA and 1.04 WHIP in the second half) are the likely Games 1 and 2 starters, and then it gets a bit murky. Jon Lester's 5.83 ERA since the break is fifth-worst among starters with 60 or more innings, while Jose Quintana is at 4.67.

And Cole Hamels, Monday hasn't been the same since his return from an oblique injury, posting a 7.58 ERA in his last seven starts, serving up eight home runs in only 29²/₃ innings and having control issues as well.

One of the three veterans probably won't start if the Cubs get to the NLDS, and at this point Hamels is the likely odd man out, despite his extensive postseason experience.

And as hot as Darvish is, would you bring him back for a potential Game 4 on short rest if needed, then bring back Hendricks if there's a Game 5, skipping two starters instead of one?

Maddon, Epstein and pitching coach Tommy Hottovy will face some tough decisions if the Cubs get that far. At this point, they just need to get there and take their chances.

BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	98	53	.649	—	—	6-4	L-1	53-22	45-31
Tampa Bay	89	62	.589	9	—	7-3	L-1	43-32	46-30
Boston	79	70	.530	18	9	4-6	W-3	36-39	43-31
Toronto	59	91	.393	38½	29½	4-6	W-1	31-44	28-47
Baltimore	49	101	.327	48½	39½	3-7	L-1	23-52	26-49
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	92	58	.613	—	—	5-5	W-1	42-33	50-25
Cleveland	87	63	.580	5	1½	6-4	W-1	44-31	43-32
Chicago	65	85	.433	27	23½	3-7	L-3	35-39	30-46
Kansas City	56	95	.371	36½	33	5-5	W-1	29-47	27-48
Detroit	45	104	.302	46½	43	4-6	W-1	21-54	24-50
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	98	53	.649	—	—	7-3	W-3	56-20	42-33
Oakland	90	61	.596	8	—	8-2	L-1	48-28	42-33
Texas	74	77	.490	24	15	6-4	L-3	42-33	32-44
Los Angeles	68	82	.453	29½	20½	3-7	W-1	36-39	32-43
Seattle	62	88	.413	35½	26½	4-6	W-2	33-42	29-46

Late games noted below

TUESDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE	2019	2019 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
Phi Velasquez (R)	6-7 4.95 11-9	0-1 2.2 13.50	1-0 12.1 5.11
Atl Keuchel (L)	6:20p 6-7 5.89 10-6	1-1 13.0 2.08	3-0 18.0 1.50
SD Paddack (R)	9-7 3.38 11-11	0-0 0.0 0.00	2-0 18.1 0.49
Mil Woodruff (R)	6:40p 11-3 3.75 16-4	0-1 6.0 6.00	1-1 15.2 3.45
Was Corbin (L)	12-7 3.20 18-12	0-1 5.0 10.80	2-1 17.0 3.71
STL Mikolas (R)	6:45p 9-13 4.28 16-14	1-0 6.0 1.50	1-0 16.0 3.94
Cin Gray (R)	10-7 2.80 18-11	2-1 23.1 2.70	0-1 19.0 1.89
Chi Darvish (R)	7:05p 6-6 3.97 13-16	1-1 24.1 4.44	2-0 19.0 0.47
NY Stroman (R)	8-13 3.37 13-16	0-1 7.0 3.86	1-1 16.1 3.86
Col Melville (R)	7:40p 2-2 5.16 3-2	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-2 10.2 10.13
Mia Smith (L)	8-10 4.13 11-14	1-0 7.0 5.14	0-2 17.0 4.76
Ari Young (L)	8:40p 7-4 3.38 7-6	1-0 6.0 3.00	1-1 15.0 1.80
AMERICAN LEAGUE	2019	2019 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
LA Suarez (L)	2-6 6.94 4-10	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-2 12.2 9.24
NY Severino (R)	5:35p 0-0 0.00 0-0	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-0 0.0 0.00
Tor Thornton (R)	5-9 5.04 9-19	2-1 17.0 2.12	0-1 13.2 4.61
Bal TBD	6:05p — — — —	— — — —	— — — —
Cle TBD	— — — —	— — — —	— — — —
Det Plutko (R)	6:10p 6-4 4.42 12-5	2-0 17.0 4.24	0-1 14.2 4.91
Chi Giolitto (R)	14-9 3.41 16-13	2-2 25.0 3.24	0-2 19.0 5.21
Min Perez (L)	6:40p 10-7 4.83 15-11	0-1 6.0 4.50	1-2 13.2 8.56
Tex Lynn (R)	14-10 3.72 15-15	1-2 21.0 3.00	0-1 18.0 2.50
Hou Verlander (R)	7:10p 18-6 2.62 21-10	4-0 30.0 2.70	2-1 22.0 1.64
KC Lopez (R)	4-7 6.09 5-10	0-0 1.2 27.00	2-0 16.0 3.38
Oak Anderson (L)	9:07p 12-9 4.07 18-11	0-0 0.0 0.00	2-0 16.0 3.94
INTERLEAGUE	2019	2019 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
Sea Gonzales (L)	15-11 4.30 16-15	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-1 18.0 5.50
Pit Keller (R)	6:05p 1-4 8.29 2-7	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-2 10.2 10.97
SF Webb (R)	1-2 6.75 2-3	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-2 13.0 8.31
Bos Eovaldi (R)	6:10p 1-0 5.81 6-3	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-0 13.1 3.38
TB Snell (L)	6-7 4.28 11-9	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 16.0 1.13
LAD Stripling (R)	9:10p 4-4 3.40 8-6	0-0 1.0 0.00	0-1 11.0 2.45

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

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 Minnesota 5, Chi. White Sox 3
 Kansas City 6, Oakland 5

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Kansas City at Oakland, 2:37 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees, 5:35 p.m.
 Seattle at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m.
 Toronto at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.
 Detroit at Cleveland, 6:10 p.m.
 San Francisco at Boston, 6:10 p.m.
 Chi. White Sox at Minnesota, 6:40 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at L.A. Dodgers, 7:10 p.m.
 Texas at Houston, 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

MONDAY'S RESULTS
 San Diego 5, Milwaukee 1
 St. Louis 4, Washington 2
 Chi. Cubs 8, Cincinnati 2
 Colorado @ N.Y. Mets 4
 Arizona 7, Miami 5

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Washington at St. Louis, 12:15 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets at Colorado, 2:10 p.m.
 Miami at Arizona, 2:40 p.m.
 Seattle at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m.
 San Francisco at Boston, 6:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Atlanta, 6:20 p.m.
 San Diego at Milwaukee, 6:40 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Chi. Cubs, 7:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at L.A. Dodgers, 7:10 p.m.

Oct. 1-2: Wild-card games.
 Oct. 3: Division Series start.

BOX SCORES

DETROIT 5, BALTIMORE 2

BALTIMORE	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Alberto 3b-2b	4	0	1	0	0	.316
Mancini 1b	5	1	2	1	2	.279
Santander rf	4	0	1	0	0	.271
Nunez dh	3	0	0	0	2	.248
Villar 2b-ss	4	1	1	0	1	.276
Myers cf-1b	2	0	0	0	1	.196
D-DeStewart ph	1	0	0	0	0	.232
Severino c	3	0	0	0	1	.259
c-Smith Jr. ph	1	0	0	0	1	.238
Wilkerson lf	2	0	0	0	1	.198
Martin ss	2	0	1	0	1	.239
a-Ruiz ph-3b	2	0	1	0	1	.198
TOTALS	36	2	9	2	9	

MILWAUKEE 5, SAN DIEGO 1

SAN DIEGO	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Garcia 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.240
e-France ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	.226
Martini lf	4	0	0	0	0	.298
Machado 3b	3	1	0	0	2	.255
Hosmer 1b	4	0	1	1	1	.277
Myers cf-1b	3	0	0	0	3	.244
Naylor rf	2	0	1	0	0	.256
Urias ss	3	0	0	0	2	.219
Hedges c	3	0	0	0	1	.183
Richards p	3	0	0	0	3	.218
a-Jankowski ph	1	0	0	0	0	.167
c-Allen ph	0	0	0	0	0	.219
d-Margot ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	.242
TOTALS	29	1	2	1	11	

MINNESOTA 5, CHICAGO WHITE SOX 3

CHICAGO	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Garcia cf-rf	4	1	1	0	0	.276
Moncada 3b	4	0	2	0	0	.310
Abreu dh	3	0	0	1	1	.282
Jimenez lf	4	1	1	2	2	.259
McCann c	4	1	1	2	2	.273
Goins rf	3	0	2	1	0	.257
a-Castillo ph	1	0	0	0	0	.203
Mendick ss	4	0	0	0	2	.280
Sanchez 2b	2	0	0	0	1	.246
Goins rf	3	0	2	1	0	.257
Engel pr-cf	0	0	0	0	0	.230
TOTALS	31	3	6	3	10	

KANSAS CITY 6, OAKLAND 5

KANSAS CITY	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Merrifield 2b	5	3	2	0	1	.307
Mondesi ss	5	0	3	2	1	.270
Soler dh	5	2	2	1	1	.258
Dozier 3b	5	0	1	0	1	.286
Gordon lf	3	0	1	2	1	.264
Starling rf	3	0	1	0	1	.213
O'Hearn 1b	2	0	0	0	2	.186
a-McBroom ph-1b	2	0	0	0	2	.250
Vitoria c	4	0	0	0	3	.216
Phillips cf	3	1	1	2	1	.173
TOTALS	37	6	11	6	15	

AL LEADERS

BATTING	G	AB	R	H	BA
Anderson, CHI	113	458	74	152	.322
LeMahieu, NY	135	564	103	182	.328
Brantley, HOU	140	545	96	175	.321
Alberto, BAL	129	484	58	153	.316
Devers, BOS	144	589	118	183	.311
Moncada, CHI	121	468	75	145	.310
Merrifield, KC	151	631	100	195	.306
Gurriel, HOU	135	532	80	161	.303
Marquez, BOS	143	567	104	172	.303
Altuve, HOU	114	460	86	139	.302
Martinez, BOS	137	539	93	163	.302

DETROIT 5, BALTIMORE 2

BALTIMORE	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Reyes cf	4	1	2	2	0	.303
Mercer 2b	3	2	1	2	0	.281
Cabrera dh	4	0	0	0	1	.285
Candelario 1b	2	0	0	0	1	.196
Dixon lf	4	0	1	0	1	.247
Lugo 3b	3	1	1	1	2	.237
Demeritte rf	4	1	1	0	0	.234
Reyes cf	2	0	1	0	1	.218
W.Castro ss	3	0	1	0	1	.229
TOTALS	29	5	7	5	5	

MILWAUKEE 5, SAN DIEGO 1

SAN DIEGO	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Grisham rf-1b	4	0	0	0	2	.252
Grandal c	4	0	0	0	1	.252
Moustakas 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.261
Braun lf	4	2	2	0	1	.278
Taylor rf	0	0	0	0	0	.333
Thames 1b	4	1	2	0	0	.253
Wade Jr cf	4	0	1	1	1	.215
Spangenberg 2b	3	0	2	3	0	.271
Arcia ss	3	0	1	1	1	.216
Davies p	1	0	0	0	1	.143
b-Shaw ph	1	0	0	0	1	.155
Peralta p	1	0	0	0	0	.133
TOTALS	32	5	8	5	10	

MINNESOTA 5, CHICAGO WHITE SOX 3

MINNESOTA	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Arraez 2b	4	0	3	2	0	.350
Polanco ss	3	1	1	1	0	.302
Cruz dh	4	0	1	1	1	.298
Rosario lf	4	0	0	2	2	.273
Garver c	3	0	2	1	0	.279
Cave rf	4	0	0	0	1	.251
Sano 3b	3	1	1	0	0	

SCOREBOARD

NFL												
AFC												
EAST												
W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV		
New England	2	0	0	1.000	76	3	1-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	
Buffalo	2	0	0	1.000	45	30	0-0-0	2-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	
N.Y. Jets	0	2	0	.000	19	40	0-2-0	0-0-0	0-2-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	
Miami	0	2	0	.000	10	2	0-2-0	0-0-0	0-2-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	
SOUTH												
W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV		
Houston	1	1	0	.500	41	42	1-0-0	0-1-0	1-0-0	0-1-0	1-0-0	
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	43	47	0-0-0	1-1-0	1-1-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	60	32	0-1-0	1-0-0	1-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	38	53	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-2-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	
NORTH												
W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV		
Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000	82	27	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	36	46	0-1-0	1-0-0	1-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Cincinnati	0	2	0	.000	37	62	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-2-0	0-0-0	
Pittsburgh	0	2	0	.000	29	61	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	
WEST												
W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV		
Kansas City	2	0	0	1.000	68	36	0-0-0	2-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	34	44	1-1-0	0-0-0	1-1-0	0-0-0	1-1-0	
L.A. Chargers	1	1	0	.500	40	37	1-0-0	0-1-0	1-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	
Denver	0	2	0	.000	30	40	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	
NFC												
EAST												
W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	NFC	AFC	DIV		
Dallas	2	0	0	1.000	66	38	1-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	52	51	1-0-0	0-1-0	1-1-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	
N.Y. Giants	0	2	0	.000	31	63	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	
Washington	0	2	0	.000	48	63	0-1-0	0-1-0	0-2-0	0-0-0	0-2-0	
SOUTH												
W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	NFC	AFC	DIV		
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	.500	37	45	0-1-0	1-0-0	1-1-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500	36	48	1-0-0	0-1-0	1-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
New Orleans	1	1	0	.500	39	55	0-1-0	0-1-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Carolina	0	2	0	.000	41	50	0-2-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	
NORTH												
W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	NFC	AFC	DIV		
Green Bay	2	0	0	1.000	31	19	1-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	
Detroit	1	0	1	.750	40	37	1-0-0	0-0-1	0-0-1	1-0-0	0-0-0	
Minnesota	1	1	0	.500	44	33	1-0-0	0-1-0	1-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	19	24	0-1-0	1-0-0	0-1-0	1-0-0	0-1-0	
WEST												
W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	NFC	AFC	DIV		
San Francisco	2	0	0	1.000	72	34	0-0-0	2-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	
L.A. Rams	2	0	0	1.000	57	36	1-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Seattle	2	0	0	1.000	49	46	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	
Arizona	0	1	1	.250	44	50	0-0-1	0-1-0	0-0-1	0-1-0	0-0-0	

MONDAY'S RESULT

Cleveland 23, N.Y. Jets 3

THURSDAY'S GAME

Tennessee at Jacksonville, 7:20 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Miami at Dallas, noon
 Oakland at Minnesota, noon
 Cincinnati at Buffalo, noon
 Baltimore at Kansas City, noon
 Atlanta at Indianapolis, noon
 Detroit at Philadelphia, noon
 Denver at Green Bay, noon
 N.Y. Jets at New England, noon
 N.Y. Giants at Tampa Bay, 3:05 p.m.
 Carolina at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
 Houston at L.A. Chargers, 3:25 p.m.
 New Orleans at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m.
 L.A. Rams at Cleveland, 7:20 p.m.
MONDAY, SEPT. 23
 Chicago at Washington, 7:15 p.m.

ODDS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE			TUESDAY		
at NY Yankees	-285	LA Angels	+255	at Baltimore	Off
at Toronto	Off	at Cleveland	Off	at Detroit	Off
at Minnesota	-135	Chi White Sox	+125	at Houston	-288
at Texas	+258	at Oakland	-272	Kansas City	+242
NATIONAL LEAGUE			TUESDAY		
at Atlanta	-180	Philadelphia	+165	at Milwaukee	-116
at San Diego	+106	Washington	-114	at St. Louis	+104
at Chi Cubs	-145	Cincinnati	+135	NY Mets	-151
at Colorado	+141	at Arizona	-167	Miami	+157
INTERLEAGUE			TUESDAY		
at Pittsburgh	-118	Seattle	+108	at Boston	-190
at San Fran.	+175	at LA Dodgers	-130	Tampa Bay	+120

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

SP		O/U		THURSDAY	
at Tulane	5	60½	Houston		
FRIDAY		FRIDAY		FRIDAY	
Utah	4½	54	at USC		
at La Tech	9	51½	Fia Int'l		
at Boise St	8	55	at Force		
SATURDAY		SATURDAY		SATURDAY	
at Iowa St	19	57	La-Monroe		
at Ohio State	40	60½	Miami Ohio		
at Clemson	41	62	Charlotte		
at Indiana	27	59½	UConn		
UCF	13½	58	at Pittsburgh		
Nebraska	13½	64	at Illinois		
Temple	14	54½	at Buffalo		
at Miami	30½	51½	C. Mich.		
at Virginia	31	51½	Old Dominion		
Coast. Carol.	17½	62½	at UMass		
Michigan St	8½	38½	at N'wstrm		
Troy	17	55	at Akron		
Boston Coll.	7½	52½	at Rutgers		
at Syracuse	6½	66	W. Mich.		
at NC State	19	57½	Ball State		
at Wisconsin	3	45½	Michigan		
Toledo	9½	67	at Colo. St.		
Washington	5½	49	at BYU		
at Arizona St	7½	51½	Colorado		
at Mississippi	2	44½	California		
at Florida	14	48½	Tennessee		
at Texas St	3	63½	Georgia St		
at Alabama	39	60	So. Miss		
at Miss. St	7	48½	Kentucky		
LSU	23½	58	at Vanderbilt		
at N. Carolina	3	58	Appal. St		
at Texas A&M	4	49	Auburn		
at Tulsa	3½	47	Wyoming		
at Missouri	9½	64	S. Carolina		
W. Virginia	4½	54½	at Kansas		
at Texas	5	73	Okla. St		
at Kent State	9½	59	Bowl. Green		
at TCU	9½	57½	SMU		
at Arkansas	21	57½	San Jose St		
at UAB	10	50	S. Alabama		
Oregon	10½	59½	at Stanford		
Baylor	26	59	at Rice		
at Georgia	14	56	Notre Dame		
at Florida St	6½	60	Louisville		
Nevada	14	57½	at UTEP		
at Wash. St	19½	59	UCLA		
Utah St	4½	50½	at S. Diego St.		

NFL

WEEK 3		THURSDAY	
Tennessee	1½	40	at Jacksonville
SUNDAY		SUNDAY	
at Green Bay	8	43½	Denver
at Phila.	6½	48	Detroit
at Kansas City	6½	55	Baltimore
at Buffalo	6	43½	Cincinnati
at Indpls	2½	47½	Atlanta
at Minnesota	8	42½	Oakland
at New Eng.	18	47	NY Jets
at Dallas	21	47½	Miami
at Tampa Bay	6½	48	NY Giants
Carolina	2½	46½	at Arizona
at Seattle	5½	45	New Ori.
at LA Chargers	3	48	Houston
at San Fran.	7½	44	Pittsburgh
LA Rams	3	51	at Cleveland
MONDAY		MONDAY	
Chicago	4	42	at Washington

TENNIS

WTA KOREA OPEN		
#1 at Seoul, South Korea; outdoors-hard		
#2 Ekaterina Alexandrova d.		
Gret Minnen	6-4, 6-3.	
#4 Magda Linette d.		
Irina-Camelia Begu	6-1, 6-4.	
#7 Margarita Gasparjan d.		
Tatjana Maria	7-5, 6-4.	
#8 Wang Yafan d. Dani. Lao	6-4, 7-6 (2).	
Kristyna Pliskova d. Choi Ji-hee	6-1, 6-4.	
Ysaline Bonaventure d. Jessica Pegula	5-7, 6-2, 6-4.	
Kristie Ahn d. T. Bacsinszky	6-0, 6-0.	
WTA GUANGZHOU OPEN		
#1 at Guangzhou, China; outdoors-hard		
Aleksandra Krunic d.		
#7 Aliaksandra Sasnovich	6-4, 6-2.	
Bernarda Pera d. #8 Ons Jabeur	6-4, 6-3.	
Viktoria Golubic d. Wang Xiyu	6-3, 6-3.	
Marie Bouzkova d. X. Ying	6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (6)	
Sam Stosur d. T. Martinovic	6-2, 6-4	
WTA TORAY PAN PACIFIC OPEN		
#1 at Osaka, Japan; outdoors-hard		
Elise Mertens d. #5 A. Sevastova	6-3, 6-1.	
Nicole Gibbs d. Alison Riske	6-4, 6-3.	
Camila Giorgi d. Han Xinyun	7-6 (6), 6-1.	
Viktoria Tomova d. A. Cornet	4-6, 6-3, 6-2	
Zarina Diyas d. Monica Puig	6-0, 6-3.	
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova d.		
Dayana Yastremska	6-3, 6-1.	
ATP ST. PETERSBURG OPEN		
#1 in St. Petersburg, Russia; out-hard		
#6 Mikhail Kukushkin d. Jannik Sinner	6-3, 7-6 (4)	
#7 Adrian Panarino d.		
Stefano Travaglia	7-5, 6-2	
ATP MOSELLE OPEN		
#1 in Metz, France; outdoors-hard		
#5 Fernando Verdasco d. Steve Darcis	6-2, 6-2	
Filip Krajinovic d. P. Gojowczyk	7-5, 6-4	
Antoine Hoang d. C.edrik-Marcel Stebe	6-2, 6-3	

BROWNS 23, JETS 3

Cleveland 6 3 0 7 0-23

New York 0 3 0 0-3

A: 78,523.

First quarter

Cle: FG Seibert 23, 10:27.

Cle: FG Seibert 48, 6:15.

Second quarter

Cle: Chubb 19 run (Seibert kick), 10:16.

NYJ: FG Ficken 46, 2:56.

Cle: FG Seibert 43, :00.

Third quarter

Cle: Beckham 89 pass from Mayfield (Seibert kick), 3:32.

TEAM STATS

	CLE	NYJ
First downs	16	13
Total net yards	375	262
Rushes-yards	21-70	24-93
Passing	305	169
Punt returns	4-48	1-5
Kickoff returns	1-23	3-50
Int. returns	0-0	1-13
Comp-att-int	19-35-1	23-31-0
Sacked-yds lost	3-20	4-32
Punts	6-38.5	7-47.0
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-yards	9-85	12-89
Possession time	29:41	30:19

Rushing: Cle, Chubb 18-62, D.Johnson 3-8. NY, Bell 21-68, Montgomery 3-25.
Passing: Cle, Mayfield 19-35-1-325. NY, Siemian 3-6-0-3, Falk 20-25-0-198.
Receiving: Cle, Beckham 6-161, Chubb 4-36, D.Johnson 3-42, Landry 3-32, Ratley 2-50, Harris 1-4. NY, Bell 10-61, R.Anderson 4-81, Crowder 4-40, Montgomery 3-15, Bellamy 1-5, D.Thomas 1-(minus 1).
Tackles-assists-sacks: Cle, Schober 10-3-0, Whitehead 5-1-0, Ward 4-3-0, Garrett 3-2-3, Richardson 3-2-0, Burnett 2-4-1, Ogunjobi 2-2-0.
NY, Jets: Adams 5-0-0, Roberts 4-1-0, Hewitt 3-4-1, Cashman 2-4-5, Kaufusi 2-1-5, Poole 2-1-0, Hairston 2-1-0, Fatukasi 2-0-0, Maye 2-0-0, McLendon 1

BLACKHAWKS

‘Plays with joy,’ seeking success

Talented, free-spirited Perlini still searching for consistency

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

The passage of time has been the Blackhawks' friend over the past year.

Their prospects are starting to blossom, the front office has added considerable depth and talent, and the coaching staff has won over skeptical veterans.

For Brendan Perlini, time has seemingly come to a halt. It has been nearly a year since he joined the Hawks from Arizona in the Nick Schmaltz trade and not much has changed for him.

He's still a happy-go-lucky sort who is as comfortable talking about soccer and movies as he is hockey.

He's still as friendly and laid back as he was on the day he arrived on a 5:45 a.m. flight from Phoenix, hours after learning he'd been traded to the Hawks.

He's still trying to find his place in the NHL.

Perlini, 23, has the benefit of nearly a full season under his belt to feel acclimated to the organization, but he remains in the position of having to explain how he'll find success rather than sustain it.

"Just come in and play my game," Perlini said. "I'm more comfortable here now than last year. Obviously, know all the guys and coaching staff. Come in, play my game, play hard every shift and wherever they put me out is where I'm going to work the hardest."

By the time the Hawks acquired him in November, Perlini had not lived up to the promise he showed when the Coyotes made him the No. 12 pick in the 2014 draft. There were times during parts of three seasons that he looked like the offensive weapon he was supposed to be.

The numbers his first two seasons were not terrible. He finished with 21 points (14 goals, 7 assists) as a rookie in 2016-17 and raised that slightly to 30 points (17 goals, 13 assists) a year later. But last season he had two goals and four assists in the Coyotes' first 22 games and soon found himself headed to Chicago.

Perlini's talents afforded him opportunities, but he remained maddeningly inconsistent with the Hawks. He failed to register a point during his first nine games after the trade. While Dylan Strome, who also came over in the Schmaltz trade and was similarly in need of a change in scenery, was elevated to the power play and began scoring at nearly a point-per-game pace, Perlini was in and out of the lineup.

But for a stunning seven-game stretch in



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Blackhawks winger Brendan Perlini, 23, scored just one goal in 10 games to close out last season.

March when he had eight goals in seven games, Perlini was ineffective. He closed out the season with one goal — on the final day — in his last 10 games.

Hawks general manager Stan Bowman hasn't given up on Perlini despite haggling over a contract all summer. Perlini was a restricted free agent without arbitration rights and eventually signed a one-year contract with a cap hit of \$874,125 just days before training camp started.

Taking a hard line on Perlini's contract was as much about the Hawks needing to stay flexible to make moves later in the season as it was about his inconsistency. But the message was sent.

"We saw he had flashes of greatness last year," Bowman said. "It's just a matter of the

BLACKHAWKS RECAP

Alex Nylander had a goal and an assist in the Hawks' preseason opener Monday, a 4-3 overtime loss to the Capitals in Washington. Defenseman Adam Boqvist also had a strong game, scoring a highlight-reel goal and assisting on Aleksii Saarela's first-period goal. Collin Delia made 25 saves for the Hawks, who left almost all their key players back in Chicago. For more coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

consistency for him. His best game is really impressive and it can help us. If we can get that to come out more often, then it'll be good for the team."

Perlini's talents have tantalized Hawks

coach Jeremy Colliton, who recognizes the benefits it would bring if those talents could be unlocked permanently and not just every few games.

"He plays with joy," Colliton said. "He loves being at the rink. We just want him to influence play away from the puck, work hard to get it back for himself and his linemates because when he's on offense he's extremely dangerous. That's what we're looking for."

And that's what Perlini still believes he can give the Hawks. He should get more chances this season, but they won't last forever.

"As long as you're on the ice you can always do something," he said. "That's the main thing for me. Just going to try to work my hardest wherever it is."



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Spain's Ricky Rubio, who plays in the NBA for the Suns, is awarded the World Cup MVP trophy by former Lakers great Kobe Bryant on Sunday in Beijing.

NBA popularity in China creates limitless options

BY TIM REYNOLDS | Associated Press

BEIJING —

Kobe Bryant went to China for the first time in 1998, making the trip to Beijing to help operate an instructional basketball clinic for about a dozen kids. The local coaches working with him didn't know a lot about the game. Barely anyone noticed that an NBA player was in town.

Basketball wasn't a big deal in China.

And then everything changed very quickly.

The footprint of the NBA has grown at an extremely rapid pace over the last two decades in China, where more than 500 million people watched games last season and where one new streaming deal alone will pump \$1.5 billion into the league's coffers over the next five years.

"When I first came here, I never thought the game in China would get to be this big," Bryant said. "But it has. And it's not going to stop."

The possibilities seem endless.

Could there be an NBA team in China despite the travel that would be involved? Might there be two-way player contracts between the NBA and the Chinese Basketball Association? What about the NBA constructing a team to play in China or the Chinese sending a team for a full season in the U.S.?

Far-fetched as that may sound, keep in mind that 20 years ago no one envisioned the NBA-China relationship to be this big — or that it would keep growing after Yao Ming's run with the Rockets ended eight years ago. The NBA has academies in China now, and the Chinese national team returned to the NBA Summer League in Las Vegas this year.

"It's a good question," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "I think the next step will probably come when the next Yao Ming comes. That would take it to a new level, more Chinese players to reach the NBA and make an impact."

The marriage between the NBA and the world's most populous country is stronger than ever. NBA officials say more than 300 million Chinese people play the game and 40 million are registered to play the 2K video game. Thousands showed up this summer just to watch the sons of Dwyane Wade and LeBron James play exhibitions with the rest of their high school teammates.

A trade war is happening between the U.S. and China, political tensions are escalating between the countries and it could impact the products of the league's business partners. But the game itself continues to thrive.

"I think sports transcends politics and I hope the NBA can continue to connect fans globally," Mavericks owner Mark Cuban said. "I don't have any reason to think our relationship won't continue to be positive."

Nothing seems to be able to derail the NBA's popularity.

The team that the U.S. sent to the World Cup in China didn't feature the NBA's biggest stars, yet drew sellout crowds for each of its first six games. U.S. coach Gregg Popovich was begged for autographs and selfies everywhere he went.

"We've known for a long time how big basketball has become in China, of course, but all over the world," Popovich said. "It's an international deal now. There are so many great players in so many countries. It's not a secret."

Stars like James, Stephen Curry, and James Harden have a trip to China on their annual schedules — and when Wade, the recently retired guard who has a lifetime contract with Chinese shoe company Li-Ning, visited this summer one of his events had to be halted after about 10 minutes because the mall where it was happening was overflowing.

Donovan Mitchell of the Jazz has been to China twice this summer, once to promote his brand, the second time for the World Cup with USA Basketball. He sees it becoming an annual stop for him, too — and believes there is no ceiling for the game globally.

"Man, I couldn't tell you," Mitchell said. "I think it's going to be even bigger and it's not going to be just China. It's going to be many more countries. The (relationship) between the NBA and China has been huge since I was a kid and it can only take off from there because the passion and love is so strong."

It's not a one-sided relationship; China sees reason to invest in the NBA.

Joe Tsai, the co-founder of Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba, agreed this summer to buy the remaining 51% that he didn't already own of the Nets and Barclays Center from Mikhail Prokhorov in deals worth about \$3.4 billion. In 2016, Lizhang Jiang, a businessman from Shanghai, bought 5% of the Timberwolves, a stake he sold earlier this year.

China also takes immense pride in players like Klay Thompson wearing Chinese brands on the court. (Thompson has a 10-year deal with Chinese shoe company Anta for a reported \$80 million.) And China sent its national team to NBA Summer League in July primarily to get ready for the World Cup, but also for exposure on the NBA stage.

"I think it's good for our players and



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Bryant and former Rockets center Yao Ming, who's now president of the Chinese Basketball Association, take part in a ceremony Sunday at the World Cup.

good for the team," China coach Li Nan said of playing in Las Vegas.

The NBA has opened three basketball academies in China and has seen very quick success with academies in Asia and Africa.

The international influence on the league was more present this past season than ever.

The NBA MVP, Giannis Antetokounmpo, is from Greece. The rookie of the year, Luka Doncic, is from Slovenia. The most improved player, Pascal Siakam, is from Cameroon. The defensive player of the year, Rudy Gobert, is from France. The All-NBA center, Nikola Jokic, is from Serbia.

"This past summer, an NBA Academy prospect from China signed a contract with a National Basketball League team in Australia, becoming the first male NBA Academy prospect from China to sign a contract with a professional team," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said. "And on the women's side, Han Xu from the New York Liberty, who trained at the NBA Academy in Shandong, China, became the first NBA Academy prospect to be drafted into the NBA or WNBA."

It hasn't happened overnight.

Former Commissioner David Stern struck a deal with Chinese television to show games on tape-delay three decades ago, and once toyed with the idea of some sort of NBA-sponsored or branded league in China. Teams embrace the chance to play the annual preseason games in China because the exposure is worth the jet lag.

"When I have 76ers gear on and I walk through Shanghai, walk through Shenzhen, if I had a nickel for every time somebody said 'Trust the process' in perfect English I wouldn't be standing here working," Philadelphia 76ers CEO Scott O'Neil said, referencing the team's motto during its rebuilding phase of recent years.

"We're very much a part of the fabric of China."

None of this seemed possible 20 years ago or so, when Bryant made that first trip. Now fans can't get enough.

"When you come here, you feel it from the fans, their energy, people at the hotel, people just walking around," Kerr said in China during the World Cup.

"Everybody just seems very excited about basketball."

Same goes for the game's future in China.

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Coach Mike Thibault and the Mystics begin a WNBA semifinal playoff series against the Aces on Tuesday. The Mystics are the top seed in the postseason.

A WNBA anomaly

Mystics a juggernaut patiently built on character, talent

BY AVA WALLACE
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When she arrived in Washington at the start of the Mystics' new era, Emma Meesseman had packed only two weeks' worth of clothes.

It was the spring of 2013, and the 19-year-old from Belgium had shown up at Mystics training camp with no expectations of making the team. Success in the WNBA wasn't a lifelong dream; the American league was more on the periphery for a player who just hoped to make it big in Europe. Meesseman was looking forward to training camp in large part because it was an excuse to skip her final exams at university.

The team's newly hired coach and general manager, Mike Thibault, had slightly higher expectations. Although it wasn't the norm to look to Europe for players at that time, Thibault had been tracking Meesseman since she had been named FIBA Europe's young player of the year in 2011. He liked her skills and had received good enough reports about her work ethic and personality that he took a shot and drafted her 19th overall.

Meesseman, now a staple in Washington, ended the 2019 regular season as the Mystics' second-leading scorer, averaging 13.1 points per game while shooting 55.2 percent from the floor and 42.2 percent from three-point range.

"We might have screwed up," Thibault said. "We had two second-round picks, and we took her with the second one — we probably should've taken her with the first. We knew she would be good, but we had no idea how good. That was a little luck. But this all started with that draft."

Many observers mark the beginning of this current WNBA era in Washington with the 2017 acquisitions of Elena Delle Donne and Kristi Toliver. But peak under the Mystics' hood, and it's far more complex than that — this team, which is seeded No. 1 in the playoffs and begins a semifinals series against No. 4 Las Vegas on Tuesday, is the culmination of a process that began in 2013. It's the product of Thibault's long-term vision, an organizational emphasis on character as much as talent and, as was the case with Meesseman, a little luck.

The Mystics begin this year's playoffs as by far the most dominant team: They enter Tuesday's game at Entertainment and Sports Arena riding a 10-game home win streak, after posting a league-record 13 wins by 20 or more points this season and averaging a league-leading 89.3 points per game in the regular season.

They did so with a roster that's something of an anomaly compared to other teams that have been dominant in the WNBA — not just this year, but this decade.

Only three of this year's major contributors were drafted by Washington, and all three were either a surprise or a lower-round pick that turned out as well as it possibly could have: Meesseman was taken



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Center Emma Meesseman of Belgium was the Mystics' second-leading scorer this season.



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The acquisition of Elena Delle Donne in 2017 helped the Mystics rise in the WNBA.

at No. 19 in 2013, starting point guard Natasha Cloud went No. 15 in 2015 and starting shooting guard Ariel Atkins unexpectedly went No. 7 in 2018. Every other core player arrived in other ways.

In contrast, every title-winning team this decade aside from the 2010 Seattle Storm and the 2012 Indiana Fever has featured at least two players who were drafted No. 1 overall by the team with which they won the championship. Team's cores have largely been homegrown.

Thibault, 68, who got his start in basketball as a scout and learned how to evaluate personalities, not just players, has employed a different method.

"(Thibault) is able to seek out talent and fit pieces together in the right ways," ESPN analyst LaChina Robinson said. "I usually call Mike before the draft, because there's not going to be a player that's on the board, or not on the board, that he hasn't seen or scouted. ... Mike Thibault was the first one to say to me, 'Emma Meesseman is going to be a star.' Or LaToya Sanders, she's not someone who was going to jump out at you,

necessarily, as any team's starting center. And there's a long-term plan for players like Ariel Atkins, who went seventh and wasn't even at the draft and is arguably — to me, they don't make the finals last year without her.

"Again, it's Mike Thibault doing is work in the offseason, seeing what players can do, but also forecasting what they can be."

Since 2013, Thibault's vision for the team has been to play an up-tempo offense with players who are multidimensional. He's taken players such as Cloud, a ball-handling guard who was also the Atlantic 10 defensive player of the year as a junior, and Maryland product Tianna Hawkins, who can play with her back to the basket but is also a shooter. She arrived via trade in 2014.

Those he drafted for their fundamental skills, he developed: He coaxed Meesseman into shooting threes; after she attempted only four in her first two years in the league, she went 19-for-45 from deep this season.

Just as paramount to skill set is character. When Thibault was with the Connecticut Sun and keen on drafting Tina Charles out

of the University of Connecticut, he made a point to attend a Huskies game against Holy Cross. He knew the game would be a 40-point blowout but wanted to watch Charles on the bench in the second half.

"Did she cheer for her teammates? Did she coach her backup, stay involved mentally?" Thibault recalled seeking.

When he finds a player with the right skills who's also a good teammate, Thibault has shown he is willing to wait. Sanders, the team's starting center, didn't play in the league for three seasons from 2012-14 while she dealt with the death of her father and tended to overseas obligations.

Thibault liked her defense and knew from former Mystics player Ivory Latta, who played with Sanders at North Carolina, that her personality was the right fit. Thibault convinced Sanders to come back in 2015.

Seeking out such players has made a difference: All season, the Mystics have attributed their league-crushing offense to chemistry.

"I'm a person who — Belgium is my only home, forever," Meesseman said. "But this year is like, the first year where really, I'm really comfortable. We all genuinely care for each other, and that matters."

Said Robinson: "That's been the key to their success, like, they are so unbothered as a team. They're so together, it's very hard to shake them mentally in terms of their focus."

With players including Sanders, Meesseman and Hawkins in place laying a foundation, Thibault achieved the crowning moment in his long-term plan when he sent Chicago the Mystics' No. 2 pick in the 2017 draft along with Stefanie Dolson and Kahleah Cooper for Delle Donne, who was demanding a trade from the Sky at the time and wished to be closer to home, then signed Toliver a few weeks later.

All that was left was to mold the team further around Delle Donne and Toliver's vast talents, so Thibault added a lethal young shooter in Atkins; a dynamic shooter and defender in Aerial Powers; Cloud transformed her game and became a more reliable shooter and confident point guard; and Thibault did away with a traditional center. At 6-foot-2, shorter than Delle Donne and Meesseman, Sanders is the smallest center in the league.

"Up tempo, pick and pop, we're a team that doesn't really have a true center that posts up, 6-6 and above," Sanders said. "We don't have that. I even asked him because after last year I was like, 'Coach T, you're gonna get me a center, right?'"

Thibault knew he didn't need one. This Mystics roster went 28-6 in the regular season and glided toward the No. 1 seed with little controversy. Now, they're on the brink of fulfilling the vision Thibault had when he plucked an underestimated player from Belgium in 2013.

"It's very interesting," Toliver said. "With the timing of everything and everyone, we all just balance each other out ... and the things that we all have in common are unselfishness, willing to sacrifice, and just being good teammates. But we also have really, really good basketball players. Mike was able to put together a good little misfit group, I guess."

APPRECIATION

Ocasek bridged the pop-punk gap

Work with Cars, as solo act and producer left lasting mark on music



GREG KOT
Tribune music critic

Ric Ocasek, who died Sunday at 75, bridged the gap between pop and punk on a perfect album, the self-titled 1978 album by his band the Cars.

(Ocasek died from hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, the New York City medical examiner said Monday.)

Though many of his accomplishments since have stood in the shadow of that debut, he nonetheless continued to play a key role in

defining what R.E.M.'s Peter Buck once described as "the acceptable edge of the unacceptable" in pop music the last 40 years.

All the while, Ocasek maintained a self-deprecating attitude about his career as a songwriter, performer and producer of bands such as Bad Brains, Suicide and Weezer. "Cars" was chosen as the band's name because it represented something disposable, he once told the Tribune, "just like Campbell's soup cans are disposable, and pop music for that matter."

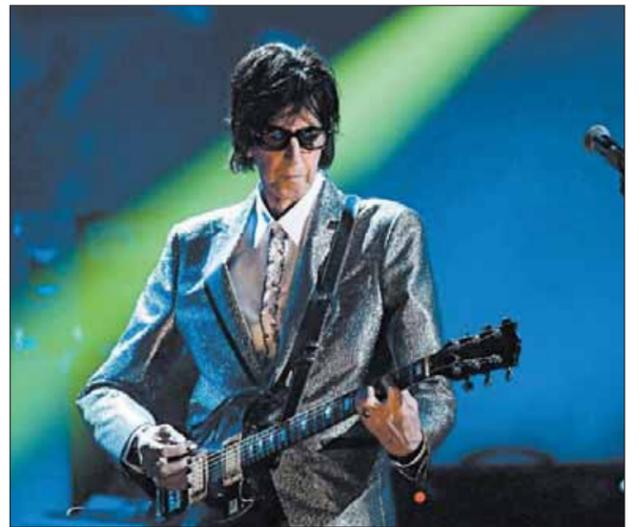
Ocasek was already in his 30s when the Cars broke through in the late '70s. His expectations for the band's music, which he wrote and arranged with a rigorous attention to detail and a distaste for excess of any kind, were modest.

"At the time, disco was the prevalent music, and we were playing rock," Ocasek once told the Tribune. "We were just a cult

band in Boston that was happy to get a record out and had no expectations of the record being a big one — just a good local record."

Ocasek and his friend Benjamin Orr, who played bass and sang lead on a few songs, were joined by a trio of ace musicians: guitarist Elliot Easton, drummer David Robinson and keyboardist Greg Hawkes. They recorded their first album in 12 days with producer Roy Thomas Baker and helped establish what the music industry dubbed "new wave," a less harsh offshoot of punk and garage rock.

The Cars created a world that felt futuristic and disorienting, with concise arrangements, hiccupy vocals, herky-jerk rhythms and spasms of noise. Yet at its core these were love songs infused with glorious pop refrains — even if the world they described was populated with androgynous boys and femme fatales in their "nuclear



DAVID RICHARD/AP

Ric Ocasek, who died Sunday in New York City at 75, is seen performing in 2018 during the Cars' Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremony in Cleveland.

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James Seol, left, plays Wen Chang and Keith Kupferer is Saul, Chang's basketball-coaching mentor, in "The Great Leap."

IN PERFORMANCE 'The Great Leap' ★★ 1/2

Revolution and basketball

Playwright Yee uses just 4 characters to tell her story

BY CHRIS JONES

Searching for truths about fathers has been a recurrent theme in the work to date of playwright Lauren Yee, whose 2018 drama, "The Great Leap," gets the full-court press in the Upstairs space at the Steppenwolf Theatre.

Enter the theater and you'll find a facsimile of a basketball court with the audience seated, bleacher-style, on two sides. You can see balls, a scoreboard, a wooden floor marked for play — everything needed for a game except nets.

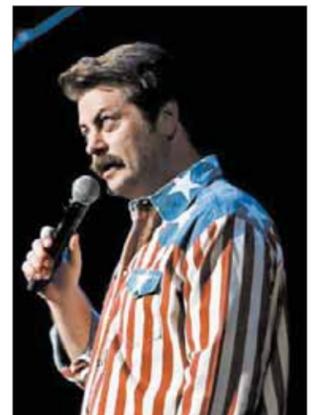
That's because Yee has given herself the job of telling the story of a rising young Chinese-American basketball star using far fewer actors than you'll find on a basketball team. And most actors are not going to be able to make (or miss) a basket every time the plot demands.

This is, of course, the tricky aspect of writing plays about sports. Such stories invariably climax with a great victory or crushing defeat, a life-changing play right at the buzzer. If you can't re-create that, then you have to get the audience seeing those moments in their minds' eye.

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Glenn Obrero plays a young athlete in "The Great Leap" at Steppenwolf Theatre.



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Nick Offerman, seen in 2013 at the Chicago Theatre.

IN PERFORMANCE

Offerman's 'All Rise' a satirical mishmash

Humorist combines stand-up with songs, political observations

BY ZACH FREEMAN

"I'm a strange hybrid between a stand-up comedian and, let's face it, Michael Bubl , said actor, comedian, author, reality TV host, woodworker and all-around man among men Nick Offerman, wrapping up his 80-minute, one-man show "All Rise" on Sunday night at the Chicago Theatre with a bit of poker-faced feigned arrogance.

A mixture of conversational stand-up, a medley of original songs and a few quick dance moves, the latest live show offering from the multifaceted performer and humorist is a relaxed, low-key affair that highlights his effortless charm without pushing anyone out of their comfort zone.

Written by Offerman and directed by his wife, Megan Mullally, "All Rise" is an often political, occasionally satirical mishmash of short monologues and folk music, something like "A Prairie Home Companion" meets "The Colbert Report" or an extended "The Daily Show" episode with multiple musical interludes.

Most of the segues are non sequitiorial ("Hey, have you guys heard about guns?"), though the biggest consistency throughout is Offerman playing against the burly, bearded straight white male persona he projects (his most famous role remains the overly masculine extreme libertarian curmudgeon Ron Swanson from the television show "Parks and Recreation") with his clearly liberal songs and jokes.

"People often want to associate me with their classic sense of what is meant by the word 'man,' he said at one point.

This is a categorization that he manages to simultaneously embrace and undermine, playing into the stereotype in order to disman-

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Jane Lynch, left, and Bradley Whitford pose with their Emmys for outstanding guest performances.

Early Emmys honor 'Maisel,' 'Thrones,' 'Handmaid's Tale'

LOS ANGELES — Bradley Whitford and Cherry Jones received trophies for their roles in "The Handmaid's Tale," and Jane Lynch and Luke Kirby won on the comedy side, both for "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel," during the creative arts Emmy ceremony Sunday night.

"Game of Thrones" led with 10 Emmys in technical and other categories at the two-night weekend ceremony, which is the precursor to the main Emmy Awards that will air Sunday on Fox.

"The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" was the top comedy series winner, with six awards.

Jones heaped praise backstage on fellow nominee Phylicia Rashad ("This Is Us"), calling it "absurd" that Rashad has yet to win an Emmy despite four nominations, and saluted Cicely Tyson, nominated for "How to Get Away with Murder."

Whitford struck a political note as he thanked Margaret Atwood for the titular novel that is the basis of the dystopian "The Handmaid's Tale": She is "giving us perspective in this disorienting moment as we are inundated and undermined by a misogynistic, radical, right-wing ideology," he said. "She understands three things: Despair is not an option. Our children can't afford it. Action is the antidote to despair."

Lynch said she based her portrayal of a 1950s comic on the women she grew up watching.

"I went right to the source: Phyllis Diller, Totie Fields, Moms Mabley," she said. "Back then, in order for a woman to be in comedy, she had to have a gimmick. Usually that meant cracking wise about her own looks, her bad body, how she can't hold on to a man ... but these women did it with such panache and style and such self-possession, and they inspire me."

"Leaving Neverland," which details two men's allegations that pop star Michael Jackson sexually abused them as children, was honored at Saturday's ceremony as best documentary or nonfiction special.

— Associated Press



KEN ISHII/GETTY

Who played it best?

Brad Pitt, star of the new space movie "Ad Astra," had a burning question for a real-life astronaut who previewed the film: "Who was more believable? Clooney or Pitt?" In a phone call Monday, NASA astronaut Nick Hague answered Pitt — "absolutely" — getting a big laugh. Pitt's Hollywood pal George Clooney starred in the 2013 space film "Gravity." In "Ad Astra," Pitt plays an astronaut who travels through space to find his father.

Injured: Christie Brinkley has been sidelined for the new season of "Dancing With the Stars," which premiered Monday. ABC said Brinkley is unable to continue following surgery to her wrist and arm. No details of her injury were given. Brinkley's daughter Sailor Brinkley-Cook, a model, is replacing her mother on the show.

Death: Tony Award-winning Broadway veteran Phyllis Newman has died at age 86. Newman won the 1962 Tony for best supporting actress for the musical "Subways Are for Sleeping," which had lyrics co-written by her late husband, Adolph Green. She earned a second Tony nomination in 1987 for "Broadway Bound." In recent years her work with the Phyllis Newman Women's Health Initiative earned her the 2009 Isabelle Stevenson Award from the Tony Awards.

Sept. 17 birthdays: Actress Elvira is 68. Comedian Rita Rudner is 66. Actor/director Paul Feig is 57. Director Baz Luhrmann is 57. Singer BeBe Winans is 57. Actor Kyle Chandler is 54. Rapper Doug E. Fresh is 53. Actress Danielle Brooks is 30.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Sexting situation unsettles spouse

Dear Amy: I just found out that my husband was sexting with my sister, "A."

From what I was told, nothing else happened, other than that they sent each other inappropriate pictures. My entire family knew about this. No one told me until recently that I was having problems with my husband. I didn't even know.

It is hard for me to keep a secret, so I confronted my husband. He admitted it and he said that he is wrong for doing this. My problem is that now I can't look at him. Also, he said he sent pictures of his privates to other girls, but I don't know who they are.

We have two kids. I am considering asking for a divorce, but the only thing holding me back is my children. I don't know if I can live like this, though, just for my children to have both of their parents together. Please help!

— Going Crazy

Dear Going: Your question sent me down the (unfortunate) rabbit hole of researching why men send these particular pictures to other people — sometimes to virtual strangers. And ... aside from deeper psychological reasons for doing so, the answer is (basically): sex.

You don't seem to have questions about your relationship with your sister, but your relationship with your husband is in trouble. Is he registered on internet sites where he is meeting women and sending or exchanging these photos? If he knows this is wrong, why is he doing it? You should ask these questions and try to have an honest dialogue about it. A mar-

riage counselor would help.

Staying together for the kids isn't necessarily best for any of you, especially if your husband is engaged in compulsive sexualized or sex-seeking behavior.

Dear Amy: Could you run a "destination wedding" PSA? Those of us invited to destination weddings for close friends and family are often put in a difficult position between going into debt and missing out on an important day for someone we care about.

I plead with couples to consider the financial situation of those they are inviting before choosing a destination wedding. I know these weddings are often much cheaper for the bride and groom, while the additional expense falls onto their guests. This is not right.

If you are hosting a destination wedding, offer to at least help out people you KNOW can't afford it but who would hate to miss it. Even paying for one of their plane tickets can mean a lot.

— Been There

Dear Been There: Sometimes people hosting destination weddings are being thoughtless regarding the burden these events place on their guests. But sometimes, couples hosting destination weddings are doing so to keep their guest lists small and to escape challenging dynamics with some family members who they know either won't want, or be able, to travel for the wedding.

Do you think this is selfish? (Sometimes it is.) But remember that this is their party. It reflects their

values. Yes, covering some of the costs of some of the guests would be thoughtful and generous. Some couples do this.

But here's a PSA for wedding guests: If it will break the bank for you to attend a destination wedding, you should not go.

Dear Amy: As a hair stylist, I speak with dozens of amazing young women every week. Some want kids, but many don't.

What's disheartening is how many confide in me that, while they don't want kids for one reason or another, they feel pressured to do so by some external force. A common reason is, "My parents want grandkids," but I also hear "My sister wants her kids to have cousins."

Often they worry their significant other will leave them if they don't have kids. As a professional, I don't feel I should weigh in, but these women need to follow their gut!

Pressuring someone to have kids is wrong. Wanting to make someone else happy is not a good enough reason to have kids. You should do it because you WANT to raise children.

I'm hoping you'll run this as heartfelt advice to women: You don't have to have kids if you don't want to. Please, do what makes you happy. You're not obligated to please others.

— Pressured Parenthood

Dear Pressured: Absolutely! Thank you for offering your perspective.

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Shane Gillis out from 'Saturday Night Live'

By JOE OTTERSON

Variety

"Saturday Night Live" is officially cutting ties with Shane Gillis.

"After talking with Shane Gillis, we have decided that he will not be joining 'SNL,'" an "SNL" spokesperson on behalf of Lorne Michaels said in a statement. "We want SNL to have a variety of voices and points of view within the show, and we hired Shane on the strength of his talent as comedian and his impressive audition for SNL. We were not aware of his prior remarks that have surfaced over the past few days. The language he used is offensive, hurtful and unacceptable. We are sorry that we did not see these



PHIL PROVENCIO/AP

"SNL" rescinded its invitation to Gillis, who posted a video last year in which he used a racial slur for Chinese people and derided Asians trying to learn English.

clips earlier, and that our vetting process was not up to our standard."

Gillis posted his own statement on Twitter re-

garding NBC's decision on Monday. It reads, "It feels ridiculous for comedians to be making serious public statements but here we are. I'm a comedian who was funny enough to get SNL. That can't be taken away. Of course I wanted an opportunity to prove myself at SNL, but I understand it would be too much of a distraction. I respect the decision they made. I'm honestly grateful for the opportunity. I was always a mad tv [sic] guy anyway."

Gillis was one of three new cast members announced last week. But shortly thereafter, clips began circulating from Gillis' podcasts and other media in which he used racist, homophobic and misogynistic language.



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Colin Croom, from left, Cadien Lake James, Jack Dolan, Connor Brodner and Clay Frankel.

RECORDINGS

Country-soul vibe prevails on Twin Peaks' latest album

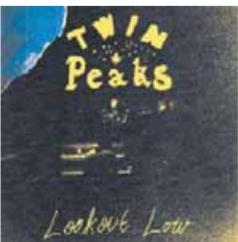
By GREG KOT

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Twin Peaks' six-year progression from teenage garage-rockers to "Lookout Low" (Grand Jury) testifies to the Chicago quintet's old-school approach. Rather than going for a big viral splash and then struggling to live up to it, Twin Peaks stayed relatively low-key while remaining dedicated to the roll-up-the-sleeves work ethic that is the foundation of developing as a band, both as performers and songwriters.

Hints of what was to come arrived on the band's fine 2016 release, "Down in Heaven," where they ventured beyond scuzzy, lo-fi punk into soul and doo-wop, and a previously veiled tenderness began to surface. Those attributes have only expanded in recent years as the core lineup of guitarists Clay Frankel and Cadien Lake James, bassist Jack Dolan and drummer Connor Brodner solidified with the full-time addition of multi-instrumentalist Colin Croom.

A-list producer Ethan Johns (Paul McCartney, Elton John, Kings of Leon)



'Lookout Low'

Twin Peaks
★★★ (out of four)

ramps up the harmony vocals and orchestration on the band's fourth studio album. "Oh Mama" raves like it was recorded while the quintet was breaking furniture in the studio. But generally a more intimate country-soul vibe prevails.

On "Casey's Groove," Brodner swings on drums, relaxed yet propulsive as the guitars spiral. Keyboards dance in the spaces between on the airy, love-struck "Better than Stoned." In the ambling, horn-spangled "Laid in Gold" and "Lookout Low," the openhearted melodies can't be separated from the camaraderie of the gang vocals, frequently enhanced by Ohhmm's Macie

Stewart and Sima Cunningham.

The songs' narrators know all is not well with the world, as epitomized by the brooding "Sunken II." They live with their flaws, and regret their stumbles. But what emerges above all is a sense of gratitude. Female heroines abound.

"She shone," Frankel sings on "Stoned," as if looking back on a friend, a lover, who came along at just the right time to keep him from free-falling over the edge. "I want to thank you for your light in my unforgiving life," Dolan sings on "Unfamiliar Sun," a song as vulnerable as the wobble in his voice.

A breezy immediacy wafts through "Dance Through It," in which a woman steps through a minefield of turmoil, care-free as long as the music's on. But the album's vibe is best captured by "Under a Smile," a slow-burn beauty in which a drifter finds solace in a world that seems to be unraveling. The gentle refrain builds, and one voice melts into a choir.

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10 things you don't know about Keir Dullea

Astronaut in '2001: A Space Odyssey' has seen, done it all

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

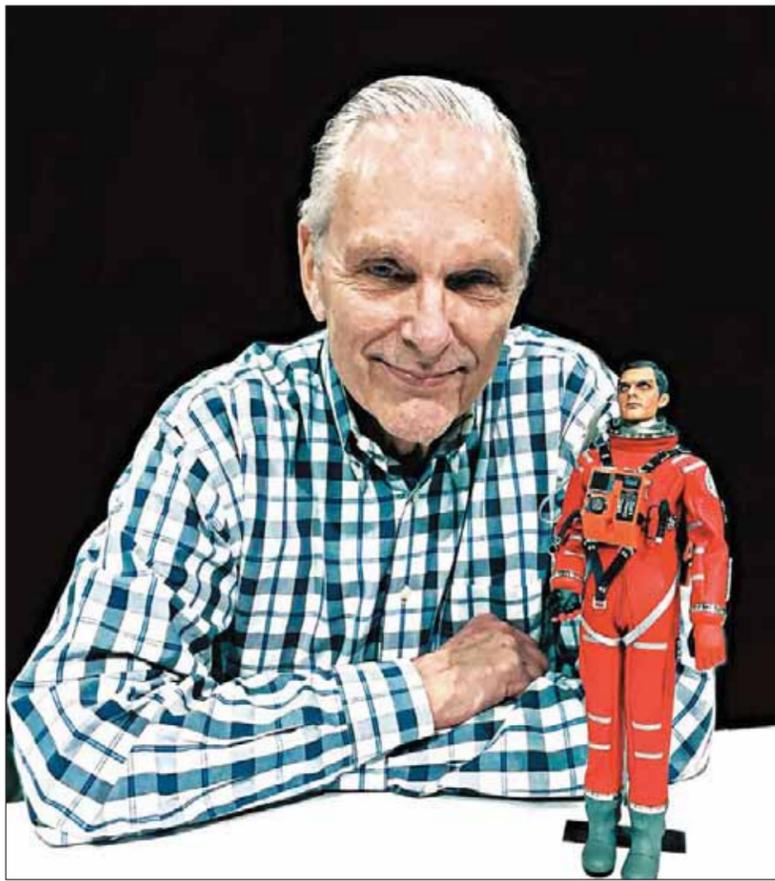
"Come join the festivities!" That was the come-on, misleadingly chipper considering the movie, ballyhooed in the newspaper ads for the gala world premiere of "2001: A Space Odyssey." The first public screening, in the spring of 1968 in Washington, D.C., came packed with dignitaries expecting a mainstream science fiction drama of "adventure and exploration," as the original MGM posters put it.

Then: Wham. Clobbered by a monolith. The A-list D.C. audience was hit instead by the most radical studio picture in history. And that includes the 51-year cinema history post-dating "2001."

A few days after the D.C. launch, nearly 250 people flew out the exit doors at the film's New York City premiere. In LA, similar reports of confusion, exasperation and muttering while exiting.

As Keir Dullea, the actor who received top billing as astronaut David Bowman, reminded me the other day by phone: "At the LA premiere Rock Hudson was heard to say: 'What is this bull--t?'" And MGM, believe me, was worried. "This wasn't 'Ice Station Zebra' or 'Planet of the Apes.'" This was more like, *whaaaaaa*?

Then, in wide release, something as strange and wondrous as Stanley Kubrick's film itself happened. "2001" became the riddle America needed to solve. Younger and college-aged audiences, especially, some of them high and some of them stone-cold sober, argued its meanings, warned to Kubrick's icy view of the near-future. Then they saw it again, just because it was so pretty. They stood in the same movie lines as their English and film and astronomy professors. The film became a monolith-shaped



Now 83, Keir Dullea poses with a model of himself, as astronaut Dave Bowman, the star-tripping voyager in Stanley Kubrick's 1968 sci-fi classic "2001: A Space Odyssey."

water cooler topic unto itself.

And it has gone on, Dullea said, "to astonish young generations anew."

On Wednesday Dullea, now 83, comes to the Pickwick Theatre in Park Ridge to introduce "2001: A Space Odyssey" and conduct a pre-screening conversation with Chicago-based film historian Raymond Benson. The event marks the opening of the Pickwick's Classic Film Series, Season 7.

Ten things to know about Dullea and "2001: A Space Odyssey":

1. Dullea had a prosperous acting career, on television and film, before "2001" and has enjoyed a lengthy career afterward. Though he'd already worked steadily in episodic TV for years, his

breakout role came in 1962 with the low-budget independent hit "David and Lisa," the drama of two institutionalized youths who find a measure of peace and understanding.

In a 1963 Tribune profile (headline: "They Want Him to Be Neurotic") Cleveland native Dullea, who was raised by bookstore owner parents primarily in Greenwich Village, N.Y., addressed his struggles against type-casting. "If you've seen a show on TV with a disturbed young man and his dog, or mother, that was me," he sighed. "I've been cast so many times as a neurotic, sensitive youth, even my wife wonders about me."

2. Playing the incestuous brother of the title character in "Bunny Lake

is Missing," Dullea shared scenes with Laurence Olivier and Carol Lynley (who died earlier this month). Noel Coward also appeared in director Otto Preminger's stark drama, and it was Coward who came up with the famous bon mot: "Keir Dullea, gone tomorrow."

3. Dullea found the "Bunny Lake is Missing" shoot extremely difficult. Preminger was a humiliating bully, "horrendous to work with." But then, "one day after work, my wife said: 'Your agent called. Call your agent.' So I called, and he said, 'Are you sitting down? You'd better sit down. You've just been offered the leading role in Stanley Kubrick's next film.' Firm offer. No audition. I had no idea I being considered."

4. He was already a huge Kubrick fan. "When I was in drama school," he said, "one day a friend of mine said, 'Hey, there's a war picture playing down the street with Kirk Douglas. Let's go.' And it was 'Paths of Glory,' which to this day is my favorite Kubrick film."

5. In the "2001" Star Gate sequence, when astronaut Bowman travels through time and space, Kubrick "played music to put me in the mood for those close-ups, which ended up being still photographs. The music (played on set, though different music was heard on the final soundtrack) was "Sinfonia Antarctica" by Ralph Vaughn Williams. Stanley wasn't much for emotional direction, I guess you'd call it. A lot of times he'd tell me to tip my head down, so I was looking up through my eyebrows." This is a major Kubrick motif; think of the demented stare-downs with the camera performed by Malcolm McDowell in "A Clockwork Orange," Jack Nicholson in "The Shining" or Vincent D'Onofrio in "Full Metal Jacket."

6. Dullea had "Of Mice and Men" on his mind in one key scene. "The only time my character really shows any emotion is when I'm dismantling HAL (HAL-9000, the artificial intelligence nemesis). When HAL has almost lost all his brain function, he asks to sing 'Daisy.' Remember that? And what I used in that moment, internally, was the scene with Burgess Meredith and Lon Chaney Jr. in 'Of Mice and Men' when Lennie is dreaming about the farm, with the chickens and the rabbits. That's what I used. I'm putting HAL out of his misery, and killing a fellow crew member, after all."

7. Dullea has a favorite moment from the movie. "The Dawn of Man sequence has the greatest jump cut in film history,

when the ape throws the bone in the air, in victory, and in slow motion it turns into a space vehicle. What Stanley does not tell you, and what I didn't discover until some years later, is that it isn't just any old space vehicle. It's a nuclear weapon in constant orbit around the Earth, because as Arthur C. Clarke posits in the novel version, the Soviet Union and the United States both have nuclear weapons in orbit. So you have the most primitive of weapons morphing in that jump cut into a nuclear weapon."

8. By the way, that shot wasn't universally praised in 1968. The Tribune's Clifford Terry admired the film's visual effects, and not much else. "The first loss in Kubrick's fantastic winning streak," he called it. And the cut from bone to spacecraft? "Hoked-up," he said.

9. There's a reason "2001" doesn't have much to say verbally. "The rest of the crew members in our section of the film are asleep," Dullea reminded me. "The only crew members are me, Gary Lockwood and HAL. Stanley talked at length to us about the fact we've been in space for months. So everything's been said. It's all been said. It's all dull routine by then. And that's why there's so little dialogue."

10. Noel Coward's line about Keir Dullea, gone tomorrow? It may have worked as a pun. But it wasn't much of a prediction.

"2001: A Space Odyssey," preceded by conversation between star Keir Dullea and film historian Raymond Benson. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Pickwick Theatre, 5 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge. Tickets \$10-\$12. Also: 1 p.m. Wednesday (film only), \$8.

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IN PERFORMANCE 'Newsies' ★★★

At the Paramount, a family-fun, visually spectacular 'Newsies'

BY CHRIS JONES

On Broadway and on tour, the Newsies danced with their papers on scaffolds. In Aurora, the designer William Boles has replaced all of the neutral pipes and boards with a truly stunning new design, a replica of New York City, circa 1899, that looks less like a rehearsal room and more like the set for Martin Scorsese's "Gangs of New York."

This dedication to high production values along with accessible pricing is why the Paramount Theatre in Aurora has amassed more than 40,000 subscribers.

If, like me, you've heard "I'm the king of New York" sung a time or six before, there are more visual treats awaiting you in a downtown cultural district that has been brought back to life by a theater that has well and truly proved it can do a better job on its own than by booking cheap, non-Equity tours. And it

has done that mostly by drawing on the Chicago talent pool, many young members of which can be seen here, in director Jim Corti's lively and enjoyable production of the Disney stage musical, with the stirring score created by composer Alan Menken and Jack Feldman, along with the rabble-rousing book by that ebullient leftie, Harvey Fierstein.

Boles creates a couple of fabulous forced-perspective vistas here and, if you know the show, you'll recall that the hero, Jack Kelly, is a budding cartoonist. At times, Boles allows those politically charged drawings to really take over the set, which also gives this production a very cool expressionistic element, putting Jack's community activism and personal dreams at the heart of the story. In Chicago, we don't see a lot of designs that have the benefit of this kind of budget and yet are complete rethinks of a show's original pallet. If you ad-



Alex Prakken and Brent Tuomi in "Newsies" at the Paramount Theatre in Aurora.

mire these beautiful artistic things, Boles work here is well worth a trip to Aurora. You'll be knocked out.

Now "Newsies the Musical" is "Newsies the Musical" and I make no claim that Corti has found depths in this lively melodramatic tuner (based on the flop movie) that did not previously exist. The staging is straightforward and, at times, the choreography

from Joshua Blake Carter is a bit much for everyone to execute at the same moment. I also mostly missed one of the great pleasures of this show — the solo showcasing of a few of the dancing guys, and the full emergence of the ensemble as the true stars of the piece. But I'll say this: One of the show's real discoveries is a young performer named Justine Cameron

making her professional debut; the role of Katherine Plumber rarely has been sung this well.

Jack the lad is played by a veteran of the original production of the show, Alex Prakken, who knows exactly what he is doing and leads the boys as they try to take down Joseph Pulitzer and the other big-media baddies trying to squelch their hard-working

When: Through Oct. 20

Where: Paramount Theatre in Aurora, 23 E. Galena Blvd., Aurora

Running time: 2 hours, 30 minutes

Tickets: \$37-\$74 at 630-896-6666 or www.ParamountAurora.com

delivery system. And the terrific Michael Kurowski finds some stuff in Crutchie that I've never before seen. Indeed, it's a very solid cast doing a show that overcomes its broad compositional strokes by the wit of Fierstein's book and Menken's irrepressible melodies, all earworms that burrow into your psyche like a really great front page.

Yer "Newsies" is always good family fun.

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Basketball

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The director, Jesca Prudencio, works hard to make that happen. But the problem with "The Great Leap" is that some of its plot machinations are, frankly, too great a leap for those images to fully form.

The central character here is Manfred Lum (Glenn Obrero), a young high-school basketball star in San Francisco's Chinatown, who has found out that his local university, San Francisco State, is going to play a game against a Chinese team. In order to get on the team, Manfred has to sweet-talk the coach,

Saul (Keith Kupferer), the gruff, tough, divorced, Maalox-chewing man in charge, half from the Bronx and half from central casting.

"The Great Leap" begins with Lum's entreaties, and you don't have to be a rocket scientist to figure out that he'll make the team before intermission.

For a four-character play, Yee's story is very ambitious. As was the case in "Cambodian Rock Band," an excellent piece, Lee inserts fiction into historical truths, such as Tom Stoppard does in plays such as "Rock 'N' Roll."

Saul, it turns out, has a history in China. On a previous trip, he mentored a young Chinese apparat-

chik, Wen Chang (James Seol), who, as a result of that encounter and fealty to the party, was able to reinvent himself as a great Chinese basketball coach. But this is 1989 and the U.S. team arrives in China as the tanks are rolling across Tiananmen Square, so Wen has some tough choices to make.

There is another revelation that you'll likely see coming too, as "The Great Leap" becomes both a play about the agony felt by many Chinese citizens as the party cracked down on protesters and a teenage boy's quest among dueling father figures (a theme that sometimes gets in the way of the protagonist's self-actualization).

Yee is a gifted writer, but I think she needed more characters to tell this particular story (her fourth, Connie, played by Deanna Myers, is mostly there to encourage and worry about Manfred). Yee also wants to see 1989 as an era of zero information emanating from China — to buy this plot, you have to believe that Saul knows nothing now about the team he once coached, just as he is blissfully unaware of this high school phenom tearing up the nearby courts in Chinatown and Oakland.

(It's certainly true that, basketball stereotypes being as they are, such a coach might not look first in Chinatown, but a man who has worked in China

surely would be modestly more enlightened.) And Saul also plans to take an underage kid to China without even asking him if he has a passport, which is pretty tough to swallow. He'd have needed a visa, which I know from personal experience was a lot of hassle back in those days.

All that said, Yee clearly has affection for her foul-mouthed, Yiddish-quoting Saul, manifested in a hilarious monologue in which he tries to get his players to stay out of trouble. And all four of the performances in Prudencio's hard-working production are very solid — Obrero bursts with energy and talent and, more than once Seol's Wen is very moving.

When: Through Oct. 20

Where: Steppenwolf Theatre Company, 1650 N. Halsted St.

Running time: 2 hours

Tickets: \$20-\$89 at 312-335-1650 or www.steppenwolf.org

Yee has a further surprise when it comes to that character, which is a bridge too far for me but provides a poetic and resonant end to two hours of raptures and baskets in the theater.

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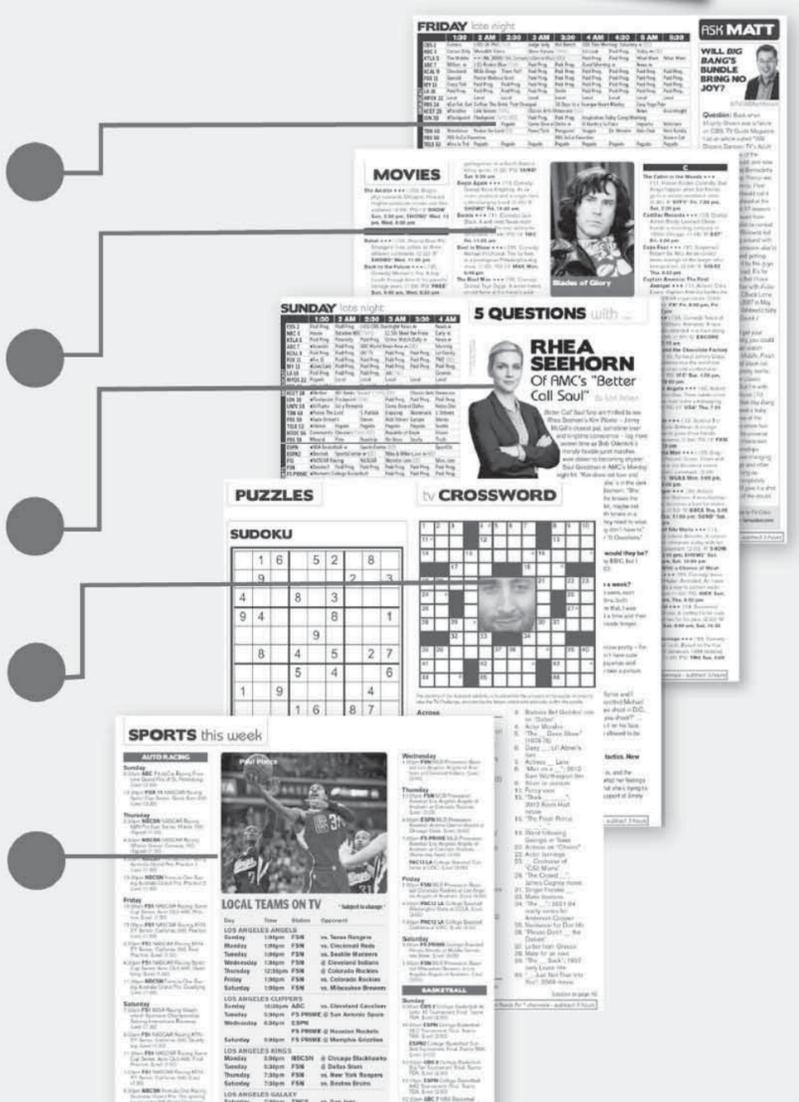
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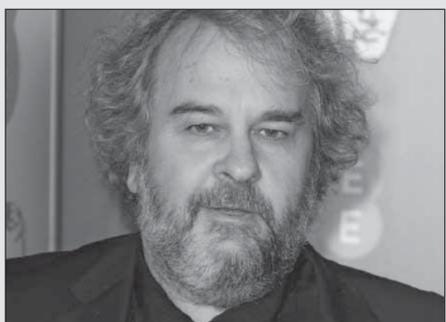
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Peter Jackson

"They Shall Not Grow Old" (8 p.m., HBO): Oscar winner Peter Jackson (the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy) triumphed on his first time directing a documentary with this 2018 film he created using original footage of World War I from London's Imperial War Museum. Jackson, who dedicated the film to his grandfather who fought in that war, sought to provide an immersive experience of what it was like to be a soldier.

"Bering Sea Gold" (8:01 p.m., 11 p.m., Discovery): The summer gold mining season is heating up in Nome, Alaska, as this hit reality series returns for its 11th season, which sees the miners employing new strategies and deploying startling new technology as they explore new territory. Shawn Pomrenke confronts a formidable new competitor in Ken Kerr, whose 600-ton gold-digging behemoth dwarfs everything else on the water. Meanwhile, Vernon Adkison returns to the Bering Sea seeking redemption, but almost immediately runs into trouble navigating the treacherous Yukon River in his dredge.

"Greenleaf" (9 p.m., 12 a.m., OWN): In the new episode "Visions and Dreams," Grace (Merle Dandridge) confronts her past actions, but as she does so, she also gives Phil (Sean Blakemore) a chance to impress key members among the church leadership. Meanwhile, Lady Mae (Lynn Whitfield) must face Mac's ghost and the tatters of her own reputation when she steps in and attempts to do damage control in Grace's absence.

"Code of the Wild" (9 p.m., 11 p.m., TRAVEL): A new episode called "Lost Treasure of Panther Key" finds Casey and Chris Keefer heading to southwest Florida, on a long-shot quest to find the fabled loot of an 18th-century pirate named José Gaspar — whose life and career may, in fact, have been apocryphal. That doesn't stop the brothers from leaving no stone unturned, though, as they hunt for the \$30 million treasure said to be hidden "somewhere along the coast."

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actors Seann William Scott and Jena Friedman.*

"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): Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.); actors Barry Williams, Maureen McCormick, Christopher Knight, Eve Plumb, Mike Lookinland and Susan Olsen ("The Brady Bunch").*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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Offerman

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tle it. Early on he categorized the "two distinct groups" of complainers, with "whiners" in one group and "us white guys who actually have something to gripe about" in the other.

With the house lights in the theater dimmed but still illuminating the crowd, Offerman strolled unhurriedly, pacing the stage in black jeans, brown shoes and a colorful, nature-filled button up shirt, wireless microphone in hand.

"Arithmetic is a liberal construct," he said at one

point, pausing for effect. "Like mercy."

His easygoing execution underscored a seeming desire for a casual viewing experience and laid-back presentation. He made use of notes on a music stand for his songs and said, "I want you to temper your expectations right now," the first time he picked his guitar up from its stand and the crowd cheered.

But despite his expressing a desire for lowered expectations and working in a sometimes-meandering and professorial pace that left large chunks of time laugh-free, Offerman has a captivating stage presence that makes the laughs — more often of the chuckle

variety than the laugh-out-loud type — feel secondary to the overall show and to following the thread of acceptance (both of others and of ourselves) that Offerman methodically lays out.

Toxic masculinity, homophobia, racism, consumerism and even the newly introduced 25 flavors of Oreo cookies all face Offerman's scrutiny and intense criticism, though he never raises his voice, using subtler methods of employing his frustration, like stating, in his signature deadpan, "This makes me angry."

But though there are indeed plenty of things that make Offerman angry, and though his material often feels more inclined to in-

spire the applause of agreed values than the laughter of a surprise punchline, his central conceit is still one of facing the dummy in the mirror before attacking anyone else.

"You're no better than the idiots you're trollin'" he sings in one folksy ditty. Despite the satirical nature of much of his content here, he's still a very straightforward writer who approaches topics in a logical, head-on way.

"I have some bad news for you," he said at one point. "Prayer doesn't work."

He's also not one to leave a topic unexplored once he's addressed it.

"Prayer works fine at

what it's designed to do," he amended. "That is: comfort the supplicant." If prayer could do more than this, he argues, it wouldn't be prayer. It would be magic.

"Language is funny," he said early on in the night. "I love language. It's my stock and trade."

It would certainly seem so, though there's an argument to be made that his true stock and trade is woodworking.

"Oh, what is this?" he said with apparent surprise, reading his water bottle before taking a drink at one point. "Offerman Woodshop dot com?"

Among Offerman fans, even self-referential brand

endorsements earn cheers.

"That brings us to the completion of my new show 'All Rise,'" he said conclusively at the end of the night, adding "I'm incredibly grateful I got to be here with you this evening," before closing out with two "dessert" songs as an encore: a tune about how he and the character Ron Swanson differ and the "Parks and Rec" eulogy song for miniature horse Li'l Sebastian, "5000 Candles in the Wind."

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Ocasek

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boots and drip-dry gloves." "I thought I wrote pop music, kind of, but I never thought in terms of singles," Ocasek once said. Yet the Cars created a trunk full of hits: 13 top-40 singles from 1978 to 1987.

Here are some of the musical highlights from Ocasek's career with the Cars, as well as his solo and production work:

With the Cars:

"The Cars" (1978): From "Good Times Roll" to "All Mixed Up," there's not a wasted note on this nine-song, 35-minute debut. Even Easton's guitar solos sound like mini-songs. Yet Ocasek and his bandmates kept things edgy and dark along the margins.

"Candy-O" (1979): Though not considered a classic in the same league as its predecessor, the follow-up contains nearly as many great songs with a grittier, less-layered feel to the production.

"Panorama" (1980): Easily the most underrated of the Cars albums but a keeper nonetheless, with its futuristic title track anticipating the more commercial electro-pop of the '80s.

"Heartbeat City" (1984): A hit factory of



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The Cars lead singer Ric Ocasek, right, and guitarist Elliot Easton perform during the 2001 Lollapalooza music festival at Grant Park in Chicago.

songs produced with impeccable sheen by Mutt Lange, which makes it a product of its era, albeit a hugely successful one with five top-40 singles.

Solo Ocasek:

"Beatitude" (1983): Unmistakably Cars-like but with a more personal touch in the lyrics. This solo debut contains one of Ocasek's finest songs, "Jimmy Jimmy," about a troubled teen.

"Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah," from "Simply Mad About the Mouse" (1991): Ocasek shows his underappreciated sense of humor on this bright cover of a Disney movie classic.

"Nexterday" (2005):

Sparse, low-key but potent example of Ocasek's facility in the studio — he produces and plays most of the instruments. The moving "Silver" pays tribute to his late friend Orr.

Ocasek as a producer:

Suicide, "Alan Vega and Martin Rev" (1980): The electro-punk duo enlisted Ocasek, one of its biggest fans, to produce its second album, and it's a classic of abrasion and hypnotic, skewed vulnerability.

Romeo Void, "Benefactor" (1982): Ocasek helped this post-punk quartet marry danceable rhythms to Deborah Iyall's deadpan,

skeptical vocals.

Bad Brains, "Rock for Light" (1983): A rare mix of punk fury and reggae spirituality by the Washington, D.C., quartet that remains an '80s landmark.

Weezer, "Weezer" (1994): Known as the "Blue Album" by the band's fans, the quartet's ultra-melodic debut has only increased in stature over time.

D Generation, "No Lurch" (1998): An exuberant blast of glam and old-school punk, with New York scene mainstay Jesse Malin on vocals.

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	BRAVO		Housewives/OC		Housewives/OC (N)		Flipping Fees (Season Finale) (N) ©		Watch (N)
	CLTV		News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
	CNN		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦
	COM		The Office	The Office	Tosh.0 ©	Tosh.0 ©	Tosh.0 (N)	Jefferies (N)	Daily (N) ♦
	DISC		Bering Sea Gold (N) ©		Bering Sea Gold (Season Premiere) (N) ©		Undercover Billionaire (N)		Sea Gold ♦
	DISN		Raven	Roll With It	Bunk'd ©	Bunk'd ©	Coop	Sydney-Max	TBA ♦
	E!		Fifty Shades Darker (R,'17) **	Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan. ©			Dating		Dating (N)
	ESPN		MLB Baseball: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)						SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2		Basketball WNBA Basketball: TBA at Washington Mystics. (N)				Football Live		CFB 150 (N)
	FNC		Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD		Chopped: "Weird Twist." (N)		Chopped (N) ©		Supermarket Stakeout (N)		Chopped ♦
	FREE		(5:30) Moana (16) ***		Mulan (G,'98) ***		Voices of Ming-Na Wen. © (SAP)		700 Club ♦
	FX		(6:30) The Mummy (PG-13,'17) **	Tom Cruise. ©			Mayans M.C.: "Camazotz." (N) ©		
	HALL		A Country Wedding (NR,'15)	Jesse Metcalfe. ©			Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
	HGTV		Fixer Upper ©		Stay or Sell (N) ©		Hunters (N)	Hunt Int'l (N)	Hunters
	HIST		American Pickers		(8:02) American Pickers		(9:05) American Pickers		Pickers ♦
	HLN		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC		The Shawshank Redemption (R,'94) ****	Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman. ©			Shaw		Shaw ♦
	LIFE		Diary of a Mad Black Woman (PG-13,'05) **	©			(9:03) Twist of Faith (NR,'13) ©		
	MSNBC		All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV		Teen Mom 2 (N) ©		Ghosted: Love Gone		Ghosted: Love Gone		Teen Mom ♦
	NBCSCH		(6:30) MLB Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Minnesota Twins. (N)				Postgame		White Sox
	NICK		Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel ('09) **				Friends ©		Friends ♦
	OVATION		(6) Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves (NR,'91) **	Kevin Costner. ©			In the Line of Fire ***		
OWN		Greenleaf: "Original Sin." (N)		Greenleaf		Greenleaf (N)		Greenleaf ♦	
OPX		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago ♦	
PARMT		(6) White House Down (PG-13,'13) **	©			Ink Master (N) ©		White Hse ♦	
SYFY		(5:30) Red ('10) **		Red 2 (PG-13,'13) **		Bruce Willis, John Malkovich. ©			
TBS		Big Bang	Big Bang	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)	
TCM		To Sir, With Love (NR,'67) ***	Sidney Poitier. ©			Guess Who's Coming to Dinner ***			
TLC		The Little Couple (N) ©		The Little Couple (N) ©		Outdaughtered ♦			
TLN		Way-Master Studio 5		Focus on	GEN Voices	Life Today	Insights	Paid Prog.	
TNT		(7:15) Jack Reacher: Never Go Back (PG-13,'16) **	Tom Cruise. ©			Oblivion (PG-13,'13) ***			
TOON		Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick, Morty	
TRAV		Expedition Unknown: "Hitler's Stolen Treasure." (N)				Code of the Wild (N) ©		Code-Wild ♦	
TVL		Raymond	Everybody Raymond	Raymond		Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA		WWE SmackDown! (N) (Live) ©				Straight	Straight Up	Law-SVU ♦	
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WE		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ♦	
WGN America		Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog's ♦	
PREMIUM	HBO		(6) The Mule (R,'18) **		They Shall Not Grow Old (R,'18) ***		(9:40) Hail, Caesar! ♦		
	HBO2		(6:45) The Cold Blue ©		Our Boys (Subtitled-English)		Succession ©		Last Week ♦
	MAX		Along Came Polly (PG-13,'04) **		(8:35) Tag (R,'18) **		Ed Helms. ©		
	SHO		On Becoming a God		Inside the NFL (N) ©		Murder in the Bayou ©		Inside NFL ♦
	STARZ		(6:06) White Boy Rick **		Power ©		Vida ©		Sicario-Soldado ♦
STZNC		(6:17) The Running Man		Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World ('03) ***		©			

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Sept. 17): Realize a domestic dream this year. Routine practice develops self-expression, passion and fun. Love takes you by surprise this winter, before friends engage you with changes. Clean up a mess at home next summer, before good

luck blesses your crew. Grow loving ties and bonds.
Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Adapt to changes. You can generate what's needed. Don't rush, or risk breakage. Consider your moves before making them. Stick to reliable sources and foundations.
Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Polish your presentation. Dress to impress. You're stepping into the spotlight. Stay diplomatic, and improvise with a surprising turn of events.
Gemini (May 21-June 20): 6. Nurture yourself. You may be feeling especially sensitive with recent changes or chaos. Meditate in seclusion. Tend your garden. Nature soothes your spirit.
Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Brilliant ideas arise in conversation. Get together with your team. Find hidden opportunities revealed by recent news. Go for distance rather than speed.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. An unusual career option appears. It may require a test. Accept new responsibility. Adapt to changes at the top. Find a lucrative opportunity.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Seminars, classes and conferences provide satisfying and lucrative opportunities. Travel and explore fresh terrain. Handle your chores, and then go discover something new.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Use what you're learning to cut costs. Get practical with financial decisions. Choose long-lasting quality, and simplify. Discover a brilliant and unorthodox solution.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Go ahead and be spontaneous, but not reckless. Do something unexpected and nice with your partner. Strengthen bonds, and share a sweet unscheduled deviation.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. A little spontaneity can be fun. Put aside rigid routines and allow flexibility, especially with your work, health and fitness. Try a new trick.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Grab a fun opportunity to do something new. Meet someone wonderful or discover a chance for adventure or playfulness. Whip up a little romance.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Find a fabulous bargain or happy surprise for your home and family. Windfall apples make a lovely pie. Take advantage of an unexpected opportunity.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Adapt your message to respond to breaking news. A surprise requires diplomacy to avoid misunderstandings. Write your views, and edit carefully.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

North		East	
♠ 6 5 4	♥ 10 8 7 3 2	♠ 10 9 8 7 3	♥ J
♦ 10 5	♣ K 7 3	♦ 7 4	♣ Q 9 8 6 2
West		South	
♠ K Q J	♥ Q 6 5	♠ A 2	♥ A K 9 4
♦ K Q 9 8	♣ J 10 5	♦ A J 6 3 2	♣ A 4

We like South's decision to jump to game over the transfer bid. Note that there would be some play for game opposite that dummy even without the king of clubs. The king of clubs makes it easier, but the hand still requires some careful play. Opener should "jump accept" a transfer bid made at the three level far more often than a transfer made at the two level.

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2NT	Pass	3♦*	Pass
4♥	All pass		

*Transfer to hearts
Opening lead: King of ♠

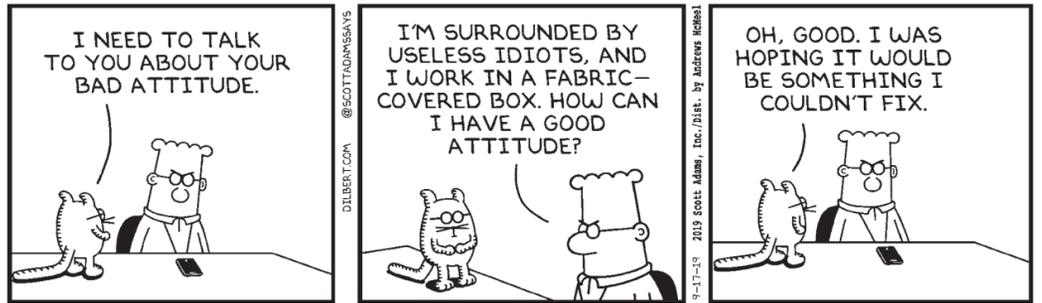
South won the opening spade lead with the ace and immediately continued the suit. West won and shifted to the jack of clubs. South won with his ace and now carefully cashed

one high heart, the ace, before playing the ace and another diamond. South could afford to lose a ruff to an opponent holding two or three hearts, but not to an opponent with a singleton heart. Cashing one high heart made sure that wouldn't happen.

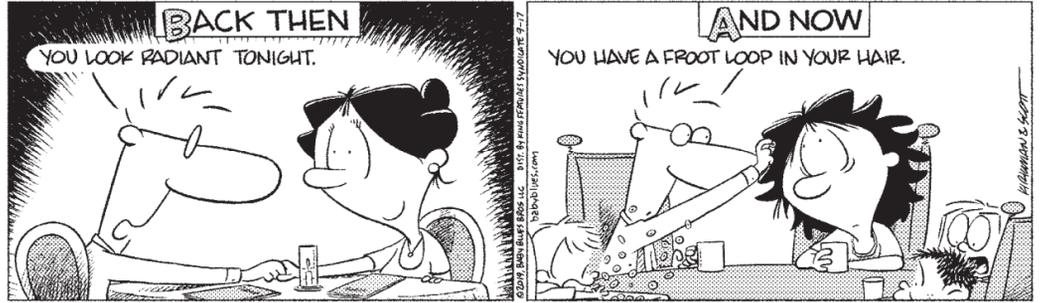
Declarer won the club continuation from West and led a heart to his king. His cross-ruff was set up perfectly and he could not be prevented from ruffing diamonds in the dummy and ruffing dummy's last spade and last club in his hand. West eventually took a trick with the queen of hearts, but that was the only other trick for the defense. Making four. Well played!

— Bob Jones
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Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



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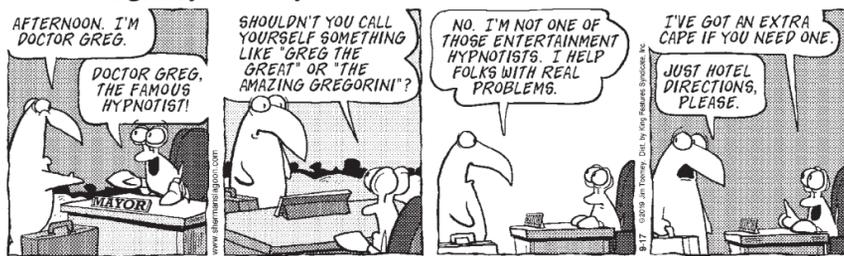
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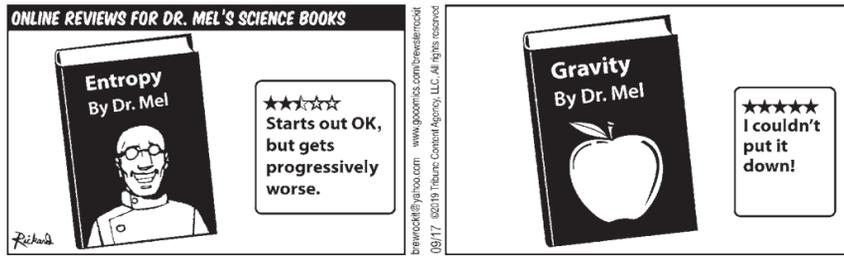
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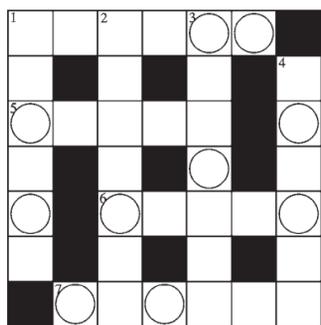


Trivia Bits

Elizabethan explorer Sir Walter Raleigh made what practice popular in England?
A) Smoking
B) Stamp collecting
C) Tattooing
D) Vegetarianism

Monday's answer: The 189-minute Alan Smithee cut of "Dune" is a film-geek cult classic.

Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS
1. Word ending
5. Social call
6. ___ beauty
7. Despise

ANSWER
FISXFU
SIVTI
NREIN
SEDTE

CLUE DOWN
1. Strict
2. Celebratory
3. Strong, harsh
4. Baby ___

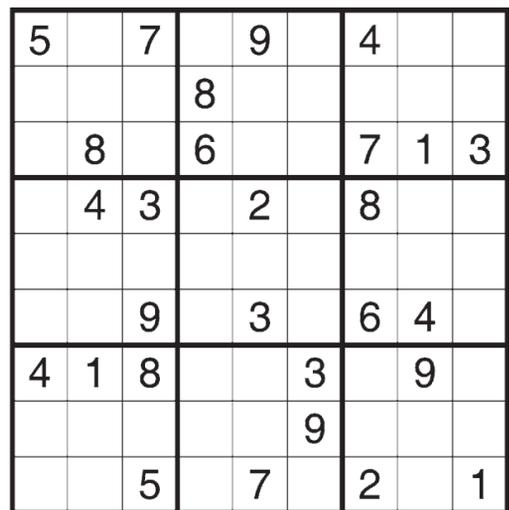
ANSWER
ERSVEE
EFIVSTE
SENIETN
RAORTC

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS ○○○○○ ○○○○○

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

9/17



8	1	7	4	9	3	5	6	2
5	6	4	8	2	1	3	9	7
3	2	9	6	7	5	4	8	1
4	7	5	2	1	8	6	3	9
2	9	1	3	6	4	8	7	5
6	3	8	7	5	9	2	1	4
7	8	2	9	4	6	1	5	3
1	4	6	5	3	7	9	2	8
9	5	3	1	8	2	7	4	6

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Monday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



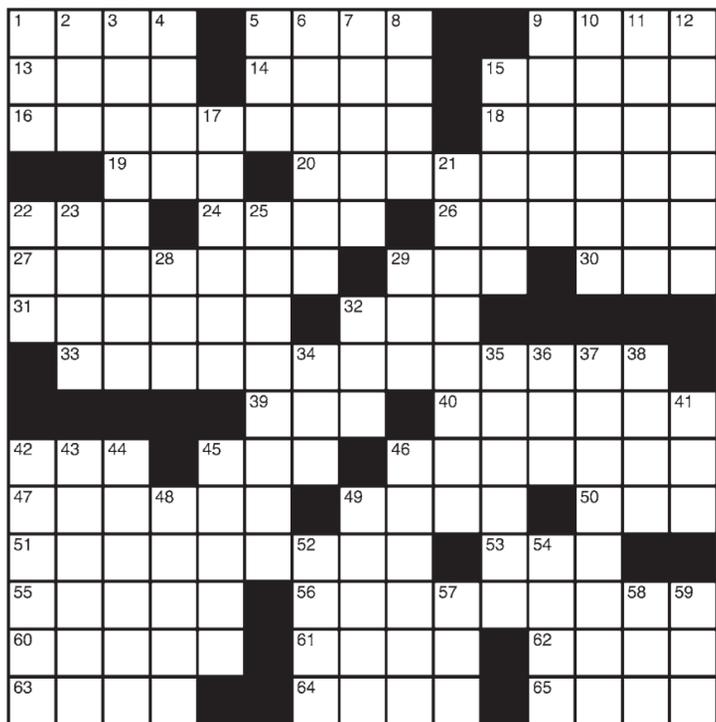
Monday's answers

Jumbles: GOUGE DRANK HECTIC SQUISH
Answer: She wanted to start her own bread company and planned to — RAISE THE DOUGH

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Crossword

9/17



- Across**
1 Activist Parks
5 First bird to attack in "The Birds"
9 "¿Qué ___?"
13 Overly neat, say
14 Irish New Ager
15 Deep sleep
16 Amazon founder
18 2001 bankruptcy headliner
19 Corn serving
20 Very focused, as an athlete
22 "Of course!"
24 Some dadaist art
26 Voices one's view
27 Scolds
29 Clear dirty dishes from
30 HS promgoers
31 Tops of waves
32 Small batteries
33 Pleasing to look at ... or a phonetic hint to a two-letter sequence in 16-, 20-, 51- and 56-Across
- Down**
39 Bash into
40 Rapsallions
42 Soak (up), as gravy
45 Halves of qts.
46 Look over again
47 Like Goldilocks' first bowl of porridge
49 Send to the canvas
50 Code-breaking org.
51 Expatriate American poet arrested for treason in 1945
53 Tiresome grind
55 Had a smoke
56 Aztec emperor
60 One-eyed "Futurama" character
61 Earnest request
62 Dog food brand
63 LAX landing list
64 Some 35mm cameras
65 Open-handed hit
- Monday's solution**
- | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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TUESDAY, SEPT. 17

NORMAL HIGH: 75°

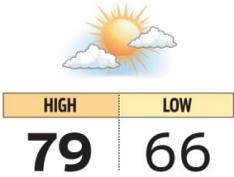
NORMAL LOW: 54°

RECORD HIGH: 93° (1955)

RECORD LOW: 37° (1984)

Closing days of summer to bring higher temps

LOCAL FORECAST



■ Gradual warming trend begins as sunshine emerges.

■ Areas of low clouds and fog blanket parts of the area early. Daybreak temps mainly in the 60s.

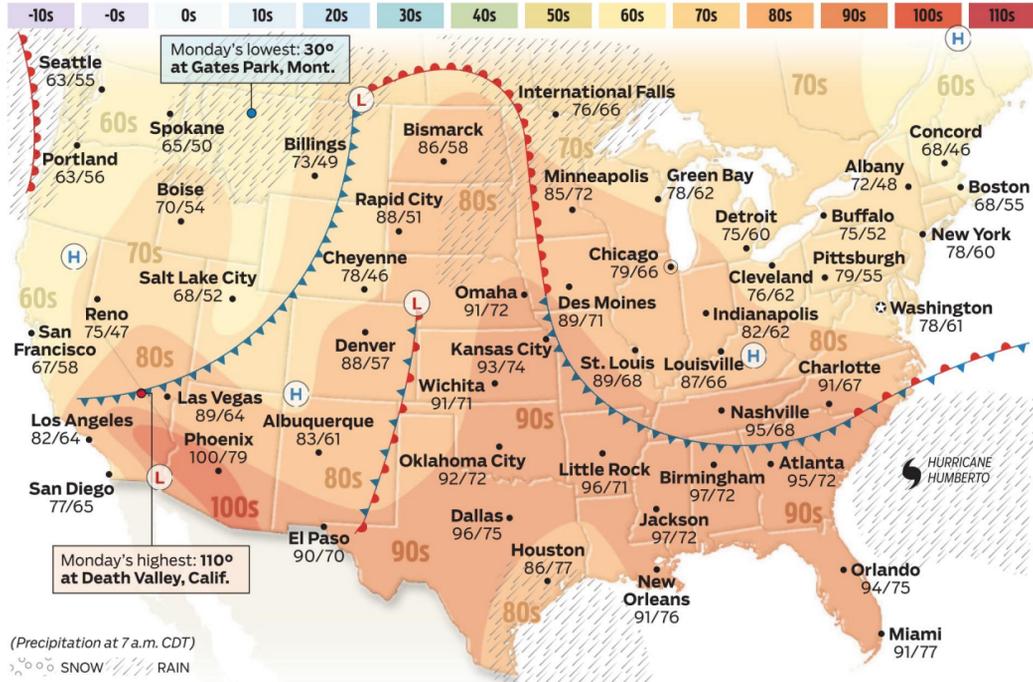
■ Clouds break mid-late morning, but may persist into midday along the lake and N. Shore.

■ Light winds become SE 10-15 mph.

■ Skies turn partly-mostly sunny allowing temps to reach low 80s inland, low 70s lakeside.

■ Partly cloudy overnight, and rather mild for mid-September. Lows mostly mid 60s.

NATIONAL FORECAST

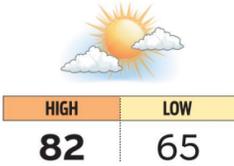


The Chicago area is expected to stay rain-free through Friday as temperatures undergo a gradual increase. Highs are forecast to average more than 8 degrees above normal.

This comes as good news, especially across northern portions of the metro area where the Fox and Des Plaines rivers remain in flood following last weekend's downpours. The main stem of the Des Plaines is forecast to drop below flood stage Thursday night, while the Fox, at McHenry and Algonquin, has yet to crest and will remain in flood for several days.

Our next chance of rain is Saturday night and Sunday in association with a cold front passage. Monday marked the eighth straight day to post a temperature surplus, and the month is running more than 2 degrees above normal.

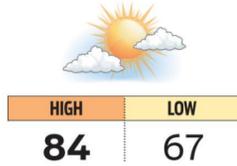
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18



Patchy morning fog/haze, then becoming sunny, though some fair weather clouds develop midday. Pleasantly warm. Temps most areas reach the low 80s, lower near the lake. S winds 10 mph.



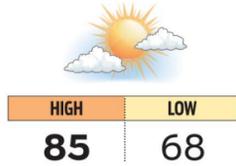
THURSDAY, SEPT. 19



Spell of warm, dry weather continues. Storms well to the W-N spread some passing high clouds across the area, but sunshine dominates the day. Highs, mid 80s. S winds around 10 mph.



FRIDAY, SEPT. 20



Summerlike. Partly cloudy, warm and moderately humid. Afternoon temps climb to the mid-upper 80s. Mild, with increasing clouds overnight. Lows hold in the mid-upper 60s. S-SW winds 10-20 mph.



SATURDAY, SEPT. 21



Morning sun fades as skies become increasingly cloudy. Showers/t-storms possible in the afternoon, but more likely at night. Temps again top 80 degrees. Breezy, with SW winds 15-25 mph.



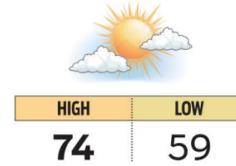
SUNDAY, SEPT. 22



Cold front passes during the morning, accompanied by ongoing showers and a few t-storms. Temps hold in the low-mid 70s. Partial clearing, cooler overnight. S winds turn SW-W 15-20 mph.



MONDAY, SEPT. 23



Autumnal equinox occurs at 2:50 AM. High pressure brings tranquil weather. Temps stay above normal, reaching highs in the mid-upper 70s under mostly sunny skies. W-SW winds 10-15 mph.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
In July, my family and I took a sea cruise around the southern portion of Greenland and were amazed at how pleasantly mild the weather was.

Jefferson Millecraft,
Chicago

Dear Jefferson,
That being the case, you will probably not be surprised to learn, in addition, that July was the warmest month ever recorded since recordkeeping began in 1880.

And then, on Aug. 1, the Greenland ice sheet lost 12.5 billion tons of ice due to melting during the 24-hour period, the greatest one-day loss of ice there — ever. Precise satellite measurements of snow and ice surfaces were used to make the determination.

These are just two examples of the changes occurring on our planet as a result of the ongoing phenomenon of global warming, a grossly underestimated problem.

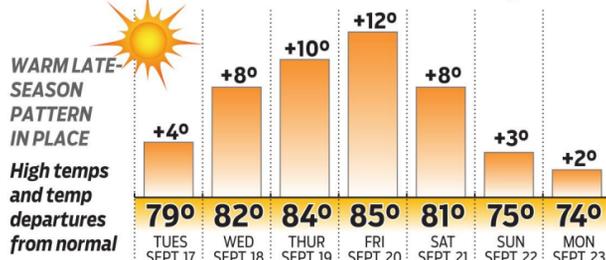
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Summer-like warmth; big rains target Lone Star state



ESTIMATED TOTAL RAINFALL

Through 7 AM Thursday

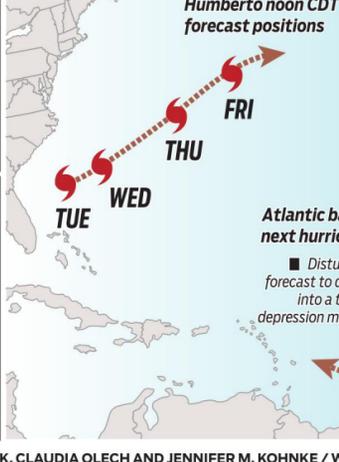
Houston and south Texas in for torrential rains



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, NWS archives

EAST COAST ALL CLEAR AS HUMBERTO HEADS OUT TO SEA

Humberto noon CDT forecast positions



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CHICAGO DIGEST

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	81	61	Midway	76	69
Gary	72	66	O'Hare	74	68
Kankakee	79	63	Romeoville	77	66
Lakefront	72	65	Valparaiso	80	65
Lansing	73	65	Waukegan	72	64

PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Mon. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.11"
September to date	2.92"	1.76"
Year to date	34.67"	26.89"

TIME OF EXPOSURE BEFORE SUBURN BEGINS	7 a.m.	1 p.m.*	4 p.m.
Burn unlikely	25 minutes	1 hour, 5 minutes	1-3 feet

WIND	E-10 kts.	SE 10-15 kts.
Waves	1 foot	1-3 feet
Mon. shore/crib water temps	68°/61°	

POLLEN	LEVEL
Tree	0
Grass	Low
Mold	High
Ragweed	Moderate
Weed	High

SOURCE: The Gottlieb Memorial Hospital Allergy Court, Dr. Rachna Shah

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Monday's reading	Moderate
Tuesday's forecast	Moderate
Critical pollutant	Particulates

SUN	6:33 a.m.	6:57 p.m.
Moon	8:57 p.m.	9:39 a.m.

3RD Q	NEW	1ST Q	FULL
Sept. 21	Sept. 28	Oct. 5	Oct. 13

TUESDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	7:30 a.m.	7:24 p.m.
Venus	7:19 a.m.	7:23 p.m.
Mars	6:06 a.m.	6:49 p.m.
Jupiter	1:30 p.m.	10:42 p.m.
Saturn	3:29 p.m.	12:44 a.m.

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

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