



Kentayvia Blackful, 12, was struck by a bullet fired from outside her home.

A child's bright future cut short

Girl shot in Harvey home on birthday's eve mourned by all

BY ZAK KOESKE

Kentayvia Blackful had a desire to succeed, a passion for serving others and a smile that could light up a room, people who knew her well said.

A leader in the classroom and on the basketball court, the star sixth grade student-athlete at Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School in Harvey died Tuesday, on her 12th birthday, the day after she was shot in the head while sitting at home making birthday party invitations for an upcoming skating party.

One of her former teachers said she remembered fondly how Kentayvia talked a close friend who was shy into running on her ticket for student council president last school year.

"She just pushed and forced (her friend) to run for vice president with her," said Carlene Matthews, a teacher at Maya Angelou Elementary School. "(Her friend) didn't want to, but she didn't have a choice."

It may come as no surprise then that when Kentayvia's grandfather asked her recently what she wanted to be when she grew up, she told him she wanted to be the first female president.

"What about your basketball career?" her grandfather Kenneth Donner asked.

"I'll be a basketball-playing president," he said she responded.

Kentayvia's promising future and presidential hoop dreams were cut short around 9 p.m. Monday when she was shot in the 15800 block of Paulina Street, police said. She died at 10:22 p.m. Tuesday surrounded by family, her grandfather said.

"It was very emotional," Donner said Wednesday. "She's not suffering any-

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy and President Trump meet Wednesday on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly in New York.

Call memo: Trump sought Biden probe

Rough transcript shows president pressing Ukrainian leader

BY LISA MASCARO, MARY CLARE JALONICK AND JULIE PACE
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump pressed Ukraine's leader to "look into" Democratic rival Joe Biden as well as his grievances from the 2016 election, according to a rough transcript of a summer phone call that is now at the center of Democrats' impeachment probe into Trump.

Trump repeatedly prodded Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy to work with Attorney General William Barr and Rudy Giuliani, Trump's personal lawyer. At one point in the conversa-

tion, Trump said, "I would like for you to do us a favor."

Trump's words set the parameters for the debate to come — just the fourth impeachment investigation of an American president in the nation's history. The initial response highlighted the deep divide between the two parties: Democrats said the call amounted to a "shakedown" of a foreign leader, while Trump — backed by the vast majority of Republicans — dismissed it as a "nothing call."

The call is one part of a whistleblower complaint on the president's activities. The whistleblower complaint was made available to members and staff of congressional intelli-

gence committees Wednesday, giving lawmakers access to the allegations ahead of testimony Thursday from acting Director of National Intelligence Joseph Maguire.

Trump, whose administration had earlier balked at turning over the complaint, said Wednesday that "I fully support transparency on the so-called whistleblower information" and that he had communicated that position to House Minority Leader Rep. Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif.

Congress is also seeking an in-person interview with the whistleblower, who remains

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Pelosi



Toomey

DEMOCRATS: House Speaker Nancy Pelosi urged fellow leaders to zero in on the Ukraine issue, insiders say.

REPUBLICANS: Senators call release of rough transcript a mistake. Sen. Patrick Toomey said there was "no quid pro quo."

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TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Darius Ballinger, founder of Chasing23 Youth Empowerment Group, wants a clean slate.

Advent of legal pot stirs hope for some ex-cons

Law pries door bit wider to getting records erased

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN

Driving downstate in 2010, Darius Ballinger was arrested with almost a pound of marijuana. He pleaded to a lesser felony, served jail time and was sentenced to probation. As a high school dropout and gang member whose fa-

ther died when he was young, he admits he was a "knucklehead" without guidance, running the streets.

When a good friend and mentor died at the age of 23, Ballinger said, "I had a kind of crossroads moment in my life. His death inspired me to do something good in the world."

Ballinger tried to get work with Chicago Public Schools, and considered joining the military, but his

felony record prevented both. It became an obstacle to many jobs he sought.

Determined to take a new path, Ballinger got his high school degree and began attending college. He started his own nonprofit mentoring foundation in honor of his late friend, called Chasing23, and a related apparel company. When given a chance at a new course in life,

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Man guilty of hate crime for rant at woman in flag shirt

He was more than just a 'racist jerk,' says prosecutor

BY BRIAN L. COX AND JOHN KEILMAN

A Des Plaines man was found guilty Wednesday on two felony hate crime counts for berating and questioning the citizenship of a woman who was wearing a shirt emblazoned with a design of the Puerto Rican flag while preparing to celebrate her birthday at a Cook County forest preserve.

A jury at the Cook County courthouse in Skokie deliberated for about 3½ hours before finding Timothy Trybus guilty.

Trybus, 63, hung his head and wept after the verdict was read, a demeanor strikingly different than the one seen in a video that his victim, Mia Irizarry, captured during their encounter last year.

That video went viral after Irizarry posted it to Facebook, and in the days that followed Trybus was arrested, a forest preserve police officer who was



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Timothy Trybus could be jailed after the verdict, but probation is a possibility.

seen passively watching the incident resigned and national discussions about intolerance intensified.

"I would never have thought in a million years a flag would be a problem," Irizarry testified Tuesday during the two-day trial. She was in court when the verdict was read but did not comment afterward.

Trybus was initially charged with misdemeanor assault and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, but after local community leaders, including them-Cook County Board mem-

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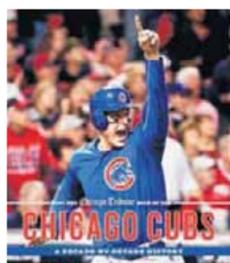
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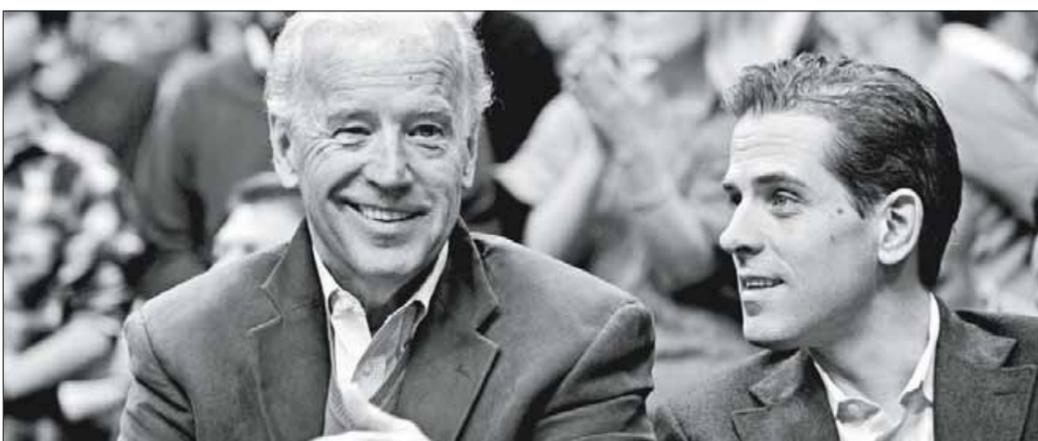
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Former Vice President and 2020 Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden, left, with his son Hunter.



JOHN KASS

If Dems want the truth, then demand *this* probe

If you're desperate to find a corruption-free zone, where politicians never threaten to hammer people to get what they want, where would you look?

How would I know?
But I would suggest that only a chumbolone would waste time searching the notoriously corrupt Ukraine, or famously corrupt American states like Illinois and New Jersey.

And you wouldn't look in Washington, D.C., either, where corruption from Illinois and New Jersey is brought, sanded down and polished, then given a few Botox injections right in the lips to smooth out the wrinkles.

Then it's writ large and often carved in marble.

If you understand human nature, as did our American founders, then you know the Kiev Way is the Chicago Way is the Trenton Way is the Washington Way.

And the government hammer in the soft hands of a master politician is a frightening thing indeed.

But now Democrats and their media handmaidens are eagerly pushing the impeachment of President Donald Trump for allegedly pressuring the government of Ukraine to apply that hammer to Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden and his son Hunter.

What doesn't interest them, however, is what prompted Trump to make his ill-advised phone call to the Ukrainian president, namely what happened with the Bidens in Ukraine?

The son mysteriously picked up \$50,000 a month for working with a natural gas company, Burisma Holdings, though he had no experience in that field. And as vice president, Joe used a billion dollars in promised U.S. aid to leverage Ukraine into firing a prosecutor who said he was looking into Hunter's politically connected benefactors. Biden said he didn't talk to his son about his Ukrainian business, but the son in an interview said they did discuss his work. In March, the current Ukrainian prosecutor general, who had cleared Hunter Biden's employer of any wrongdoing two years ago, reopened the investigation.

"I think this may be the straw that broke the camel's back" said U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, the Illinois Democrat.

Really, Dick?
I'm on record saying Trump crossed the line with that July 25 phone call.

But is what Trump is alleged to have done a matter for public censure and condemnation, or is it an excuse for Democrats to try and yank him out of office with only a year until the 2020 elections?

And is this what presidential impeachment is for, a chance to get rid of someone who has enraged you by defeating your own corrupt and flawed candidate?

I guess that all depends on what your definition of is, is.

What is painfully obvious is that the media and certainly the Democrats don't seem all that eager to press Biden, the leading Democratic presidential candidate, about his sloppy, obvious and public conflict of interest in Ukraine.

And now that Trump has focused on Hunter, Democratic presidential candidates Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren aren't pushing those legitimate questions, lest they be accused of helping Trump.

The Ukrainians knew who Hunter Biden was. His daddy was vice president. What signal do you think that sent to the Ukrainians?

Ukrainian politicians are like Democratic pols from Chicago and Trenton. They didn't require a flashing neon sign over Hunter Biden's head, telling them to be friendly to the kid. And Joe Biden knows it.

But while pondering this, I read a smart column by Marc Thiessen referencing a curious CNN report back in May. Just then, a tingle ran along my leg.

The story goes that on May 4, 2018, three prominent Senate Democrats, Durbin, the ethically challenged Robert Menendez of New Jersey, and Patrick Leahy of Vermont wrote a letter to a prosecutor in Kyiv demanding that Ukraine play ball in the Robert Mueller investigation of the president.

What the?
It is an outrage against all of Washington morality if President Trump asks Ukraine to investigate the Bidens. But it's OK for Democrats to ask Ukraine to investigate Trump?

I found the letter and read it myself. It certainly was a smooth letter, and expertly rounded, a river stone in a

sling, or a blackjack in a velvet pouch. But it was also quite pointy with implied threat.

The Democratic senators were upset about news reports that Ukrainian Prosecutor General Yuriy Lutsenko, wasn't doing enough to help the Mueller investigation nail Trump and that he had closed investigations they deemed important to Mueller.

"As strong advocates for a robust and close relationship with Ukraine, we believe that our cooperation should extend to such legal matters, regardless of politics," read their letter, reminding Ukraine that our two nations have a relationship built on respect, democratic principles and the rule of law.

It didn't expressly mention money, but it didn't have to. Anyone who's grown up in Illinois or New Jersey and studied politicians even from afar would know what was implied, and that elbows don't bend backward.

Unless of course, you apply maximum pressure and push that elbow hard. Their hearts and minds will follow, though sometimes the bones dislocate, like those of a roast chicken.

"We have supported that capacity-building process and are disappointed that some in Kyiv appear to have cast aside these principals in order to avoid the ire of President Trump. If these reports are true, we strongly encourage you to reverse course and halt any efforts to impede cooperation with this important investigation," the Durbin, Menendez and Leahy letter said.

My translation: You want to be our close and robust friend with benefits? Help Mueller nail Trump's scalp to the wall. Or we can go the other way and become enemies.

But Mueller couldn't nail Trump, could he?

And politics is politics is government, in Chicago or Trenton or Kyiv or Washington. There are grand sentiments carved into marble about what is the greater good.

But in the end, it's all about who holds the hammer.

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Impeachment after Ukraine call not tough call



REX W. HUPPKE

If lawmakers in the U.S. House of Representatives wind up voting to impeach President Donald Trump, Ye Olde Windbag will have nothing but his own mouth to blame.

And for a person who believes every word he utters is spun gold, that won't be easy to swallow.

The White House on Wednesday released a memo — not a “transcript,” but a “memorandum” — summarizing Trump's July 25 phone call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy. The expectation among those of us who trust the president about as far as we can throw him was that this would be another vague or sanitized, possibly even Sharpie'd up, bit of nonsense from an administration abundantly comfortable with lying.

Trump even tweet-boasted about the memo's upcoming release Wednesday morning, wondering if Democrats would apologize once they get a look at the “perfect call!”

I have to wonder whether anyone read President Perfect the memo before it was released. Because it ain't good, and the only one who should be apologizing is him.

On Tuesday, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi formally launched an impeachment inquiry into Trump's attempts to get the Ukrainian president to interfere in the 2020 election by ginning up dirt on Democratic presidential candidate and former Vice President Joe Biden.

And the memo released Wednesday shows (drumroll, please): Trump attempting to get the Ukrainian president to interfere in the 2020 election by ginning up dirt on Democratic presidential hopeful — and former vice president — Joe Biden.

After reminding the Ukrainian president that “we do a lot for Ukraine” and after the foreign leader expresses appreciation for the help and his country's plans to buy more military equipment from the United States, Trump says: “I would like for you to do us a favor, though, because our country has been through a lot and Ukraine knows a lot about it.”

He then encourages Zelenskiy to look into debunked allegations that Biden, as vice president, pressured Ukraine to get rid of a prosecutor who was investigating a Ukrainian energy company that had Biden's son on its board. (That claim has no factual basis and has been reported on extensively; just Google “Biden Ukraine son prosecutor fact check.”)

Trump then says his personal attorney, Rudy Giuliani, and U.S. Attorney Bill Barr will be in touch regarding the investigation.



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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Tuesday formally launched an impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump.

(That's a whole other kettle of fish that must now be sniffed.)

Trump carries the authority of the president of the United States into that conversation, and Ukraine's leader enters the call in desperate need of U.S. assistance to keep his country safe from Russian aggression.

So it appears Trump's argument was: “Read the transcript and you will see that I definitely did a bunch of impeachable stuff but I'll still say I didn't and my supporters will believe me.”

Even if the House votes to impeach, Republicans in the Senate are terrified of Trump, his supporters and facts — not necessarily in that order — and are as likely to convict as I am to start writing Ronald Reagan fan fiction.

But none of that matters. What matters is that Democrats are finally — finally! — standing up to Trump's self-serving betrayal of America and doing the right thing. Should Trump remain in office, or even win a second term, there's still something to be said for erring on the side of democracy and going down swinging.

Democratic Rep. Eric Swalwell of California sits on the House Judiciary Committee. I spoke with him Tuesday night, before the damning memo of Trump's phone call was released. The congressman said what matters most, and what mattered greatly to his fellow Democrats in making the deci-

sion to support impeachment, are the things Trump already said out loud for all to hear.

On Sunday, Trump said of the phone call in question: “The conversation I had was largely congratulatory. It was largely corruption — all of the corruption taking place. It was largely the fact that we don't want our people, like Vice President Biden and his son, creating to the corruption already in the Ukraine.”

He later added: “If you don't talk about corruption, why would you give money to a country that you think is corrupt?”

Swalwell said: “His own words were that he asked the Ukrainian president to investigate a political opponent. Those words in and of themselves are asking a foreign government to interfere with an election. ... If that was the only thing that we had, it would certainly rise to the level of an impeachment investigation.”

Back in June, Trump told ABC News that if a foreign country had dirt on one of his political opponents, “I think I'd take it.”

“I think you might want to listen, there isn't anything wrong with listening,” Trump said. “If somebody called from a country, Norway, ‘we have information on your opponent?’ Oh, I think I'd want to hear it.”

It doesn't take much to connect these dots, especially when they form a straight

line from Trump's mouth to the House's decision to launch an impeachment inquiry.

“Sometimes the act is in plain sight,” Swalwell said. “The president, he copped to asking a foreign government for help in a U.S. election.”

And now his own administration has released a summary of a phone call that confirms the act of seeking foreign assistance to tar a political opponent.

I'd like to believe anyone, Democrat or Republican, would find that unacceptable. But Trump's supporters will excuse anything. We know that all too well. And Republicans in Congress traded their souls for Trump-branded steaks long ago.

So it's up to Democrats and anyone not fully under Trump's spell to say, “Enough.”

“We just have to decide as a country, do we want a president asking other countries to get involved in our elections?” Swalwell said. “Are we willing to accept what that means, which is that a president who did that would owe a foreign government something and put another country's interest ahead of our own. That's what we give up.”

Buckle up, America. This stretch is going to be bumpy, but it's a road we have to go down.

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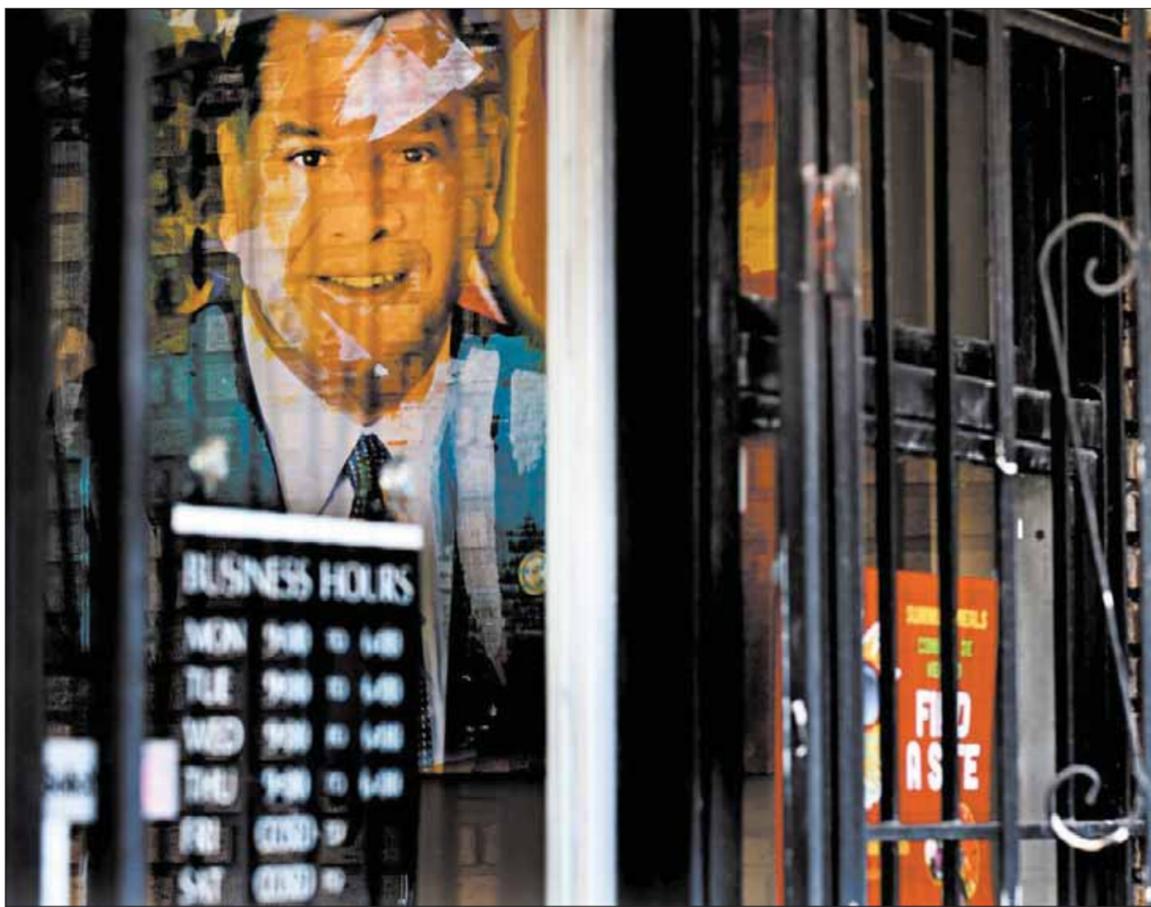
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A portrait of state Sen. Martin Sandoval hangs in his closed office in Cicero on Tuesday after being raided by federal agents.

Cullerton says FBI raids of peers' offices 'very troubling'

Longtime state Sen. Martin Sandoval latest to be probed

BY JAMIE MUNKS

Senate President John Cullerton on Wednesday called the FBI raids on longtime Democratic state Sen. Martin Sandoval's home and government offices "very troubling."

"It doesn't look good, but we don't know what it's about," Cullerton, a Chicago Democrat, said. "We don't know if he's the subject matter, but it looks like it's a criminal investigation."

Cullerton answered questions from reporters about Sandoval on Wednesday morning at a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new community services shelter in Lincoln Park.

As of that moment, Cullerton said he



Cullerton

hadn't spoken with Sandoval.

The FBI raids of Sandoval's Cicero and Springfield offices and his home on Tuesday follow the indictment last month of Democratic state Sen. Thomas Cullerton on embezzlement charges alleging

he accepted \$275,000 in salary and benefits from the Teamsters union for little or no work.

Days later, Cullerton, a distant cousin of the Senate president, was removed from his position as Senate Labor Committee chairman, and reassigned to chair the Veterans Affairs Committee, which carries a \$10,500 stipend on top of his legislative salary.

Investigators are looking into allega-

tions Sandoval used his official position to steer business to at least one company in exchange for kickbacks, a source with knowledge of the case told the Chicago Tribune. No criminal charges have been filed.

John Cullerton said Wednesday he will wait for more information before making any decisions about Sandoval, who chairs the Senate Transportation Committee.

"They're still serving in the General Assembly, I think we should probably wait and see if Sen. Sandoval is the subject matter of the inquiry, right?" Cullerton said.

"Let's make some informed decisions after we see what happens. It's too early to tell."

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Seeking greener checks, park staff to strike

Like teachers and CPS staff, district workers set to walk

BY MORGAN GREENE

Chicago Park District workers have joined the thousands of other city employees preparing to walk off the job.

At a Tuesday night labor rally at the Chicago Teachers Union headquarters in West Town, with presidential candidate Bernie Sanders in attendance, Park District workers announced to the sound of cheers and a standing ovation they have voted in an overwhelming majority to authorize a strike.

"We are ready to say that we are fed up and we're not going to take it any more," Becky Kliber, a Park District worker for more than three decades and current supervisor at Welles Park in Ravenswood, told the crowd. "It's time to invest in our parks and our park workers. It's time to invest in our schools and in the communities of our city."

In votes counted over the weekend, 94% backed a strike, Kliber said. Park District workers — from park supervisors and physical instructors to activity leaders, landscape laborers and attendants — are seeking raises, stable health care costs and equal pay and benefits for part-time workers.

"We, too, are in a fight for a fair contract," Kliber said. "Whether it's 50 degrees below zero, 110 heat index or a teachers strike, we have always been there for the citizens of Chicago. It seems like the only people that can't enjoy their leisure time in the parks are the workers that maintain those parks."

The Tuesday announcement marked the first time Park District workers have voted to authorize a strike since they have been represented by Service Employees International Union Local 73. The vote comes as educators represented by the Chicago Teachers Union move closer to a strike and follows the July announcement that more than 7,000 Chicago Public Schools workers represented by SEIU voted to authorize a strike.

The Park District workers include about 2,300 year-round employees, two-thirds of whom are part-time, according to union officials, and staff increases over the summer to about 3,000 with seasonal workers. About 80% of Park District employees are represented by SEIU.

With the authorization, workers need to give notice of five business days to strike after their next negotiation, officials said. The soonest Park District workers could go on strike is Oct. 8, according to union officials.

The union's last contract with the Park District expired at the end of 2018, and SEIU has been in negotiations with the district for several months.

The Park District said it values union members but must also address potential pension fund shortages.

"Over the past several months, we have negotiated in good faith with SEIU Local 73, making significant progress to improve working conditions at the bargaining table and to extend a significant wage increase for our lowest-paid workers over the next five years," spokeswoman Michele Lemons said in a statement. "The Chicago Park District must also address a more far-reaching urgency, our spiraling pension fund that could become bankrupt by 2026 unless we act to resolve it today. As we move forward, we will continue to work toward an agreement that is mutually favorable for the Chicago Park District, its valued employees and city taxpayers."

But SEIU Local 73's lead negotiator Larry Alcoff said Park District workers have fallen behind, and a number of fundamental issues still need to be addressed.

"People have had enough," Alcoff said. "It's time to stop subsidizing the Park District off the backs of workers who work at the parks."

Madeline Kummer, an hourly attendant at Chase Park in Ravenswood, said she is lucky if she can make it to her next paycheck and worries about providing for her family. She said she recently sold her car because she couldn't afford it.

"I'm hoping I can get paid well enough to stay in a job that I love," Kummer said.

The custodial aspects of her job can be taxing, Kummer said, but she loves building relationships with kids and parents, and members of the community. She hopes a strike could help the city realize the importance of the Park District.

"We're trying to make things better, not just for us but the entire community," Kummer said.

Kliber, of Welles Park, said many employees grew up in the parks and aren't in the jobs for the money. But, Kliber said in an interview with the Tribune, "In order

for us to continue what we're doing and doing it as well as we're doing it, the Park District needs to start investing in the workers."

The union says the Park District is offering 2% raises for workers, while some leaders are receiving up to 20% raises. The union says it has proposed moderate raises for workers and longevity pay, but the district has rejected their proposals. The union also says the district seeks to double health care costs for workers, which would set them back even further.

Another key issue for organizers is addressing the district's part-time employees, who union officials say make up a large portion of the workforce, some working 52 weeks a year without paid vacation or holidays, or access to health insurance. Some are paid 60 cents on the dollar for doing the same job as full-time workers, according to the union.

Because of the challenges faced by part-time workers, Kliber said it's difficult to attract quality employees, and turnover is high.

The Park District is up for the Gold Medal award for excellence in parks and recreation at the National Recreation and Park Association Annual Conference this week in Baltimore. But some say the prize should go to the parks and its workers, not management.

"If one of the ways to judge the Park District, however, is how they treat the workers who do the work, they get a failing grade," Alcoff said.

Alcoff said it could be a historic strike for the parks — and for the mayor. Between the schools and the parks, about 35,000 people could be on strike at the same time. Like the teachers union, SEIU Local 73 endorsed Mayor Lori Lightfoot's opponent, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle.

"I think the question of what should happen, what these parents should do, if the parks and the schools are on strike at the same time, is a question that should be laid at the doorstep of Mayor Lori Lightfoot," Alcoff said. "She should answer the question of when are you going to be the mayor of the working class? When are you going to stand up for these workers? And when are you going to make sure that they can support their families while they're providing for the parks and recreation of everybody else's?"

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Mistrial bid fails in midst of trial in boy's killing

Lawyers for accused say police withheld key info for a year

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

Lawyers for two reputed gang members on trial for the 2015 killing of 9-year-old Tyshawn Lee unsuccessfully sought a mistrial on Wednesday, incensed that Chicago police withheld what they considered key information from them until this week.

Police didn't timely hand over evidence to prosecutors that officers had stopped two men on the street for questioning in 2017 moments after recovering five guns, including the Smith & Wesson .40-caliber pistol later linked through testing to Tyshawn's killing, the defense said.

If they had the information sooner, attorneys for Dwight Doty and Corey Morgan argued outside the presence of jurors, they could have investigated the two men as possible suspects in Tyshawn's killing.

As detailed in a front-page Tribune story last week, the gun that killed Tyshawn wasn't found for more than a year after his slaying — and then only by chance. Officers patrolling West Englewood noticed a group video-recording a makeshift music video in a vacant lot in the South Side neighborhood. Spotting the squad car, they took off running, tossing the five semi-automatic handguns along South Wolcott Avenue.

A police report about the guns' recovery — turned over to the defense long before trial — made no mention of the street stop.

It wasn't until Tuesday — more than two years later — that the police, however, told Cook County prosecutors they had briefly stopped two of those seen fleeing that night in April 2017, prosecutors told Judge Thaddeus Wilson. The two were detained for a few minutes, but neither was arrested nor charged.

"That information was suppressed by the Chicago Police Department until the midpoint of this trial," Todd Pugh, one of Morgan's attorneys, said in seeking the mistrial. "We could have conducted further inquiry, and perhaps there's a strong probability that we would have secured this music video."

...There were individuals that were on film in a music video waving weapons, one of which turns out to be a murder weapon in the most sensational murder trial that this county has seen in 10 years."



Tyshawn Lee

Prosecutors acknowledged that the late disclosure by police was not ideal but said the defense attorneys were "taking great advantage of a simple mistake."

"We're doing a lot of what if-ing here today," Assistant State's Attorney Thomas Darman said.

Darman argued that the two stopped by police were too young to be a match for the men in their mid-20s spotted by eyewitnesses shortly before Tyshawn's slaying in November 2015.

Doty and Morgan are in the second week of a trial on charges they targeted the boy since his father belonged to a rival gang suspected of fatally shooting Morgan's brother and wounding his mother in an attack just weeks earlier.

Before denying the motion for a mistrial, the judge asked to hear from the two men stopped by police on the night the murder weapon was recovered. Both — one now 23, the other 20 — testified outside the presence of the separate juries deciding the fate of Doty and Morgan.

The two said they had been walking around the neighborhood and stopped to watch the music video being filmed, but both denied taking part in the production. They said officers stopped them after they fled and then patted them down.

Defense attorneys pointed out that the younger man was wearing in court a pair of Rock Revival jeans, the same distinctive brand that one witness testified seeing on a man who walked with Tyshawn in 2015 into an alley, where the boy was found shot repeatedly moments later.

The man was told to step from the witness stand and move in front of the bench so the judge could view the jeans.

In denying the defense motion, the judge said that under "the totality of circumstances" the incident did not rise to the level of a mistrial.

Though unsuccessful, the defense attorneys used the new information to conduct an intense cross-examination of Chicago police Officer Eulalio Rodriguez, who was among the officers who recovered the weapon and wrote the "investigative stop report" on the two detained.

Assistant Public Defender Danita Ivory, who represents Doty, the accused gunman, pressed Rodriguez on why he hadn't told prosecutors in previous meetings that two men had been stopped from the scene. Under questioning by Pugh, Rodriguez said he knew of no efforts by Chicago police to further investigate the music video incident after the recovered gun traced back to Tyshawn's killing.

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Expunge

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Ballinger said, people with a criminal record will take it. Now at age 28, he's finding success, but is still haunted by his criminal convictions from years ago.

When Illinois lawmakers acted to legalize marijuana sales next year, they included provisions to wipe out lower-level cannabis convictions — part of a nationwide movement to clear such records. But for people like Ballinger, it may not be easy.

The process of destroying records of an offense, known as expungement, typically takes months or years, advocates say, and involves getting fingerprinted, chasing down records and going to court. Those who've been through the process say the ordeal is well worth it, and gives people a chance to make their lives known for more than their worst mistakes.

To speed up the process for cannabis cases, by the end of the year, Illinois State Police are required to compile a list of offenders with charges involving 30 grams or fewer. Arrest records are to be automatically destroyed, and the state Prisoner Review Board will recommend whether to pardon convictions. If Gov. J.B. Pritzker grants the pardons, as expected, the court files would be sealed, meaning they'd be hidden from public view.

The governor's office estimated that roughly 700,000 criminal cases could be cleared, making it easier for those people to get jobs and housing. Any cases associated with a violent crime would not be eligible.

Studies show that expungement can help reduce repeat offenses by those who get their records wiped clean. A study by the University of Michigan found that those who got their records set aside in that state were more likely to get jobs, their wages went up by 25%, and 99 percent were not convicted of a felony in the next five years. The results were cheaper and more effective than job training programs.

For people such as Ballinger, who are eligible for — but not guaranteed — a pardon, Cabrini Green Legal Aid programs director Cynthia Cornelius advises waiting for the process to play out next year. If the governor does not end up pardoning their cases, they



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Boxer Fres Oquendo, of Uptown, spars with his coach at the Taylor Park gym in Bronzeville. Oquendo has a hearing set with the Prisoner Review Board.

“My record has been a gorilla on my back chasing me my whole career.”

—Boxer Fres Oquendo, who succeeded in getting court records sealed and is now allowed to work with youth

can go to court to ask a judge to vacate their convictions, though prosecutors or police can oppose their requests.

Those convicted of certain criminal offenses have long had the option to seek to expunge or seal their records, but the process can be more complicated than it is supposed to be for lower-level cannabis cases. Those who are going through the process say their experience can be enlightening for those who will attempt it in the future.

Heavyweight boxer “Fast” Fres Oquendo knows what it's like to go through the process. Oquendo, who was born in Puerto Rico but was raised in Chicago, has contended for the heavyweight title, and is currently in legal disputes over can-

celed prizefights.

In 1994, Oquendo was 19 and a national Golden Gloves champion when, he said, he was arrested after a friend got caught with crack cocaine in his car, and he pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

The conviction nearly derailed his boxing career, and years later, when he formed the Fres Oquendo Boxing Academy for youth, his record initially kept him from working for the Chicago Park District. His attorney, Beth Johnson, said Oquendo has since gotten his court records sealed, and has formed a partnership to work with youths for both the Park District and schools.

Even sealed records can turn up when government agencies perform fingerprint background checks, Johnson said. So now Oquendo, 46, awaits an October hearing before the Prisoner Review Board seeking a pardon.

“My record has been a gorilla on my back chasing me my whole career,” he said. “I want to get it off my record so I can live a normal life.”

One woman who's completed the expungement process said it changed her

life.

Sardike Bennett hit rock bottom before she turned her life around. Raised in the Ida B. Wells public housing project in Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood, Bennett said she was smart and inquisitive and stayed in school, but got in a lot of trouble.

She ended up in a gang abusing drugs. She started by drinking cough syrup or “lean,” moved on to smoking “primos” of tobacco or marijuana with cocaine, and then snorting heroin, and using methadone to keep from getting sick until she could get more heroin.

She was charged with a string of crimes, from theft to battery, and ended up in Cook County Jail. “I told God, you can take me now, is this my whole life?” she said. “I didn't know nothing else but to get in trouble.”

While in jail, Bennett was struck by the heartfelt gospel singing of another inmate. Once she got out, she said, she let God take control of her life. She moved to Iowa to get away from the people, places and things that had led her into trouble.

With help from people there, she got clean, found work, and eventually married and had five children.

She has since moved to Montgomery, Alabama, and said she has been sober for 22 years, got a real estate license and a college degree. After repeatedly running into problems with background checks when looking for jobs, Williams returned to Chicago in 2017 to seek expungement of numerous cases that were more than 20 years old.

She made two trips, one to get her rap sheet from police headquarters and schedule a court date, and then to return in 2018 for a court hearing at which she obtained court orders to destroy her arrest records and seal the court files.

“It's like a chain broke off me,” she said. “It's like I'm free. People really do change. That process of expungement allowed me to change.”

In light of the new law, a number of organizations are holding events in Chicago this week to mark the second annual National Expungement Week. In addition to regularly scheduled events, such as the Cabrini Green Legal Aid help desk at Daley Center through Thursday, there will be special gatherings to help people clear their records, listed at offtherecord.us.

Bonita Money, founder

of the National Diversity and Inclusion Cannabis Alliance, said her organization has helped people in Los Angeles get expungements, but lack of outreach, high filing fees and bureaucracy keep most people from taking advantage of such programs. She also questions whether the convoluted process in Illinois involving the police, the courts, the review board and the governor will cause people to fall through the cracks.

“If you make it too difficult,” she said, “people won't take all the steps to get it done.”

Not everyone is thrilled with the expungement process. The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police expressed concerns before the law's passage. Kevin Sabet, CEO of Smart Approaches to Marijuana, said he supports the concept but not the law.

“People should be given a second chance after making a poor decision, and we should facilitate their ability to get a job and get back on their feet,” he said. “Legalizing marijuana, however, is the wrong way to do this.”

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Hate

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ber Jesus “Chuy” Garcia, criticized that decision as being far too lax, charges were upgraded to a felony hate crime.

“Justice has been served with today's guilty verdict,” Garcia, now a U.S. congressman, said Wednesday. “No one should be harassed or threatened based on race or ethnicity. The victim was simply trying to set up a picnic in a public park. ... Let's remember that diversity is our strength, and we must stand against any attempts to divide our communities.”

Claudia Badillo of the Puerto Rican Bar Association of Illinois, which also had called for hate crime charges to be filed against Trybus, said the verdict was just.

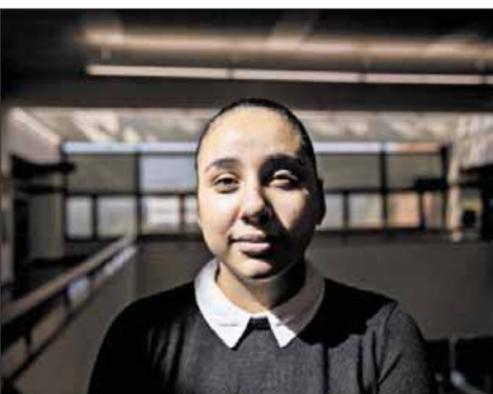
“Words have consequences,” she said. “I think it's important that he was prosecuted.”

And David Goldenberg, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League Midwest, said, “Verdicts such as these send an important message that hateful behavior will not be tolerated.”

“Xenophobic and bigoted comments threaten and attack not only the victim, but entire communities,” he said. “No one should ever be targeted based on who they are or where they come from.”

Trybus faces up to five years in prison, but probation is also an option. He will return to court Oct. 21. His bond was revoked Wednesday and he was taken into custody.

Irizarry, 25, testified Tuesday that she feared for



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“I would never have thought in a million years a flag would be a problem,” Mia Irizarry testified Tuesday.

her safety at the Caldwell Woods Forest Preserve on Chicago's Northwest Side on June 14, 2018, when Trybus began to criticize her.

“I was very nervous and a little concerned for my safety,” she said. “He was trying to make me feel small and scared.”

Prosecutors said Trybus turned the picnic area into a “place of hate.”

Irizarry said she had reserved the picnic area for her 24th birthday, and informed Trybus and two others of that when she arrived and they were there. She said Trybus commented on her shirt and initially asked if the flag was the Texas state flag.

When Irizarry said it was the Puerto Rican flag, “his demeanor changed,” and he became aggressive and angry, she said.

“He was trying to close in on me,” she said. “He was asserting himself into my space. I was very scared.”

The lengthy cellphone video she recorded went viral, not just because of Trybus' harangue but also

because a Cook County Forest Preserve District police officer stood by and watched Trybus shout at the woman, ignoring her repeated requests for help. The officer, Patrick Connor, was placed on desk duty pending an investigation but later resigned amid calls he be fired.

The video shows Trybus telling Irizarry, “You should not be wearing that (shirt) in the United States of America.”

He then moves closer asking: “Are you a citizen? Are you a United States citizen?”

When Irizarry replies that Puerto Rico is part of the United States, Trybus comes closer, and she asks the forest preserve officer to help. But the officer stood by, seeming to ignore the woman's requests for assistance.

“I am renting this area, and he's harassing me about the shirt that I'm wearing,” says Irizarry, who grew up on the Northwest Side.

Trybus did not testify at the trial.

During closing arguments on Wednesday, As-

sistant State's Attorney Patricia Berlinsky said the fact that Trybus never touched Irizarry does not mean that he did not commit a hate crime.

“Pay attention to his words,” Berlinsky told jurors. “They're the words of a hate crime.”

“She was scared,” Berlinsky said. “She felt threatened. Mia has every reason to think she's going to be touched.”

“He is so close she can practically feel his breath on her body,” she said. “It's time to tell this defendant this community won't tolerate this behavior.”

Defense attorney David Goldman on Wednesday said Irizarry did not appear to be frightened on the video and that at trial prosecutors had failed to prove “beyond a reasonable doubt” that Trybus had committed a hate crime. He also said his client was highly intoxicated when he confronted Irizarry.

“What do drunks do?” he asked jurors. “They invade your space.”

Prosecutors, however, told the jury the fact that Trybus may have been drunk should not figure into their deliberations.

“It does not excuse him from his behavior,” Berlinsky said.

Prosecutors played jurors the video on Tuesday and also showed them still pictures of an angry Trybus pulled from the video.

“You saw the video,” Assistant State's Attorney Sharon Kanter said Wednesday. “It was a real-life horror for Mia.”

“His actions elevated him from being a racist jerk to a hate crime,” she said.

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Kim Foxx will donate Sandoval contribution

BY JUAN PEREZ JR.

The campaign for Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx says it is donating a years-old, \$5,000 contribution from state Sen. Martin Sandoval, after federal agents raided the longtime Illinois legislator's offices and family residence this week.

William Conway, one of Foxx's rivals in the 2020 campaign for state's attorney, cited the ongoing criminal investigation Wednesday when he called on the county prosecutor to return a 2016 contribution from Sandoval's political fund. Foxx's campaign now says it is donating the money to a nonprofit organization, while firing its own challenge at the sources of Conway's campaign cash and their ties to the defense industry.

Sandoval, a veteran Democratic legislator and chair of the influential Senate Transportation Committee, has not been charged in a case that brought federal authorities to his Springfield and Cicero offices on Tuesday.

But this week's dueling statements between Foxx and Conway continue to set the tone for an expensive and competitive election for the county's high-profile top prosecutor role.

Foxx faces a special prosecutor's investigation into how her office handled an alleged hate crime hoax by television actor Jussie Smollett. She's also won resources and support from local Democratic Party leaders for the 2020 election, and is armed with hundreds of thousands of

dollars in campaign contributions from unions and corporate luminaries.

Conway's attempt to raise questions about Sandoval's donations to Foxx is part of a campaign strategy that seeks to link Foxx to old-guard local politics. Conway's camp pointed to a 2018 Sun-Times report that noted Foxx accepted campaign donations from indicted Chicago Ald. Edward Burke while one of his clients battled the state's attorneys office in court over property tax refunds.

“While I hope she needs my call to return the tainted money, she'll never be able to shake her ties to the corrupt machine that's backing her,” Conway, a Naval reservist and former Cook county prosecutor, said in a statement Wednesday before Foxx's team said it was donating the money.

“Cook County residents deserve a state's attorney who doesn't owe anyone anything except the people of our county.”

Foxx's campaign, in a statement, said it was donating Sandoval's contributions to the Equal Justice Initiative — an Alabama-based group that works on issues related to mass incarceration.

Foxx's camp then blasted Conway's support from his father, a co-founder of the massive Carlyle Group investment firm, and a Conway campaign video that compares U.S. military counterterrorism strategies to his campaign platform. Conway's father fed \$500,000 into the campaign in August.

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Deported Army veteran's future in limbo

'Still hopeful' as he waits for decision in citizenship case

BY ELVIA MALAGÓN

Miguel Perez Jr. had only been back in Chicago for 24 hours, but he had already gone through a roller coaster of emotions and now he has to wait for a letter that holds his fate.

Perez, a U.S. Army veteran, has been living in the Mexican border town of Tijuana following his deportation last year after he served a 7½-year prison sentence for a felony drug conviction. He was allowed to return to Chicago temporarily to attend an appointment Wednesday for his appeal of his citizenship application that had been denied and prompted the deportation.

"I'm still hopeful," a soft-spoken Perez said to a crowd of reporters outside the Chicago office for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. "I think that everything went very well. It seems like it's going to be a positive outcome."

In late August, Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker granted Perez clemency for the conviction, opening the door for him to return to Chicago, where he grew up. Agents from U.S. Customs and Border Protection in Laredo, Texas, allowed Perez to enter the country for two weeks so he could



Miguel Perez Jr., an Army veteran who was deported, receives a blessing at a news conference Tuesday. He's back in Chicago, but only for two weeks unless he wins his citizenship.

attend Wednesday's appointment, said Chris Bergin, Perez's immigration attorney.

The appointment lasted less than two hours. Inside, officials asked Perez a few questions and collected his fingerprints, Bergin said. They presented the agency with a copy of the pardon Pritzker issued. He thinks a decision could be made in writing in as soon as in a week.

"It definitely seemed like a much different feeling than I had fighting it all the way through the deportation process for the last couple years," Bergin said

after the appointment. "The fact that the higher-ups are looking into it, I think, is a really positive sign."

USCIS declined to comment Wednesday, citing privacy restrictions.

Standing outside the federal building, Perez said Wednesday he felt like he was home. He had an emotional reunion Tuesday night with his 22-year-old daughter. He also grabbed a slice of Giordano's Pizza, ate Chicago-style popcorn and wanted to catch a Bears game.

"I'm so blessed to be here because just a couple weeks ago I was stranded in a place

that I don't belong, where I couldn't leave the house because ... it's a dangerous place," Perez said during a news conference Tuesday in the Pilsen area hours after landing in Chicago. "There's death threats. It's just somewhere where I don't wish anybody to be, especially if you are not from there."

But Perez's stay in the city he considers home is temporary. The meeting was part of Perez's appeal to the federal agency, which previously denied his petition for citizenship.

Perez, 41, joined the U.S. Army before 9/11 — serving

with a Special Forces unit in Afghanistan — and has said he mistakenly thought his tenure in the military bestowed him citizenship.

Perez has fought his deportation and petitioned for retroactive citizenship to when he joined the military in 2001. Bergin said they plan to further their legal argument by presenting a copy of Pritzker's pardon.

Perez has gained a wide range of supporters, including U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth.

"Miguel Perez was willing to protect our nation in uniform and his experiences — including the great lengths he went to reform his life — show us why we should never give up on our combat veterans," the senator from Illinois said in a news release. "... It will be a proud day for our country when we can call Miguel a fellow American."

During Tuesday's news conference, Perez's father, Miguel Perez Sr., clutched an American flag his son brought from Afghanistan.

The elder Perez wasn't sure what more officials needed to see for his son to be given U.S. citizenship.

"If the governor pardoned him, there's nothing on his record," the elder Perez said in Spanish. "Additionally, he paid his debt to society. What more do they want?"

He said there were days when he and his wife, Esperanza, would get frustrated

as they pushed back against the deportation.

"I would tell her, 'No, the mother of a soldier can't give up,'" he recalled. "Miguel went to war to fight for all of us. You have to get up. Then a couple days would go by, and I would be the one defeated, and she would tell me to get up."

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

Perez said he was eager to see a doctor to begin treating his post-traumatic stress disorder while he is in Chicago.

He was leaning on his faith to get him through the next two weeks, the amount of time he can stay in the U.S. if he's not granted citizenship.

"I have faith in God that I'm going to be able to stay home," Perez said Tuesday as his mother held his arm. "I have to stay home. I can't go back."

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Trenton Blackful, center left, and Kentnilla Blackful, center right, mourn the death of their daughter Kentayvia, in Harvey on Wednesday.

Death

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more. We know she's in a better place."

Harvey police Chief Eddie Winters said "several" men approached the home on foot and opened fire on a man who was standing outside. Multiple bullets penetrated the facade of the tan home, including one that struck Kentayvia in the head, police said.

She was rushed in critical condition to Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn, where she remained until her death.

Police are investigating the incident, and no arrests have been made.

Donner described Kentayvia as "a fun person to be around" who adored her younger siblings and genuinely cared about others.

"Her personality was to put a smile on somebody's face," he said. "Anyone who is upset, she'll try to cheer them up, get them to laugh just to see them happy."

Donner said his granddaughter was a straight-A student who took honors classes and played on her school's basketball team.

She was the type of kid who enjoyed doing her homework right when she got home from school and was looking forward to the challenge of her honors classes this year, he said.

Matthews, a fifth grade teacher at Maya Angelou Elementary School who had Kentayvia as a student

last year, said she was at the top of her class, a peer tutor, a buddy reader for a first grade student, the student body president and president of the Beta Club, which is like a National Junior Honor Society.

"She was a delight to have in the classroom," said Matthews, who described Kentayvia as a very strong, mature and independent girl who knew what she wanted and led by serving others.

"(She was) like a personal assistant," Matthews said. "She was able to help me help the students."

Norma Young-White, who taught Kentayvia in her honors ELA class this year, said she was impressed by her student's insight during group discussions and her desire to learn.

"She wanted to be a phenomenal student," Young-White said. "She was not satisfied with just being a good student."

Kentayvia, also a starting forward/center on her elementary school's title-winning basketball team last year, had been looking forward to hitting the court for a middle-school game on her birthday and then going out for a celebratory dinner afterward, Donner said.

She had been up the night before with her parents, younger siblings and paternal grandparents making invitations and T-shirt designs for her birthday party Saturday at the Markham Roller Rink

when shots rang out, he said.

Donner said his daughter, Kentayvia's mother, Kentnilla Blackful, lunged to cover Kentayvia when she heard the shots as everyone inside the home dropped to the floor.

"When the shooting stopped, everyone got up," said Donner, who was not present, but relayed what he'd heard from family. "But (Kentayvia) didn't get up."

Kentnilla Blackful then saw the blood on her shirt and realized her daughter had been hit before she'd had a chance to shield her.

"You went from the happiest moment ever to the saddest moment ever," Donner said.

The family stayed at Kentayvia's bedside until she died late Tuesday night, a couple of hours after community members gathered in a lot on her block to offer their prayers and write messages on balloons that were tied to posts outside her home.

Michelle Levey, one of Kentayvia's classmates, attended the vigil and wrote a "Get well soon" message on a white balloon.

She said she learned Tuesday her classmate had been shot when school officials announced it over the loudspeaker.

"Most of us was crying," said Michelle, who recalled the kindness Kentayvia had shown her when she started school.

"She showed me where my desk was at, my locker,

she showed me a lot of stuff," Michelle said.

Harvey School District 152 Superintendent John Thomas released a statement Wednesday stating the district would have grief counselors on site for students and staff for the rest of the week.

"Kentayvia was an outstanding student, gifted athlete and an extraordinary friend who had a work ethic beyond her years and whose positive attitude and spirit permeated throughout the District and greater Harvey community," the statement reads. "There are no words to express the sorrow of our staff and students."

In addition to excelling both academically and athletically, Kentayvia lived to help others, her grandfather said, and was an exemplary role model for her two younger siblings.

"They looked up to her," Donner said of Kentayvia's 6-year-old sister and 3-year-old brother, who went everywhere with their big sister. "They was like a pack."

Matthews, Kentayvia's fifth grade teacher, said the bond between the siblings was incredible to watch.

"The relationship (Kentayvia) had and the care she had for her sister was amazing," Matthews said. "She was very catering and nurturing to her sister."

Donner said it was going to be difficult to return to the family home, where both younger children witnessed their sister get shot,

and said the family was still grappling with how to break the news of Kentayvia's death to them.

He said the family was still making funeral arrangements and was planning a balloon release outside the home Wednesday evening.

In the future, he said they'd like to honor Kentayvia's memory and the memories of other victims of street violence with an annual skating party like the one she'd been looking forward to on Saturday but never got to have.

Young-White, her sixth grade teacher, said she'd never met her pupil's parents but felt compelled to share with them a message of perseverance and resolve that Kentayvia had shared with the class earlier this year after reading Apple co-founder Steve Jobs' commencement address to the Stanford class of 2005.

Kentayvia's biggest takeaway from the speech, her teacher said, was to never give up, no matter what hardships you may suffer or obstacles you may face in life, always maintain the will to carry on.

"As I'm sitting right here and I see the empty desk, it just makes me think of what she said," Young-White said. "If I were to say anything to her parents, I would just use her words to encourage them that it was her words in my class, what she learned from Steve Jobs, that you have to have the will to carry on."

Teens face charges in Loop shooting

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

An 18-year-old man who police say shot at another man on Michigan Avenue, missing him but damaging a restaurant window, was ordered held without bail Wednesday because he had failed to show up to hearings in two unrelated gun-related cases over the summer, according to authorities and court records.

Angel Martinez, 18, of Cicero, was arrested soon after the Monday attack, which happened about 5:30 p.m. in the 200 block of South Michigan Avenue in the Loop, said Kellie Bartoli, a police spokeswoman.

A 17-year-old girl, who was not named because she is a juvenile, also was arrested and charged, she said.

Martinez was ordered held without bail in a hearing Wednesday related to warrants for his arrest after he missed court hearings in July, according to court records.

Bartoli said the police report does not indicate what Martinez and the man he shot at, who police never located, argued about before Martinez took out a handgun and shot at the man at least once.

Officers said no one was hit, but at least one bullet went into the window of a nearby restaurant.

Authorities caught up with the pair, who were walking in the 100 block of East Jackson Drive, soon after the shots were fired and not far from the Art Institute of Chicago.

"The weapon was discovered inside a bag the (girl) was carrying, so she was also arrested and charged," Bartoli wrote in an email.

Martinez is not old enough to legally purchase a weapon in Illinois. It wasn't clear how he got the gun, authorities said.

Martinez was charged with two felonies, according to police: unauthorized use of a weapon with no firearm owner card and aggravated discharge of a firearm.

At the time of his arrest, Martinez, who court records show also goes by the name Luis Martinez, had warrants out for his arrest in two prior gun-related cases from February.

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Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders headlines a rally at Chicago Teachers Union headquarters on Tuesday, the first day of a union strike vote.

Amid teachers' strike vote, Sanders, Cusack rally to cause

Celebs provide backing during contract push

BY HANNAH LEONE AND GREGORY PRATT

The Chicago Teachers Union brought some celebrity backing to its push for a new contract Tuesday evening, with actor John Cusack rallying with teachers before the evening's headliner — Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders — called for big raises for local public school educators.

"There has never been a better champion for unions than Bernie Sanders," Cusack said to cheers from a throng of teachers and other local labor group members gathered at headquarters of the CTU on the first day of its vote to authorize a teachers strike.

When the Vermont senator later took the stage, he thanked the teachers union for "becoming the conscience of the United States of America."

"What we are seeing is teachers standing up and fighting for justice," Sanders said. "... Every problem in society — hunger, domestic violence, poverty — it walks into your doors, doesn't it? You see it every day and at a time when we, in the wealthiest country in the history of the world, have the highest rate of childhood poverty of almost any major country on earth."

"You are demanding and I am demanding a change in national priorities," he said.

Sanders underscored some of the CTU's specific

demands, calling on the city to "negotiate a contract that substantially reduces class sizes" and to "substantially increase the pay and benefits for the teachers in Chicago and the support staff in Chicago," as well as address the shortages of nurses and librarians.

Earlier at the rally, CTU President Jesse Sharkey called out Mayor Lori Lightfoot, saying she hasn't offered staffing levels that would ensure librarians, nurses or social workers in schools on a daily basis.

But again Tuesday, the mayor pointed to a city proposal that offers teachers base pay raises of 16% over five years. She also said new positions being sought by the union are "baked ... into the budget for this year."

At the rally, Sanders also spoke of working people not being able to afford child care and plugged his proposal for free college tuition. After he said, "Let me tell you something else that we're going to do," an audience member called out, "Beat Trump!"

At that, Sanders laughed while those in the crowd cheered and rose to their feet.

Bob Reiter, the president of the Chicago Federation of Labor, had gotten the crowd riled up earlier, saying it's ready to fight for workers. He was one of several speakers who punctuated his words with F-bombs.

"The Chicago labor movement is a very special place. It's the hometown of the American labor movement," he said, later adding, "If it's time ... then (explosive) strike."

Once the speeches concluded, people rushed to one side of the room, where a path had been designated for Sanders to exit. They lined the path, four to five people deep, holding their phones to try to catch a photo. "We love you, Bernie!" some called out as he walked by.

Steps away, Claire Bartlett and her mother stood arm-in-arm in red union shirts. Bartlett, a librarian in the suburbs, said her mom was a CPS teacher and now works for the CTU, and her dad used to teach in another district. She came out to support educators, because she's seen how hard they work and thinks they deserve living wages. "They have the community's best interests at heart," Bartlett said. She said she also enjoyed Sanders' speech.

Maria Peña, a bilingual teacher at Yates, said she showed up for the strike rally but was also interested to hear from Sanders. She cast her vote Tuesday, in favor of a strike — "for my students," she said.

Sanders had already shone a spotlight on the labor strife in Chicago Public Schools, tweeting his support this month for the CTU and another group of workers also poised for a possible walkout, including bus and special education aides, custodians and security officers.

Leading up to Sanders' Chicago appearance, two other presidential contenders, Sen. Elizabeth Warren and former Vice President Joe Biden, made similar statements of support for Chicago educators.

The 25,000-member

CTU embarked Tuesday on a three-day strike vote, which, if the measure passes, will empower the union's House of Delegates to set a walkout date as early as Oct. 7. SEIU Local 73, the union for the 7,000 support employees, has already authorized a strike, which could occur as soon as Oct. 17.

Tuesday's rally featured several other labor groups, including Mount Sinai Hospital workers, United Auto Workers members and teachers with Southwest Suburban Federation of Teachers Local 943.

A representative of Chicago Park District workers also told the crowd that their union has voted to authorize their own strike, with more than 94% voting yes. The announcement prompted a standing ovation, hoots and hollers, and arm pumps.

Asked earlier Tuesday about the candidates' tweets and Sanders' appearance at the rally, Lightfoot said, "It's not a surprise to me that Democratic contenders for the presidency support working families and support teachers. So do I. It's part of who we are as Democrats."

Lightfoot was asked for her message to teachers as they weigh whether to vote on a strike.

"We value you and I think we've shown you that by a very fulsome compensation package, which would result in the average teacher getting an increase of 24% over five years," Lightfoot said, referring to both the 16% raises the city has offered to teachers and the additional "step" pay increases that CPS teachers

receive for each year of service.

"CTU teachers, if this package is accepted, would be among the highest-paid teachers in the country, and it would be the most lucrative CTU package in its history," Lightfoot added.

The mayor said her administration has heard teachers' concerns about nurses, counselors, case managers and other support.

"That's why we have baked those into the budget for this year and have asked and ask again CTU to partner with us on helping create that pipeline," said Lightfoot, repeating her vow to clear her schedule to sit at the bargaining table personally.

At the same time as the labor rally, the Sanders campaign was scheduled to host a "Bernie 2020: Plan to Win" party in the Heart of Chicago neighborhood near Pilsen. Earlier in the evening, supporters held a similar event in Wicker Park after a morning of the "Bernie Beats Trump" Tour in Iowa. During a stop on the tour, the Sanders campaign announced endorsements from more than 85 Iowa union workers.

Also Tuesday, ahead of an announcement by U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of an impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump, Sanders said he hoped the U.S. House Judiciary Committee would begin the impeachment process.

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Ex-teacher charged with boy's sex abuse

Reed-Custer High teacher rearrested on charges by FBI

BY JASON MEISNER

A suburban high school science teacher had been sexually abusing a 14-year-old boy for months when she allegedly confided with a student that she was disgusted by her own conduct, according to federal prosecutors.

"It's horrible. (I) can go to jail," Dayna Chidester texted to a student at her school, according to a criminal complaint filed Wednesday in federal court in Chicago.

Chidester, 51, was arrested by FBI agents Wednesday morning on a charge alleging she had sex with the boy at her home, her car and in suburban hotels between September and December 2018. The sexual abuse of a minor charge carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years in federal prison if convicted.

A former teacher at Reed-Custer High School in far south suburban Braidwood, Chidester had been free on a \$1 million bond on sex abuse charges filed in Will County in January stemming from the same investigation. The state charges were dropped Wednesday.

At a brief hearing at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse, Chidester appeared to be near tears as prosecutors asked that she be held without bond, arguing she poses a flight risk and a danger to the community.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Sidney Schenkier set a detention hearing for Friday afternoon. She will remain in custody until then.

According to the 13-page criminal complaint, authorities in Will County were alerted in December that a Reed-Custer student had been exchanging texts with Chidester about her sexual relationship with the victim, who did not attend the school.

After identifying the alleged victim, Will County investigators searched his cellphone and found nude photos of Chidester as well as more than 9,000 text messages between the two beginning last September, according to the complaint.

The two also exchanged hundreds of phone calls over the same time frame, prosecutors alleged.

In a videotaped interview on Jan. 2, the alleged victim told investigators he had engaged in sex with Chidester "15-20 times" and that both had exchanged sexually explicit photos of themselves, the complaint alleged.

Chidester was arrested the next day and admitted in a video-recorded statement that she had sex with the victim, the complaint alleged.

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Rescued California sea lions find home at Brookfield Zoo

Biologists did not expect them to survive in the wild

BY MARIE FAZIO

Brookfield Zoo's newest residents flew in from California on a FedEx cargo plane to O'Hare International Airport last week.

Carolyn and Sabiena, two sea lions, were rescued in California and deemed unreleasable due to health conditions. The sea lions, both around 2 years old, are settling into their new home, said Rita Stacey, curator of marine mammals at the Chicago Zoological Society.

Sabiena was rescued in May 2018 at Westward Beach in Malibu, California, by staff from the Marine Mammal Care Center in San Pedro. She was extremely malnourished and had multiple fishhooks in her body and in one of her eyes,

which led to the removal of the eye, Stacey said.

Last November, staff from the Pacific Marine Mammal Center rescued Carolyn about 90 miles south of where Sabiena was found, near Dana Point Harbor. She was dehydrated and malnourished, with cuts on her flippers and chest. X-rays revealed more than 30 stones in her stomach, which Stacey said is a sign that she was starving.

When they were rescued, Carolyn weighed 46 pounds and Sabiena weighed 31 pounds. Healthy sea lions of that age should weigh around 100 pounds, Stacey said.

Wildlife officials from the National Marine Fisheries Service determined that the sea lions would not survive on their own in the wild. When a call for a forever home was sounded, Brookfield Zoo answered.

Sabiena and Carolyn were named for FedEx em-

ployees who assisted with the animals' travel arrangements. Their direct flight from Los Angeles was donated by FedEx.

Stacey said the zoo is grateful to be able to provide a nurturing environment for the sea lions where they will be well-fed, socialized with other sea lions, tended to by veterinarians, and be physically and mentally stimulated.

Tuesday, veterinarians at the zoo performed full examinations of the animals that included blood samples and CT scans to ensure no hooks remained in Carolyn's body. Dr. Michael Adkesson, vice president of clinical medicine, said the sea lions are "doing fantastic."

Though Carolyn and Sabiena are still adjusting, he said they're both eating well and seem content, noting that sea lions generally have charismatic personalities, similar to those of a golden



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Sabiena, an approximately 2-year-old female California sea lion, is held in place as she receives a medical checkup at Brookfield Zoo on Tuesday.

retriever or Labrador.

"Both were stranded and had a very rough start to life," Adkesson said. "We're thrilled to be able to have them here in Chicago."

When they've settled into their new home, the zoo staff plans to introduce

them to Brookfield Zoo's other pinnipeds: four male California sea lions, four female California sea lions, a male gray seal and two female gray seals.

They will make their public debut in mid-October in the Pinniped Point

exhibit, where the rest of the zoo's sea lions and seals are housed, Stacey said.

"We're hoping they go on to live long happy, healthy lives," she said.

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Ann Brash left, walks with assistance from Jelena Kolic in the 500 block of West Madison Street on Tuesday in Chicago. Brash, who is blind, is part of a group suing the city.

Chicago sued over lack of pedestrian signals for blind

Lawsuit claims city only has 11 with sound

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

A nonprofit advocacy group for the blind has sued the city of Chicago for failing to install pedestrian signals that emit sounds signaling when it is safe to cross the street.

The American Council of the Blind of Metropolitan Chicago along with three blind people who live or work in the city, filed a suit in federal court this week, alleging that the lack of so-called accessible pedestrian signals “dangerously diminishes” the ability of blind pedestrians to safely navigate the city.

“I’m pretty much constantly worried,” said Ann Brash, one of the plaintiffs and a member of the council, who lives in La Grange but has worked downtown since 1975.

Brash said in an interview that she was almost hit by a bus two years ago while trying to cross at the corner of Madison and Jefferson streets. Other pedestrians pulled her back in the nick of time, but her

white cane was split in two.

“It was a really terrifying incident,” said Brash, who has been blind since birth. “If there had been an accessible traffic signal I wouldn’t have gone across the street at the wrong time.”

Jelena Kolic, a lawyer for the council and the three people, said that they tried for years to get the city to commit to a plan for installing the signals and filed the suit because there was little progress. The suit seeks no money, but demands that the city install the signals.

Out of about 2,672 intersections with traffic signals in Chicago, only 11 convey any information to people with vision-related disabilities, the lawsuit alleges. An example of an older type of signal can be found at Roosevelt Road and Wood Street; it makes a chirping sound, the suit said.

The suit alleges that in 2015, Chicago received a grant from the Regional Transportation Authority to install accessible pedestrian signals at Clinton, Canal, Washington and Madison streets in the

Loop, but they have not been installed and a timeline for putting them in remains unclear.

Blind pedestrians are forced to resort to “work-arounds” such as asking help from strangers, or attempting to follow sighted pedestrians, who may cross against the lights, the suit alleges.

Transportation Department spokesman Michael Claffey said the city does not comment on pending litigation. However, he said the department is working with the Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities to incorporate accessible pedestrian signals into new construction projects.

The department announced in July that it will add accessible pedestrian signals to at least 100 intersections over the next two years.

Brash said downtown streets have become more complicated and busier in the last 40 years, making it even more difficult for the blind. She said that other cities, such as Phoenix and Los Angeles, have accessible signals.

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Mayor fields questions from teens, young adults

BY GREGORY PRATT

Dozens of teenagers and young adults turned out for Mayor Lori Lightfoot’s budget town hall on the South Side on Wednesday, pitching at times sharp questions about everything from public schools and food deserts to overspending on police.

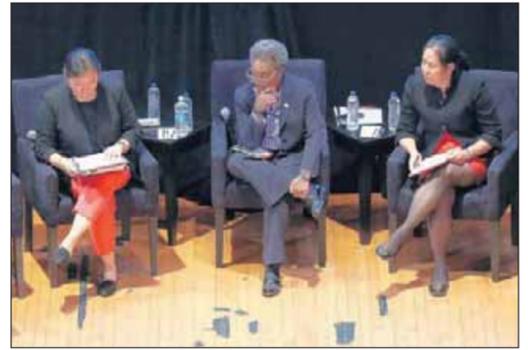
Although open to the public at large, Lightfoot’s latest forum focused on questions from youth. Briane Britanni, a 19-year-old freelance artist, captured the feelings of many in the crowd as she peppered the mayor with a barrage of questions.

“How can we get rid of food deserts? How can we put resources in our South Side schools such as computers, lunch foods, counselors, tutoring? I want to know how you make sure our teachers are paid well (and) also our 911 dispatchers?” she said. “I want to know, can there be a requirement on each ward to ensure they all have grocery stores? I want to know if the Chicago Park District can be free? How can we ensure that our teachers are equipped to teach these children in our neighborhoods? I also want to know, can there be more art programs, more STEM programs in our schools?”

“You left out the kitchen sink,” Lightfoot responded, drawing laughs. “I think you have covered all the really important issues for young people in our city. Fundamentally, I take your question to say, how can we focus on equity? How can we focus on making sure that no matter where you live, you’re going to get fair treatment, you’re going to get access to opportunity, and you’re going to have access to resources no matter what your ZIP code is? Really, I think that is the challenge but also the opportunity we face in our city.”

Lightfoot hosted her fourth public forum Wednesday night at Lindblom Math and Science Academy in West Englewood to field suggestions from residents about Chicago city government’s looming \$838 million budget shortfall.

At previous forums held at the Copernicus Center in Jefferson Park, Roberto



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Mayor Lori Lightfoot, center, listens Wednesday during a town hall at Lindblom Math and Science Academy.

Clemente High School in Ukrainian Village and George Washington High School in the East Side neighborhood, residents provided the mayor with a wide variety of suggestions on how to address the city’s financial problems.

Residents have asked Lightfoot to tax visiting suburbanites, stop offering public employee pensions and lead a citywide penny drive to help fix the city’s financial troubles. Some residents have exhorted Lightfoot to reach a deal with the Chicago Teachers Union, while others have supported the union’s criticism of the administration as the clock continues ticking on a potential strike. CTU is in the midst of a three-day strike authorization vote.

The teachers contract came up repeatedly at Wednesday’s meeting, but Lightfoot raised the issue first in response to a question about how she plans to help schools in black and brown neighborhoods.

“One of the most important things we’re doing for schools particularly in communities of color is making sure we give a fair deal to our teachers,” Lightfoot said.

The mayor first offered to raise teacher pay by 14% over five years, then increased the offer to 16%, but the union wants a deal with contract language addressing its school staffing concerns. CTU members will vote through Thursday on whether to authorize a strike. If at least 75% vote in favor, they could go on strike as soon as Oct. 7.

Lightfoot on Wednesday reiterated that CTU teachers would be among the highest-paid in the country

if they accept her proposal — a line that at one point drew boos.

Others expressed criticism of the mayor. One speaker blamed Lightfoot for Lincoln Yards, prompting Lightfoot to point out the controversial \$1.3 billion tax subsidy passed before she was mayor.

Another speaker expressed concern about gentrification, and in response, Lightfoot criticized the Affordable Requirements Ordinance, a 2015 plan under former Mayor Rahm Emanuel that toughened Richard M. Daley-era rules requiring that developers include residences that rent for less than the market rate in the area when they put up new buildings, or pay fees in lieu of building those affordable units.

“It’s just not working,” Lightfoot said.

Many of the questions focused on what the city can do for youth, with one student asking about summer jobs. Another asked about corruption and how she can make sure money is properly and fairly spent.

“Some of you know I have placed a huge premium on integrity in government,” Lightfoot said.

Police issues also came up repeatedly, with one woman asking how she can help bridge the divide between cops and community.

“We’ve got more work to do there, but I can tell you we are focused on it,” Lightfoot said.

The mayor’s office originally announced four forums, but a fifth town hall will be held Oct. 2 at the South Shore Cultural Center.

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Foxx and activists file lawsuit over planned immigration rule changes

BY JUAN PEREZ JR.

Cook County’s government and a prominent advocacy group sued President Donald Trump’s administration over its planned changes to immigration rules this week, adding to a long list of local governments and organizations that already have sought to block a controversial policy slated to take effect this fall.

The federal government’s new “public charge” rule could deny green cards to legal immigrants who receive public aid such as food stamps, Medicaid or housing subsidies.

But those changes would harm both the county and the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, according to a federal complaint filed Monday against the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

ty, the office of Citizenship and Immigration Services and top federal officials. The rule will go into effect Oct. 15, but Illinois already is one of a large group of states that filed a joint federal lawsuit seeking to halt the policy this summer.

The new, county-led lawsuit argues the rule would decrease enrollment in benefit programs, increase costs to local government and harm the county’s economy.

At particular risk, the lawsuit argues, is Cook County’s health and hospitals system.

“The Trump Administration is penalizing diversity and threatening our public health,” Cook County State’s Attorney Kim Foxx said in a statement Tuesday. “Immigrant families should not live in constant fear and forgo public resources to access food, housing, and health care. My office is committed to keeping our community safe and secure, and we are proud to stand up to these discriminatory attacks.”

According to the suit, the Trump administration rule would cause the health and hospitals system and its CountyCare insurance plan to lose revenue while also creating “increased uncompensated care costs” for the health system that would risk “jeopardizing the fiscal stability of the health system and threatening the healthcare safety net serving the entire County.”

The rule also would create an “increased burden” on the county health department and housing authority, according to the

lawsuit, while reducing federal funds that support the county’s economy.

The county health and hospitals system already estimates it will spend nearly \$550 million on uncompensated care — services the system is not reimbursed for by other revenue sources — this year.

That’s a jump of 73% from 2014, according to the county, and marks the highest such expense since Medicaid expanded in the county under the Affordable Care Act.

The lawsuit alleges additional enrollment hits to Medicaid, and the Medicaid-backed CountyCare health program, would “further strain CCH finances” through a loss in reimbursements and an increase in uncompensated care costs. CountyCare and the health system’s finances have been the subject of an extended fight between county officials and its inspector general this year.

The lawsuit wants a judge to declare the Trump administration’s rule violates the Administrative Procedure Act, and block the federal government from implementing the rule in Illinois.

“Immigrants are part of the diverse fabric that makes Cook County strong and vibrant,” Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle said in a statement. “It is absolutely imperative that we protect our friends and neighbors from the discrimination at the hands of the Trump Administration.”

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UN climate panel sees a dire future

Scientists offer some hope, but say effects will be on land, sea

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Earth is in more hot water than ever before, and so are we, an expert United Nations climate panel warned in a grim report Wednesday.

Sea levels are rising at an ever-faster rate as ice and snow shrink, and oceans are getting more acidic and losing oxygen, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change said in a report issued as world leaders met at the United Nations.

It warned that if steps aren't taken to reduce emissions and slow global warming, seas will rise 3 feet by the end of the century, with many fewer fish, less snow and ice, stronger and wetter hurricanes and other, nastier weather systems.

"The oceans and the icy parts of the world are in big trouble, and that means we're all in big trouble, too," said one of the report's lead authors, Michael Oppenheimer, professor of geosciences and international affairs at Princeton University. "The changes are accelerating."

The dire effects will be felt on both land and sea, harming people, plants, animals, food, societies, infrastructure and the global economy. The international team of scientists projected for the first time that some island nations will probably become uninhabitable.

The oceans absorb more than 90% of the excess heat from carbon pollution in the air, as well as much of the



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The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change said ice melt from Greenland, above, has accelerated from 2006 to 2015.

carbon dioxide itself. Earth's snow and ice, called the cryosphere, are also being eroded.

"The world's oceans and cryosphere have been taking the heat for climate change for decades. The consequences for nature and humanity are sweeping and severe," said Ko Barrett, vice chair of the IPCC and a deputy assistant administrator for research at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The report found:
■ Seas are now rising at one-seventh of an inch a year, which is 2.5 times faster than the rate from 1900 to 1990.

■ The world's oceans have already lost 1% to 3% of the oxygen in their upper levels

since 1970 and will lose more as warming continues.

■ From 2006 to 2015, the ice melting from Greenland, Antarctica and the world's mountain glaciers has accelerated. They are now losing 720 billion tons of ice a year.

■ Arctic June snow cover has shrunk more than half since 1967, down nearly 1 million square miles.

■ Arctic sea ice in September, the annual low point, is down almost 13% per decade since 1979. This year's low, reported Monday, tied for the second-lowest on record.

■ Marine animals are likely to decrease 15%, and catches by fisheries in general are expected to decline

21% to 24%, by the end of century because of climate change.

"Climate change is already irreversible," French climate scientist Valerie Masson-Delmotte, a report lead author, said at a news conference in Monaco, where the document was released. "Due to the heat uptake in the ocean, we can't go back."

But many of the worst-case projections in the report can still be avoided, depending on how the world handles the emissions of heat-trapping gases, the report's authors said.

The IPCC increased its projected end-of-century sea level rise in the worst-case scenario by nearly 4 inches from its 2013 projec-

tions because of the increased recent melting of ice sheets in Greenland and Antarctica.

The new report projects that, under the business-as-usual scenario for carbon emissions, seas by the end of the century will rise from 2 feet to 43 inches, with a most likely rise of 33 inches. This is slightly less than the traditional 1 meter, or 39 inches, that scientists often use.

Sea levels will rise two to three times as much over the centuries to come if warming continues, so the world is looking at a "future that certainly looks completely different than what we currently have," said report co-author Hans-Otto Portner, a German scientist.

The Nobel Prize-winning IPCC requires that its reports be unanimously approved. Because of that, its reports tend to show less sea level rise and smaller harm than other scientific studies, outside experts said.

"Like many of the past reports, this one is conservative in the projections, especially in how much ice can be lost in Greenland and Antarctica," said NASA oceanographer Josh Willis, who studies Greenland ice melt and wasn't part of the report.

Willis said people should be prepared for a rise in sea levels to be twice these IPCC projections.

The world's warm water coral reefs will go extinct in some places and be dramatically different in others, the report said.

"We are already seeing the demise of the warm water coral reefs," Portner said. "That is one of the strongest warning signals that we have available."

Outside scientists praised the work but were disturbed by it.

"It is alarming to read such a thorough cataloging of all of the serious changes in the planet that we're driving," said Texas A&M University climate scientist Andrew Dessler. "What's particularly disturbing as a scientist is that virtually all of these changes were predicted years or decades ago."

The report's authors emphasized that it doesn't doom Earth to this gloomy future.

"We indicate we have a choice. Whether we go into a grim future depends on the decisions that are being made," Portner said.

US announces migrant deal with Honduras

Pact would send people to one of the most violent nations

By **NICK MIROFF**
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration announced a migration deal Wednesday that will give U.S. immigration authorities the ability to send asylum-seekers from the border to Honduras, one of the most violent and unstable nations in the world.

Department of Homeland Security officials reached the accord with the government of President Juan Orlando Hernández, who is embroiled in allegations of corruption and charges that he and others have been operating the nation as a criminal enterprise. Hernández has been named as a co-conspirator in a major U.S. drug trafficking case.

The deal paves the way for the United States to take asylum-seekers from its border and ship them to a nation with one of the highest murder rates in the world, a country with gang wars that have fueled waves of mass migration and mul-



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President Juan Orlando Hernández has been named as a co-conspirator in a U.S. drug trafficking case.

multiple "caravans" to the United States that became a major irritant to President Donald Trump.

More than 250,000 Hondurans have crossed the U.S. border in the past 11 months, many filing protection claims that have added to the soaring number of asylum cases clogging U.S. courts.

That DHS would enter into such an accord with the Honduran government a month after its president was named by U.S. prosecutors as a co-conspirator in a drug case is a sign of the Trump administration's eagerness to armor the U.S. immigration system against a new surge of Central Americans.

Last week, DHS acting secretary Kevin McAleenan

signed a similar deal with El Salvador, after reaching an accord with the government of Guatemala in July. None of those pacts have been implemented, but once in place, U.S. officials say they will have the ability to redirect asylum applicants from the U.S. border to the same three countries that accounted for the majority of unlawful migration.

McAleenan and other U.S. officials said asylum-seekers should try to find refuge "as close to home" as possible.

A senior DHS official who described the Honduras agreement to reporters Wednesday said the accord would allow the United States to redirect asylum-seekers to the countries through which they transit while on the way to the United States — if they didn't seek protection in those countries first.

An asylum-seeker from Nicaragua or Venezuela, for example, would be asked to choose among Guatemala, Honduras or El Salvador as places to seek protection, under the scenario the senior DHS official described.

Immigration attorneys and rights advocates have



EDUARDO VERDUGO/AP

Soldiers enter a billiards hall to frisk the locals as part of a routine patrol in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The U.S. government's interests in Honduras start with battling drug trafficking.

denounced the DHS agreements as a flagrant abrogation of long-standing U.S. legal protections extended to those fleeing persecution. Trump administration officials have acknowledged that their goal is to deter migrants from using U.S. humanitarian programs as a way to avoid detention and deportation at the border.

"If you don't have integrity in the system, if you can't effectuate immigration results as people arrive at the border, and they're invited to come up with a promise they'll be released into the next country, they're going to keep coming," McAleenan said Wednesday on Fox News.

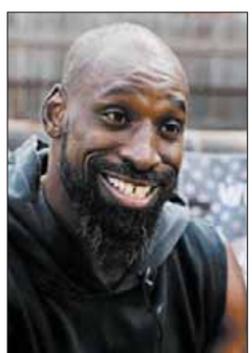
McAleenan has made several trips to Honduras in recent months seeking a deal, and he met with Hernández and other senior officials on Aug. 27 in Washington. DHS officials say the agreement will be key to unlocking U.S. investment and a renewed commitment to growth in the region.

DHS officials say the accord signed with Honduras also will expand information-sharing and improve cooperation targeting transnational criminal organizations. Hernández, the Honduran president, was accused by U.S. prosecutors in New York last month of

conspiring with other top officials to protect cocaine traffickers, including a crime ring allegedly led by the president's younger brother, Juan Antonio "Tony" Hernández.

U.S. prosecutors described the president's brother as a "a violent, multi-ton drug trafficker" after taking him into custody in Miami last year. He has pleaded not guilty to weapons and drug charges.

Asked whether the Trump administration took the pending charges into account while hashing out the migration accord with Hernández, the senior DHS official declined to answer.



CARLOS OSORIO/AP

Wendell Brown talks about his arrest and imprisonment in China outside his family's home in Detroit.

Former college football player home from prison in China

By **COREY WILLIAMS**
Associated Press

DETROIT — As the word dropped from Wendell Brown's lips, the former college football player and Detroit native appeared to try to relish its taste for just a moment more: "Freedom."

After three years in a Chinese prison for allegedly assaulting a man during a bar fight, Brown returned home Wednesday to the hugs and smiling faces of his loved ones. Outside his fam-

ily's home on Detroit's east side, he took a few moments to reflect on regaining his freedom.

"We don't really understand that word to its fullest extent until (we're) without it," Brown said. "Hallelujah, I'm free!"

Brown, who played at Martin Luther King Jr. High School in Detroit and Ball State University in Indiana, was teaching English and coaching American football in southwestern China when he was arrested in September 2016

and charged with intentional assault.

Brown denied hitting the man and said he was defending himself after being attacked. However, the court ruled that he "didn't do enough to de-escalate the situation," according to the Dui Hua Foundation, a San Francisco-based rights monitoring group.

Brown was the only person prosecuted.

"I was devastated," his mother, Antoinette Brown, told the AP. "That's nothing to play with when you're in

a foreign country and get locked up. Their laws are totally different."

Wendell Brown, 32, was hesitant Wednesday to discuss the Chongqing bar incident, which he referred to as a "minor altercation," or his treatment in prison.

"I had water. I was able to live. I was safe," Brown said, adding that he did lose about 30 pounds and does consider "how much worse it could have actually been."

"I'm just very fortunate that it's over," he said. "I'm blessed to finally be back in

my family's presence." Brown was sentenced to four years in prison, but a Chinese court later reduced it to three years.

Brown said he will head to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in a few days to spend time with his 12-year-old son. He also plans to travel abroad again and has no intention of telling others to avoid China.

"We should use our experiences as learning tools," he said. "There is no bitterness, no resentment at all in my heart."

Behind Biden's gab, a stuttering past

Candidate's signature verbosity shaped by fighting impediment

BY JANET HOOK
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — One of Joe Biden's proudest childhood accomplishments was a five-minute speech to his all-boys Catholic high school in Delaware.

The assignment was routine — a public-speaking requirement for all students. But for Biden, it was a triumph in a long struggle to overcome a debilitating stutter.

That struggle led him to brawl with schoolyard bullies, to memorize and recite Irish poetry, and to witness his mother threaten a nun who had humiliated him.

Six decades later, as Biden campaigns for president with his trademark long-winded oratory, few voters would guess he was ever at a loss for words. But he has referred to his struggle with stuttering as “the single most defining thing in (his) life.”

Speech experts say his history of stuttering does not explain all of Biden's verbal oddities — it does not account for attention-grabbing gaffes such as mixing up Vermont and New Hampshire or misnaming the location of two mass shootings. But he does continue to stutter — at times in ways noticeable only to a trained ear, but sometimes obvious enough that he has been derided by detractors, including President Donald Trump.

And the stutter, the experts say, may contribute to his renowned verbosity.

Gerald Maguire, chairman of the psychiatry and neuroscience department at the University of California, Riverside medical school, said it is not uncommon for people who have overcome a stutter to become garrulous once they experience the freedom of fluent speech.

“Once a stutterer be-



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In 2016, then-Vice President Joe Biden addressed the American Institute For Stuttering gala in New York City.

comes fluent, you can't shut us up,” said Maguire, who is also board chairman of the National Stuttering Association. “That's Joe Biden to a T. He just keeps talking. I always cut him some slack.”

Biden only occasionally talks about stuttering — usually to inspire others who stutter — but this was a life chapter that he believes shaped his character.

“I can think of nothing else that has ever stripped me of my dignity as quickly and as profoundly and as thoroughly as when I stuttered in grade school,” he said in a 2008 speech to the American Institute for Stuttering.

Valerie Biden Owens, the former vice president's younger sister, says that one lasting impact of his childhood stutter is that it has given him more empathy and compassion for others' trials, and it uniquely equips him to handle Trump's

taunts. “Trump is a bully, and Joe has been standing up to bullies his entire life,” Owens said in an interview.

About 3 million Americans suffer from the speech impediment of stuttering, marked by involuntary repetition of sounds, syllables or words. According to the National Institute on Deafness and other Communication Disorders, most children outgrow their stutter, but for 25% of them, stuttering is a lifelong challenge.

Biden has overcome the serious stutter of his youth, but remnants of it resurface on occasions such as when he is very tired, he said in a 2016 speech. Experts on stuttering who follow him closely say they have noticed it on several occasions during the campaign.

Trump picked on Biden over verbal stumbles even before the Democrat formally announced his candi-

dacy. When Biden had a slip of the tongue that made it sound prematurely like he was a candidate, Trump pounced on Twitter, and called him “tongue tied” and “another low IQ individual.”

Trump's jab pointed to what Biden has described as unfounded prejudices against people with speech impediments.

“We are thought to be slow-witted,” Biden said in the 2008 speech. “We are thought to have serious emotional problems.”

Heather Grossman, director of the American Institute for Stuttering, has listened to Biden speeches, including his performance during this month's Democratic debate in Houston. She hears verbal mistakes that anyone could make mixed with episodes of stuttering.

“It's hard for people to know the difference be-

tween a normal word-finding error and stuttering,” she said.

Biden discussed his speech impediment in his memoir, “Promises to Keep.”

He started worrying about his stutter in grade school when he lived in Scranton, Pa., he wrote. His parents sent him to a speech pathologist when he was in kindergarten, but it didn't help much so he quit.

He suffered the indignities common to children who stutter. He was given cruel nicknames in high school, one lifted from Latin class: “Joe Impedimenta.” Another nickname was “Dash” — not because he was speedy but because his schoolmates thought it sounded like Morse code when he stammered. He fought with boys who teased him.

His parents were supportive and encouraging,

which is not always the case for children who stutter. His mother would tell him things like, “You're so smart, you can't get the words out fast enough,” Biden's sister said.

When a teacher made fun of Biden by calling him “Mr. Bu-bu-bu-Biden,” he walked out of class. His mother took him back to school to discuss the incident and confronted the teacher, who was a nun.

Biden wrote in his memoir that his mother said: “If you ever speak to my son like that again, I'll come back and rip that bonnet off your head.”

Because people who stutter often are more fluent when speaking from memory, Biden practiced reciting poetry — in front of a mirror, so he could monitor and control facial distortions that often come with stuttering. To this day, he can spout long passages of Irish poetry from memory.

Some of his coping mechanisms came in handy in his political career. He found it helped him speak fluently if he anticipated encounters with people.

“It teaches you to be extemporaneous. It teaches you to memorize and anticipate,” he said in a 2016 speech. “It makes you focus on what the other person is made of, what may be on their mind. It's an incredible asset in my business.”

Sometimes Biden's extemporaneous flights in politics have led to verbal missteps.

During President Barack Obama's tenure, Biden, laughing at his tendency to go off script and Obama's overly prepared style, would say: “The standing joke in the office is Barack's learning to speak without a teleprompter; I'm learning to speak with one.”

By the time Biden got out of college and went to law school, he pretty much had the stutter licked. Once elected to the Senate in 1972, however, he remained reluctant to go public with his disability.



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Prime Minister Boris Johnson brushed off cries of “Resign!” at Parliament on Wednesday.

Johnson defends himself against raucous Parliament

BY DANICA KIRKA AND JILL LAWLESS
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LONDON — An unrepentant Prime Minister Boris Johnson brushed off cries of “Resign!” and dared his foes to try to topple him Wednesday at a raucous session of Parliament, a day after Britain's highest court ruled he acted illegally in suspending the body ahead of the Brexit deadline.

Amid shouts, angry gestures and repeated cries of “Order!” in the House of Commons, Johnson emphatically defended his intention to withdraw Britain from the European Union on Oct. 31, with or without a separation agreement with the EU.

“I say it is time to get Brexit done,” he declared, accusing his opponents of trying to frustrate the will of the people, who in 2016 voted 52% to 48% to leave the 28-nation bloc.

Johnson was greeted with applause from his own Conservative lawmakers and jeers from the opposition side as he arrived in the Commons, hours after cutting short a trip to the United Nations in New York.

He flew home early after Britain's Supreme Court unanimously ruled Tues-

day that his attempt to suspend Parliament for five weeks had the effect of stymieing its scrutiny of the government over Brexit. The court declared the suspension void.

The leader of the main opposition Labour Party, Jeremy Corbyn, said the prime minister is not fit to govern and “should have done the honorable thing and resigned” after the ruling. He said Johnson “thinks he is above the law” and has shown “no shred of remorse or humility.”

“Have you no shame, prime minister?” said Ian Blackford, the Scottish National Party's leader in Parliament. Labour lawmaker Jess Phillips urged Johnson “to act with some humility and contrition.”

Members of Parliament accused him of showing disrespect for the rule of law and deceiving Queen Elizabeth II when he asked for her permission to prorogue, or suspend, Parliament. Over and over, they called on him to say he was sorry.

But Johnson ignored calls to step down or apologize, showing no sign of contrition during the more than three-hour question-and-answer session. He said he disagreed with the Supreme Court's 11-0 ruling, and he repeatedly re-

fused to rule out the possibility of suspending Parliament again.

The prime minister said a new election is the only way to unblock Britain's “paralyzed Parliament.”

“I think the people of this country have had enough of it. This Parliament must either stand aside and let this government get Brexit done or bring a vote of confidence and finally face the day of reckoning with the voters,” he said.

Economists have warned that leaving the EU without a deal could disrupt Britain's trade with the Continent, plunge the country into a recession and cause shortages of food and medicine.

But Britain has been unable to negotiate a separation agreement with the EU that is acceptable to Parliament. Johnson said Wednesday he still hopes to work out a deal but will pull the country out of the EU without an agreement if one isn't reached by the deadline.

Parliament has passed a law requiring Johnson to seek a Brexit extension if there is no deal, but he has said he won't do that under any circumstances. He branded the law the “Surrender Act” and the “Humiliation Bill.”

At UN, Iranian leader seems to close door on Trump talks

BY TRACY WILKINSON
Los Angeles Times

UNITED NATIONS — Iranian President Hassan Rouhani on Wednesday ruled out talks with the Trump administration that might quell explosive tensions roiling the Middle East.

Rouhani's much-anticipated appearance at the U.N. General Assembly came as President Donald Trump renewed hints that he would meet with his Iranian counterpart, despite animosity between the two leaders.

Trump, embroiled in political scandal and facing possible impeachment over his dealings with Ukraine, may be seeking a way to change the subject. Until this week, a possible Iran meeting was the most tantalizing unknown at this meeting of world leaders, but the idea became overshadowed by the unfolding Ukraine news.

“We cannot trust an invitation to negotiate with people who have claimed to have imposed on us the harshest sanctions in history,” Rouhani said at U.N. headquarters. Iran “will never negotiate with an enemy that intends to make Iran surrender by means of the weapon of poverty, pressure and sanction.”

After Trump a year ago unilaterally pulled the United States out of the landmark Iran nuclear deal, he reimposed harsh economic sanctions that have steadily strangled Tehran's economy, blocked oil exports, stoked inflation and triggered the collapse of the Iranian currency.

But tensions between the countries soared to new heights after a Sept. 14 strike on two critical oil facilities in Saudi Arabia, a surprise attack that Washington and several European countries blamed on Iran. Tehran denied a role in the attack. The Pentagon recently announced it



TIMOTHY A. CLARY/GETTY-AFP

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani had points to make Wednesday at the U.N. General Assembly in New York.

would deploy air and missile defense systems to help protect the kingdom.

Still, Trump on Tuesday dangled the possibility of a meeting with Rouhani.

“They would like to negotiate. We haven't really worked that out,” Trump said. “They're here. We're here. But we have not agreed to that yet. They would like to negotiate. It certainly makes sense but we haven't agreed to that yet.”

Shortly after those remarks, Trump held an unscheduled private meeting with French President Emmanuel Macron, who has hoped to serve as mediator between Washington and Tehran.

But instead of a meeting, Trump returned to Trump Tower and focused on television coverage of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's announcement that she was opening an impeachment inquiry.

The drama swirling around Trump took some of the oxygen away from other events at the U.N. summit.

Still, Rouhani, who rarely appears in the United States, had points to make.

The Middle East, he said, is “burning in the flames of war, bloodshed, occupation” and sectarian religious strife. But in con-

trast to the Trump administration, which blames Iran for fanning those flames, Rouhani blamed rivals Saudi Arabia, Israel and the war in Yemen.

He also sought to dispel the view in the West that Iran is increasingly isolated, citing growing cooperation with Russia and Turkey. Especially with Russia, Iran has made inroads in Syria to quell opposition forces, bolster President Bashar Assad and carve out its own territory.

Rouhani's most pointed criticism was reserved for the U.S. “maximum pressure” campaign against Iran that has included sanctions and diplomatic shunning.

“I hail from a country that has endured the most merciless economic terrorism and has defended its rights to independence,” Rouhani said. The United States has tried to block Iran from the global economy and used diplomacy to block the free movement of Iranian officials in international travel, he said.

“We have never surrendered,” he said.

The Trump administration contends that its pressure campaign has brought the Iranian economy to its knees and will eventually force the Islamic Republic back to a negotiating table.

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anonymous.

Trump spent Wednesday meeting with world leaders at the United Nations, a remarkable TV split screen even for the turbulence of the Trump era. Included on his schedule: a meeting with Zelenskyy.

In a lighthearted appearance before reporters, Zelenskyy said he didn't want to get involved in American elections, but added, "Nobody pushed me."

Trump chimed in, "In other words, no pressure."

The next steps in the impeachment inquiry were still developing a day after House Speaker Nancy Pelosi launched the probe. Moderate Democrats, including some from districts where Trump remains popular, urged the speaker to keep the inquiry to Ukraine and not expand into other issues Congress had already been investigating.

Pelosi announced the impeachment probe Tuesday after months of resistance to a process she has warned would be divisive for the country and risky for her party. But after viewing the transcript Wednesday, Pelosi declared: Congress must act.

Trump has all but dared Democrats to move toward impeachment, confident that the specter of an investigation led by the opposi-



EVAN VUCCI/AP

President Donald Trump and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo leave after a news conference Wednesday in New York.

tion party will bolster rather than diminish his political support.

"It's a joke. Impeachment, for that?" Trump said during a news conference in New York. He revived the same language he has used for months to deride the now-finished special counsel investigation into election interference, declaring impeachment "a hoax" and the "single greatest witch

hunt in American history." Republicans largely stood by the president and dismissed the notion that the rough transcript revealed any wrongdoing by Trump.

"I think it was a perfectly appropriate phone call, it was a congratulatory phone call," said Rep. Liz Cheney, the No. 3 House Republican. The memo released by the White House was not a

verbatim transcript, but was instead based on the records of officials who listened to the call.

The conversation took place July 25, one day after special counsel Robert Mueller testified on Capitol Hill about his investigation into Russia's 2016 election interference.

In the 30-minute call, Trump raised allegations, without citing any evidence,

that the former vice president sought to interfere with a Ukrainian prosecutor in regard to Biden's son Hunter. His words were at once bantering and suggestive, without the kind of explicit language that would lead to a straight-line conclusion about his intent.

Trump's language is often contradictory, with blunt assertions followed by layers of qualifications like

"who knows?" or "that's what people are saying."

As they spoke, Trump encouraged the Ukrainian leader to talk with Giuliani and Barr about Biden and his son, who served on the board of a Ukrainian gas company.

"Whatever you can do with the attorney general would be great," Trump told Zelenskyy, asking for help in investigating Biden. He referred to Giuliani as a "highly respected man" and said, "I will ask him to call you along with the attorney general."

Immediately after saying they would be in touch, Trump references Ukraine's economy, saying: "Your economy is going to get better and better I predict. You have a lot of assets. It's a great country."

At another point in the conversation, Trump asked Zelenskyy for a favor: his help looking into a cybersecurity firm that investigated the 2016 hack of the Democratic National Committee and determined it was carried out by Russia. Trump has falsely suggested CrowdStrike was owned by a Ukrainian.

In the days before the call, Trump ordered advisers to freeze \$400 million in military aid for Ukraine. The aid package does not come up in the conversation with Zelenskyy.

Biden said it was "tragedy" that Trump was willing to "put personal politics above his sacred oath."

GOP senators call the release of rough transcript a mistake

BY ROBERT COSTA
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Several Senate Republicans were privately stunned Wednesday and questioned the White House's judgment after it released a rough transcript of President Donald Trump's call with the Ukrainian president that showed Trump offering the help of the U.S. attorney general to investigate Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden.

One Senate Republican, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said the summary's release was a "huge mistake" that the GOP now has to defend — while the party argues that House Democrats are overreaching with their impeachment inquiry of Trump.

Three other GOP senators complained that the White House erred by releasing the rough transcript, arguing that it sets a precedent for future presidents about disclosure of calls with foreign leaders and could be seen as a concession to Democrats.

But they saved most of those complaints for closed-door talks Wednesday, calling Trump the linchpin of their party and critical for their prospects in the 2020 election.

As Republican senators left a closed-door luncheon Wednesday, they were mostly supportive of the president and dismissive of the memo, even as some lawmakers and their aides groused behind the scenes about the White House's response.

There were scattered statements about whether Trump handled the call appropriately, but any sense of alarm was muted.

"As a general rule, transcripts of phone conversations between heads of state should not be released. In this case, an exception had to be made," said Sen. Roger Wicker,



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Sen. Patrick Toomey, R-Pa., argued there was "no quid pro quo" in President Trump's July 25 phone call with Ukraine.

R-Miss., pointing out that some Senate Republicans had asked the president to release the document.

He added that he was not troubled by its content.

"It's a decision for the White House," Sen. Rick Scott, R-Fla., said when asked about the release, calling out Democrats for "hating" Trump.

"It's unprecedented that he's released it and there are some ramifications for the office, but people were clamoring for all the information, and he's giving it," said Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va., who attended a White House meeting to review the rough transcript.

While many Republicans continue to dismiss Democrats' impeachment efforts, cracks have begun to emerge privately as GOP lawmakers have discussed Trump's conduct and their party's political standing. Those fault lines could foreshadow how Senate Republicans ultimately handle a trial, should the House impeach the president, according to several lawmakers and aides.

In the rough transcript of the July 25 call, Trump told Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to work with U.S. Attorney General William Barr to investigate the conduct of Biden and offered to meet

with the foreign leader at the White House after he promised to conduct such an inquiry.

Those statements and others in the phone call between Trump and Zelenskyy were so concerning that the intelligence community inspector general thought them a possible violation of campaign finance law.

Trump has denied doing anything improper, but lawmakers have raised concerns about his directive to freeze nearly \$400 million in military assistance for Ukraine in the days leading up to the phone call with Zelenskyy.

"It remains troubling in the extreme. It's deeply troubling," Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, told reporters Wednesday when asked about the document.

Sen. Patrick Toomey, R-Pa., echoed other Republicans in arguing there was "no quid pro quo," adding, "while the conversation reported in the memorandum relating to alleged Ukrainian corruption and Vice President Biden's son was inappropriate, it does not rise to the level of an impeachable offense."

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., also was dismissive.

"Wow. Impeachment over this? What a nothing (non-quid pro quo) burger," he tweeted.

Pelosi presses Dems to zero in on Ukraine issue, insiders say

BY MIKE DEBONIS
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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi urged fellow Democratic leaders in a private meeting Wednesday to keep the impeachment investigation narrowly focused on President Donald Trump and his dealings with the president of Ukraine, according to five Democrats familiar with the conversation.

The closed-door meeting took place hours after the White House released a rough transcript of a July 25 phone call between Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in which Trump pressed Zelenskyy to work with Attorney General William Barr and personal attorney Rudy Giuliani to investigate former Vice President Joe Biden, who is seeking to unseat Trump.

In the room, Democrats said, Pelosi, D-Calif., told colleagues that keeping the inquiry narrowly focused on the Ukraine allegations could help keep the investigation out of the courts, where a slew of investigative matters have been bogged down for months — though she did not rule out ultimately including other episodes in a potential impeachment package.

The meeting included members of the House Judiciary Committee, which has been probing alleged obstruction of justice, self-dealing and other matters involving Trump, though not Chairman Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y. It ended without a firm decision on whether to circumscribe the probe but with consensus inside the room that narrowing the investigation, if only in terms of political messaging, made sense.

"I think we need to focus on what this very clear threat to national security and to our Constitution is,"



MARK WILSON/GETTY

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi addresses the media Wednesday, a day after opening an impeachment inquiry.

said Rep. Debbie Dingell, D-Mich., a member of Pelosi's leadership circle who spoke generally about her own views but not about what was said inside the meeting. "I think a lot of the American people understand that ... and I think we need to focus on something that everybody understands."

Earlier Wednesday, rank-and-file House Democrats split on whether to keep the investigation focused on the Ukrainian affair or look at a much broader portfolio of alleged wrongdoing.

The question, according to conversations with more than a dozen lawmakers and aides, stands to be crucial to the unfolding probe. How it is resolved will dictate key decisions, such as how long the investigation will take, which committees and lawmakers will be involved and which witnesses will be brought before Congress.

Judiciary Committee members said that they expected probes of other matters to continue unabated and would potentially contribute to impeachment articles drafted later this year.

"There's clearly enough evidence before the Judiciary Committee, in my view, to support articles of impeachment on a number of

issues," said Rep. David Cicilline, D-R.I., a member of both Judiciary Committee and the House leadership team.

But he added that the final decision would be made by Democratic leaders after the process played out, and he recognized that the Ukraine allegations were unique: "If this is the scandal and the conduct of the president which unites the Congress in the urgency of taking action, then we ought to proceed with that. This is not about an affinity for our own work. This is about showing the country that as a body, the Congress of the United States is going to stand up and protect the rule of law."

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., held up the rough transcript of the Trump-Zelenskyy phone call and said the House would focus on its contents in the coming days and weeks.

"We are going to focus on this particular matter," he said, noting that the alleged wrongdoing — urging a foreign leader to intervene to influence an upcoming election — was simple for the public to understand relative to the obstruction of justice allegations made by special counsel Robert Mueller or other admissions of wrongdoing.

White House mistakenly sends Trump-Ukraine talking points to Dems

BY FELICIA SONMEZ
The Washington Post

In the hours after the release Wednesday of the rough transcript of President Donald Trump's July phone call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, the White House circulated an email with proposed talking points for Trump's defenders.

Unfortunately for the White House, the email was mistakenly sent to not only Republicans but also Democratic lawmakers and their

staffs.

The message, titled, "What you need to know: President Trump's call with President Zelenskyy," was quickly recalled — but not before Democrats took to Twitter to ridicule the White House over the error.

"I would like to thank @WhiteHouse for sending me their talking points on how best to spin the disastrous Trump/Zelenskyy call in Trump's favor," Rep. Brendan Boyle, D-Pa., said in a tweet. "However, I will not be using their spin and

will instead stick with the truth. But thanks though."

Another Democratic lawmaker, Rep. Bill Pascrell, N.J., shared the full talking points in a tweet, calling them "complete Orwellian lies and toxic trash."

"But maybe you'd like to read them to appreciate their corruption!" he said.

Several Democratic Hill staffers said they had received the talking points as well as a follow-up email recalling the message.

According to the rough transcript of the call, Trump

repeatedly said Zelenskyy should work with Attorney General William Barr or Trump's personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani. Giuliani had separately pressed Ukrainian officials to investigate the conduct of former Vice President Joe Biden.

Among the talking points distributed by the White House is the claim that there was no quid pro quo and that "what the President actually talked about was entirely proper."

The White House argues that Trump "did not men-

tion Rudy Giuliani or Vice President Biden until after President Zelenskyy had raised Giuliani first." But the email glosses over the fact that Trump did mention Biden of his own accord.

The White House also claims in the email that "the real scandal" is about leaks in the run-up to the release of the rough transcript. And the email claims that the whistleblower complaint "was handled absolutely by the book and it was properly determined that no fur-

ther action should be taken."

Democrats have maintained that a quid pro quo is not necessary for the president's conduct to be impeachable. They also pressed for the White House to release the whistleblower complaint to the House and Senate intelligence committees, which took place Wednesday afternoon. They also called for the whistleblower to be allowed to testify and for Barr to recuse himself until the matter is resolved.

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Feds get Monday deadline to act in Trump tax return fight

NEW YORK — A judge delayed enforcement of a subpoena seeking eight years of President Donald Trump's tax returns Wednesday until at least next week.

The delay came as the Justice Department was told to decide by Monday whether it will join Trump's fight to block the New York state grand jury subpoena for tax records that was served on his longtime accountant.

Late Tuesday, Manhat-

tan federal prosecutors cited "weighty constitutional issues" as they told U.S. District Judge Victor Marrero that they'd like until mid-October to submit written arguments. Marrero gave them until next Wednesday.

The subpoenas are in connection with Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance's investigation into hush money payments to two women who say they had sex with Trump.

Putin-linked mercenaries fighting in Libya, officials say

A private army linked to Russian President Vladimir Putin has begun fighting in the Libyan war, according to Libyan and Western officials familiar with the matter.

More than 100 mercenaries from the Wagner group headed by Yevgeny Prigozhin, also known as "Putin's chef" for his Kremlin catering contracts, arrived in Libya in the first week of September to support eastern

strongman Khalifa Haftar's assault on the capital, Tripoli, the officials said.

A Russian mercenary commander also confirmed that Wagner contractors were fighting in Libya, and said some have been killed in action.

Their arrival coincided with an escalation in airstrikes in support of Haftar, whose forces have been bogged down at Tripoli's outskirts since early April

#MeToo movement founder in France is fined for defamation

PARIS — A Paris court ruled on Wednesday that the woman who launched the French version of the #MeToo movement must pay \$22,000 for defaming the man she accused of harassment.

French journalist Sandra Muller said she fears the message of the decision is "be quiet."

Muller launched #balancetonporc, which roughly translates as "squeal on your pig," amid

the global movement against sexual misconduct in October 2017 when she tweeted that former Equida TV executive Eric Brion made sexually explicit comments to her.

Brion sued Muller over the tweets, claiming they harmed him and that his remarks were not harassment. The court ruled in his favor, ordered Muller to delete her tweets and pay Brion for damages and legal fees.



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Residents of the Mirpur district in Pakistan-controlled Kashmir examine a collapsed house Wednesday, the day after a 5.8 magnitude earthquake struck the area. Officials said the death toll was at least 37 as they began distributing tents, food and water.

Netanyahu is given first crack at forming new government

JERUSALEM — Israel's president on Wednesday asked Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to form a new government, giving the longtime leader the difficult task of breaking a postelection deadlock that has paralyzed the country's political system.

After a divisive campaign, Netanyahu called for a "broad unity government" with his chief rival former military chief Benny Gantz. But he faces an uphill struggle, with his future clouded by a likely corruption indictment and his opponents opposed to sitting with him.

President Reuven Rivlin announced his decision late Wednesday after a second meeting aimed at brokering a unity deal between Netanyahu and Gantz ended without an agreement.

Standing beside Rivlin, Netanyahu said it was clear that neither his Likud party nor Gantz's Blue and White could put together a coalition on its own, and that the only option was to band together.

"The two of us cannot form a government unless we are together," he said. "The order of the moment is a unity government, a

broad national unity government that is formed quickly."

In a statement, Gantz appeared to rebuff Netanyahu.

"Blue and White, led by me, does not agree to sit in a government whose leader is facing a severe indictment," he said. "This issue, among a number of other critical factors, is more important to us than any delegation of ministerial posts or rotation."

Rivlin said his decision was not a solution and that both candidates were responsible for resolving the political impasse.

Former GOP lawmaker Darrell Issa to run again

SAN DIEGO — Former California Rep. Darrell Issa is poised to end a political retirement that started only last year when he lost his seat in a Democratic wave.

Issa scheduled a news conference for Thursday and will announce he's seeking the seat held by fellow Republican and

longtime-Rep. Duncan Hunter, who is running for reelection in the San Diego-area district while under indictment on corruption charges.

Hunter and Issa could wind up going head-to-head under California's primary system which allows the top two vote-getters,

regardless of party, to compete in the general election.

The move puts Hunter in an increasingly uncomfortable position, given Issa's deep pockets and reputation as a chief antagonist of former President Barack Obama, which could play well in the staunchly Republican district.

Space launch includes first traveler from Gulf's UAE

BAIKONUR, Kazakhstan — An American, a Russian and the first space flyer from the United Arab Emirates blasted off Wednesday evening on a mission to the International Space Station.

A Russian Soyuz rocket lifted off from Kazakhstan's Baikonur Cosmodrome.

The ship carrying NASA astronaut Jessica Meir, Oleg Skripochka of the Russian space agency Roscosmos and Hazzaa al-Mansoori, a military pilot from the UAE, docked at the International Space Station about six hours later.

It was the third spaceflight for Skripochka and the first for Meir and al-Mansoori, who was the first of two men chosen by the Gulf Arab nation to fly to the space station.

The trio will join two Russians, three Americans and an Italian aboard the space station.

In France: Chef Marc Veyrat, known for his mountain cuisine, is taking the Michelin Guide to court to find out why he lost his third star this year — and how the publication that makes, and sometimes breaks, reputations in the world's prestigious kitchens could allegedly claim he used cheddar cheese in a recipe.

A court date is set for Nov. 27.

Veyrat, among France's most acclaimed chefs, operates La Maison des Bois in a mountain village in France's Haute-Savoie region.

Veyrat, 69, said in an interview this week with FranceInfo radio that he no longer wants to be in the Michelin Guide — the bible of gastronomy — but claimed they won't even accept that.

Wrong number, but a right response

Stranger helps boy in ICU after getting errant text in Ariz.

BY CATHY FREE
The Washington Post

Somebody had the wrong number. That was obvious to Bill Clayten when he received a text from a "Sister Fink," asking him what time he'd like her to stop by with dinner.

"Hey brother Jakeman, this is sister Fink, we are bringing you dinner tomorrow I was wondering what time would be a good time to bring it over," read the text, which popped up on his phone earlier this month.

Clayten, 41, who manages a luxury dine-in movie theater in Phoenix, couldn't resist responding: "Oooh! What're you bringing me? I'm allergic to seafood."

Abby Fink, the sender of the message, realized she'd mistyped a number meant for a friend, and had texted a stranger.

"Sorry, wrong number," she wrote back Sept. 6. "Their little boy is in the ICU and dying."

Clayten looked at the text, shocked for a minute. Then he thought of his own healthy teenage son.

"What can I do to help?" he texted Fink.

When she told him he could pray for the boy, Clayten responded: "I don't pray, but I'd love to help with food, donations etc."

Fink said she'd pass along his message to the family of the boy, Noah, 4, who has cerebral palsy. He had recently had a seizure and aspirated liquid into his lungs.

Once Fink was given the OK for Clayten to help, he set up a fundraiser on his Facebook page for Noah. It began: "So. I was texted by a wrong number. I decided to mess with them, now I'm



ALEX JAKEMAN

Noah Jakeman is surrounded by gifts sent by Bill Clayten and his friends in the ICU at Phoenix Children's Hospital.

obligated to them. Who will step up and help me help them?"

In just a few days, more than \$1,500 was raised by his friends and acquaintances, along with dozens of stuffed animals, cards and picture books. Several businesses and charities also donated, including the Armer Foundation for Kids, a group that helps ease the financial burdens of families with children who have serious medical conditions.

"When I learned what Bill was doing, I was shocked," said Fink, 40, a mother of six children ages 6 to 18. "Who does that after getting a wrong text? There aren't a lot of people who would jump in to help like he did."

When Fink told Noah's mother, Alex Jakeman, about Clayten's kindness, she was equally stunned — and grateful.

"He asked Abby to find out what Noah liked, and pretty soon, complete strangers were sending us loads of 'get well' cards and books, and lots of stuffed animals," she said.

Noah was admitted to the hospital Sept. 3 after his seizure. It happened while Jakeman, a mother of five who lives in Phoenix, was driving Noah to a doctor's

appointment.

"He started turning blue and wasn't breathing, so I immediately called 911 and he was rushed to Phoenix Children's Hospital," Jakeman said. "It was pretty scary."

Jakeman and her husband, Shaun, were not strangers to the hospital. Three of their five children were born with special needs, so they'd been in the emergency room a lot. But this was different.

Noah, who was adopted by the Jakemans earlier this summer after they'd fostered him for a year, was rushed to the intensive care unit and put on a ventilator, Alex Jakeman said.

"It was touch and go for quite a while," she said. "We didn't know if he was going to make it."

Because Jakeman didn't want to leave her son's side, friends, relatives and neighbors rushed to set up meal plans for Shaun Jakeman and Noah's siblings at home.

After mistakenly texting Clayten, Fink reached Shaun Jakeman and arranged to take the family homemade tacos.

Noah is visually impaired and doesn't speak, other than simple words such as "yes" and "no," said Jakeman. But her son is able to

communicate by using symbols from an electronic device.

"He loves dinosaurs and the color red and everything Mickey Mouse," she said.

Her son is also a fighter who has rallied enough to leave the ICU, Jakeman said.

"He'll still be in the hospital for a while," she said, "but he's no longer what we call 'scary sick' in my family. He's on the mend."

That is welcome news to Clayten, who now hopes to meet the Jakeman family and Fink once Noah is home from the hospital.

"I want to tell (the Jakemans) how much I admire them for adopting a boy like Noah," he said. "I don't know if I could be that big of a hero."

Clayten said he feels a little uneasy accepting praise for his role in helping Noah, who now has a GoFundMe account that has brought in more than \$11,000 to help the family with bills that have accumulated while Shaun Jakeman has been away from work.

"I spent a short amount of time online, rallying people," Clayten said. "Everyone else did the heavy lifting. But it's a lesson that I hope my own son, Maxwell, will take with him in life."

Transplant recipient's donor face failing

Woman was burned when her husband doused her in lye

Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. — A woman who was severely burned in a domestic violence attack in Vermont is hoping for a second face transplant after doctors recently discovered tissue damage that likely will lead to the loss of her donor face.

Carmen Blandin Tarleton, 51, was burned over 80% of her body when her estranged husband beat her with a baseball bat and doused her body with lye in 2007. Six years ago, she received a face transplant at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, where she's being evaluated for a possible second transplant.

Tarleton, who now lives in Manchester, New Hampshire, told The Boston Globe she has no regrets about the transplant because it dramatically improved her life. She has learned to play the piano and banjo, wrote a memoir and has spoken to many groups about her life. She lost 20 pounds and began walking 5 miles a week.

"I had such a low quality of life before my face transplant. Do I wish it had lasted 10 or 20 years? Of course," she said.

More than 40 patients worldwide have received face transplants, including 15 in the United States. None of the American patients have lost their donor faces, but last year, a French man whose immune system rejected his donor face eight years after his first transplant underwent a second.

Tarleton's doctors noted that most transplanted organs have limited life spans. But her situation is a reminder that despite successes in the field, face transplantation is experimental and still a young science with many un-

answered questions about benefits versus long-term risks.

"There are so many unknowns and so many new things we are discovering," said Dr. Bohdan Pomahac, director of plastic surgery transplantation at the Brigham and one of Tarleton's surgeons. Still, he said, "it's really not realistic to hope faces are going to last (the patient's) lifetime."

Dr. Brian Gastman, a transplant surgeon at the Cleveland Clinic, which did the first U.S. face transplant 11 years ago, said more patients are starting to experience chronic rejection. "We all believe every patient will likely need a retransplant" at some point, he said.

Since her transplant in February 2013, Tarleton has had repeated rejection episodes when her new face became swollen and red. Those episodes were successfully treated, but last month, physicians discovered that some blood vessels to her face had narrowed and closed, causing facial tissue to die. If the damage progresses slowly, she could go on the waitlist for another donor face. Under the worst case scenario, the tissue would die quickly, and doctors would have to remove it and reconstruct her original face.

"We all know we are in uncharted waters," she said. "I would rather not have to go through a catastrophic failure."

It will take at least a month to evaluate Tarleton and reach a decision about a second transplant, doctors said. Aside from the setback with her face, a synthetic cornea transplanted into her left eye recently failed, leaving her almost blind.

"These are not common things to go wrong, but when things go wrong, you have to deal with it," she said. "I will get back to where I was. How, I don't know. I will get through this."

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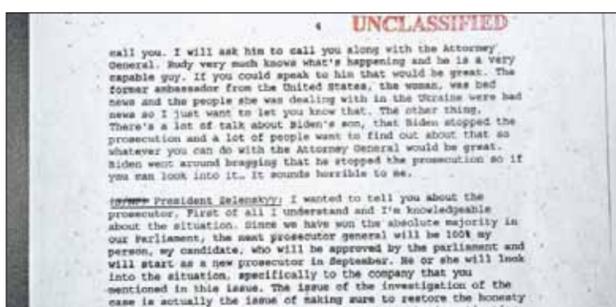
EDITORIALS

Trump was wrong to squeeze Ukraine over Biden. Did he commit an impeachable offense?

There was a lot of mutual butting up in President Donald Trump's telephone conversation with Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Then came the ask: Trump wanted Joe Biden and his son Hunter investigated — and offered to have the U.S. attorney general help.

That disclosure in a declassified "Memorandum of telephone conversation" released Wednesday reflected dreadful judgment by the president. It also left Americans debating whether Trump's conduct amounted to an extortion plot — the "high crimes and misdemeanors" that would qualify as an impeachable offense.

The memorandum has Trump citing Biden in a passage that many congressional Democrats saw as a self-serving quest to undercut a Democratic presidential candidate: Trump did a pivot in the 30-minute conversation to urge Zelenskyy to work with his private lawyer, former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, and Attorney General William Barr, to "find out whatever you can" about the Bidens' dealings in Ukraine. But there's also ambiguity in the conversa-



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A declassified memo summarizes a phone call between President Donald Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

tion. Trump doesn't explicitly propose a quid pro quo, such as a deliverance of U.S. aid in return for the Ukrainians dishing dirt on the Bidens.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi had announced Tuesday that she had launched an impeachment inquiry against Trump focused in part on that July 25 phone conversation. Pelosi framed Trump's actions as a breach of constitutional responsibility because he allegedly called on a foreign power to intervene in his reelection effort by going after Biden and his son.

Pelosi took that historic action against the president before the call memo and other evidence had been disclosed. We know an unnamed whistleblower reported suspicions of wrongdoing to the intelligence community inspector general, and we know the Trump administration stopped that report from reaching Congress. But as for details? Trump's decision to release the phone call represented an early step in his confrontation with Democrats.

The memo about the call is five pages long and reads like a

complete transcript, but it's not. A footnote to the document says it represents contemporaneous notes and recollections of White House and National Security Council personnel who were listening in.

The call began with Trump congratulating Zelenskyy on his "fantastic" election victory. Zelenskyy reciprocated by praising Trump's political skills.

Then Trump reminded Zelenskyy that Ukraine doesn't have a better friend in the world than the U.S. "We do a lot for Ukraine. We spend a lot of effort and a lot of time. Much more than the European countries," Trump said. Later came the troubling pivot by Trump, casual in tone. "The other thing," the president said, "there's a lot of talk about Biden's son, that Biden stopped the prosecution and a lot of people want to find out about that so whatever you can do with the Attorney General (Barr) would be great. Biden went around bragging that he stopped the prosecution so if you can look into it ... It sounds horrible to me."

Trump was wrong to make that request. He asked the leader of another government to take actions that could undercut a lead-

ing Democratic candidate for president. That said, not all bad conduct by a president qualifies as impeachable. The questions that, this week, have abruptly confronted Americans and their members of Congress: Does Trump's behavior here merit removal from office? Or are Democrats exaggerating this incident?

Relative to the impeachment inquiry, the most important takeaway from the memorandum is that it's only the first of what could be many pieces of evidence. If the whistleblower whose concerns exposed this Ukraine episode to public view has more extensive evidence, we hope that surfaces promptly.

Which leaves us where we were before reading the call memo: withholding final judgment about Trump and Ukraine until we learn much more.

That's not a satisfying position, especially to partisans who've decided that Trump should be impeached or elected to a second term.

An impeachment probe is a long and serious process. This investigation included.

The feds raid another ally of Speaker Michael Madigan. May we see the whiteboard?

Somewhere inside the FBI's Chicago field office near Ogden Avenue and Roosevelt Road, one might imagine a strictly guarded windowless room with a spacious whiteboard. That whiteboard would unravel a mystery.

Such as: What are the people of Illinois to make of Tuesday's federal raids at the Springfield and Cicero offices, and the Gage Park home, of Democratic state Sen. Martin Sandoval? How, if at all, does this Sandoval dot connect with other figures of recent federal interest? In May, federal agents removed documents from the homes of former 23rd Ward Ald. Michael R. Zalewski, Democratic campaign operative Kevin Quinn and Springfield lobbyist Mike McClain. The motives of the feds remain unclear. But the subjects involved share one prominent link: House Speaker Michael Madigan.

Zalewski, who retired from the Chicago City Council in 2018 and operates a consulting business, is a longtime Southwest Side ally of the speaker. Quinn, also of Chicago, was a longtime Madigan aide until he was fired in February 2018, hours before sexual harassment claims against him went public. McClain, of Quincy, a lobbyist who represents a long list of influential Springfield clients, is a close Madigan friend



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Federal workers carry evidence from the Gage Park home of state Sen. Martin Sandoval on Tuesday.

and confidant.

Now comes Sandoval, who might be a dot on the whiteboard. Federal agents around 12:30 p.m. Tuesday were seen removing boxes, documents and a

computer from his offices and his home in what appeared to be a coordinated effort. He has not been accused of any wrongdoing.

Keep in mind: Sandoval might be unfamiliar to most rank-and-file voters across Illinois, but he

is a consummate insider. Half of Sandoval's Senate district is represented by Madigan as a member of the House. They work together closely. Sandoval, a member of the Senate for nearly 20 years, also has been

mentioned as a possible successor to the Senate president, should John Cullerton of Chicago ever step down. Sandoval's campaign fund treasurer until 2009 was Danny Solis, the now-scorned and retired Chicago alderman who wore a wire while cooperating with federal authorities in their probe of ... we aren't sure whom.

What a complicated web. If it exists, wouldn't you love to see the whiteboard?

One thing is clear: The feds have an issue with the Chicago Way politics practiced in this city and state. They're evidently obtaining warrants and searching for evidence. Whatever the master plan, it involves clout-rich elected officials and their cronies. Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, and state Sen. Tom Cullerton, D-Villa Park, face federal corruption indictments alleging they enriched themselves personally by leveraging their public roles. Both have pleaded not guilty to the charges against them.

Now the list of those under federal scrutiny includes Sandoval. Where does this lead? Can't say. We can only imagine the marked-up whiteboard.

From Chicago to Springfield and beyond, Illinois insiders are nervous. Who'll be the next dots?

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Most issues do have a political dimension, of course. But seeing everything that way leaves no space for other topics, no room for play or humor or friends with different views. It intrudes on the private world of family, friends and voluntary associations. People need that space to flourish. A tolerant, liberal democracy should provide it. ...

I'm not trying to click my heels three times and make partisan differences magically disappear. Our country faces big, difficult issues. The partisan divide often has roots in real policy differences. But what makes that divide so dangerous is that we split along the same party lines on issue after issue.

That undermines a crucial assumption of the nation's founding, set down right there in the Federalist Papers, which argued that our large republic would be stable because the various "factions" would cut across each other.

That's not true today. A citizen's views on, say, immigration, are likely to predict his views on guns, abortion, taxes, health care, school choice, public-sector unions and centralized government.

The result is predictable. We keep cutting the national pie along the same line, deeper and deeper, time after time. If we keep at it, we'll cut through the metal pan.

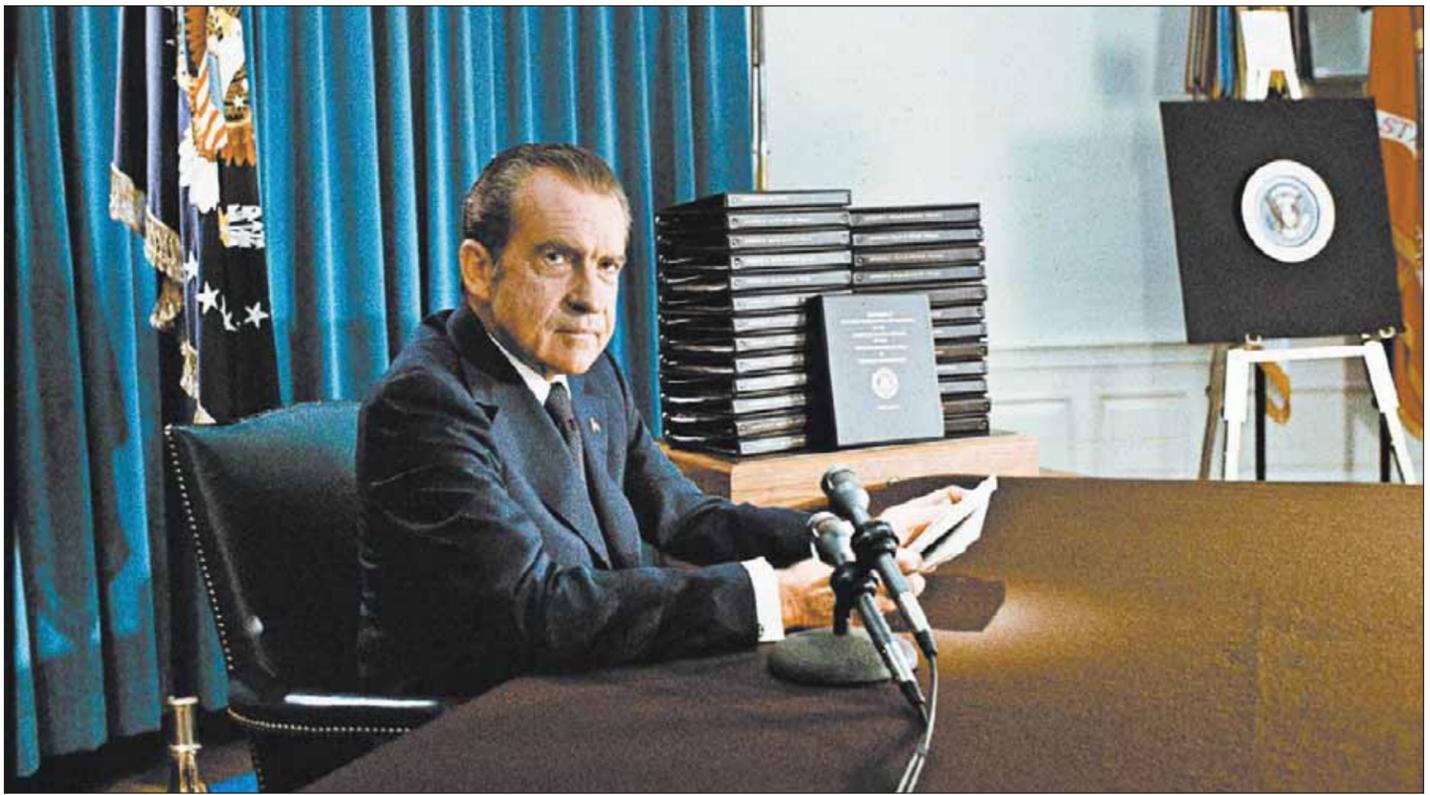
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President Richard M. Nixon announces the release of more than 1,200 pages of transcripts from his White House tapes on April 29, 1974.

Like Watergate all over again? In some ways, yes, but there are stark differences.

BY JON MARSHALL

Echoes of Watergate could be heard in Speaker Nancy Pelosi's announcement Tuesday that the House of Representatives will begin a formal impeachment inquiry against President Donald Trump. But how similar is this path to what the nation experienced 45 years ago?

In 1974, the U.S. House Judiciary Committee approved three articles of impeachment against Richard Nixon as a result of the Watergate scandal, leading him to become the only president to resign. Now Democrats hope their impeachment probe will force Trump from office over allegations that he pressured Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy to give him political dirt on former Vice President Joe Biden, who is a threat to Trump in the 2020 election.

Just as they were during Watergate, accusations of abusing power for personal political reasons are at the heart of the new impeachment inquiry. Trump allegedly froze congressionally approved aid for Ukraine while asking Zelenskiy to provide possibly damaging information about Biden and his son Hunter.

Similarly, the second article of impeachment against Nixon charged him with abusing his presidential power. Nixon had used the FBI and IRS to hurt journalists, Democrats and other people he didn't like. His administration also created a secret unit to illegally wiretap people and break into their offices. And he used the power of his office to cover up the involvement of his aides in the burglary of the Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate office complex in Washington, D.C.

Another similarity is the critical role

journalists played in exposing critical information that prompted the impeachment inquiries. Over the past week, The Wall Street Journal, New York Times and Washington Post have revealed details of a whistleblower's warning about Trump's phone call with Ukraine's president, the administration's initial refusal to release an inspector general's report about the warning and White House maneuverings to withhold aid to Ukraine.

During Watergate, the Washington Post, New York Times and other news outlets uncovered important details of the Watergate burglary, cover-up and political sabotage efforts.

Like they do now, reporters relied on anonymous sources to disclose much of the information and received the White House's wrath.

Nixon and his supporters accused the press of serving the interests of Democrats and engaging in a witch hunt. Trump tweeted Tuesday that the current inquiry was "Witch Hunt garbage."

A third resemblance is the weak public support for impeachment prior to formal proceedings. Most opinion polls have shown the public opposing Trump's impeachment, with an average of only 38.5% favoring it since the start of 2017. In Nixon's case, public support for impeachment never reached 50% during most of the Watergate investigation. A majority favored removing him from office only after the House Judiciary Committee held its impeachment hearings.

The differences

Those similarities between the Trump and Nixon impeachment efforts are striking, but three key differences could lead to different out-

Three key differences could lead to different outcomes.

comes.

First, during the Watergate scandal most Americans had a choice of just three television networks, three national news magazines and perhaps a couple of daily newspapers. Although a majority of newspapers endorsed Nixon for reelection in 1972, most media outlets were offering widespread coverage of his administration's crimes by the following year. As a result, it was hard for the public to avoid seeing information about the president's misdeeds.

Now Americans can choose from a multitude of media outlets, many of them highly partisan. Unlike Nixon, Trump has the benefit of outlets such as Fox News and "The Rush Limbaugh Show" that have faithfully backed him, helping him maintain his popularity among conservatives. Trump also has the advantage over Nixon of being able to use Twitter to reach the public directly with his denials and attacks against Democrats and journalists.

Rising partisanship has contributed to another essential difference: declining public trust in public institutions. Once Congress held televised Watergate hearings and the media started covering Watergate extensively, support for impeaching Nixon began to rise.

But since Watergate, the percentage of Americans who have a "great deal" or "quite a lot" of trust in Congress has plummeted from 42% to 11%. Over a

similar span, trust in newspapers has fallen from 39% to 23%. This growing wariness of the media and Congress could mean that televised impeachment hearings won't sway public opinion regarding Trump's fitness for office.

Finally, Democrats controlled both the House and Senate during Nixon's presidency. This meant they could steer the impeachment process all the way through a potential trial. The presence of moderate Republicans in the Senate who were appalled by Watergate made it likely that Nixon would have been convicted by the required two-thirds vote if he hadn't resigned first.

Trump has the advantage of a GOP-controlled Senate whose members have loyally backed him and are circling the wagons to defend him against impeachment. Even if the House votes to impeach Trump, the Senate could save him.

Of course, we don't know yet what will be revealed during the impeachment inquiry. The whistleblower complaint or other new evidence could contain a smoking gun with Trump's fingerprints all over it. If that happens, it could end his presidency just as tapes of Nixon's conversations — released four days before his resignation — showed that he tried to get the CIA to interfere with the Watergate investigation.

But if the impeachment probe doesn't provide any startling new information, it's the Democrats whose political fortunes could be doomed.

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EPA ADMINISTRATOR ANDREW WHEELER EXPLAINS



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KAMERON SEARS/SWEET WATER FOUNDATION

Author Aminah Grant, of Chicago's South Side, volunteers at Sweet Water Foundation's Perry Ave Commons this summer.

My volunteer work at Sweet Water gave me a chance to serve my own community

BY AMINAH GRANT

As part of my summer internship in corporate philanthropy, I sat on the bus and watched Chicago change before my eyes. As we headed south, the gleaming skyscrapers and bustling streets gave way to struggling residential neighborhoods with boarded-up houses and empty lots.

As a South Side native, I was familiar with this progression and the drastic contrast it provided. When we arrived at our destination, known as the Perry Ave Commons, the location stood out among the empty lots and run-down houses.

First, I noticed a gray house with a stunning mural adorning its side, then a timber-framed barn surrounded by hundreds of rows of budding vegetables. The site was the headquarters of the Sweet Water Foundation.

Sweet Water is a nonprofit organization and social enterprise committed to “a creative and regenerative social justice method,” in which safe and healthy communities are created by transforming neighborhoods once considered blighted. On Wednesday, its co-founder and executive director, Emmanuel Pratt, received a MacArthur Foundation “genius grant” for his work as an urban designer.

With four contiguous city blocks under redevelopment, Sweet Water is turning vacant spaces into vibrant and valuable community resources.

For eight weeks this summer, I volunteered with nearly 300 other employees from PPM America Inc. and Jackson National Asset Management LLC for our Summer of Service — a series of 10 volunteer projects. While volunteer work is a strong part of the culture at these compa-

nies, Summer of Service allowed associates to compound their efforts through successive — rather than separate and unrelated — projects to provide a positive impact on the Englewood neighborhood through Sweet Water.

On my first service day, Pratt asked if anyone had ever been to the South Side of Chicago. As expected, only a few people raised their hands, highlighting the chasm between Chicago's more affluent and most vulnerable communities.

Reports often emphasize violence and strife in predominantly black neighborhoods such as Englewood, overlooking the powerful work community organizations and activists are doing daily to make a positive difference. Their constant, strenuous efforts combat decades of systemic issues such as violence, poverty, racism and community divestment. Presenting only one narrative perpetuates stereotypes that lead many to incorrectly think these neighborhoods have no hope.

Mark Mandich, chief executive of PPM America, believes it's important to take steps to change that narrative.

“We have advantages that many other people don't have,” said Mandich, referring to his associates. “It's important that we take time to give back. Volunteering in the Englewood neighborhood gives us the chance to get to know the community and recognize there are many people who want the same things we do — an opportunity to work hard and build a good life for themselves and their loved ones.”

Sweet Water's presence and work send a strong message, effectively saying, “We will not leave this community behind.” The house, the garden and the barn that initially caught my eye are known as the

Think-Do House, Perry Avenue Community Farm and the Thought Barn. These were previously vacant buildings and lots that have been transformed into welcoming spaces for education, healthy food, art and social activities. They are powerful examples of what can happen when neighborhoods and people are given meaningful opportunities for revitalization.

When I initially accepted my corporate philanthropy internship, I expected the work to be removed from community. Instead, it was at the heart of what community is about. It made me feel part of something greater than myself and more grounded in my work.

In school, I often feel removed from the realities of the issues I want to address because most of my work is limited to studying public policy and environmental issues. But at Sweet Water I engaged in experiential, hands-on learning in ecological regenerative development. And, although the mundane tasks I performed such as weeding and moving mulch may not seem important, they provided important support for Sweet Water's short-term operations and, by extension, the long-term transformation of Englewood.

By going into communities vastly different from our own to make a difference and forging intracommunal bonds, we had the opportunity to make Chicago a stronger city. I'm proud of the work we accomplished together in Englewood.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Who will be Trump's Howard Baker?

Whether President Donald Trump asked a foreign power to dig up dirt on his main opponent may be the primary motivator for Democrats, who were not keen to impeach, to do so now. But it is only one out of many factors that meet the high crimes and misdemeanors threshold.

The Mueller report listed at least 10 instances that could be seen as obstruction of justice into the Russian meddling investigation. And more recently, the president has been diverting funds from the Pentagon to build his wall. Many of those funds were designed to help out with child care for military families. I guess Republicans can eviscerate family values and support for the military in one act. Article I Section 7 of the Constitution states that “all bills raising revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives.” The president took an oath to defend the Constitution, not to rewrite it.

The Democrats in the House have had the majority since January. They have plenty of impeachable offenses to pick from when they draft their articles. But when will Republicans in the Senate, who also took an oath to defend the Constitution, do the right thing and vote to convict? Howard Baker was the first Republican to split with his party and do the right thing during the Nixon inquiries. Will someone follow his lead?

— Jan Goldberg, Riverside

Democrats' wayward impeachment inquiry

Ever since their stunning loss in the 2016 presidential election, the Democrats, and especially the radical wing of the party, have been trying to find a way to get rid of Donald Trump.

After failing to find enough in the Mueller report, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is now attempting to placate her radical base by opening what she called an impeachment inquiry, which in essence is an excuse to have another round of prolonged committee hearings. The Democrats are still searching to find an impeachable offense, but nonetheless the country will become further polarized as many doubt that all these hearings will ever result in an actual impeachment.

It's become clear that the only real crime Donald Trump committed was in winning the 2016 election.

— Dan Schuchardt, Glen Ellyn

Case for impeaching Trump: It's elementary

This is not tricky. President Donald Trump withheld military arms for Ukraine meant to help them maintain their freedom against the Russians. Shortly thereafter, Trump “requested” the president of Ukraine to help him defeat an American political opponent. Trump didn't give a hoot about Ukrainian freedom or America's safety. He cared only about Donald Trump. He must be impeached.

— Steven H. Mora, Bannockburn

Witness protection would help fight gun crime

Tribune columnist Dahleen Glanton has proposed a program that would reduce the high level of gun violence in Chicago, in her Sept. 18 column, “Chicago needs a fully funded witness protection program for those who risk their lives to testify.” Addressing the low “clearance rate” for homicides, (e.g. police only solve 1 of 6 homicides) she points out that witnesses fear retribution by gang members or friends of perpetrators if they identify shooters. Thus witnesses adopt a “code of silence for protecting criminals,” which encourages criminals to continue committing crimes.

Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx wishes she could have a fully funded witness protection program to help reduce Chicago shootings but lacks the resources. Glanton says Chicago should fund one.

However, the city seeks to have Illinois bail it out of budget crises. Meanwhile, Illinois has its own budget crisis. Illinois bonds are close to “junk” status. Essentially, Illinois is a “funding desert.” Innovative programs such as Glanton's that could lower the horrific rate of shootings in Chicago can't get funding. It's very discouraging.

— Gordon Berry, Evanston

At least Vlad's happy

Israel doesn't have a government at the moment, Britain's government seems on the verge of collapse, and here in the U.S., Donald Trump's reign of anarchy and tumult continues unabated. Is it any wonder Mr. Putin has a grin on his face from ear to ear?

— Donald Garfield, Evanston

Thunberg weaponized shame in an era of shamelessness

BY MONICA HESSE

A vocal cohort of fully grown human adults seems unable to deal with Greta Thunberg.

The 16-year-old Swedish climate activist, as you might have heard, gave a scorching speech at the United Nations on Monday. “We are in the beginning of a mass extinction, and all you can talk about is money and fairy tales of eternal economic growth,” she admonished a crowd of world leaders. “How dare you?”

Oh, but they hadn't even begun to dare. That evening, pundit Michael Knowles went on Fox News and referred to Thunberg, who has Asperger's syndrome, as “a mentally ill Swedish child who is being exploited by her parents and by the international left.”

On the Fox show “The Ingraham Angle,” host Laura Ingraham compared Thunberg's physical appearance to a character from a horror movie, then quipped, “I can't wait for Stephen King's sequel, ‘Children of the Climate.’”

“I can't tell if Greta needs a spanking or a psychological intervention,” tweeted Breitbart columnist John Nolte. And actually, if you're in the mood to be unsettled, then I'll wait here while you search Twitter for “Thunberg and spanking” and see how many middle-aged men are eager to corporally punish a teenage girl.

Finally, as Monday evening drew to a close, the president of the United States sarcastically rang in: “A very happy young girl looking forward to a bright and wonderful future. So nice to see!”

By Tuesday morning, as a cheeky rejoinder, Thunberg had changed her own Twitter bio to President Donald Trump's description.

Thunberg does not keep to the model of how we expect fresh-faced child activists to behave. She is not interested in delivering a message of hope or in standing behind a bill-signing politician in a chorus of beam-

ing youths. She is not interested in offering incremental solutions for individual households, in urging consumers to switch to reusable grocery bags or buy stainless-steel drinking straws.

She also does not seem particularly interested in using her activism to make you like her. At one point in her U.N. speech the audience interrupted to applaud. Thunberg looked mildly irritated by the interruption; she just wanted to get on with it.

What was she getting on with? With ruthlessly explaining just how badly older generations have ruined things for her own. With castigating politicians for focusing more on keeping power than heeding science. With calling out liberals, too, like Sen. Tom Carper, D-Del., who benevolently told her at an event last week that young people would soon have the chance to run for office themselves.

“We don't want to become politicians, we don't want to run for office,” she responded. “We want you to unite behind the science.”

At every turn, in every appearance, what she's interested in is making her listeners feel shame.

We live in an era that has become impervious to shame. An era defined by a president who views it as a weakness. Shame has become an antiquated emotion and a useless one. It's advantageous, we've learned, to respond to charges of indecency with more indecency: attacks, misdirection, faux-victimhood.

When Thunberg's noxious treatment began to get attention — Fox News apologized for Knowles' statement, calling it “disgraceful” — some of her defenders suggested that she drew so much scorn because she was female. I'm sure that's part of it. The past few years have produced a rash of books explaining how women's anger is historically belittled while men's is seen as worthy of empathy. We have “effectively severed anger from ‘good womanhood,’” wrote Soraya Chemaly in “Rage

Becomes Her.”

But I don't think that explains all of the reactions. Thunberg hasn't been treated any more appallingly than Parkland student David Hogg, who, in the course of lobbying for gun control, was labeled a shill and a “crisis actor.” He received death threats.

What Thunberg and Hogg have in common, along with others such as Hogg's classmate Emma Gonzalez, is their utter lack of regard for our feelings. They do not care if they make us feel bad; their entire point is to make us feel bad. They don't need our votes; they're not elected officials. They don't need our money; many of them live at home with their parents.

With every public appearance they are saying, “This is what it would look like, to be free to do the right thing. This is what you would say, too, if you weren't beholden to donors or viewers, if you didn't have to muster the right soundbites for your next reelection campaign, if you weren't afraid of sacrificing some of your personal comfort for the greater good.”

Greta Thunberg is saying, aren't you ashamed of yourself?

And deep down, way deep down, in the place that stores unfamiliar emotions, many of her audience members are.

This is the uplifting way to interpret the grotesque response to Greta Thunberg.

She is a small, slight child wearing braids and using the best science available to beg the adults in the room to not let her die. Not to let animals die. Not to let the earth die. Not to let everyone die. Anyone who listens to all of that and immediately wants to punish or attack Thunberg — they're not having that reaction because they think she's wrong, but rather because, deep down, they fear she is right.

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A Jimmy John's restaurant is seen Sept. 24, 2014, in Chicago. The chain, which was founded in Charleston, Ill., 36 years ago, is being sold to Atlanta-based Inspire Brands.

Jimmy John's is sold in a jiffy

Illinois-born sandwich chain under wing of Arby's, Buffalo Wild Wings

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

Jimmy John's Sandwiches, which has grown to more than 2,800 shops since its founding in Charleston, Ill., 36 years ago, is being sold to the owner of Arby's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Sonic Drive-In and Rusty Taco.

Financial terms of the deal

with Atlanta-based Inspire Brands, announced early Wednesday, were not disclosed.

After the transaction closes, Jimmy John Liautaud will step down as chairman of the eponymous Champaign-based chain and become an adviser to the brand. James North, Jimmy John's president, will serve as

president of the Jimmy John's brand at Inspire Brands.

"We are so honored to be part of Paul Brown's leadership," Liautaud, 55, said in an email, referring to Inspire Brands' co-founder and CEO. "This is a win-win-win for all the parties involved."

Inspire Brands is backed by Atlanta-based private equity firm Roark Capital, which in 2016 bought a majority stake in Jimmy John's.

The restaurant group has

grown significantly since it was created in 2018, when Roark acquired Arby's and Buffalo Wild Wings for \$2.9 billion with the goal of building "a family of powerful, distinct restaurant brands that each have high growth potential, both domestically and internationally," Roark said in a news release at the time. Brown was CEO of Arby's at the time.

With the Jimmy John's acquisition, Inspire Brands will become the fourth-largest

restaurant company in the U.S., boasting more than 11,200 restaurants in 16 countries and more than \$14 billion in annual system sales, the company said.

"Inspire actually has a really good reputation as a brand steward," said Bob Goldin, co-founder and partner at Chicago-based food industry consultancy Pentalex. "They seem to buy companies, they don't mess them up and they some-

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Juul to stop e-cig ads in US

Company replaces CEO amid backlash over illnesses, deaths

BY MATTHEW PERRONE AND MICHELLE CHAPMAN
Associated Press

The nation's largest e-cigarette maker will stop advertising its devices in the U.S. and replace its chief executive as mysterious breathing illnesses and an explosion in teen vaping have triggered efforts to crack down on the largely unregulated industry.

Juul Labs and other e-cigarette makers are fighting to survive as they face backlash from two public health debacles. Federal and state officials have seized on the recent outbreak of lung illnesses, including nine reported deaths, to push through restrictions designed to curb underage vaping.

No major e-cigarette brand has been tied to the ailments, including Juul, which said it won't fight a Trump administration proposal for a sweeping ban on e-cigarette flavors that can appeal to teens.

Governors in Michigan and New York moved to outlaw vaping flavors this month, while Massachusetts said Tuesday that it will ban all vaping products for four months, the first such step in the country.

"I think this rush to judgment is extraordinary, and we might be looking at the demise of vaping," said Kenneth Warner, professor emeritus at University of Michigan's school of public health.

Warner and some other experts believe vaping has the potential to dramatically reduce the deadly toll of traditional cigarettes among adult smokers. But he said Juul made "enormous mistakes" in its early advertising campaigns, which featured young models, bright colors and youth-oriented catchphrases.

E-cigarettes have been largely unregulated since arriving in the U.S. in 2007. The Food and Drug

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CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The city approved the move of MedMar Lakeview medical marijuana dispensary to a larger spot less in the 3500 block of North Clark Street in the Wrigleyville neighborhood.

Cresco Labs gets OK to move medical dispensary

Marijuana company will head into space near Wrigley Field

BY ALLY MAROTTI

The city approved the move of MedMar Lakeview medical marijuana dispensary to a larger spot less than half a mile down the road in the Wrigleyville neighborhood.

Marijuana company Cresco Labs, which owns the medical dispensary, needed to move it to accommodate a growing patient count and demand for medical marijuana, said spokesman Jason Erkes.

"The patient count in Illinois has really been skyrocketing and we don't have the capacity to accommodate those patients in an appropriate and confidential way," he said.

The dispensary will go into the space occupied by John Barleycorn tavern.

The city's Zoning Board of

Appeals approved the move Friday with the condition that Cresco must go back before the board if it wants to sell recreational cannabis from the same location, said Peter Strazzabosco, deputy commissioner of the city's Planning and Development Department.

That condition aligns with the recreational cannabis zoning rules Mayor Lori Lightfoot proposed last week, which would require the board to hear all marijuana zoning applications, Strazzabosco said.

The rules, which have not been finalized, also prohibit recreational dispensaries from locating in most of the Loop and Magnificent Mile.

Recreational marijuana sales are set to start Jan. 1. Existing medical dispensaries may apply to sell recreational marijuana as well.

But the state has said medical dispensaries will be prohibited from selling recreational cannabis if they wish to relocate for

any reason — such as MedMar's goals of accommodating a growing patient count.

More than 85,000 patients are enrolled in Illinois' medical marijuana program, nearly twice as many as last year. The growth has been spurred in part by the state's elimination of background and fingerprint check requirements for patients, a reduction in wait times for medical cards, and an expansion in qualifying medical conditions.

Cresco is still determining a timeline for its move, Erkes said. When it does relocate, the dispensary will reopen under the brand name Sunnyside.

The four other dispensaries Cresco owns in Illinois are also set to be rebranded to Sunnyside locations, as the company works to renovate and reopen all of its shops around the country under the same name.

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FTC: Match tried to trick consumers

Dating site allegedly sent out phony emails to boost subscriptions

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Federal Trade Commission is suing Match Group for allegedly using notifications about phony profiles to trick consumers into paying for a subscription to dating site Match.com.

The site lets people create profiles for free but you need to pay for a subscription to respond to messages. Match sent emails to non-subscribers telling them they had received a response on the site.

But the FTC said Wednesday Match sent millions of emails about notices that came from accounts already flagged as likely fake. Match did prevent subscribers from getting email from suspected fake accounts, the FTC says.

Nearly 500,000 people between June 2016 and May 2018 subscribed to Match.com after receiving communications from fake profiles, the FTC said.

Match did, however, prevent subscribers from getting email from suspected fake accounts, the FTC says.

Prices for subscriptions vary, from \$20-plus to \$30-plus a month depending on the length of time users subscribe for. There are also a variety of add-ons that can be bought.

The FTC also alleged that Match didn't adequately disclose the requirements that consumers needed to get Match's offer of free six-month subscription if they did not "meet someone special." And that it didn't provide a simple enough system for canceling subscriptions.

Match Group said it blocks 96% of bots and fake accounts within a day. In a statement it called that the FTC's claims "outrageous," and said it plans to "vigorously" defend itself in court.

The New York company owns Match.com, Tinder, OKCupid, PlentyOfFish and other dating sites.

New lawsuits allege cooking spray cans exploded

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

Conagra Brands has been hit with 17 new lawsuits that allege certain cans of Pam cooking spray ignited fires that severely burned users.

The suits, filed Monday in Cook County Circuit Court, allege the Chicago-based food maker sold dangerous and faulty products and failed to adequately warn consumers of the risks. Batavia-based can manufacturer DS Containers is also named as a defendant.

The allegations are similar to six lawsuits filed against Conagra in May. The attorneys representing the plaintiffs in those suits and the new batch say they have filed a total of 33 lawsuits on behalf of individual consumers across the country who were injured after cooking spray can ex-

ploded.

At issue is a certain type of aerosol can with U-shaped vents at the bottom that open to relieve pressure when overheated. The lawsuits allege the vents opened even when the cans were stored and used in a “reasonably foreseeable manner,” and that the liquid that seeped out contained propellants such as propane and butane that ignited fires.

Conagra removed the vented can from production early this year “as we sought to standardize our cans across the entire aerosol cooking spray product line,” the company said in a statement. The company said it fully stands by Pam, which has been on the market for more than 50 years.

“When Pam is used correctly, as instructed, it is a safe and effective product,” said the company, whose



AMY SANCETTA/AP

Several burn victims sued the maker of Pam cooking spray saying they were severely injured when cans of the spray exploded in their kitchens.

broad portfolio of brands includes Healthy Choice, Bird's Eye and Slim Jim. Instructions on the can say it shouldn't be left on a stove or near a heat source,

sprayed near an open flame, or stored above 120 degrees. DS Containers, a Japanese-American partnership, could not be reached.

The attorneys behind the

lawsuits, at firms Koskoff Koskoff & Bieder in Connecticut and Meyers & Flowers in Chicago, are calling on Conagra to recall the vented cans that remain on

shelves. In addition to Pam, the suits name several store-branded products that were involved in fires, including Member's Mark, sold at Sam's Club.

“We are urging home cooks and food service professionals to beware and to check those cans in your cabinets and pantries,” attorney Peter J. Flowers said in a news release announcing the new suits.

The vented design was used primarily for large cans of Pam and other store-branded cooking sprays containing more than 10 ounces of product, the release said. People cooking at home and in restaurant kitchens suffered burns so severe that some are now permanently scarred and disfigured, the suits allege.

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Trump: US, Japan agree on 1st stage of new agreement

BY FOSTER KLUG
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — U.S. President Donald Trump on Wednesday announced the “first stage of a phenomenal new trade agreement” with Japan that will expand market access and eliminate tariffs for agriculture and industrial goods and digital trade. He indicated officials were still negotiating toward a bigger deal.

Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe signed the agreement on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly after months of sometimes contentious negotiations. Trump described the deal with Japan, the world's third largest economy, as “outlining the significant steps we're taking toward a fair and reciprocal trade agreement.”

“This is a big chunk, but in the fairly near future we're going to be having a lot more comprehensive deals signed with Japan,” Trump said.

A major roadblock to a final deal has reportedly been considerable behind-the-scenes wrangling over Japanese worry that Trump would slap new tariffs on Japanese autos, which make up a significant amount of Japanese exports to the United States, in the future, despite a trade deal.

Farm groups have also warned the administration that agricultural producers could soon expect to lose market share in Japan if the United States wasn't treated on par with top competitors from Canada, Mexico, Australia and the European Union.



EVAN VUCCI/AP

President Donald Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe sign an agreement Wednesday in New York.

Trump said Japan will open new markets to approximately \$7 billion in U.S. agriculture products, and tariffs would “now be significantly lower or eliminated entirely” on American beef, pork, wheat, cheese, corn, and more.

“This is a huge victory for America's farmers, ranchers and growers, and that's very important to me,” Trump said.

It also covers commitments on \$40 billion in digital trade between the countries, Trump said, “which will greatly expand commerce across cutting edge products and services.”

Abe said the agreement “is actually a win-win solution for Japan and the United States.”

“We have successfully covered a wide range of areas, including not only the industrial goods, but also the agricultural products and also the digital trade between the two sides,” Abe

said.

The two sides reached a basic agreement in late August on trade in farm and digital products and other industries. But tariffs on autos and parts have long been a sticking point.

Toshimitsu Motegi, who became foreign minister recently after negotiating the deal as economy minister, and other Japanese officials have reportedly expressed wariness about Washington from forcing any last-minute changes.

A long-sought trade agreement with Japan was delayed when Trump withdrew the United States from a pan-Pacific trade agreement shortly after taking office in 2017.

Japan and the other 10 remaining members of that trade pact, the Trans-Pacific Partnership, then renegotiated their own deal without the United States. Trump said he preferred that Washington and Tokyo strike a

bilateral deal, which resurrected the longtime issue of tariffs on Japanese car and auto parts exports to the United States and of stiffer duties on U.S. exports of farm and other products to Japan.

The trade talks between Tokyo and Washington are aimed, in part, from the U.S. perspective, to redress a chronic trade imbalance in Japan's favor, which totaled \$67.6 billion in 2018 according to U.S. figures.

The United States is Japan's biggest single overseas market.

“We are Japan's top foreign investor, by far, and Japanese investments in America support hundreds of thousands of American jobs,” Trump said. “The deal we're announcing today will reduce our chronic trade deficit, built up and taken effect over many, many years of dealing with other governments and other administrations, and it will deepen our enduring national ties.”

Job seekers can use voice commands to apply at McDonald's

BY DEE-ANN DURBIN
Associated Press

Want a job at McDonald's? Just ask your smartphone.

Starting Wednesday, McDonald's Corp. will let job seekers start an application by using voice commands with Amazon's Alexa or Google's Assistant.

If users say, “Alexa, help me get a job at McDonald's,” Alexa will ask which country they want to work in and play McDonald's catchy “I'm lovin' it” jingle. After that, users can share their phone number and get a link to continue the application process. Alexa also shares some facts about working for the company, such as how it can lead to jobs in other fields.

The function is available in the U.S., Canada, Australia, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom. McDonald's is also exploring adding the feature in other markets. It's not yet available through Apple's Siri.

The move is an unusual one. While some job recruitment companies have built voice-recognition systems on Google and Amazon's platforms, both companies say McDonald's is the first

direct employer to use its platform in this way. McDonald's developed the technology itself.

For McDonald's, voice-initiated hiring is a way to stand out in a tight job market. The U.S. unemployment rate of 3.7% is near a 50-year low. Unemployment is also below 4% in the U.K. and Germany.

McDonald's employs 2 million people at 38,000 restaurants worldwide, and its needs are constantly changing based on turnover and seasonal demands. Over the summer, the Chicago-based company said it was hiring 250,000 people in the U.S. alone. McDonald's is currently seeking 338 part-time crew workers in the New York area and 414 in Toronto, according to company hiring sites.

Applications by voice — dubbed McDonald's Apply Thru — are also part of a broader effort to use technology to streamline every part of the restaurant, said David Fairhurst, McDonald's executive vice president and chief people officer. For customers, that means digital ordering kiosks and mobile ordering; for employees, it means online scheduling and virtual reality games to train store managers.

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times make them better.”

The sale comes as Jimmy John's faces intense competition for consumers' lunch dollars in a fast-casual sector crowded not only with sandwich shops but also salad, burrito, pizza and poke chains. The chain has distinguished itself in part with its “freaky fast” delivery, operated in-house rather than with third party services.

Jimmy John's origins date back to 1983, when Liautaud borrowed \$25,000 from his father to open his first sandwich shop in Charleston after getting out of high school. He enrolled in Eastern Illinois University but dropped out before finishing the first semester so he could focus on growing the business.

In its first year, the store rang up \$155,000 in sales and netted a \$40,000 profit. Liautaud bought out his father's 48% stake in the business by the third year.

The company stated franchising in 1993 and grew quickly. Sales last year across its 2,801 stores, 98% of which are franchised, were \$2.15 billion, according to Technomic. That's up from 1,802 stores and \$1.47 billion in sales in five years before.

Its growth, though, has not been without controversy. Nor has its founder.

In 2016, the company agreed to a \$100,000 settlement with the Illinois attorney general's office

over what the state called “highly restrictive non-compete agreements” that restricted its hourly employees from working at another sub shop while they worked at Jimmy John's and for two years afterward.

Raw sprouts served on its sandwiches were linked to a multistate outbreak of salmonella in early 2018, and the chain pulled them from the menu.

Animal rights activists called for boycotts of the chain after photos surfaced of Liautaud posing with elephants, rhinos and other endangered animals he shot. In an interview with the Tribune in 2015, he said, “I don't hunt big African game anymore.”

At the time, he also told the Tribune he sought to double the 2,300 locations within the next five years.

The company considered going public a few times but those plans were shelved.

In a Business Insider interview published Tuesday, Inspire CEO Brown said that after an acquisition, he meets “with as many stakeholders associated with the brand as possible: franchisees, restaurant employees, customers, suppliers. And rather than walking in with answers and process solutions, I start by asking fundamental questions like, ‘What part of the business is working well?’ ‘What is your biggest challenge?’”

The deal with Inspire is expected to close next month.

Study: O'Hare, Midway both lose ground on customer satisfaction

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

Both O'Hare International Airport and Midway Airport scored lower in passenger satisfaction compared with last year, with ongoing construction contributing to traveler unhappiness, according to a study released Wednesday.

The 2019 North American Airport Satisfaction Survey by J.D. Power, a marketing information services firm, found that disruption caused by construction has been taking its toll on the traveling experience at airports, including at Midway. This has caused satisfaction to stagnate after years of growth, the report found.

“With major terminal construction projects now underway in Los Angeles, Boston, Chicago, Atlanta and many other airports, it is becoming impossible for travelers not to experience some form of disruption,” said Michael Taylor, travel intelligence lead at J.D. Power. “While these projects are absolutely necessary to address surging demand, they are currently causing passenger delays



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Crews work April 5 in the expansion over Cicero Avenue connecting baggage claim and counters with terminals at Midway Airport.

and confusion.”

O'Hare ranked 17th out of 19 among the mega airports, the same ranking it got in 2018. J.D. Power examines, in order of importance, terminal facilities; airport accessibility; security check; baggage claim; check-in/baggage check; and food, beverage and retail.

O'Hare scored 731 points, down a bit from 735 last year and below the average of 756.

Taylor expects that O'Hare's performance will

improve when the city completes a planned eight-year, \$8.7 billion expansion. He said the airport's current terminal design is outdated and the facilities are too small for such a busy hub.

“The expansion is exactly what O'Hare needs,” Taylor said.

Midway lost points because construction around the airport has hurt accessibility, Taylor said. The Chicago Department of Aviation is implementing a nearly \$400 million capital

improvement program over the next three years at Midway to upgrade facilities, including improvements to its parking garage, according to the city.

O'Hare was rated in the category of mega airports, defined as those handling 33 million or more annual passengers, while the large category included airports with 10 million to 32.9 million passengers.

Midway ranked 18th out of 27 in the large category, with a slightly below-average point total. This was a fall from 12th place and an above-average point total last year.

The J.D. Power study, now in its 14th year, is based on responses from 32,276 U.S. or Canadian residents.

Ranking highest among mega airports was Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, while ranking first among large airports was Portland International Airport in Oregon.

A representative from the Chicago Department of Aviation was not immediately available for comment.

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Pay incentives to save the planet

More companies tie CEO pay, bonuses to climate efforts

BY EMILY CHASAN
Bloomberg News

The executives tasked with introducing Seventh Generation's line of eco-friendly laundry detergents, dish soaps and cleaners to Southeast Asia faced a dilemma earlier this year. If the Unilever NV unit proceeded with the planned product launch before enough recycled plastic could be found for packaging, it could undercut sustainability goals tied to 20% of employee bonuses. Picking a non-recycled material could cost them all a chunk of money.

"If you don't have access to recycled resins, then we just won't launch," Seventh Generation CEO Joey Bergstein said the company decided at the time. His team eventually found suitable material from the region's fledgling recycling infrastructure, and Seventh Generation hit store shelves there without lowering standards — or bonuses. The search paid off for Unilever, too, with the same supplies of recycled resins going into the packaging of the European consumer giant's other brands in Southeast Asia.

Most large companies now set sustainability goals, but few impose consequences on employees who fail to meet them. Around 500 corporations worldwide tie executive pay to environmental, social or governance goals, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. Not all of these are related to climate impact — diversity and safety are more prevalent than environment targets among this group.

That's beginning to change.

"It's coming up more and more, but five years ago



PAUL SANCYA/AP

General Motors CEO Mary Barra had seven sustainability objectives last year that factored into her compensation.

this wasn't part of the conversation," said Seymour Burchman, a managing director at Semler Brossy, a consultant that advises on compensation plans. With companies creating better data around environmental impact and risks, he said, the case for linking compensation gets stronger. "The board can't ignore it."

The employers that most often link compensation to environmental impact aren't crunchy consumer brands like Seventh Generation but gritty miners. Extractive industries need to measure environmental impact to get licenses required to operate in local communities, and Burchman said that incentive pay has been an effective way for miners to improve these results. Cameco Corp. links 40% of annual bonuses to safety, environment and community measures. Vale SA

started linking emission reductions to annual bonuses in 2018. Rio Tinto Plc said in April it was considering how to link greenhouse gas cuts to short-term incentive plans. BHP Group — the world's largest miner — said Tuesday it will increase the amount of short-term incentives CEO Andrew Mackenzie has tied to carbon emissions reductions and climate metrics in 2020 from 4% currently.

As more companies reckon with their carbon footprints and face pressure to embrace renewable energy, links between climate-related targets and compensation are spreading.

General Motors Co. CEO Mary Barra had seven sustainability objectives last year, including reaching 200,000 electric vehicle sales in the U.S. GM's proxy statement denoted each one with a little green leaf,

alongside other traditional financial goals for CEO pay like revenue, dividends and share repurchases. There are other executives at the Detroit automaker with sustainability goals included in their compensation, although a GM spokeswoman didn't say how far these targets extend down the line.

Climate goals for executive pay are more common in Europe, where companies like Novozymes A/S, the Copenhagen-based maker of industrial enzymes, gives each employee his or her own incentives for meeting financial, social and environmental targets. Food and beverage maker Danone SA bases about 10% of CEO Emmanuel Faber's pay on meeting climate commitments and creating a sustainable supply chain.

Sustainability is increasingly creeping into tradi-

tional financial incentives for companies — and even their suppliers. Walmart, for example, has pledged to cut a gigaton of greenhouse gases out of its business by 2030, extending all the way into its supply chain. Earlier this year, in an effort to spur suppliers to do better, Walmart offered better financial terms to anyone who delivered on green goals. Walmart specifically links diversity and culture to 15% of executive incentive pay and 10% of pay for associates, but doesn't break out environmental goals in its proxy.

In credit markets, nearly \$70 billion of green- and sustainability-linked loans were issued this year, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. The loans let companies lower the cost of their debt if they meet sustainability targets.

At Seventh Generation,

the entire workforce sees pay change along with companywide sustainability metrics. That puts the unit on the far end of adoption, which makes sense for an environmentally-minded consumer brand. "When you bake it into the incentive system people really feel compelled to go after it," said Bergstein, the chief executive.

Meeting goals on packaging and greenhouse-gas reduction prompted the launch of an ultra concentrated laundry detergent in 2018. The detergent weighs less, which the company claims will cut emissions from shipping by about 70%.

Scientists working for Seventh Generation, however, have concluded that 92% of the company's greenhouse-gas footprint stems from people washing and drying clothes at home — something very difficult for executives to change. Working with manufacturers to design washing machines that are more efficient didn't seem like it would address that problem fast enough. So the company took an unorthodox approach.

Seventh Generation set a target that 100 U.S. cities would need to pledge to shift to clean energy by 2030. If they didn't, employees would lose out on incentive pay. Bergstein will admit that it sounds crazy: "What kind of control do we have over 100 cities across America to make that kind of commitment?" he said. "But we looked at each other and said if we're really serious about cleaning up the energy grid, then we've got to do something like this."

Seventh Generation spent \$1 million on lobbying efforts and worked with the Sierra Club and other groups to sway local officials. It worked — and its 160 employees got to keep their bonuses.



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Workers sort goods inside a Jumia Technologies distribution warehouse in Lagos, Nigeria.

Chaos, hardships for drivers for Jumia, 'Africa's Amazon'

BY TOPE ALAKE
Bloomberg News

Faulty payment systems, patchy phone-network coverage, parking woes and unreliable customers: just a day in the life of a typical delivery driver for Jumia Technologies AG in Lagos.

The company dubbed 'Africa's Amazon' employs about 700 people in Nigeria to deliver goods including laptops, jewelry and high-heeled shoes to customers in offices, factories, and even bus stops around towns including the country's sprawling commercial capital. The process can be a chaotic affair, and much can go wrong.

"I am happy when I don't have any point-of-sale issue or problems on my phone, because sometimes the network is poor," Umore Yusuf, a Jumia driver, said. "Sometimes, about 10 customers can call to say they are no longer interested in purchasing an item, so they cancel their orders."

It's easy to see why Jumia's investors have a concern over the company's high level of failed deliveries across its 14 countries — some 40%, including cancellations and returns — and question the viability of ordering goods online and having them delivered in major African cities. The

skepticism is evident in the share price, down about 25% since its high-profile public offering in New York in April.

During a four-hour journey with the 39-year-old Yusuf between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Sept. 9, packages were delivered to eight customers, including workers at the local operations of beverage giant Coca-Cola Co. and chocolate maker Cadbury Nigeria PLC. Locating recipients was one problem — involving an average 15-minute wait and multiple phone calls — and that was before the mobile-payment system stopped working.

When that happened, Yusuf had to drive a customer to an ATM to withdraw about 140,000 naira (\$386) in cash. That increases the safety risk, as drivers have to count large wads of notes in public spaces. Sometimes, he just gives up and goes back to HQ.

Jumia's main solution to the issue is the development of Jumia Pay, a more reliable mobile-payment platform that can be used to transfer funds up front. "Up to 75% of our business in Africa is pay on delivery and 25% is prepaid," Tolulope George-Yanwah, services country manager for Nigeria, said in an interview. The latter number should "improve month-

on-month due to Jumia Pay — a lot of people are adopting it," she said.

Founded by former McKinsey & Co. consultants Sacha Poignonnec and Jeremy Hodora in 2012, Jumia has grown a customer base to more than 4.8 million people across 14 African countries. The company's widening losses to \$73.4 million in the second quarter have contributed to the share-price weakness, as has a damning analyst report by short seller specialist Citron, which highlighted the cancellation levels among other warning signs.

Citron took "some of the risk factors that we have volunteered in our prospectus and just tried to paint a negative picture," Chief Executive Poignonnec said in an interview. "The best thing we can do is to continue to execute our strategy and show that we are a very good company and we deliver very good results."

For driver Yusuf, the main priority is to successfully deliver the items, as that is the measure that decides his pay. Customers who don't meet him or change their mind about their purchase directly affect his salary.

"It is when I deliver I get paid," he said. "I can't be happy when I return items."

Juul

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Administration has set next May as a deadline for manufacturers to submit their products for review.

Exempt from restrictions on traditional tobacco marketing, Juul until now has advertised its e-cigarettes in print, TV, radio and online. It's also replacing its CEO with a senior executive from Altria, the maker of Marlboro cigarettes that paid \$13 billion for a 35% stake in Juul in December.

The new chief, K.C. Crosthwaite, said Juul has long focused on providing adult smokers with alternatives but recognized that there's "unacceptable levels of youth usage and eroding public confidence in our industry."

Health experts generally consider e-cigarettes less harmful than traditional cigarettes because they don't contain all the cancer-causing byproducts of burning tobacco. But

there's virtually no long-term research on the health effects of the vapor produced when e-cigarettes heat a liquid with nicotine.

Health officials are investigating recent cases of the lung illness. Many patients said they vaped THC, marijuana's intoxicating chemical, with bootleg devices, but officials have not implicated any common product or ingredient.

In a government survey, more than 1 in 4 high school students reported using e-cigarettes in the previous month despite federal law banning sales to those under 18.

Former FDA commissioner, Dr. Scott Gottlieb, cautioned that the illnesses and teen vaping are separate problems that will likely require unique solutions.

"I think conflating the two is risky because it might force us down the wrong path," said Gottlieb, who stepped down in April.

He said banning legal



SETH WENIG/AP 2018

Juul had advertised e-cigarettes in print, TV, radio and online. E-cigs have been largely unregulated since 2007.

e-cigarettes could push users toward riskier, illicit vapes.

Vaping opponents met Juul's changes with skepticism.

"Juul's announcement today is aimed at repairing its image and protecting its profits, not at solving this crisis," said Matthew Myers, president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

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Institution	Int Chking Acct	Money Mkt Acct	3 mo		6 mo		12 mo		18 mo		24 mo		36 mo		60 mo		Phone / Website
			CD	CD	CD	CD											
Synchrony Bank	NA	1.20	0.75	1.00	2.25	2.25	2.30	2.35	2.45							800-869-3813 www.synchronybank.com	
	NA	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000								

Savings Update

The case for banking both locally and online

Time marching generally leads to us being given more choices. And banking is no exception. Decades ago, where you banked was a simple matter of choosing from a handful of local institutions. Today, the number of choices runs into the hundreds.

What that changed, of course, is the advent of the internet. With each passing year, more and more banks and credit unions are opening new accounts online. So now instead of just the institutions that operate branches in your local community, you can conduct numerous banking functions with any one of over 200 institutions that accept nationwide customers.

So should you ditch your local bank and opt for an online bank instead? There are many good reasons to add internet banking to your financial setup. But there are also good arguments for holding a local account.

The biggest reason to go online with your banking is that savings, money market, and certificate of deposit rates are typically substantially higher with online institutions. In fact, the difference might surprise you.

Take savings accounts. The national average rate is currently just 0.09 percent APY. But dozens of online banks are paying 20 to 25 times that average, at over 2 percent APY. And the premium on your earnings is similar for money market accounts and CDs.

But, there are some trade-offs with internet banks. Often, the ones paying the highest rates offer very limited product offerings. Some don't even offer checking accounts. In addition, although depositing checks via mobile app is commonly allowed, depositing cash is something you can't do with many online-only operations.

So if you want to maximize earnings on your savings while keeping it easy to handle cash and accessing a full array of banking products, consider a combination of banking both locally and online.

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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 27,016.56 Low: 26,755.86 Previous: 26,807.77



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+83.76 (+1.05%)	+18.27 (+.62%)	+17.06 (+1.11%)
Close: 8,077.38	Close: 2,984.87	Close: 1,550.65
High: 8,095.00	High: 2,989.82	High: 1,552.94
Low: 7,935.57	Low: 2,952.86	Low: 1,530.70
Previous: 7,993.62	Previous: 2,966.60	Previous: 1,533.59

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
+10 to 1.73%	-27.50 to \$1,504.60	+76 to 107.81/\$1	+0.0063 to .9139/\$1	-80 to \$56.49

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW -65	NASD -1.22	S&P -7.3	DOW +3.59	NASD +2.81	S&P +3.36	DOW +2.22	NASD +1.09	S&P +2.72

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 19	481	482.25	476.25	477.25	-4.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 19	375.25	377.50	372.25	374.25	-50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Nov 19	894	897.75	885.25	889.25	-5
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Oct 19	29.16	29.22	28.84	29.04	-16
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Oct 19	295.50	296.60	292.70	293.20	-2.20
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Nov 19	56.70	57.02	55.55	56.49	-80
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Oct 19	2.497	2.519	2.455	2.502	-001
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Oct 19	1.6363	1.6422	1.6025	1.6252	-0291

LOCAL STOCKS

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	82.86	+42	Equity Commonwith	N	33.92	+33	McDonalds Corp	N	212.63	+61
AbbVie Inc	N	72.09	-86	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	135.38	-140	Middleby Corp	O	117.57	+2.73
Allstate Corp	N	107.66	-10	Equity Residential	N	86.09	+62	Mondelez Intl	O	55.19	+1.14
Altargroup Inc	N	119.12	+51	Exelon Corp	O	49.01	+21	Morningstar Inc	O	150.16	-1.25
Arch Dan Mid	N	40.48	+53	First Indl RT	O	49.80	+31	Motorola Solutions	N	171.62	+2.39
Baxter Intl	N	86.80	+35	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	53.93	+59	NiSource Inc	N	30.07	+1.10
Boeing Co	N	386.20	+4.55	Gallagher AJ	N	88.94	+10	Nthn Trust Cp	O	95.31	+1.20
Brunswick Corp	N	52.16	+1.16	Grainger WW	N	291.11	+4.55	Old Republic	N	23.25	+0.7
CBOE Global Markets	N	117.93	-30	GrubHub Inc	N	56.37	-11	Packaging Corp Am	N	105.31	+2.01
CDK Global Inc	O	48.55	+1.54	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	105.71	-28	Paylocity Hldg	O	98.72	+1.30
CDW Corp	O	121.52	+2.86	IAA Inc	N	43.63	+1.18	RLI Corp	N	93.96	+1.36
CF Industries	N	48.67	-21	IDEX Corp	N	164.17	+1.80	Stericycle Inc	O	48.67	-32
CME Group	O	213.28	+37	ITW	N	154.61	+2.39	TransUnion	N	81.68	+4.8
CNA Financial	N	49.11	-63	Ingredion Inc	N	80.20	+89	US Foods Holding	N	42.29	-1.1
Cabot Microelect	O	144.26	+3.59	John Bean Technol	N	100.04	+3.12	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	235.54	-3.94
Caterpillar Inc	N	126.61	+62	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	139.90	+3.98	United Airlines Hldg	O	89.17	+8.7
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	29.90	+34	Kemper Corp	N	78.81	+96	Ventas Inc	N	72.84	+3.8
Deere Co	N	165.19	-77	Kraft Heinz Co	O	28.14	-21	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	54.36	+7.3
Discover Fin Svcs	N	81.75	-25	LKQ Corporation	O	31.61	+0.1	Wintrust Financial	O	65.61	+1.42
Dover Corp	N	99.47	+97	Littelfuse Inc	O	179.98	+4.21	Zebra Tech	O	207.95	+3.97

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Jefferies Finl Grp	19.68	-14
Callon Petrol	4.60	+0.5
Bank of America	29.25	+3.1
Gen Electric	9.16	+1.9
Chesapkng Engr	1.42	-0.1
McDermott Intl	2.08	-0.7
Snap Inc A	17.11	+0.7
VEREIT Inc	9.73	+0.2
Altria Group	40.56	-1.7
Nike Inc B	90.81	+3.63
Freeport McMoRan	10.07	+0.6
Ambev S.A.	4.73	+0.9
AT&T Inc	37.38	...
BlackBerry Ltd	5.57	-24
Sprint Corp	6.34	-0.3
Wells Fargo & Co	49.26	+6.1
Ford Motor	9.20	+0.9
Philip Morris Intl	75.28	+3.72
Transocean Ltd	5.11	-30
Pfizer Inc	35.90	-1.1
HP Inc	18.41	+2.6
Infosys Ltd	11.06	+0.2
Marathon Petroleum	60.15	+4.67
Yamana Gold Inc	3.44	-1.9

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	37.38	...
Alibaba Group Hldg	176.66	+5.11
Alphabet Inc C	1246.52	+27.76
Alphabet Inc A	1245.94	+27.61
Amazon.com Inc	1768.33	+26.72
Apple Inc	221.03	+3.35
Bank of America	29.25	+3.1
Berkshire Hath B	208.11	+1.71
Exxon Mobil Corp	71.35	+2.1
Facebook Inc	182.80	+1.52
HSBC Holdings prA	26.33	+0.1
Home Depot	228.10	+2.69
JPMorgan Chase	118.00	+0.7
Johnson & Johnson	130.99	-0.56
MasterCard Inc	272.75	+1.63
Microsoft Corp	139.36	+1.98
Procter & Gamble	123.02	-0.59
Visa Inc	175.28	+0.80
WalMart Strs	118.47	+0.7

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	31.80	+16	-1.7
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	27.66	+0.4	+5.2
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	m48.43	+0.5	+1.2
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	61.02	-0.9	+4.6
American Funds FdmTlnvsA m	59.34	+2.7	+9
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	49.66	+2.7	-1.3
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	22.71	+0.1	+5.0
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	44.65	+0.7	-2.5
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	46.52	+1.2	+8.2
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.05	-16	+8.2
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	41.03	-0.5	-3.6
Dodge & Cox Stk	187.46	+18	-2.5
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.79	...	+8.2
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	104.18	+6.4	+4.5
Fidelity Contrafund	12.97	+0.9	-4
Fidelity TlMktIdxInsPrm	84.72	+5.6	+3.1
Fidelity USBdlIdxInsPrm	11.94	-0.6	+10.2
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.30	-0.1	+4.1
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	11.09	...	+10.9
PIMCO IncI2	11.94	...	+6.2
PIMCO IncInstl	11.94	...	+6.3
PIMCO TlRetIns	10.53	...	+10.7
Schwab SP500Idx	46.29	+2.8	+4.5
T. Rowe Price BCGr	115.56	+8.9	+3.6
T. Rowe Price GrStk	68.60	+5.6	+3.3
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl x	275.37	+3.9	+4.5
Vanguard BalldAdmrl	37.54	+0.7	+6.4
Vanguard DivGrInv	30.26	+0.5	+13.4
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	76.43	+2.2	+6.0
Vanguard GrldAdmrl	86.12	+7.4	+5.6
Vanguard HCAmrl	81.34	-3.1	-5.1
Vanguard InTrnGdAdm	10.04	-0.4	+11.0
Vanguard InTrnTEAdmrl	14.49	...	+8.3
Vanguard InsIdxIns	270.03	+1.65	+4.5
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	270.04	+1.65	+4.5
Vanguard InstSMlthPls	64.13	+4.2	+3.2
Vanguard MDCpIdAdmrl	208.48	+1.27	+3.8
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	139.19	+1.10	-1.1
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.73	-0.1	-5.9
Vanguard SmCpIdAdmrl	74.62	+6.8	-3.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	39.25	-0.1	+5.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	19.35	+0.1	+4.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	35.26	+0.4	+4.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.63	+0.3	+3.3
Vanguard TtBMDIdxAdmrl	11.08	-0.5	+10.4
Vanguard TtBMDIdxIns	11.08	-0.5	+10.4
Vanguard TtInBIdxAdmrl	23.52	-0.3	+11.4
Vanguard TtInBIdxIns	35.29	-0.5	+11.5
Vanguard TtInBIdxInv	11.76	-0.2	+11.4
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	27.74	-0.8	-2.1
Vanguard TtInSIdxIns	110.94	-3.2	-2.1
Vanguard TtInSIdxInsPlus	110.96	-3.2	-2.1
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	16.59	-0.4	-2.1
Vanguard TtISMIdxAdmrl	73.81	+4.9	+3.2
Vanguard TtISMIdxIns	73.82	+4.9	+3.2
Vanguard TtISMIdxInv	73.78	+4.8	+3.1
Vanguard WngtInAdmrl	73.10	-0.6	+8.3
Vanguard WlslyIncAdmrl	65.65	-2.0	+10.3
Vanguard WndsrllAdmrl	64.68	+2.9	+1.4

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.85	1.88
6-month disc	1.85	1.85
2-year	1.67	1.58
10-year	1.73	1.63
30-year	2.18	2.09

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1504.60	\$1532.10
Silver	\$17.962	\$18.517
Platinum	\$927.90	\$955.40

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.00
Discount Rate Primary	2.50
Fed Funds Target	1.75-2.00
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.70

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys...	
Argentina (Peso)	57.0793
Australia (Dollar)	1.4805
Brazil (Real)	4.1588
Britain (Pound)	.8097
Canada (Dollar)	1.3257
China (Yuan)	7.1317
Euro	.9139
India (Rupee)	71.005
Israel (Shekel)	3.5031
Japan (Yen)	107.81
Mexico (Peso)	19.5475
Poland (Zloty)	4.00
So. Korea (Won)	1199.64
Taiwan (Dollar)	31.03
Thailand (Baht)	30.61

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2955.43	-29.9/-1.0
Stoxx600	387.59	-2.3/-0.6
Nikkei	22020.15	-78.7/-0.4
MSCI-EAFE	1905.73	+1.8/+0.1
Bovespa	104481.00	+605.3/+0.6
FTSE 100	7289.99	-1.4/-0.2
CAC-40	5583.80	-44.5/-0.8

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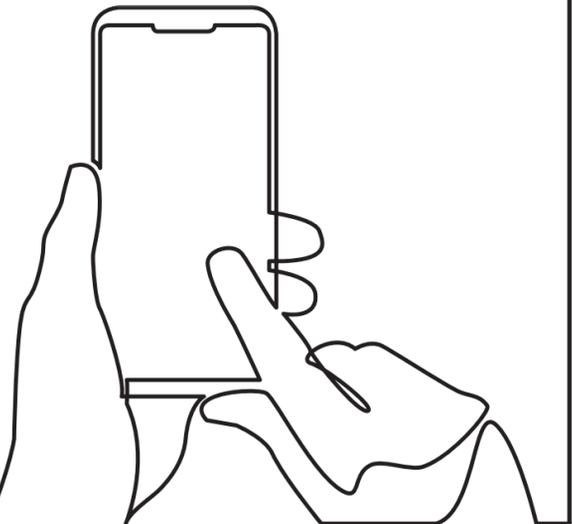
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OBITUARIES

PATRICIA 'PATTY' SPENCER 1949-2019

Dedicated city clerk and volunteer in Elmhurst

BY GRAYDON MEGAN

Patricia Spencer, who was midway through her fourth term as city clerk of Elmhurst, was involved in the community not only through elective office but as a volunteer with community organizations including Elmhurst Memorial Hospital, the Elmhurst Art Museum and the city's Garden Club.

"She cared so much about Elmhurst," said friend and longtime Elmhurst Ald. Mark Mulliner. "Her heart was really here, to take care of this town and make it better."

Spencer also was an active member of the Elmhurst Memorial Hospital Guild, according to Pamela Dunley, president & CEO, Elmhurst Hospital.

"(There she) shared her caring nature advocating for the hospital and raising funding for mental health and hospital care," Dunley said in an emailed statement. "She also led the effort to create Chef Fest, a hospital fundraiser that features local chefs sharing their best dishes. Patty co-chaired the first Chef Fest in 2001. The event will celebrate its 20th anniversary this coming February."

Spencer, 69, died Friday of metastatic breast cancer, according to Elmhurst city officials. She was a longtime Elmhurst resident.

She was born Patricia Armato in Kansas City, Missouri, where she grew up. She met her future husband



CITY OF ELMHURST

"It was a privilege to have worked alongside Patty," said Mayor Steve Morley.

in Kansas City and in 1984 the couple moved to Elmhurst.

For about 20 years, Spencer worked in network administration for AT&T. After taking early retirement in 1988, she turned her talents and energy to volunteer work and community involvement in Elmhurst.

In addition to her work as a board member with the Kiwanis Club, Elmhurst Art Museum Board, Elmhurst Hospital Guild, and Elmhurst Garden Club, she was an advocate for cancer awareness through the Relay for Life and the Edward-Elmhurst cancer outreach programs.

With Elmhurst Hospital, Spencer also served on the Hope Lives Here. Committee to raise awareness of and funds for support of the Nancy W. Knowles Cancer Center, according to Dun-

ley. She was first elected Elmhurst city clerk in 2005 and won a fourth term in 2017, running unopposed. As clerk, her responsibilities ranged from keeping the city seal and city records to serving as secretary to the City Council. She did not have a vote on items before the council, but she believed strongly in the mantra, "Clerks Make It Work," and took her role as a direct link between residents and government very seriously.

"She loved being the clerk," Mulliner said. "She was so detailed in making sure things were done absolutely perfectly."

Spencer also served as the local election official and the Open Meetings Act Officer for the city, and saw to it that staff, elected officials, and volunteer commissioners completed the state-mandated training.

"It was a privilege to have worked alongside Patty," Elmhurst Mayor Steve Morley said in an email. "She touched the lives of many, making friends wherever she went. She will forever hold a place in Elmhurst's history."

Survivors include her husband of 38 years, Byron; a stepdaughter Amy Brumley; her twin brother Carl Armato; and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Ahlgrim Funeral Home, 567 S. Spring Road, Elmhurst.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.

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ON SEPTEMBER 26 ...

In 1087, William II, the son of William the Conqueror, was crowned king of England.

In 1580, Francis Drake, aboard his ship Golden Hind, returned to England after sailing around the globe in 33 months, the first Englishman to accomplish the feat.

In 1774, folk hero Johnny "Appleseed" Chapman was born in Leominster, Mass.

In 1777, British forces captured Philadelphia in the Revolutionary War.

In 1789, Thomas Jefferson was appointed America's first secretary of state; John Jay, the first chief justice; Samuel Osgood, the first postmaster general; and Edmund Jennings Randolph, the first attorney general.

In 1820, pioneer Daniel Boone died in Missouri; he was 85.

In 1888, poet T.S. Eliot was born in St. Louis.

In 1897, Giovanni Battista Montini, who would serve as Pope Paul VI from 1963 to 1978, was born near Brescia, Italy.

In 1914, the Federal Trade Commission was established.

In 1950, U.N. forces recaptured Seoul, South Korea's capital, from North Korean troops.

In 1955, following word that President Dwight Eisenhower had suffered a heart attack, the New York Stock Exchange saw its worst price decline since 1929.

In 1960, the first of four televised debates between presidential candidates Richard Nixon and John Kennedy was held in Chicago.

In 1969, the album "Abbey Road" by the Beatles was released.

In 1980, the Cuban government abruptly ended the exodus of refugees to the U.S. from the port of Mariel after allowing about 125,000 to leave.

In 1986, William Rehnquist was sworn as the nation's 16th chief justice, and Antonin Scalia joined the Supreme Court as its 103rd member.

In 1991, four men and four women began a two-year stay inside a sealed-off structure in Oracle, Ariz., called Biosphere 2, a project intended to develop technology for future space colonies.

In 1993, eight people emerged from the glass dome of Biosphere 2 in the Arizona desert after being sealed inside for two years in an experiment dogged by setbacks and controversy.

In 1996, astronaut Shannon Lucid, 53, a biochemist, returned to Earth after 188 days in space aboard the Russian space station Mir, a

record for an American.

In 2000, Slobodan Milosevic conceded that his challenger, Vojislav Kostunica, had finished first in Yugoslavia's presidential election and declared a runoff — a move that prompted mass protests leading to Milosevic's ouster.

In 2002, WorldCom former controller David Myers pleaded guilty to securities fraud, saying he was told by "senior management" to falsify records in what became the largest corporate accounting scandal in U.S. history.

In 2004, Hurricane Jeanne struck near Stuart, Fla., with 120 mph winds, causing an estimated six deaths.

In 2005, Army Pfc. Lynndee England was convicted by a military jury in Fort Hood, Texas, on six of seven counts stemming from the Abu Ghraib prison abuse scandal. (England was later sentenced to 3 years in prison.)

In 2013, Stacey Rambold, a former Montana teacher convicted of raping a 14-year-old girl in 2007, was released from prison after serving a 30-day sentence. (He was later resented to 10 years.)

In 2014, federal authorities charged Brian Howard, 36, of Naperville, Ill., with starting a gasoline fire that took down one of the nation's busiest air traffic control centers near Chicago. (O'Hare and Midway airports shut down, leading to the cancellation of thousands of flights across the country.)

In 2016, a record 84 million viewers watched candidates Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump square off at Long Island's Hofstra University in the first of three scheduled presidential debates.

In 2017, Equifax Chairman and CEO Richard Smith stepped down, less than three weeks after the credit reporting agency disclosed a damaging hack to its computer system that exposed highly sensitive information for about 143 million Americans.

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Bader, Joanne Mary (Lokay)

Joanne M. Bader, 68, passed away on Sept. 24, 2019. A resident of Grayslake, IL, Joanne was born in Chicago to Joseph and Mary Lokay, who preceded her in death, on April 6, 1951. Beloved wife of James Bader for 44 years; loving mother of Patrick (Tresca), Eileen (Bruce), and Anthony; cherished grandmother of Samara, Eleanor, and Brendan; dear sister to Jeannette (Mike), Mary, Joe (Sue), Michele (deceased), and Jean (Dave). Joanne graduated valedictorian from Holy Child High School, received a B.S. in Physics from DePaul University, and M.A. in Teaching from National Louis University. She dedicated her professional life to teaching. A private celebration of life will be held on Sept. 28. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Kellogg Cancer Center.

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Beaupre, Jack

Jack Beaupre, Kankakee area lawyer and former state representative. Loving husband of Sandra nee Johnson; devoted father of Susan Beaupre Lindholm and Nancy (Fred) Waldschmidt; and dear grandfather of 3. Trustee of Governor's State University for 16 years. Visitation 4-8:00 p.m. Friday, September 27, 2019 at **Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home**; 295 Main St. NW, Bourbonnais. Funeral Mass 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Maternity BVM Church; 308 E. Marsile, Bourbonnais. Interment Maternity BVM Cemetery, Bourbonnais. www.clancygernon.com Info. 815.932.1214

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Buckley, Robert M.

Robert M. Buckley, Korean War Army Veteran, passed away on September 20, 2019. Loving husband of Margaret Mahoney-Buckley; Amazing friend of the "Great Bunch", Margaret (Ed) Orth, Colleen (Tom) Moxley, Barb (Mike) Town, and Tim (Kristin) Mahoney; Loving special friend/grandpa of 15; Papa "B" of 12. Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Timothy and Ellen Buckley, and his siblings, Kay, Gerald, Bernard, John, and James. A Memorial Mass for Robert will take place on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Queen of Martyrs Church, 10233 Central Park Ave, Evergreen Park, IL 60805 at 10 AM. Inurnment Mount Olivet Cemetery.

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Burian, Sister Rosemarie

Sister Rosemarie Burian, OSF. 1936-2019, a Wheaton Franciscan Sister

Sister Rosemarie Burian, OSF, was born on May 18, 1936, in Chicago, IL, to James and Margaret (Meskowsky) Burian. She died peacefully and with quiet dignity on Sunday, September 22, 2019. As a young woman she served as an elementary school teacher and as a Montessori teacher. She worked in Catholic parishes as Director of religious education and as a pastoral associate. Later she served as hospital chaplain. In 1982, she founded the Bethlehem Food Center in Carol Stream, IL, that grew beyond her imagining into the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Rosemarie became an accomplished scholar with a B.A. in English, M.A. in Religious Education and a Doctorate in Ministry. She later shifted her focus of learning and ministry to Healing Touch Practice and Spiritual Direction. A visitation will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2019 from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. (a Memory Service will take place at 4:00 p.m.) at Our Lady of the Angels Chapel, Wheaton Franciscan Sisters, Wheaton, IL 60187. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Friday, September 27, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of the Angels Chapel, Wheaton Franciscan Sisters, Wheaton, IL 60187.

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Chipain, Peter J.

Peter J. Chipain, 71, formerly of Lemont, passed away September 23, 2019. Owned and operated Chipain's Fresh Market for 29 years. Graduate of Northern Illinois University and proud supporter of the Lemont community. Loving father of Tasia (Joe Rocco) Chipain, James (Alice) Chipain, and Alisa (Kurt) Zastrow; cherished grandfather of Peter, Alex, Isaac, Madison, Jax, and Giovanni; beloved brother of Penny (Jim) Grabek; fond uncle of numerous nieces and nephews; and cousin to many. Visitation Sunday from 12 p.m. until time of Funeral Services at 6 p.m. at Markiewicz Funeral Home, P.C. 108 Illinois St. Lemont. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society www.cancer.org. Info: 630-257-6363 or www.markiewiczfh.com

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DiBartolo, Rocco Michael

Rocco Michael DiBartolo, age 55. Beloved husband of Joanne DiBartolo nee Karabetsos; loving father of Nicolas A. DiBartolo; beloved son of the late Fred and Clara DiBartolo nee Hernandez; dear brother of Mary Jo DiBartolo and Anna (James) Doherty; dear brother-in-law of Andy (Joanne) Karabetsos and Helen (Michael) O'Brien; fond uncle of Michael, Danny and William Doherty, Matthew and Christina Karabetsos, Danny Cozza, and Chloe O'Brien; loving cousin, nephew and friend to many. Family always came first for Rocco. One of his proudest moments was toasting his son's graduation from Indiana University. Rocco never missed an opportunity to celebrate holidays and milestones with all of his family. Many, many family members looked up to him and felt loved and supported by him always. Rocco was an avid sports fan and especially enjoyed Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls Championship runs and attending numerous Blackhawks, White Sox, and Cubs games with friends and family. Not only did Rocco enjoy watching sports, he also loved helping his son practice for baseball and playing in adult floor hockey and softball leagues with his friends. Rocco was a highly regarded tax professional. He rose to the rank of tax partner. Not only did he enjoy his work, but he also greatly enjoyed the close relationships he made and the opportunity to mentor others coming up in the field. Rocco will be terribly missed. Visitation Friday September 27, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge, IL 60706. Funeral services begin Saturday 8:30 a.m. at the funeral home and will proceed to St. Paul of the Cross church in Park Ridge, IL for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Entombment to follow at All Saints Catholic Cemetery. For more info 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com

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Doyle, John 'Jack'

John "Jack" Doyle, Age 66. Devoted husband of Marcella (nee DiBartolo) Doyle. Worlds most adored father to Shannon (Stephie James) Doyle, Meghan (Nic) Dawson and Christina (Eric Tucker) Doyle. Cherished grandfather of Gabriela, Cameron and Ryan. Dear brother of Kathleen (Gerald) Byrne, Joseph (Deborah) Thomas, James (Michele), Paul (Gina), Patrick (Laura), Marianne Tinley, the late Mark (Judith) and the late Judith (late William) Bahret. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Loyal friend to many who will forever remember his infectious smile, quick wit and generous heart. Known above all as a dedicated family man like no other. Visitation Thursday Sept. 26 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral Friday 9:00 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Eugene Church for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment to follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 525 W. Monroe, Suite 1510, Chicago, IL 60661. Info: 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.



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Dunne, Richard D.

Richard D. Dunne. Beloved husband of Louise nee Fox. Devoted son of the late Theresa nee Knaperek & Wolford Dunne. Loving son in law, brother in law, nephew, uncle & cousin of many. Resting at **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St. Oak Lawn where Services will take place Saturday at 11:00 am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation Saturday from 9:00 am until the time of Service at 11:00 am. Member of Our Lady of Fatima Knights of Columbus. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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Edwards, Rosemarie

Family and friends of Rosemarie Edwards (nee Oswald), 85, a resident of Schaumburg for 6 years, formerly of Plainfield and Darien, will gather for Memorial Mass Sat., Sept. 28 at 10:00am at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, 530 Glen Ave., Romeoville. Inurnment will be held privately at a later date. Born June 17, 1934 in Chicago to August and the late Rose, she passed away peacefully Sept. 21, 2019 in Elk Grove Village. Loving wife of 39 years to the late Joseph; beloved mother of Joseph (Kerri) and John (Lori); adoring grandmother of Molly, Ellie, Kevin and Leah; fond sister of Richard (Joanne) Oswald; dear friend to many. She will be missed by all those whose lives she touched. For information 847-891-2900 or for guestbook www.michaelsfh.com.

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Emmerich, Robert F.

Robert F. Emmerich, age 94, passed away at 10 am on Friday, September 13, 2019 in Lakeview, Chicago. Robert was born on October 24, 1928 in Chicago, Illinois. He was the son of Caroline and Nicholas Emmerich. He had a fun-loving sister Gladys whom he lovingly called "Happy Bottom". He lived in Chicago his whole life and did not have any children. During the Depression, he helped put food on the table by selling newspapers for a penny and made 7 cents a week. Robert Emmerich attended Bell Grammar School and Lakeview High School in Chicago, Illinois where he met the love of his life, Irene Jeske when they were Hall Guards.

In 1943, Robert Emmerich was drafted in the US Army for World War II and served in the Pacific Theater as an Aircraft Mechanic and received many citations and medals including a Bronze Star. Upon his discharge in 1946, he returned to Chicago and became the #1 Pipefitter for Bellis Hanley Construction for the next 30 years. He was also an expert in plumbing and heating. Through his many wise investments and his love for the stock market he and Irene led a successful and comfortable life.

ROMANCE OF A LIFETIME!
When Robert returned from the war he was sitting in a bar, having a beer and saw Irene through the window on the street walking by. He had not seen her in the 4-years he had been at war. He ran out to the street and asked her if she would join him for a Coke. She said yes which launched a 70-year romance of a lifetime together!

September 5, 1953, Irene and Robert were married at St. Benedict Catholic Church in Chicago, Illinois and were married for 65 years! They honeymooned driving a new 1953 Plymouth from Chicago to San Francisco and returned taking Route 66.

In 1954, Robert and Irene remodeled the whole upstairs of her Grandmother's home so they could live in it while they were married and eventually, they purchased the home. In 1965, they moved into a newly built 2-story home in Edgebrook and decorated it with his wife's favorite color blue and the latest home decorating trends with accents from many arts and crafts that Irene made. They transformed the downstairs basement into an entertainment area featuring a dance floor and eating area where they threw lavish parties featuring ballroom and square dancing.

Irene and Bob had a passion for Square Dancing which started at Horner Park in 1955. They went out travel around the country with the Square Dance callers Singing Sam, Berl Main and Marshal Flippo.

Irene and Robert were very involved with Chicago friends and family members and never missed sending Birthday Card greetings to all. In Colorado, with the Charles and Denise Jeske family and their 5 nieces and nephews, Irene and Bob made regular visits for Thanksgiving, Christmas and many events their nieces and nephews were involved in. Their passion for traveling took Robert and Irene to all 7 Continents and every state in the United States.

Robert was smart, interactive and charming man his whole life. He loved German food, steak and a good Manhattan. Robert was loved deeply by his family and we will miss him and Irene greatly.

Visitation Friday, September 27, 2019 from 4:00-8:00 PM at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago. Friends and family will meet Saturday, September 28, 2019 at St. Mary of the Woods Church, 7033 N. Moselle Ave., Chicago for Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM. Entombment will follow at Memory Garden Cemetery, 2501 E. Euclid Ave., Arlington Heights where Robert will receive military honors for his service to his country during World War II. For funeral information 773-736-3833 or visit Robert's memorial at <https://www.smithcorcoran.com/obituary/robert-f-emmerich>

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ILLINOIS
Sept. 25
Powerball 37 43 44 45 53 / 25
Powerball jackpot: \$40M
Lotto jackpot: \$5.75M
Pick 3 midday 760 / 0
Pick 4 midday 3708 / 1
Lucky Day Lotto evening 03 10 24 25 29
Pick 3 evening 347 / 4
Pick 4 evening 9201 / 0
Lucky Day Lotto evening 02 06 10 35 42

Sept. 27 Mega Millions: \$40M

WISCONSIN
Sept. 25
Megabucks 04 09 10 31 32 39
Pick 3 250
Pick 4 9395
Badger 5 01 03 16 20 27
SuperCash 03 08 10 22 23 28

INDIANA
Sept. 25
Lotto 04 06 12 13 39 43
Daily 3 midday 978 / 7
Daily 4 midday 1040 / 7
Daily 3 evening 498 / 2
Daily 4 evening 1300 / 2
Cash 5 02 16 34 38 41

MICHIGAN
Sept. 25
Lotto 02 16 19 24 38 43
Daily 3 midday 759
Daily 4 midday 4112
Daily 3 evening 060
Daily 4 evening 2506
Fantasy 5 23 24 35 37 39
Keno 02 03 04 07 10 12
13 14 16 32 33 37 42 50
54 58 59 62 66 72 75 77

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Gantman, Mindy Lynn

Mindy Lynn Gantman passed away in Scottsdale, Arizona. She is the beloved daughter of Perry and Sally Gantman and loved dearly by her sister Robin. Mindy was born September 14, 1961 and grew up in Wilmette, Illinois. She graduated from New Trier High School, attended college at the University of Arizona and graduated from Northeastern Illinois University with a degree in Economics. Her many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends remember Mindy as a sweet, sweet person. Mindy's love and respect for animals was her lifelong passion. Graveside services will be held at Westlawn Cemetery, Westlake section, 7801 W Montrose Ave, Norridge, IL on Friday, September 27 at 12 noon. Shiva will be held immediately after the service at Max and Benny's, 461 Waukegan Road, Northbrook. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to PAWS Chicago at Pawschicago.org. Info: **The Goldman Funeral Group**. www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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Givens, Edward H.

Edward H. Givens, a longtime resident of Lynwood, IL, died on September 8, 2019. He was born in Brooklyn, NY on June 17, 1919. He was preceded in death by his parents, Horace and Elsie Givens, nee Hauck, and a brother Horace, who lived in Maine and Arizona. He is survived by a brother Gerald, who lives in Colorado, three nieces and two nephews. Edward was never married. He was a veteran having served in the Army Medical Corps. Later receiving a BS in chemistry and working as a chemist for Sherwin-Williams. He was retired. No services are planned.

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Grandi, Dolores Marie

Dolores Marie Grandi nee Wallace-Wysocki of Park Ridge died at the age 89 on Sept. 20th. She was born Sept 9, 1930 in Chicago.

Devoted wife of 55 years to the late Robert Gayle Grandi. Loving Mom to the Late Robert Arthur of Australia. She is survived by her daughter Diane Ruth and son in law Fred Peter Godek. Beloved Grandma to her sweet and precious granddaughter Renee Gayle and the light of her life (and best birthday present ever) Grandson Joey Robert.

Dolores will be remembered for the loving way she cared about her family and friends. She enjoyed golf and fishing trips with family. She was well known for her special wild game dinner parties. She had a great sense of humor - at times very funny and at times very strange. She always enjoyed a good laugh.

Goodbye Everyone, Thanks for being in my life! Interment Private. Donations to St. Jukes Children Research Hospital would be appreciated.

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Gruenberg, William

William Gruenberg, 89, beloved husband of the late Myrna nee Schwartz for nearly 50 years; loving father of Ellen (Les) Potter, Jory (Hope) Gruenberg, Risa Polk and the late Michelle Moen; cherished Papa of Jason, Brittany (Drew), Hannah, Sammy, Hallie and the late Benjamin; dear brother of Ethel Haller; many loving nieces and nephews. Graveside service, Thursday 2 PM at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Midwest Children's Brain Tumor Center. For information or to leave condolences, **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.



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Haran, John T.

John T. Haran, 76, of Lake Forest, loving husband and father, passed away on Thursday, September 19, 2019, after a long and courageous battle with brain cancer. He was born in Worcester, MA to Austin F. Haran and Lucille (Leclerc) Haran. He is survived by his wife Carol (Healey), his children Keith (Trish Beaudreau), Craig (Erin), Erin (Patrick) MacCurtain, and Megan (Timothy) Gough, his grandchildren Madelyn, Alexander, Aidan, Hadley, and Sophie, his brothers Michael (Judy) and Stephen (Maureen), sister and brother-in-law Barbie and Dennis Moroney, and many nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends. Visitation will be held on Saturday October 5, 2019 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 950 W. Everett Road, Lake Forest, IL, from 10:00 AM until the 10:30 AM Funeral Mass. Interment Lake Forest Cemetery. Info: **Wenban Funeral Home** (847) 234-0022 or www.wenbanfh.com

In lieu of flowers, please consider supporting brain tumor research at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine with a gift in memory of John Haran. Please visit www.wewill.northwestern.edu/johnharan to make a donation.



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Hegberg, Lois

Lois Hegberg, nee Sundin, 93, of Chicago, IL, passed away September 23, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Richard, mother of Mark (Anne) and Bruce (Wendy) Hegberg. Loving grandmother to six grandchildren, cousin to Bette (Clint) Flanigan. Visitation at 1 pm Saturday Sep. 28, followed by 2 pm memorial service at Edgebrook Lutheran Church, 5252 W. Devon Ave, Chicago. In lieu of flowers, donation to Edgebrook Lutheran Church. Funeral Info 773-736-3833 or visit www.smithcorcoran.com



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Joost, Ida Dora

Ida Dora Joost nee Winterberg, September 21, 2019, Age 92. Late of Homewood, formerly of Steeleville, IL, Beloved wife of the late Arnold H. Joost. Dear mother of Mary (Fredrick) Koepen and Marvin Joost. Loving sister of the late Bessie Goetz and the late Albert Winterberg. Memorials to St. Jude Children's Hospital would be appreciated. www.tews-ryanfh.com or 708-798-5300.



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Luchetti, Joyce L.

On Monday, September 23, 2019, Joyce Luchetti (nee Bachtik) passed away peacefully at Edward Hospital in Naperville at the age of 72 after a long, courageous struggle with lung cancer. Joyce's warm and generous spirit touched the lives of all those fortunate enough to know her. She was kind and compassionate, loving and loyal, wise and witty. She will be greatly missed. And yet, while the world has lost a beautiful soul, heaven has gained a beautiful angel. Joyce is survived by her loving husband, Raymond, of Naperville, Illinois; nieces and nephews, Joseph (Donna) Luchetti, Scott (Angela) Luchetti, Anthony (Molly) Luchetti, John (Evilia) Luchetti, and Angelina (Timothy) Golo; great-nieces and nephews, Eric (Jenna) Peterson, Joshua Peterson, Lauren Luchetti and Christopher Luchetti; godchildren, Michael Giannusso and Samantha Schauer; extended family, Phyllis Luchetti, Dominique Schauer and Monica Schauer. Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, Otto and Millicent Bachtik. Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**, 24021 Royal Worlington Drive, Naperville. Additional visitation, Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. A funeral mass will be held Friday, September 27, 2019, 10:00 a.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Community Church, 2003 Hassert Boulevard, Naperville, IL 60564, followed by a luncheon. Interment will be private at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Joyce's name to Edward Hospital Cancer Center, www.eehealth.org/ways-to-give/edward-foundation/donate/tribute-donation-form or A.D.O.P.T Pet Shelter of Naperville, www.adoptpetshelter.org/donate/. Info 630-922-9630 or www.beidelmankunschfh.com



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Nankervis, John Thomas

Commander John Thomas Nankervis, U.S. Navy (Retired) passed away surrounded by family on September 22, 2019 after a battle with cancer. Married to the love of his life Audrey Norlin Nankervis for 61 years; father of four children: John T. Nankervis, Jr., James M. Nankervis, Jeffrey C. Nankervis (deceased) and Katherine Nankervis O'Connell, grandfather of 11, great-grandfather of one. Born August 18, 1936 in Winnebago, MN to John S. and Mary G. Nankervis and survived by sisters Mary Nan McHose, Susan Ryder, Cecilia Hartman and Ann Milner. John lived his adult life in the Chicago area. He was a highly-respected swim coach and YMCA/AAU swim meet official for many years helping thousands of youngsters learn life lessons while improving their teamwork and athletic skills. A community activist for 60 years, he served as Maine Township Fire Commissioner, President of Ballard Acres Civic Association, President of Maine East High School Music and Athletic Boosters, national and local election official, Church Lay Leader, volunteered at PADS, sang in church choir, and performed in local theater and musical productions. A 34-year U.S. Navy veteran, he rose from seaman recruit to Commander and was selected to Command a Navy Reserve public affairs unit based in Milwaukee, WI. As a Navy Reservist, John served on numerous ships at sea from the South Pacific to the North Atlantic and planned many national level events. Navy League, Naval Order Historical Society, Naval Reserve Association provided John opportunities to continue to serve those who serve others. A member of "Men Off-Campus" at Northwestern University he graduated with a degree in Radio/TV/Film (1961) and a Marketing MBA (1971). He enjoyed taking family vacations all over the USA and overseas. His passions were family, friends, photography, music (voice), scuba diving and coaching swimming. He will be remembered by friends and family for his good nature, love of life, wry humor, bad puns, superb photography, athletic prowess, story-telling, musical abilities, and dedication to family and community. He always had a smile and a cheerful hello for every person he met every day. A Memorial Service is scheduled for 11:00 A.M., September 22, 2019 at First United Methodist Church of Des Plaines; 668 Graceland Ave, Des Plaines, IL 60016 followed by a social gathering for one and all to remember John from 1 to 4 P.M. at Hackney's On Lake, 1514 E Lake Ave, Glenview, IL 60025, (847) 724-7171. Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers may be made in John's name to Rainbow Hospice: On-line donation form <https://rainbowhospice.org/make-a-gift/donate-now>; donations can be mailed to: Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care - Foundation, P.O. Box 74008824, Chicago, IL 60674-8824; Or the First United Methodist Church of Des Plaines, 668 Graceland Ave, Des Plaines, IL 60016, 847-827-5561, www.fumcdp.org. Online giving available via <https://www.fumcdp.org/giving.html> - Go to E-giving.

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Noel, Dorothy M.

Dorothy M. Noel, of Morton Grove, beloved wife of the late Bill; loving mother of Terry (Chip) Miceli and Judy (Ron) Crow; dear grandmother of Paul Miceli, Cindy (Brent) Johnson, Jayme Crow, Jessica (Randy) Moon, Nicole Miceli, Vincent Miceli, Kyla (Craig) Nettles, and William Miceli; proud great grandmother of Caitlyn and Ella Johnson, Jaren Crow, Riley and Piper Moon, Kade and Emma Nettles, and Logan Pawlowski; fond sister of Shirley Nye and the late Betty Carpenter. Funeral from **Simkins Funeral Home** 6251 Dempster St. Morton Grove, IL Saturday at 9:30 am to St. Martha Church. Mass at 10 am. Entombment St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery. Visitation Friday 4 to 8 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Martha Sm. Ch. Fund 8523 Georgiana Ave. Morton Grove, IL 60053 appreciated. Online guest book at www.simkinsfh.com. (847) 965-2500



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Pearlman, Rozalyn 'Roz'

Rozalyn "Roz" R. Pearlman, 93. Beloved wife of the late Bernard R.; devoted mother of Sharel (Norman) Fuenfer and the late Kenneth Jay Pearlman; cherished Nonnie of Brett (Nicole) Fuenfer and Bonnie (Dr. Darren) Kastin; proud great-grandmother of four wonderful boys; caring sister-in-law of Marvin (June) Pearlman; dear aunt and friend of many. Funeral service Thurs, Sept. 26, 1 PM, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org, or JourneyCare Hospice, www.journeycare.org. For info: 847-256-5700.



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Ruthenberg, Eric J.

Eric J. Ruthenberg, 70, of Oak Lawn, beloved husband of Patricia nee Johnston, loving father of David (Amy), Mark and Molly, devoted brother of Mark (Connie), Kirk (Kate), Rob and Kent (Gini), dear uncle and great uncle of many nieces and nephews, retired employee of Com Ed. Memorial visitation Sunday, September 29, 2019 from 1:00 pm until the time of memorial service at 3:30 pm at the **Krueger Funeral Home**, 13050 S. Greenwood Ave., Blue Island, cremation private. 708-388-1300 www.kruegerfuneral.com
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Slivka, Vladimir Jan 'Vlad'

Vladimir Jan Slivka, 71, died September 16th, 2019 at La Grange Adventist Hospital. Vlad was born c February 20th, 1948 in Bratislava, Slovakia to Jan and Irena Slivka. He married Donna (Kalmus) Slivka on February 16th, 1974 in Princeton, NJ. They raised two children, Andrea and Daniel. Vladimir and Donna moved to La Grange Park in 1979. Vlad was an avid gardener, passionate about many things including cooking and history. He loved spending time in the kitchen and with family and friends. He is survived by his wife and two children Andrea and Daniel (wife, Monica). The family will hold a private memorial service. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity.
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Twohig, Mary Therese

Mary Therese Twohig, nee Nevins. Beloved wife of the late William R. Sr. Dear mother of James M., Thomas J. and the late William R. Jr. Loving grandmother of Katharine L. Mudd-Twohig. Dear sister of Patricia (Jack) Mulvihill and the late Fr. Eugene Nevins. Funeral Saturday 9:15 a.m. from **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home**; 10415 S. Kedzie Ave. to St. John Fisher Church Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. 773-779-4411

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Van Hof, Charles L.

Charles L. Van Hof, 70, was born in Chicago, IL and passed away on September 21, 2019, in Crystal Lake, IL. Visitation will be Friday, September 27, 11am until the time of service at 12:30pm at **Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory**, 419 E. Terra Cotta Ave. (Rte. 176), Crystal Lake, IL. He leaves to mourn his loving wife, Gloria; children: Jeremy (Jill) Van Hof, Christopher (Andrea) Van Hof, Jane Van Hof, Zachary Van Hof and Virginia Van Hof; siblings: Janis (David) Versluis and the late Thomas (Mary) Van Hof. Arrangements were entrusted to **Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory**, Crystal Lake. For full obituary and information, please visit www.davenportfamily.com or call 815-459-3411.



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Verhunce, Robert Valentine 'Bobby'

On September 22, 2019, Robert (Bobby) Verhunce, loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and uncle passed away peacefully in his home at the age of 87.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Valentine & Elizabeth Verhunce, sister and brother-in-law Elizabeth & Robert Duncan, former wife, Minette, daughter Elizabeth Bailey, son-in-law Doug Bowden and his beloved cat, Punkin.

Survived by his wife, Judith Hill Verhunce, children, Marie Noel Kufner (Kurt), Valerie Verhunce-Bowden, Valentine Verhunce (Terri), Roberta Hannigan (John) and Mark Verhunce (Karyn) and son-in-law James M. Bailey, 11 grandchildren, a great grandson and his 4 nephews.

Visitation will be held at St. John of the Cross, Western Springs, IL on Thursday, October 3rd at 10 am followed by a funeral mass. In lieu of flowers please send donations to St. Thomas Hospice.

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Wisowaty, Theodore 'Ted'

Theodore "Ted" Wisowaty, age 73. Passed away on September 24, 2019 surrounded by his loving family. Ted was a dedicated and loyal member of the Chicago Police Department for 37 years. Devoted husband of Mary Ann nee Kolodziejski; beloved father of Therese, Paul, Elizabeth (Donald) Novak and Patricia (John) Lenzi; loving grandfather of James (Stephanie) Gromoshak and Caitlin Dunning; dear brother of the late Ira (Susan) Blackwood; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews and loving godfather of Kimberly Connelly-Jackson. Visitation Friday, September 27, 2019 from 3:00 until 9:00 p.m. at Cumberland Chapels, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL 60706. Funeral services begin Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at the funeral home and will proceed to St. Michael Church, 1633 N. Cleveland, Chicago, IL 60614, for Mass at 10:30 a.m. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. Info 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.



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Zuidema, Rod D.

Rod D. Zuidema, age 69, U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran; beloved husband of Sally Trotsky-Zuidema; devoted son of Pearl and the late David M. Zuidema; dear brother of Hank (Barbara) and Heidi (Mark) Yunker; loving son-in-law of Dolores and the late Joseph Bergen; cherished brother-in-law of Sharon (Jerry) Curran, Sandy (Paul) Komenda, Tom (the late Susan) Bergen, Tim (Eileen) Bergen and Sue (Dan) Danaher; proud dog daddy to Molly and Cassie; fond uncle and great uncle to many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home**, 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to The Disabled Patriot Fund, 17016 Pembroke Ave. Tinley Park, IL 60477, where Rod was a member of the board of directors. Interment will be held privately at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Funeral info 708-429-3200.



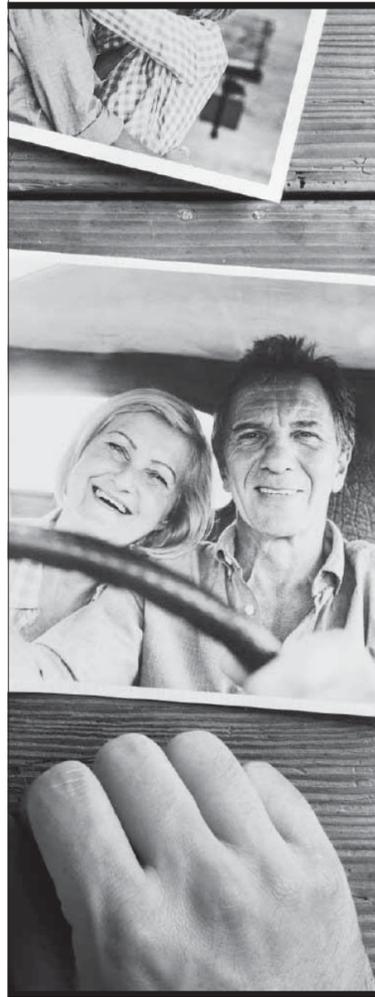
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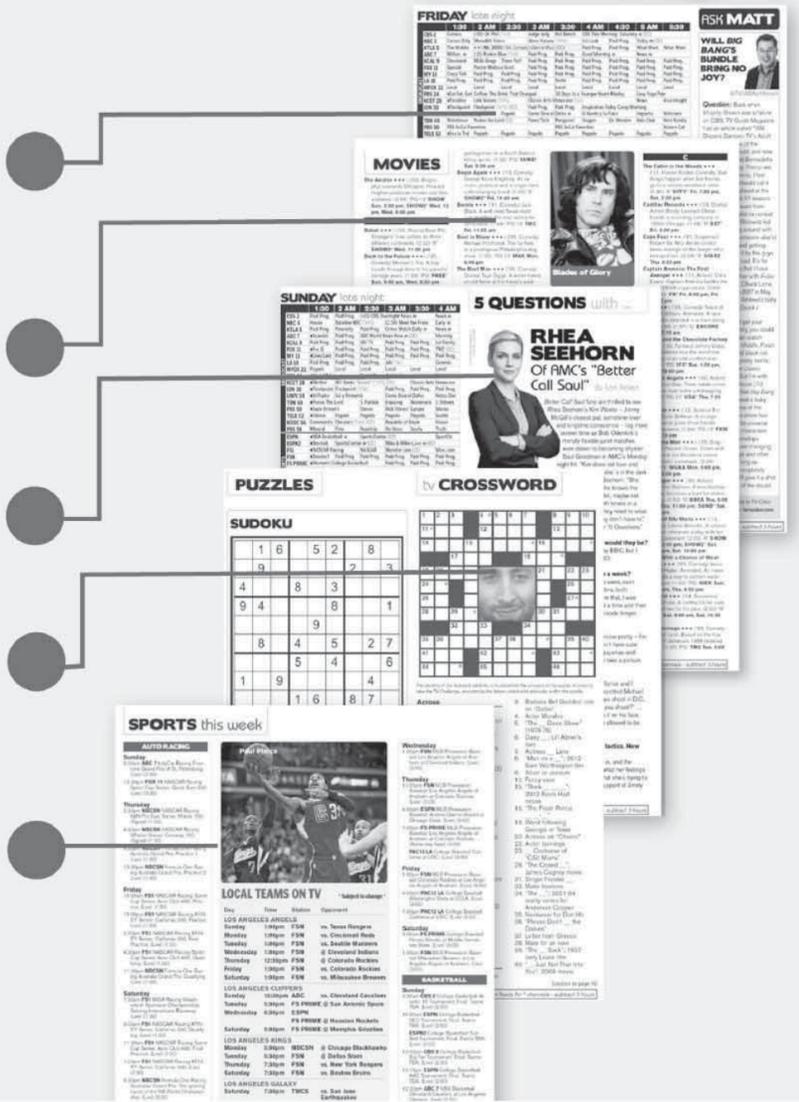
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STATE OF INDIANA)) IN THE Marion Superior Court 49015-1907-JC-001723 49015-1907-JC-001721 49015-1907-JC-001724 49015-1907-JC-001722 CAUSE NUMBER: 49015-1907-JC-001722 IN THE MATTER OF: RL (177747) - DOB 9/23/2010 AGE 8 years MG (177746) - DOB 10/9/2012 AGE 6 years SL (177748) - DOB 3/8/2016 AGE 3 years RG (177745) - DOB 11/30/2017 AGE 1 year Children ALLEGED TO BE Children IN NEED OF SERVICES AND Ramona Goode (Mother) Martell Lynch (Father) AND ANY UNKNOWN ALLEGED FATHERS TO: Martell Lynch and Any Unknown Alleged Father Whereabouts unknown NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the above noted parent whose whereabouts are unknown, as well as Any Unknown Alleged Fathers, whose whereabouts are also unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed its Verified Petition Alleging the children to be in Need of Services, in accordance with I.C. 31-34-9-3, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court. YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Judge of the Marion Superior Court, 2451 N. Keystone Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46218, 317-327-8318 (for a/n) Default Hearing on 11/21/2019 at 1:30 PM in JUVENILE COURT ROOM 08, ANNEX AT said hearing, the Court will consider the Petition and evidence thereon and will render its decision as to whether the above named minor children are children in need of services and shall enter adjudication accordingly. Your failure to appear after lawful notice will be deemed as your default and waiver to be present at said hearing. UPON ENTRY OF SAID ADJUDICATION, A DISPOSITIONAL HEARING will be held in which the Court will consider (1) Alternatives for the care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the children; (2) The necessity, nature, and extent of your participation in the program of care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the children; and (3) Your financial responsibility for any services provided for the parent, guardian or custodian of the children including child support. YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, an adjudication on said petition, judgment by default, may be entered against you, or the court may proceed in your absence, without further notice.

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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION IN THE INTEREST OF JAVION BARLOW AKA JAVION BARLOW AKA BABY BOY BARLOW INDIA ROUNG MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Ariel Barlow (Mother) JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00766 19JA00765

LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK IN THE MATTER OF THE REVISION OF THE ASSESSMENT OF REAL PROPERTY FOR 2019: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-3.5 of the Illinois Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/14-35) that the Assessor of Cook County will sit for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2019 assessment of Real Property located in the following township(s) or taxing district(s) in Cook County: HANOVER Identified also as Area(s) 06, under the Permanent Real Estate Index Numbering System of Cook County. The last date within which applications for revisions of assessment (Real Estate Assessed Valuation Appeals) may be filed for consideration at said sitting is October 24, 2019. Such sitting will be held at the office of the Assessor of Cook County, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, and will continue thereafter from day to day as necessary until all such revisions in said township(s) or taxing district(s) have been completed. By the Assessor of Cook County this 26th day of September, 2019. FRITZ KAEGI ASSESSOR OF COOK COUNTY 9/26/2019 6452679

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION IN THE INTEREST OF Cassidy Osborne Liah Osborne MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Marisa Ann Quaderer (Mother) AKA Marisa Ann Quaderers JUVENILE NO.: 16JA01093 16JA01092

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LEGAL NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION IN THE INTEREST OF Ariel Barlow (Mother), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on July 18, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Bernard Sarley in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 10/17/2019, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM I, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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Bears coach Matt Nagy challenges a touchdown call in the second quarter against the Redskins on Monday night.

Nagy finds way to get a point across



RICH CAMPBELL
On the Bears

Thank you, ESPN, for zooming in on that sideline conversation between Matt Nagy and Mitch Trubisky during the Bears' win over the Redskins on Monday night.

There, in high definition for a national prime-time audience, was the unscripted moment when the head coach made a conviction throw of his own. Only he used words instead of a football.

It was during a timeout before third-and-2 from the Redskins' 23-yard line in the second quarter. Trubisky had been inaccurate on three downfield incompletions in the previous seven snaps. Still, the Bears were driving to increase their 7-0 lead.

You need not have aced Lip Reading 202 to see Nagy bark at his quarterback: "... the (expletive) up, right now!"

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FOR THE FIRST TIME IN JOE MADDON'S 5-YEAR RUN, THE CUBS WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING IN THE POSTSEASON



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

Goodbye — and good luck

Epstein, Maddon appear headed for an amicable divorce

PITTSBURGH — It's no secret that the Theo Epstein-Joe Maddon bromance appears to be on the rocks after three-plus years of bliss and a 1 1/2 years of ups and downs.

But unlike some of the nasty divorces through the years between Cubs executives and their handpicked managers, Epstein and Maddon seem adamant about executing a conscious uncoupling.

The breakup will be respectful, with accolades tossed around like a game of pepper and a firm commitment to keeping alive the memories of a time in their lives when each made the other better.

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SAY IT AIN'T SO

The Brewers won their sixth game in a row to eliminate the Cubs, who then lost their eighth straight. Baseball coverage, **Pages 2-4**

BLACKHAWKS

Banged up but believing better days are coming

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

One day before they depart for Europe, the Blackhawks came out for the morning skate Wednesday before their preseason game against the Capitals looking remarkably similar to last year's team on opening night.

An assortment of newcomers was nursing minor injuries that kept them off the ice. Goalie Robin Lehner's right hip still was bothering him and forward Zack Smith's lower back was acting up.

Defenseman Calvin de Haan took a second straight day off because of a groin injury he has been dealing with since the start of camp. First-round pick Kirby Dach joined the Hawks toward

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the end of practice but isn't fully recovered from the concussion he suffered two weeks ago.

Connor Murphy isn't new to the team, but he missed the first two months of last season with a back injury. Coach Jeremy Colliton said Murphy felt a "twinge" after practice Tuesday and wasn't feeling 100%, so he left Wednesday's skate.

None of these injuries appears to be long term, but they underscore the difficulty teams face when they lose players.

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Blackhawks coach Jeremy Colliton addresses players on Sept. 13, the first day of training camp.

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PAUL SULLIVAN

Search to find new meaning

PITTSBURGH — There's an end in sight for the Cubs, believe it or not, but they would like to get there without hitting rock bottom.

After losing four straight to the Cardinals at Wrigley Field and six straight overall to fall out of contention, they came to Pittsburgh to face one of the worst teams in baseball in the second half, a sure cure for everything that ails them.

This was a team that had lost nine straight and allowed 10 or more runs seven times in September. Most teams this bad are trying to lose to get a higher draft pick in 2020.

But the Cubs continued their downhill plunge Tuesday night with a 9-2 loss to the Pirates in which they committed five errors, went 1-for-10 with runners in scoring position and watched Kyle Hendricks implode after six dominant innings.

"You look at the end of it, it's bad," manager Joe Maddon said. "But we missed opportunities early."

Yes, it did look very, very bad. Was there a carryover effect from the weekend?

"I don't look at it as carryover effect," outfielder Jason Heyward said. "Every night's different. Tonight the result was what it was."

"Kyle did his thing, (but) we were only able to get him one run. I understand that happens, though. It happens on any night."

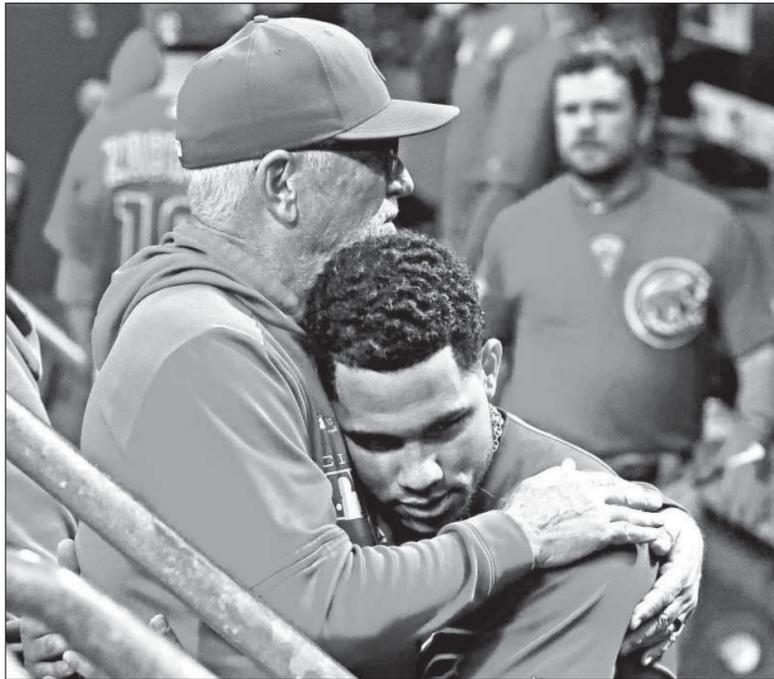
No one could've predicted it would end this way for the Cubs, who scored 47 runs in a three-game sweep of the Pirates just over a week ago and seemed at least headed for a wild-card game.

Now, with the season snowballing out of control, Maddon has the unenviable task of keeping his players from looking ahead to Sunday, when the season ends and they can all go home and forget about the collapse.

How does he do that?

"Well, I talk to them constantly," Maddon said. "In the dugout, I'm pretty much talking the whole time. Before the game I was. You pretty much rely on the integrity of the player too, and I do."

Though they weren't officially eliminated yet entering Wednesday's games, no one could fake pretending they still had a chance. One more Cubs loss or Brewers win and it would be official. This is the first time in the Maddon era the Cubs will not have anything to play for in the final games.



GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

Joe Maddon, left, and Willson Contreras embrace in the dugout before Tuesday's game.

"You don't ever envision failing," Heyward said. "As a parent, someone that goes to work, playing a team sport ... but you understand you're going to fail at times. That's part of it. It's cliché, but how are you going to handle it? What are you going to do about it?"

So what are the Cubs going to do about it?

There are four games left after Wednesday's game. Back in the day, management had to worry about players phoning it in when they were cooked. Now they have to be wary of players texting it in.

What's the mood in the clubhouse when the media aren't around?

"It's all a part of the baseball season," Heyward said. "But more than anything it's been: Come together and see what we can get done. Keep pushing. Keep going. That's been most of it, collectively."

Hendricks said the last week has been "stunning," but he added he didn't know if any changes would be coming.

"I know how much I love every guy in this group and things we've been able to do together," he said. "Even the guys we brought in. Every guy has fit in perfectly."

"We feel like family every day we come in here. Whatever happens, good or bad, we'll just have to wait and see."

Because there are plenty of veterans in the clubhouse, including Heyward, Jon Lester, Ben Zobrist, Anthony Rizzo and Cole Hamels, we shouldn't have to worry about the Cubs quitting in the final games.

As Maddon said, they have too much integrity to do that.

Most of the players should know how to handle this kind of situation because they've experienced something similar.

"Some of us more than others," Heyward said. "Some guys only know postseason, so this whole time is new for them."

"So they've got to know how to handle it. It's baseball. It's life. But like I said, bottom line — what are you going to do about it?"

LET'S PLAY 2

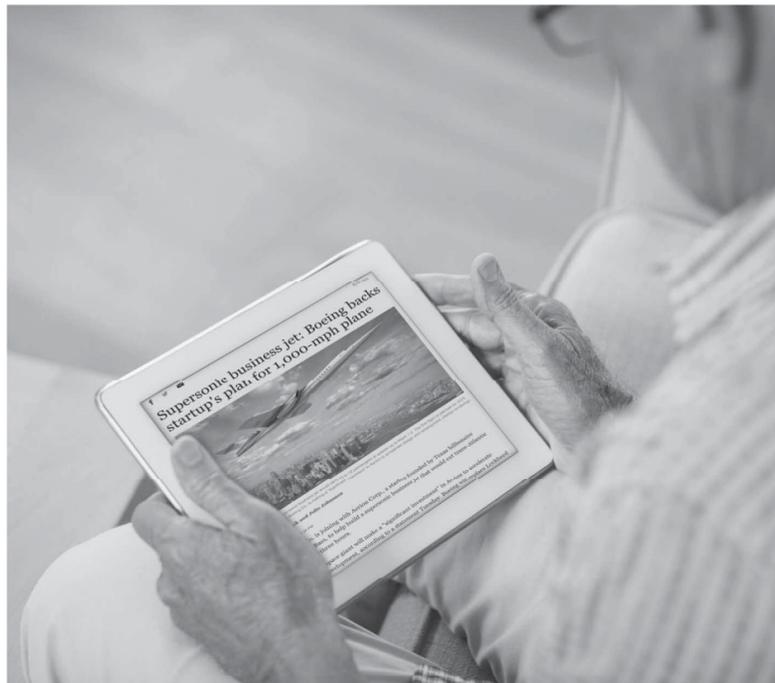
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11:30 a.m.	Brewers at Reds	MLB
3 p.m.	Phillies at Nationals	MLB
6:05 p.m.	Cubs at Pirates	NBCSCH WSCR-AM 670
6:10 p.m.	Marlins at Mets	MLB
7:10 p.m.	Indians at White Sox	NBCSCH+ WGN-AM 720
9 p.m.	Astros at Angels	MLB
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7 p.m.	Eagles at Packers	FOX-32, NFL
COLLEGE FOOTBALL		
6:30 p.m.	Delaware St. at N.C. A&T	ESPN
7 p.m.	Navy at Memphis	ESPN
GOLF		
7 a.m.	European: Alfred Dunhill Links	Golf
Noon	LPGA: Indy Women in Tech	Golf
4 p.m.	PGA: Safeway Open	Golf
Midnight	Asia-Pacific Amateur	ESPN2
NHL PRESEASON		
6 p.m.	Blues vs. Red Wings	NBCSN
9 p.m.	Coyotes at Canucks	NHL
WOMEN'S SOCCER		
6 p.m.	Northwestern at Nebraska	BTN
7 p.m.	Texas at Kansas	FS1
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It makes sense. Epstein rescued Maddon from managing in a city that never really appreciated what he did, giving him an opportunity to shine in a town that loves baseball and quirky personalities. Maddon helped Epstein gain automatic entrance to the Hall of Fame, guiding a team full of brash, young kids to a championship in his second year and forever changing the perception of the sad-sack franchise.

Why couldn't they make it work?

Perhaps Maddon got too big for Epstein's taste. Maybe Epstein wants more control over what his manager is doing in games. Or it could be that Epstein simply believes Maddon's expiration date has passed and it's time for a fresh, new model.

Who knows? It really doesn't matter at this point.

After a season like this, no explanation is needed. Someone has to pay for the meltdown, and since Maddon is the manager he's the logical choice to go.

Before the Cubs' postseason hopes officially ended Wednesday, Maddon said he would speak with Epstein about his future in the next couple of days. Maddon said it would be a bilateral decision, meaning it's not all about whether the Cubs want him back or not.

"That's the way it's been from the beginning," he said. "I've been there before for a two-week period. You do have choices, which is unusual, but we'll talk it all the way through. Listen, we have a wonderful relationship. We work really well together, so we'll talk about it some more and see how it goes."

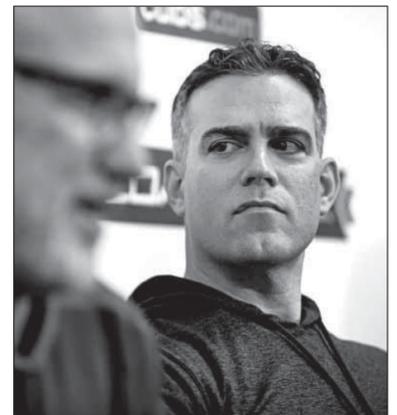
Maddon clarified that when he said on his WSCR-AM 670 radio show earlier in the day that he was "optimistic," he meant "optimistic about the future, period." In other words, he's optimistic he'll get another job, not that he'll be back.

"I don't know," he said of his chances of returning.

He knows. Everyone knows. After Maddon finished his press briefing and left the visitors dugout at PNC Park, Epstein walked in and sat in the same spot, like a reality show where the contestants express their views to a single camera, to be spliced into the episode later.

Epstein admittedly talked "in broad strokes" about the season-ending collapse, declining to get specific about anything for the fear someone would turn it into a narrative indicting Maddon. The "reckoning" remark Epstein made last November took on a life of its own in 2019.

"Please don't take anything I say about this year's team, about myself for anything, as if I'm talking about Joe because I'm not," he said. "There are things needed, but I would never take lightly the fact there may be change or dramatic change, or there may not be. It's people's careers and people's livelihoods."



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Joe Maddon and Theo Epstein are expected to soon be parting ways.

"I'm not a threatener. That's not what I do. I said some things last year, and I wanted to make it clear that this was important."

Epstein also confirmed he would return next year, ending wild speculation in Boston that he might be interested in the vacancy created by the Red Sox's firing of Dave Dombrowski, even if Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts would let him out of his contract, which ends after the 2021 season.

Sorry, Boston, but Epstein is one of us now. After eight years in Chicago, driving his kids to grade school basketball games, shoveling snow from his driveway and dodging potholes on Ashland Avenue, he's earned it. Maddon has been a part-time Chicagoan, missing the miserable months by leaving for his Florida home after the baseball season and returning after spring training.

I once tried to convince Maddon to spend a winter here and see why we are the way we are, but he declined. He is a wise man, after all.

We'll miss Maddon when he's gone because there won't soon be another like him. Who else would say during a seven-game, season-blowing losing streak like this one that his players need to drink more beer on the road?

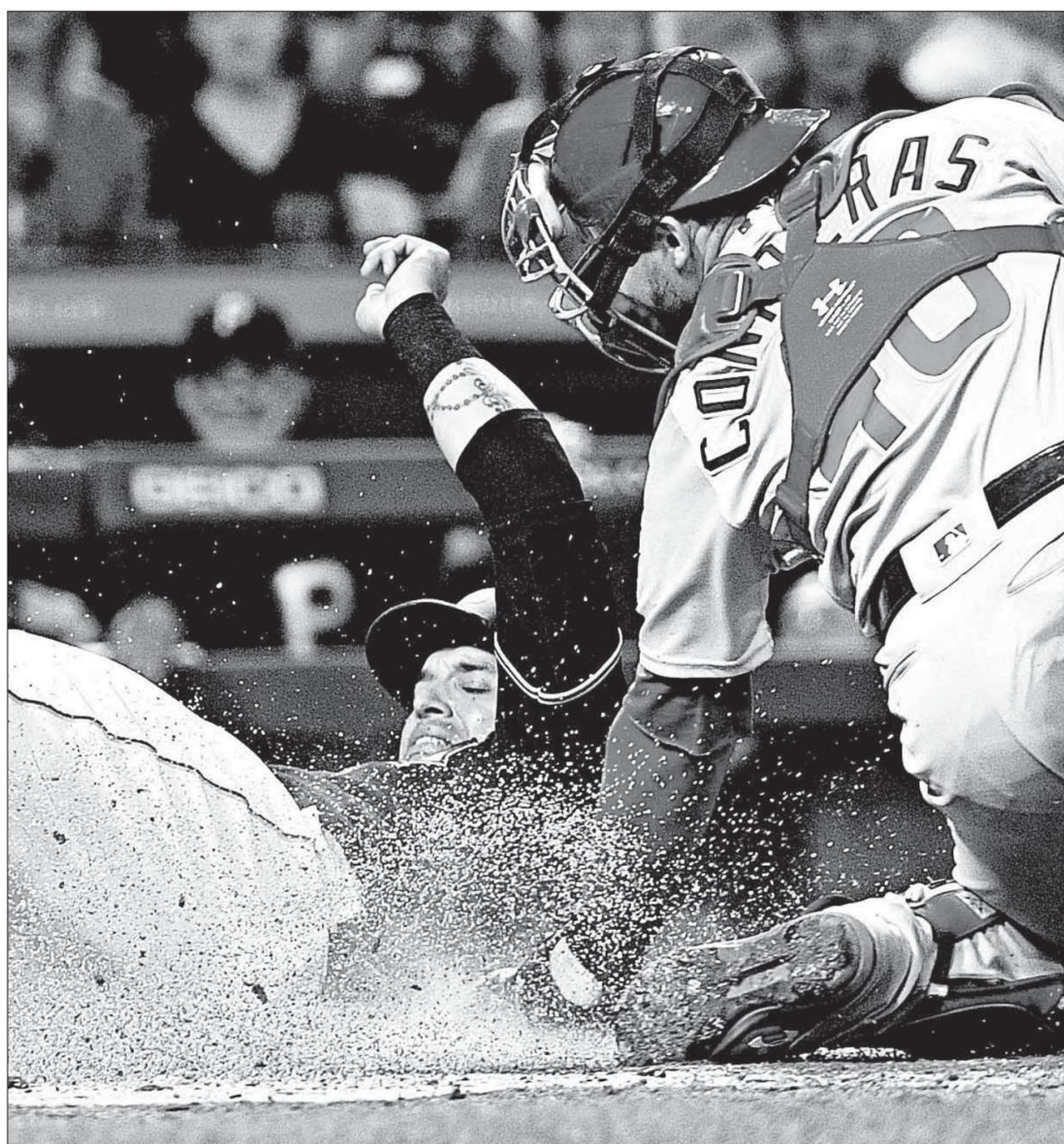
Epstein said Wednesday he had a "few thoughts" on Maddon's wacky theory.

"My first thought, and I ran this by him, is 'I'm not sure if that theory is worth anything, but why don't the two of us go test it out tonight?' See you at Redbeard's (Bar and Grill) later." Epstein said.

Uh-oh. The last time Epstein met with an embattled manager at a watering hole was after returning home from St. Louis following the final game of the 2013. It was at the now-shuttered Newport Bar, a combination bar/laundromat, that Epstein informed Dale Sveum he was being fired.

No one was doing their laundry, and the only other person there was the bartender. Epstein always knows the perfect place for a conscious uncoupling.

CUBS



JUSTIN BERL/GETTY

CUBS RECAP

Shortly after the Cubs were officially eliminated from postseason contention Wednesday night, reliever David Phelps threw the second of two wild pitches in the eighth inning that led to a 4-2 loss to the Pirates, their eighth consecutive defeat. The elimination became official when the Brewers beat the Reds 9-2 to clinch at least the second National League wild-card berth. A frustrating season for the Cubs (82-76), who were only two games out of first place in the NL Central on Sept. 17, continued in the eighth when relievers Brad Wieck and Phelps issued consecutive walks and Phelps followed with two wild pitches and allowed a sacrifice fly by Erik Gonzalez to seal the loss. Jon Lester pitched six innings of two-run ball — one of those runs scored by Jose Osuna, above — and finished his 2019 season with a 13-10 record and 4.46 ERA — his highest since 2012, when he had a career-worst 4.82 ERA with the Red Sox. For more, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

PIRATES 4, CUBS 2

Epstein acknowledges the need for change

BY MARK GONZALES

PITTSBURGH — After the Cubs fell short of high expectations with a sudden decline in the season's final two weeks, President Theo Epstein acknowledged in general terms what they need to do to return to a championship level.

"There's obviously change needed in a lot of areas," Epstein said Wednesday before the Brewers' victory over the Reds eliminated the Cubs from playoff contention for the first time since 2014.

"That's made even more clear by the nature of what's happened down the stretch. It was made clear over the course of the year too in a lot of ways and back to last year in some regards."

Epstein stressed this was not directed at manager Joe Maddon, whose future will be discussed in the upcoming days as his five-year contract expires Sunday.

Epstein, who reinforced his commitment to fixing the Cubs and rejected a report about him returning to the Red Sox, said that within five minutes of his arrival in the clubhouse, three players asked how they can improve.

"When you have the worst possible outcome, which we had recently, it reveals everything," he said. "And as painful as that can be, (it) also creates a real opportunity for everyone to learn from it and grow."

The season is likely over for third baseman Kris Bryant (right ankle) and shortstop Javier Baez (left thumb) — "There's nothing for them to prove," Maddon said — and first baseman Anthony Rizzo was pulled from Wednesday night's game against the Pirates in the bottom of

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— Cubs President Theo Epstein

the third after making a remarkable return Thursday from a moderate right ankle sprain.

Second baseman Ben Zobrist also was expected to be pulled once the Cubs were eliminated.

In an interesting twist, Epstein said rookie Nico Hoerner could get a look at second base before the season concludes after starting 16 consecutive games at shortstop in place of Baez.

Asked if Hoerner, 22, will start 2020 in the majors despite never playing in Triple A, Epstein said: "It's a tough one."

"He's clearly showing he's able to more than hold his own on a big-league field. And it's an incredibly impressive feat, stepping into the middle of a pennant race, a big market, at Wrigley Field, for a team with a lot riding on every game. To step in and do what he's done, I don't think he's gotten the credit he deserves. It's pretty remarkable."

"It's an interesting debate. I wouldn't put anything past that kid. There are normal timetables for development, but in the end it comes down to the person and the player."

As far as needs entering 2020, Maddon said adding a "couple more contact bats" would help, but he believes in the nucleus of a team that has remained largely intact for

four seasons.

Maddon also said adding a starting pitcher is "probably a priority, I'd think." Cole Hamels' left shoulder felt fine after a bullpen session Tuesday, but the Cubs haven't decided if the soon-to-be free agent will pitch this weekend against the Cardinals.

Epstein described the rotation as "solid and certainly above average" while admitting that Hamels' left oblique strain that sidelined him for five weeks prevented the rotation from being dominant.

"It could have been a defining strength for this club and a consistent one from start to finish," Epstein said of the starters, who ranked sixth in the National League with a 4.13 ERA entering Wednesday. "Instead, it was solid and above average and wasn't a reason we didn't get where we wanted to go."

Epstein said he and his staff will pore over ways to take better advantage of the Cubs' plus-102 run differential and improve their 20-38 road night record.

"Make no mistake," Epstein said. "We have shortcomings we need to address."

The Cubs will pay a tax for going over the salary threshold, and they don't have much wiggle room in their quest to field a championship-caliber team while retaining their core players. Income from their new television network, scheduled to launch in February, will be the same as their current arrangement, Epstein said, with the potential for "real growth" down the road.

Furthermore, he said, the wins won't be dictated by the revenues in 2020.

"There's a wall between baseball decisions and anything related to the baseball network," Epstein said.

WHITE SOX

SOX 8, INDIANS 3

Learning his lessons as he goes

Cease's stint in majors has enhanced his development

BY LAMOND POPE

Fans lined up near the White Sox bullpen on July 3 at Guaranteed Rate Field.

Some had their phones out as Dylan Cease warmed up for his big-league debut.

There was a lot of excitement leading up to the outing against the Tigers. Cease was the No. 3 prospect in the Sox organization at the time. And he pitched well enough, allowing three runs and four hits with six strikeouts and four walks in five innings, to earn the win.

Cease called the debut "something special" last week while reflecting on his rookie season.

He's scheduled to make his 15th and final start of the season Thursday against the Indians at Guaranteed Rate Field.

Cease is 4-7 with a 5.79 ERA, 81 strikeouts and 35 walks in 73 innings. More important, he picked up valuable lessons that will aid him in 2020 and beyond.

"It's a lot different than anything you can prepare for in the minor leagues," Cease said. "I've learned how to handle the travel, some stuff off the field. And then on the field, it's been learning which pitches work, learning which adjustments need to be done."

Cease has showcased those adjustments in his last two starts. In 11 innings, he's allowed two runs, eight hits and five walks with 13 strikeouts.

He allowed one run in each of his last two starts. He gave up three hits in five innings Sept. 14 in a no-decision against the Mariners. He allowed five hits with eight strikeouts Friday in a win against the Tigers.

Cease went 2-4 with a 6.97 ERA in six August starts but is 1-1 with a 3.00 ERA in four September starts.

"He's had his ups and downs, and he's starting to understand the way he's supposed to get after it when he can, when he has to," Sox manager Rick Renteria said Wednesday. "I know the command is what we're trying to get the most out of."

"He's had balls that cut a little that he's trying to control. (It's) still an effective pitch. (It's) still trying to execute and hit your spots."

Some of Cease's hiccups have come early in games. He has a 7.46 ERA in the first through third innings and a 3.26 ERA from the fourth through sixth.

"Going through what he's gone through now, high pitch counts early and then settling down and maybe finishing five, maybe even six innings of pitching, gives him an opportunity to learn how to attack hitters (and) that he can overcome certain deficits early," Renteria said. "But we want him to be as efficient as he can earlier. That will give him the opportunity to get through games a little longer and minimize damage."

One of Cease's best starts came Sept. 3 against the Indians at Progressive Field in Cleveland. Cease struck out a career-high 11 while allowing four runs and four hits in 6 2/3 innings.

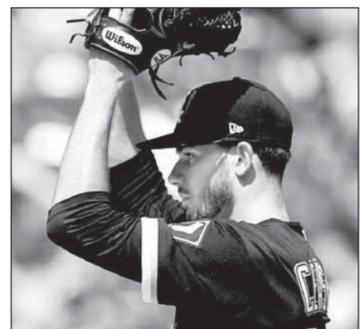
"The game against Cleveland was fantastic," Cease said.

His other favorite moments have come away from the mound.

"It's being around, getting to travel and being part of the team," Cease said.

Cease will see the Indians again Thursday. And then it's on to 2020.

"I'll have to get with (pitching coach Don Cooper) and everybody for a more defined (offseason) plan," Cease said. "But I'll definitely hit the weight room."



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Dylan Cease is scheduled to make his final start Thursday against the Indians.

WHITE SOX UPDATE

Tim Anderson went 4-for-5 to increase his lead in the American League batting race and lead the White Sox to an 8-3 win against the Indians on Wednesday night at Guaranteed Rate Field. Anderson ended the night with a .339 batting average, 11 points ahead of D.J. LeMahieu of the Yankees. Jose Abreu added to his AL-leading RBI total with his 122nd while going 3-for-5. Leury Garcia led off with a home run for the Sox, and Wellington Castillo hit a three-run homer in the seventh inning. Ross Detwiler (3-5) allowed three earned runs in five innings. The Indians loaded the bases in the ninth but never got the tying run to the plate. For more on the game, go to chicagosports.com/sports

'Comfortable' Darvish isn't tempted to opt out

BY MARK GONZALES

PITTSBURGH — A dominant second half isn't likely to entice Yu Darvish to opt out of the final four years and \$81 million of his contract with the Cubs.

"I'm not thinking anything about it right now," Darvish said. "I have talked to my agent and family too. But I'm so comfortable here. I really like this organization."

Darvish, 32, said he appreciated the support the organization provided dating to the first half of 2018, when he was limited to eight starts because of discomfort in his right elbow that led to season-ending surgery.

"These guys helped me out a lot," he said. Darvish, who signed a six-year, \$126 million contract in February 2018, emerged as the Cubs' best starter after the All-Star break, posting a 2.76 ERA in 13 starts while striking out 118 and walking only seven. He averaged 13 strikeouts per nine innings.

"I feel so amazing," Darvish said. "I didn't have this much command in my life, and I can tell you it was the best in my life. I hope I can keep going with this feeling and start with this next season."

Darvish said he wasn't sure whether he would start this weekend against the Cardinals. He has pitched a team-high 178 2/3 innings, more than quadrupling the 40

innings he pitched in 2018.

Meanwhile, reliever Kyle Ryan will keep an eye on the cutoff date, usually announced in late October, for Super Two arbitration eligibility. Ryan will finish the season with 2 years, 139 days of service time.

"There's a possibility, but I don't know where the numbers are yet," said Ryan, who has a 3.00 ERA in 71 appearances. "It would be a sigh of relief, but you can't stop there. It's just another step."

Former Cubs reliever Carl Edwards Jr. qualified last year with the minimum 2 years, 134 days. The cutoff is determined by the top 22% of players between two and three seasons of service time.

BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
x-New York	102	57	.642	—	—	5-5	L-2	57-24	45-33
Tampa Bay	95	64	.597	7	—	5-3	W-3	48-33	47-31
Boston	83	75	.525	18½	11½	7-5	W-2	37-41	46-34
Toronto	65	94	.409	37	30	7-3	W-1	33-45	32-49
Baltimore	52	107	.327	50	43	3-7	L-1	25-56	27-51
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
x-Minnesota	98	60	.620	—	—	7-3	W-3	46-35	52-25
Cleveland	93	65	.589	5	1½	7-3	L-1	49-32	44-33
Chicago	69	88	.439	28½	25	4-6	W-1	36-40	33-48
Kansas City	58	100	.367	40	36½	3-7	W-1	30-47	28-53
Detroit	46	111	.293	51½	48	2-8	L-2	22-58	24-53
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
x-Houston	103	54	.656	—	—	8-2	W-2	60-21	43-33
Oakland	94	63	.599	9	—	7-3	L-2	52-29	42-34
Texas	75	83	.475	28½	19½	1-9	L-2	42-35	33-48
Los Angeles	71	86	.452	32	23	4-6	W-1	37-39	34-47
Seattle	66	91	.420	37	28	6-4	L-2	33-43	33-48

Late games noted below; x-clinched division; y-clinched wild card; z-clinched playoff berth

THURSDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE	2019	2019 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
Mil Anderson (R)	7-4 4.30 13-13	0-1 16.1 5.51	1-0 14.0 1.93
Cin Castillo (R)	11:35a 15-7 3.30 17-14	1-2 21.0 3.86	1-2 19.2 3.20
LA Kershaw (L)	15-5 3.20 20-7	2-0 26.0 3.12	2-1 16.1 4.96
SD Lucchesi (L)	2:40p 10-9 4.28 13-16	1-1 17.0 5.29	1-2 13.2 7.24
Col Freeland (L)	3-11 6.84 8-13	1-1 15.0 4.80	0-1 13.1 5.40
SF Beede (R)	2:45p 7-10 5.23 10-11	0-2 5.2 11.12	2-1 17.1 3.12
Phi Vargas (L)	5-8 4.40 14-14	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-1 12.2 5.68
Was Strasburg (R)	3:05p 17-6 3.37 20-12	1-0 10.0 5.40	1-0 18.0 2.00
Chi Quintana (L)	13-8 4.55 17-13	4-0 29.1 3.38	0-0 8.2 14.54
Pit Musgrove (R)	6:05p 10-12 4.49 14-16	0-1 16.2 1.08	2-0 16.0 2.81
Mia Yamamoto (R)	4-5 5.08 6-8	0-1 6.0 6.00	0-1 13.2 6.59
NY Wheeler (R)	6:10p 11-7 3.99 16-14	2-0 15.0 1.20	1-0 21.0 1.29
AMERICAN LEAGUE	2019	2019 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
Min TBD	—	—	—
Det Zimmermann (R)	12:10p 1-12 6.85 4-18	0-1 9.0 7.00	0-3 13.2 12.51
Bos TBD	—	—	—
Tex Minor (L)	1:05p 13-10 3.52 16-15	0-0 8.0 2.25	1-2 18.0 7.50
Cle Civalo (R)	3-3 1.82 5-4	1-0 5.0 1.80	1-0 17.2 1.53
Chi Cease (R)	7:10p 4-7 5.79 6-8	0-0 6.2 5.40	1-0 14.1 1.88
Hou Milley (L)	14-6 3.91 22-10	3-1 17.1 4.15	1-2 17.1 15.95
LA Barria (R)	9:07p 4-10 6.43 3-9	0-2 8.0 9.00	0-0 12.0 9.00
Oak Manea (L)	3-0 1.14 3-1	0-0 0.0 0.00	3-0 18.2 1.45
Sea Hernandez (R)	9:10p 1-7 6.51 5-9	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-2 14.0 8.36

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
 Minnesota 5, Detroit 1
 Toronto 3, Baltimore 2
 Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Yankees 0
 Boston 10, Texas 3
 Chi. White Sox 8, Cleveland 3
 Atlanta at Kansas City, late
 Oakland at L.A. Angels, late
 Houston at Seattle, late
FRIDAY'S GAMES
 G1: Detroit at Chi. White Sox, 3:40 p.m.
 Cleveland at Washington, 6:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Toronto, 6:07 p.m.
 Baltimore at Boston, 6:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees at Texas, 7:05 p.m.
 G2: Detroit at Chi. White Sox, 7:10 p.m.
 Minnesota at Kansas City, 7:15 p.m.
 Houston at L.A. Angels, 9:07 p.m.
 Oakland at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
 Arizona 9, St. Louis 7
 Milwaukee 9, Cincinnati 2
 Washington 5, Philadelphia 2
 N.Y. Mets 10, Miami 3
 Pittsburgh 4, Chi. Cubs 2
 Atlanta at Kansas City, late
 Colorado at San Fran., late
 L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, late
FRIDAY'S GAMES
 Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m.
 Cleveland at Washington, 6:05 p.m.
 Miami at Philadelphia, 6:05 p.m.
 Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 6:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Colorado, 7:10 p.m.
 Chi. Cubs at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m.
 San Diego at Arizona, 8:40 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers at San Fran., 9:15 p.m.

THIS DATE IN BASEBALL

Sept. 26
1908: Ed Reulbach of the Chicago Cubs became the only pitcher to throw two shutouts in a doubleheader, beating the Dodgers 5-0 and 3-0.
1926: The St. Louis Browns beat the New York Yankees 6-1 and 6-2 in two hours and seven minutes. The first game took 55 minutes.

1961: Roger Maris tied Babe Ruth's 34-year-old record with his 60th homer, off Baltimore's Jack Fisher.
1981: Nolan Ryan of the Houston Astros became the first player to pitch five no-hitters, hurling a 5-0 victory over Los Angeles at the Astrodome.
1983: Bob Forsch of the St. Louis Cardinals pitched the second no-hitter of his career by defeating Montreal 3-0.

BOX SCORES

CHICAGO WHITE SOX 8, CLEVELAND 3

CLEVELAND	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Lindor ss	5	0	0	0	3	.270
Mercado cf	4	0	0	0	1	.290
Santana 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.286
Puig rf	3	0	0	0	1	.306
Luplow lf	4	0	0	0	2	.270
Ramirez 3b	2	0	0	0	1	.228
Reyes dh	4	2	3	0	1	.232
R.Perez c	2	0	0	0	0	.238
Freeman 2b	2	0	1	0	0	.276
B-Alten ph	1	0	0	0	0	.253
Flaherty 2b	0	0	0	0	0	.182
c-Chang ph	0	0	0	0	0	.118
TOTALS	32	3	6	2	10	

CHICAGO AB R H BI SO AVG
 Garcia lf 3 1 1 1 2 2.279
 Cordell lf 1 0 0 0 0 0 .222
 Anderson ss 2 5 4 0 0 0 .339
 Abreu 1b 5 1 3 1 1 1 .281
 Moncada 3b 5 1 1 0 1 0 .313
 Collins c 4 0 0 0 0 0 .256
 Sanchez 2b 4 1 2 1 0 0 .155
 Skole dh 2 0 0 0 0 0 .223
 a-Castillo ph-dh 2 1 1 3 0 211
 Engel cf 4 0 0 0 0 0 .243
 Palka rf 3 1 2 0 1 0 .091
TOTALS **38** **8** **14** **6** **9**

MILWAUKEE 9, CINCINNATI 2

MILWAUKEE	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Grisham rf	3	0	0	0	2	.255
Grandal c	4	1	1	2	2	.249
Moustakas 3b	2	1	0	0	1	.257
Gamel lf	0	0	0	0	0	.249
Huira 2b	5	2	2	1	1	.298
Guerra 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.233
Braun lf	2	2	1	4	1	.283
Austin ph	1	0	0	0	0	.231
Arcia ss	0	0	0	0	0	.218
Thames c	5	1	2	1	0	.248
Cain 1b	5	1	3	0	0	.252
Spengberg ss-2b	5	1	0	1	1	.263
Lyles p	3	1	1	0	1	.059
Shaw ph-3b	0	0	0	0	0	.157
TOTALS	37	9	11	9	8	

CINCINNATI AB R H BI SO AVG
 VanMeter lf-1b 3 0 0 0 0 1 .240
 Colon ph 1 0 0 0 0 0 .467
 Todd 1b 3 0 0 0 2 .269
 Romano p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .000
 Farmer 1b-ss 1 0 0 0 0 0 .234
 Suarez 2b 3 0 0 0 0 0 .270
 Aquino rf 3 1 0 0 2 .259
 Barnhart c 2 0 2 1 0 0 .223
 Jlglesias ss 3 0 0 0 0 1 .284
 Blandino ph-1b 1 0 0 0 0 0 .127
 Ervin cf-1b 4 0 0 0 0 0 .174
 Peraza 2b 4 0 1 0 0 0 .240
 Mahle p 0 0 0 0 0 0 .091
 Mella p 1 0 0 0 1 .000
 O'Grady ph-1f 1 0 0 0 0 0 .152
 Lorenzen ph-cf 2 0 0 0 0 0 .205
TOTALS **32** **2** **5** **9** **2**

BOSTON 10, TEXAS 3

BOSTON	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Benintendi lf	4	1	0	0	1	.267
Grandal c	5	2	2	1	1	.310
Bogaerts ss	4	1	1	1	1	.305
M.Hernandez 2b	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Martinez dh	5	0	2	1	0	.303
T-Travis pr-dh	1	0	0	0	0	.222
Vazquez c	2	2	1	2	0	.275
Leon c	2	1	0	0	0	.195
Moreland 1b	5	2	4	2	1	.254
G.Hernandez rf	4	1	0	0	2	.105
Bradley Jr. cf	3	0	0	1	2	.223
Owings 2b-ss	4	0	2	2	0	.150
TOTALS	38	10	12	10	10	

TEXAS AB R H BI SO AVG
 Choof rf 4 1 1 0 0 0 .265
 Andrus ss 4 1 1 0 0 1 .274
 Calhoun dh 0 0 0 0 0 0 .271
 a-Solak ph-dh 3 0 0 0 0 0 .295
 O'Rourke 2b 3 1 1 2 2 0 .203
 Santana 3b 3 0 1 0 0 0 .285
 Guzman 1b 4 0 0 1 2 2 .220
 Martin 1 2 1 0 0 2 .484
 DeShields cf 4 0 1 0 0 0 .246
 Federwicz c 4 0 0 0 3 .160
TOTALS **33** **3** **7** **3** **11**

PITTSBURGH 4, CHICAGO CUBS 2

CHICAGO	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Rizzo 1b	2	0	0	0	1	.293
Caratini 1b	1	0	0	0	1	.268
1-Baez pr	0	0	0	0	0	.281
Lucroy 1b	0	0	0	0	0	.227
Castellanos rf	4	0	0	0	0	.321
Zobrist 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.264
0-Gonzalez pr-2b	0	0	0	0	0	.225
Schwarber lf	4	0	2	0	0	.248
Contreras c	4	1	1	0	1	.273
Happ 2b	3	2	2	0	0	.314
Heyward cf	3	0	0	0	1	.251
Hoerner ss	4	0	0	0	0	.277
Lester p	2	2	1	0	1	.188
a-Bote ph	1	0	0	0	0	.259
TOTALS	32	6	2	6	6	

PITTSBURGH AB R H BI SO AVG
 Newman ss 4 0 1 0 0 0 .309
 Reynolds cf 1 0 0 0 0 0 .240
 Kramer lf 2 0 0 0 0 0 .171
 c-Cabrera ph-rf 1 0 0 0 0 0 .274
 Frazier 2b 4 0 1 0 1 0 .281
 Osteenau ph-dh 3 0 0 0 0 0 .240
 Reyes lf-cf 3 1 1 0 0 0 .197
 Gonzalez 3b 3 1 3 2 2 0 .254
 Elmore rf-1f 3 0 1 1 0 0 .194
 Barone c 4 1 0 0 2 0 .111
 Agrazal p 2 0 0 0 1 0 .091
 Liriano p 0 0 0 0 1 0 .000
 B-Joseph ph 1 0 0 0 0 0 .167
TOTALS **31** **4** **9** **3** **6**

TAMPA BAY 4, N.Y. YANKEES 0

NEW YORK	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
LeMahieu 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.328
Judge rf	3	0	0	0	3	.272
Gardner cf	4	0	0	0	1	.251
Stanton dh	4	0	0	0	4	.265
Torres 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.279
Gresonius ss	3	0	0	0	1	.240
Voit 1b	1	0	0	0	0	.268
Higashioka c	2	0	0	0	2	.218
a-Maybin ph-1f	1	0	0	0	1	.281
Wade lf	4	0	0	0	1	.247
b-Frazier ph	1	0	0	0	1	.263
Romine c	0	0	0	0	0	.277
TOTALS	27	0	0	0	16	

TAMPA BAY AB R H BI SO AVG
 Wendle 2b 4 1 1 1 1 2.229
 Meadows lf 3 1 1 0 1 1 .293
 d'Arnaud c-1b 4 0 0 0 2 .262
 c-Strasburg 3b 3 0 0 0 1 .240
 Zunino c 0 0 0 0 0 0 .169
 Garcia rf 4 2 2 1 0 0 .282
 B-Howe dh 3 0 1 1 1 0 .275
 c-Strasburg ph-dh 3 0 0 0 1 .247
 Duffy 3b 4 0 1 1 2 .248
 Kiermaier cf 3 0 1 0 1 0 .228
 Adames ss 2 0 0 1 0 0 .253
TOTALS **32** **4** **9** **4** **10**

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 Chicago 301 100 30x - 8 14 0
 a-grounded out for Skole in the 5th. b-struck out for Freeman in the 7th. c-walked for Flaherty in the 9th. E: Santana (9). **LOB:** Cleveland 7, Chicago 8. **2B:** Moncada (34). **HR:** Ramirez (23), off Detweiler: Garcia (7), off Bieber: Castillo (1), off Clippard. **RBI:** Freeman (24), Ramirez (83), Garcia (38), Sanchez (42), Abreu (12), Castillo 3 (39). **SB:** Puig (5). **CS:** Palka (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Ramirez (23), off Detweiler: Garcia (7), off Bieber: Castillo (1), off Clippard. **RBI:** Freeman (24), Ramirez (83), Garcia (38), Sanchez (42), Abreu (12), Castillo 3 (39). **SB:** Puig (5). **CS:** Palka (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Ramirez (23), off Detweiler: Garcia (7), off Bieber: Castillo (1), off Clippard. **RBI:** Freeman (24), Ramirez (83), Garcia (38), Sanchez (42), Abreu (12), Castillo 3 (39). **SB:** Puig (5). **CS:** P

SCOREBOARD

NFL											
AFC											
EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Buffalo	3	0	0	1.000	66	47	1-0-0	2-0-0	2-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
New England	3	0	0	1.000	106	17	2-0-0	1-0-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0
N.Y. Jets	0	3	0	.000	33	70	0-2-0	0-1-0	0-3-0	0-0-0	0-2-0
Miami	0	3	0	.000	16	133	0-2-0	0-1-0	0-2-0	0-1-0	0-1-0
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Houston	2	1	0	.667	68	62	1-0-0	1-1-0	2-0-0	0-1-0	1-0-0
Indianapolis	2	1	0	.667	70	71	1-0-0	1-1-0	1-1-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
Jacksonville	1	2	0	.333	58	60	1-1-0	0-1-0	1-2-0	0-0-0	1-1-0
Tennessee	1	2	0	.333	67	52	0-1-0	1-1-0	1-2-0	0-0-0	0-2-0
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Baltimore	2	1	0	.667	110	60	1-0-0	1-1-0	1-1-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
Cleveland	1	2	0	.333	49	66	0-2-0	1-0-0	1-1-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
Cincinnati	0	3	0	.000	54	83	0-1-0	0-2-0	0-1-0	0-2-0	0-0-0
Pittsburgh	0	3	0	.000	49	85	0-1-0	0-2-0	0-1-0	0-2-0	0-0-0
WEST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	AFC	NFC	DIV
Kansas City	3	0	0	1.000	101	64	1-0-0	2-0-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
Oakland	1	2	0	.333	48	78	1-1-0	0-1-0	1-1-0	0-1-0	1-1-0
L.A. Chargers	1	2	0	.333	60	64	1-1-0	0-1-0	1-1-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
Denver	0	3	0	.000	46	67	0-1-0	0-2-0	0-1-0	0-2-0	0-1-0
NFC											
EAST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	NFC	AFC	DIV
Dallas	3	0	0	1.000	97	44	2-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0
Philadelphia	1	2	0	.333	76	78	1-1-0	0-1-0	1-2-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
N.Y. Giants	1	2	0	.333	63	94	0-1-0	1-1-0	1-1-0	0-1-0	0-1-0
Washington	0	3	0	.000	63	94	0-2-0	0-1-0	0-3-0	0-0-0	0-2-0
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	NFC	AFC	DIV
New Orleans	2	1	0	.667	72	82	1-0-0	1-1-0	1-1-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
Tampa Bay	1	2	0	.333	68	77	0-2-0	1-0-0	1-2-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
Atlanta	1	2	0	.333	60	75	1-0-0	0-2-0	1-1-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
Carolina	1	2	0	.333	79	70	0-2-0	1-0-0	1-2-0	0-0-0	0-1-0
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	NFC	AFC	DIV
Green Bay	3	0	0	1.000	58	35	2-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0
Detroit	2	0	1	.833	67	61	1-0-0	1-0-1	1-0-1	1-0-0	0-0-0
Minnesota	2	1	0	.667	78	47	2-0-0	0-1-0	1-1-0	1-0-0	0-1-0
Chicago	2	1	0	.667	50	39	0-1-0	2-0-0	1-1-0	1-0-0	0-1-0
WEST	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA	HOME	AWAY	NFC	AFC	DIV
L.A. Rams	3	0	0	1.000	77	49	1-0-0	2-0-0	2-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
San Francisco	3	0	0	1.000	96	54	1-0-0	2-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0
Seattle	2	1	0	.667	76	79	1-1-0	1-0-0	0-1-0	2-0-0	0-0-0
Arizona	0	2	1	.167	64	88	0-1-1	0-1-0	0-1-1	0-1-0	0-0-0

WEEK 4 SCHEDULE

THURSDAY'S GAME
Philadelphia at Green Bay, 7:20 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Carolina at Houston, noon
Cleveland at Baltimore, noon
Kansas City at Detroit, noon
Oakland at Indianapolis, noon
L.A. Chargers at Miami, noon
Washington at N.Y. Giants, noon
Tennessee at Atlanta, noon
New England at Buffalo, noon
Seattle at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at L.A. Rams, 3:05 p.m.
Jacksonville at Denver, 3:25 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 3:25 p.m.
Dallas at New Orleans, 7:20 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 30
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 7:15 p.m.
Off: San Francisco, N.Y. Jets

SOCCER

MLS										
EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA				
x-N.Y. City FC	17	5	10	61	61	39				
x-Atlanta	17	12	3	54	54	41				
x-Philadelphia	15	9	7	52	55	45				
x-D.C. United	13	10	9	48	42	38				
x-N.Y. Red Bulls	14	13	5	47	53	48				
x-Toronto FC	12	10	10	46	54	50				
New England	10	10	11	41	45	52				
Chicago	9	12	11	38	48	43				
Montreal	11	17	4	37	43	59				
Orlando City	9	14	9	36	41	46				
Columbus	9	15	8	35	37	46				
Cincinnati	6	22	4	22	30	74				
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA				
y-Los Angeles FC	19	4	8	65	78	34				
Seattle	14	10	8	50	50	49				
Minnesota	14	10	7	49	49	40				
LA Galaxy	16	13	3	51	53	51				
Real Salt Lake	14	13	5	47	43	40				
FC Dallas	12	11	9	45	48	43				
San Jose	13	13	5	44	50	49				
Portland	13	15	5	44	45	44				
Colorado	11	15	6	39	50	60				
Houston	11	16	4	37	43	52				
Sporting KC	10	14	7	37	46	57				
Vancouver	7	15	10	31	33	55				

x-clinched playoffs; y-conference
WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
N.Y. City FC 4, Atlanta 1
Minnesota 2, Sporting KC 1
LA Galaxy 2, Real Salt Lake 1
Houston at Los Angeles FC, late
New England at Portland, late
Philadelphia at San Jose, late

NWSL CLUB

W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
North Carolina	14	4	4	46	50
Chicago	13	8	2	41	39
Portland	10	5	6	36	39
Utah FC	9	8	4	31	29
Reign FC	8	5	7	31	21
Washington	7	8	6	27	25
Houston	7	10	5	26	30
Sky Blue FC	4	13	4	16	16
Orlando	4	15	2	14	47

3 points for victory, 1 point for tie.
WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Washington 0, Houston 0
Utah at Reign FC, late

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Delaware St. at NC A&T, 6:30 p.m.
Navy at Memphis, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
#12 Penn State at Maryland, 7 p.m.
Ariz. St. at #15 Cal, 9:30 p.m.
Brown at Harvard, 6 p.m.
Duke at Virginia Tech, 6 p.m.
San Jose St. at Air Force, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
AP Top 25
Texas Tech at #6 Oklahoma, 11 a.m.
Northwestern at #8 Wisconsin, 11 a.m.
MTSU at #14 Iowa, 11 a.m.
Rutgers at #20 Michigan, 11 a.m.
#23 Texas A&M at Arkansas, 11 a.m.
#1 Clemson at N. Carolina, 2:30 p.m.
Mississippi at #2 Alabama, 2:30 p.m.
#18 Va. at #10 Notre Dame, 2:30 p.m.
#21 USC at #17 Washington, 2:30 p.m.
Indiana at #25 Michigan State, 2:30 p.m.
Townson at #9 Florida, 3 p.m.
Miss St. at #7 Auburn, 6 p.m.
UConn at #22 UCF, 6 p.m.
#24 Kansas St. at Okla. St., 6 p.m.
#5 Ohio State at Nebraska, 6:30 p.m.
Wash. St. at #19 Utah, 9 p.m.

Midwest
Buffalo at Miami (Ohio), 11 a.m.
BYU at Toledo, 11 a.m.
Cent. Michigan at W. Michigan, 11 a.m.
Charleston (WV) at Valparaiso, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Purdue, 2:30 p.m.
Kentucky St. vs.
Jackson St. at Indianapolis, 2 p.m.
Tennessee Tech at E. Illinois, 4 p.m.
Robert Morris at Youngstown St., 5 p.m.

East
Holy Cross at Syracuse, 11 a.m.
LIU at Wagner, 11 a.m.
Merrimack at Lehigh, 11:30 a.m.
Delaware at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m.
St. Francis (Pa.) at Bryant, noon
Georgetown at Columbia, noon
Richmond at Fordham, noon
Bethune-Cookman at Howard, noon
Drake at Marist, noon
Duchesne at New Hampshire, noon
Cornell at Yale, noon
William & Mary at Albany (NY), 2:30 p.m.
Wake Forest at Boston College, 2:30 p.m.
Princeton at Bucknell, 2:30 p.m.
Penn at Lafayette, 2:30 p.m.
Georgia Tech at Temple, 2:30 p.m.
Akron at UMass, 2:30 p.m.
Maine at Villanova, 2:30 p.m.
Colgate at Dartmouth, 5 p.m.
NC Cent. at Morgan St., 5 p.m.
Stony Brook at Rhode Island, 6 p.m.

South
N. Illinois at Vanderbilt, 11 a.m.
ETSU at Furman, noon
Ave Maria at Jacksonville, noon
NC Wesleyan at Stetson, noon
Wofford at VMI, 12:30 p.m.
James Madison at Elon, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville St. at Austin Peay, 2 p.m.
The Citadel at Samford, 2 p.m.
Coastal Carolina at
Appalachian St., 2:30 p.m.
FAU at Charlotte, 2:30 p.m.
W. Carolina at Chattanooga, 3 p.m.
Florida A&M at Norfolk St., 3 p.m.
Presbyterian at N. Alabama, 3 p.m.
SMU at S. Florida, 3 p.m.
Cincinnati at Marshall, 4 p.m.
Cent. St. (Ohio) vs.
Alabama A&M at Mobile, Ala., 4:30 p.m.
Tennessee St. at E. Kentucky, 5 p.m.
Louisiana-Lafayette at
Georgia Southern, 5 p.m.
Reinhardt at Kennesaw St., 5 p.m.

ODDS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL										
NATIONAL LEAGUE					THURSDAY					
at Cincinnati	Off	Milwaukee	Off							
at San Diego	Off	LA Dodgers	Off							
at San Fran.	-119	Colorado	+109							
at Washington	Off	Philadelphia	Off							
at Pittsburgh	Off	Chicago	Off							
at New York	Off	Miami	Off							
AMERICAN LEAGUE					THURSDAY					
at Detroit	Off	Minnesota	Off							
at Texas	Off	Boston	Off							
Cleveland	-194	at Chicago	+179							
at LA Angels	Off	Houston	Off							
Oakland	-235	at Seattle	+215							
COLLEGE FOOTBALL										
at Memphis	10	54	Navy							
at Virg. Tech	2½	52	Duke							
Penn St.	6	62	at MARYLAND							
at Air Force	18½	57½	San Jose St							
at California	4½	41	Arizona St							
					SATURDAY					
at Wisconsin	24½	47	Northwestern							
Wake Forest	6½	71	at Boston Coll.							
at UCF	44	64	UConn							
at W. Michigan	18	59½	Cent. Mich.							
SMU	7½	62½	at S. Florida							
Buffalo	2½	47	at Miami Ohio							
at Temple	8½	49	Georgia Tech							
at Florida St	7	61½	NC State							
Iowa St	2½	56½	at Baylor							
BYU	2½	60½	at Toledo							
Akron	7½	63½	at UMass							
at Michigan	28	48	Rutgers							
Minnesota	2	55	at Purdue							
LA-Laf.	3½	55	at Ga. Southern							
at Iowa	23½	52	Mid. Tenn.							
at Wyoming	9½	48½	UNLV							
at Utah	6	57	Wash. St.							
Fresno St	17½	63	at New Mex. St.							
at Nevada	2½	65	Hawaii							
Stanford	4	57	at Oregon St.							
at Michigan St	14	44	Indiana							
Clemson	26½	60	at N. Carolina							
at S. Carolina	3	51½	Kentucky							
at Alabama	38	61½	Mississippi							
at Vanderbilt	6½	51	N Illinois							
at TCU	15½	49½	Kansas							
at Okla. St	4	60	Kansas St.							
at Auburn	10	46½	Miss. St.							
at Oklahoma	27	70½	Texas Tech							
at Charlotte	1	65	FAU							
at Notre Dame	12½	48½	Virginia							
at Appalach. St	15½	6								

BEARS



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Quarterback Mitch Trubisky holds his ground and prepares to throw a pass Monday while two Redskins are bearing down on him.

It's 3rd-and-strong for Trubisky, Bears

BY RICH CAMPBELL

The Bears' 31-15 victory against the Redskins was a get-well game for both sides of the ball.

Mitch Trubisky threw his first three touchdown passes of the season, and the defense broke the takeaways dam by forcing five turnovers. Team health issues aside, it was an auspicious tuneup for Sunday's home game against the NFC North rival Vikings.

Here are two observations about Monday's victory from rewatching ESPN's telecast using the NFL Game Pass subscription service.

1. Mitch Trubisky's performance on third down was his best subset of plays this season.

Trubisky was 10 of 11 for 133 yards and a touchdown, good for a 147.3 rating. That resulted in eight conversions on 11 opportunities, which should be the standard against a defense that ranked worst in the NFL on third down entering Week 3 (64% conversion rate allowed).

In helping the Bears build a 28-0 lead, Trubisky converted everything from third-and-2 to third-and-8 to third-and-17. That was the product of some accurate throws, some stellar play designs, some athletic plays by his receivers and some quality pass protection when he needed it.

The 36-yard touchdown to Taylor Gabriel on third-and-17 was the gold star on the play-by-play sheet. Against a five-man rush, Trubisky escaped the pocket when linebacker Jon Bostic (the Bears' second-round pick in 2013) looped his rush around the left side of the offensive line and came close to sacking him.

As Gabriel ran a double move (that wasn't captured by ESPN's cameras) and got two steps behind cornerback Josh Norman, Trubisky flicked a deep throw on the run. Could the pass have been more out in front of Gabriel and to the inside to keep him clearly in bounds for an easy catch? Technically, sure, but there's no need to nitpick one of the Bears' finest touchdowns in recent memory.

The throw gave Gabriel a chance, which was something Trubisky emphasized going into the game after failing to consistently give his receivers a chance to make plays on the ball in the first two games.

"I just felt like I put it in a place where Taylor could get it," Trubisky said.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Allen Robinson makes a reception Monday against Redskins cornerback Jimmy Moreland.

Coach Matt Nagy appreciated Trubisky's footwork in changing the passing point and delivering a catchable ball.

"To throw an off-balance throw with that accuracy down the field like that was one of those plays we've been looking for," Nagy said. "Those are the type of plays right there that really get you going. If there are 10 plays in the NFL that you put on (a top-10 list) by a quarterback, that's 100% one of those top-10 plays."

Gabriel made a magnificent adjustment to turn to catch the ball and get both feet down. That'll stand as one of the Bears' best catches all season. (Gabriel did not speak to media after the game because he's in the concussion protocol.)

Some other quick notes on Trubisky's 7-for-7 performance on third down in the first half:

■ He converted third-and-2 and third-and-8 on short crossing routes to Anthony Miller and Gabriel, respectively. Both times Trubisky did well leading the receiver to set up yards after the catch.

■ Allen Robinson's crisp route running against a struggling Redskins secondary unlocked completions for Trubisky all night. On the first conversion of the game, an out route from the right slot on third-and-2, Robinson turned cornerback Fabian Moreau completely around with how he maneuvered his body with a little wiggle to set up the out cut.

The Bears improved from 28th in the NFL on third down to tied for 20th. We'll see if that amounts to momentum against a Vikings defense that is perennially one of the best third-down defenses in the league. They're ranked sixth through three games (29%).

2. The brilliance of Danny Trevathan's stop-and-go blitz was in the details.

The veteran inside linebacker continues to produce three games into his contract year.

Trevathan forced a fumble on a quarterback sneak midway through the fourth quarter that effectively sealed the victory. It was one of his team-high-tying seven solo tackles. He also had a second-quarter sack that will make the Bears' season highlight reel, without question.

Trevathan blitzed past right guard Brandon Scherff, a two-time Pro Bowler, to get to Case Keenum. On third-and-9 from the Bears 14 yard-line, he used a stop-and-go move to fool Scherff into turning away, then blitzed through the gap without being touched. Trevathan's savvy, athleticism and showmanship combined for a special play.

In 2014, Trevathan was on injured reserve with a broken left leg when Broncos teammate Demarcus Ware famously beat 49ers six-time Pro Bowl left tackle Joe Staley with a fake spin move for a sack of Colin Kaepernick on "Sunday Night Football."

The play, which became a viral sensation, stuck in Trevathan's mental vault, and he channeled that move Monday night.

Trevathan didn't commit to selling the spin move like Ware did on that pass rush five seasons ago. Ware actually made contact with Staley and rolled his shoulders past 90 degrees. But Trevathan opened his right shoulder as he slowed his feet. That intentional move got Scherff to turn his attention inside, vacating the pass-rush lane.

"It wasn't in the game plan," Trevathan said. "I just tried to make a play."

WHAT WE LEARNED

Cohen sorry about social media gaffe

BY DAN WIEDERER

The Bears face a short turnaround after Monday night's 31-15 victory over the Redskins, now diving into their preparations for a big NFC North game Sunday against the Vikings.

Here are three things we learned Wednesday at Halas Hall.

1. Tarik Cohen is sincerely apologetic for his social media blunder.

When Cohen, the third-year Bears running back, went live on Instagram in a jubilant postgame locker room at FedEx Field on Monday night, he inadvertently captured Kyle Long in the background. All of Kyle Long. Exposed for the world to see.

So much for Cohen's innocent attempt to take his followers behind the scenes of a victory celebration. The miscue went viral before he realized the problem and deleted the video. On Wednesday, the Bears acknowledged the slip-up as best they could.

"It was my fault, my bad," Cohen said. "And I'm willing to take responsibility. ... I wouldn't do anything like that on purpose."

Long, a seventh-year veteran with a good sense of humor, took it in stride.

"I thought I looked pretty lean," he cracked. "I thought my butt looked good."

The wisecracks among Bears players have been plentiful since the video spread across the internet. It was an honest mistake that has produced some cheap laughter in the locker room. But Cohen stressed Wednesday that he was embarrassed and sorry for his error.

"It was a comedy thing for some people," he said. "It wasn't a comedy thing for me. Because I felt like it was my fault. I wasn't laughing at all."

Long emphasized that he had no hard feelings.

"Look," Long said. "'Monday Night Football,' emotions are high. I'd say intelligence as a whole in the locker room after a win is probably a little low."

"It's unfortunate. I love Tarik. We know what happened and I feel we've handled it really well. Tarik's my guy."

Added Cohen: "With the type of locker room we have, we're very understanding. We wouldn't get mad at each other for something that wasn't intentional."

2. Akiem Hicks, Taylor Gabriel and Eddy Pineiro were among five who did not practice Wednesday.

Hicks suffered a knee injury in the second half of Monday's win, Gabriel was knocked out of the game with a concussion and Pineiro kicked through discomfort in his right knee caused by a pinched nerve. None of those three players practiced Wednesday. On a short week, their availability for Thursday's practice may be more significant and more telling.

Also missing practice Wednesday were Bilal Nichols (broken hand) and Mike Davis (personal reasons). The following Bears were limited: Eddie Jackson (shoulder), Roy Robertson-Harris (glute) and Cordarrelle Patterson (triceps).

3. Mitch Trubisky reviewed the film of his 36-yard touchdown pass to Taylor Gabriel from Monday night and came away pleased.

Immediately after Monday's win, Trubisky admitted he was unable to offer a clear review of what was almost certainly his best throw of the season.

Two days later, Trubisky provided his self-assessment of that big play.

Still cool, Mitch?
"It was all right," he said. "It was a great job by all the guys believing in the play. Our O-line did a great job picking up the (Redskins') stunt up front. I just bought a little time. T-Gabe made a great catch. It was awesome how he could get his feet in bounds and make that happen."

'Everybody is completely on board' with '36 throwback uniforms

BY COLLEEN KANE

When the Bears unveiled their 1936 throwback uniforms in June, there was much talk about the look the players will sport twice this season, including Sunday against the Vikings.

But the Bears recently steered the conversation toward the dark history of the time period in which the uniforms were worn.

In a video posted to Twitter, Chairman George McCaskey and five members of the Bears social justice committee — Mitch Trubisky, Akiem Hicks, Danny Trevathan, Trey Burton and Chase Daniel — talked about how this year's Bears team will include the first black players to wear the jerseys.

The Bears wore the uniforms during a time when there were no black NFL players. According to the Washington Post, from 1934 to 1946 there was an informal agreement among owners to ban African American players, a barrier running back Kenny Washington broke with the Los Angeles Rams in 1946.

Eddie Macon was the Bears' first black player in 1952.

"Integration of the NFL and the Bears was too long in coming, but we're proud that this year's Bears will be the first African

Golf could keep Romo from booth

Not a lot of employers would let you miss work to play golf, but CBS is willing to cut Tony Romo some slack.

Maybe the network just knows how unlikely it is that Romo, their lead NFL analyst, will have to skip Sunday's Bears-Vikings broadcast.

Romo, who's scheduled to be in the Soldier Field TV booth alongside play-by-play announcer Jim Nantz, has received a sponsor's exemption to play in the PGA Tour's Safeway Open this week at the Silverado Resort in Napa, Calif.

Should Romo fail to make the tourna-

ment's cut Friday, he'll fly by private jet to Chicago and join the CBS crew for standard pregame preparations Saturday.

If Romo's still playing through the weekend, a CBS spokesman said Boomer Esiason will fill in on the Bears game.

Las Vegas' Westgate SuperBook has Romo as a 10,000-1 shot to win the tournament, with the over-under for his first-round score at 78.5. Romo has missed the cut in the three PGA events he has played by a combined 40 strokes.

— Phil Rosenthal

Americans to wear these jerseys," McCaskey said in the video.

The uniforms' past as it relates to the reintegration of the NFL was discussed in August by Jack M. Silverstein in an article on windycitygridiron.com.

McCaskey met with the Bears players last week to talk about the history and answer any questions they might have about wearing them.

"I think some players knew, but the majority of the team didn't know about the jersey and the history," running back Tarik Cohen said. "It was definitely a learning experience. It was an open discussion for us to communicate with the organization."

Cornerback Prince Amukamara said he thought the conversation came off as authentic as McCaskey addressed potential concerns.

"Usually, after a situation like that, guys talk amongst themselves and say, 'Hey what do you think?'" Amukamara said. "I would say the gist of everything is everybody really appreciated it. There's no pushback whatsoever. Nobody is protesting the jersey. Everybody is completely on board."

Trubisky said the social justice committee wanted to stay ahead of the story and show that the team is united.

To recognize the history of NFL segregation that the jerseys represent, the Bears will auction off game-worn jerseys to benefit local social justice organizations.

The auction is an extension of a Bears effort that started last fall when players formed the social justice committee. The group raised more than \$800,000 for local causes through donations from players, coaches and executives and grants from the NFL and BearsCare.

"In today's world, you have to be comfortable being uncomfortable," said Trevathan, who joined the committee this year. "I think we do a great job here of explaining that and knowing the situation, being aware of it, being smart. Our social justice committee does a great job in the community. If I'm going to be a part of it, I want to see change, and they did a great job last year."

— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —



GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY

Sean McVay and his coaching style have become the flavor of the month in the NFL, with teams trying to find another coach like him after he led the Rams to the NFC title.

THE WAY IT'S DONE

Search for next Sean McVay creates new role: Head coach of defense

By ADAM KILGORE
The Washington Post

During a Thursday night game in September 2017, Sean McVay sat on a sideline water cooler and swiped through images on a tablet. He reviewed plays from the Los Angeles Rams' previous offensive drive, neglecting the Rams' defense on the field.

At the time, the image prompted confusion and questions. McVay, a first-year, 31-year-old head coach, had to explain that he wanted to prepare upcoming play calls and had no qualms leaving Wade Phillips, his 70-year-old defensive coordinator, in total control.

"That was a big deal a couple years ago when Sean first did it," Rams Executive Vice President of Football Operations Kevin Demoff said. "Now, it is nearly commonplace."

In the two years since, McVay has morphed from novelty to prototype. As franchises have sought to hire young, innovative, offensive play-calling head coaches like McVay, who led the Rams to last season's Super Bowl, one side effect has been the shifting demographics and responsibilities of NFL defensive coordinators. It has created a swell of experienced, over-qualified defensive assistants who are hired to help their baby-faced bosses find their way.

This season, 14 teams employ a defensive coordinator who used to be a head coach, and 10 of them work under head coaches who call offensive plays. Many of those assistants wear the official label of defensive coordinator, but their duties are better described with an unofficial title infiltrating the NFL's lexicon: head coach of the defense. It is a job equal parts defensive play caller, mentor and shepherd of half the roster.

"That's the best way to go and get the most out of your entire staff," said Arizona Cardinals defensive coordinator Vance Joseph, who works under first-year coach and play caller Kliff Kingsbury. "He can't focus on both sides of the ball



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Cardinals coach Kliff Kingsbury is part of a wave of offensive-minded head coaches hired by NFL teams in the last year.

and be the head coach and call the plays on offense. ... It's too much in a job to do all three things. I think it's a natural fit."

Choosing a defensive coordinator who has done his boss's job has become an oft-copied template. McVay and Phillips, who at 39 years apart could pass for father and son, popularized the arrangement. Demoff credited the Philadelphia Eagles, considered one of the league's most forward-thinking franchises, with being first.

In 2016, the Eagles hired Kansas City Chiefs offensive coordinator Doug Pederson to be their head coach and call his own offensive plays. They paired him with Jim Schwartz, who spent a year out of football after being the Detroit Lions' head coach. Shortly after hiring Schwartz, Pederson called him "the head coach on defense."

"I wouldn't expect him to come over on the offensive side and make suggestions, whether it be on personnel or plays or any of that," Pederson said then. "So I kind of leave (the defense) up to him."

In the last two hiring cycles, only five of 14 new head coaches had defensive backgrounds, which has helped create a surplus of available and highly qualified defensive coordinators. Their experience makes them a perfect match for offensive-minded head coaches who want to focus on calling plays and managing the games. They can be trusted to handle defense, and they can impart wisdom gained from sitting in the head coach's chair.

Kingsbury, who came to the NFL from Texas Tech, had no interest in taking on sweeping responsibilities. The Cardinals hired him to bring his offense and call plays, and to devote full focus to that, Kingsbury sought an experienced hand for the other side of the ball.

"I wanted somebody who was a head coach for the defense," Kingsbury said.

At practices, Kingsbury tends to hover around his quarterbacks. In the office, Kingsbury leaves the defensive game plan to Joseph, which leaves him more time to plan and install

the offense each week. Kingsbury is still Joseph's boss, but they work in partnership.

"I think that's why guys hire guys who had previous head coaching experience," Joseph said. "He knows that guy who's been a head coach is going to cover every base without him having to look over your shoulder. Especially if you're a guy calling your own plays, that's tough to find two or three hours to talk game plan with a defensive guy."

Nagy, in his second season with the Bears, hired former Colts Coach Chuck Pagano to run his defense this offseason, after his veteran coordinator Vic Fangio was hired to be the Denver Broncos' head coach. He said hiring a former head coach wasn't a necessity, but it was a priority. He casts himself as only an assistant to Pagano in defensive planning, which underscores another part of the shift. NFL head coaches have long been control freaks, considered "CEOs" of their teams, but the new breed of offensive-minded coaches are willing to cede responsibility.

"You have a guy that has been there, done that," Nagy said. "They can really take that side of the ball and run with it. ... I'm just kind of there to oversee it and help out in any way."

Experienced defensive coordinators double as valuable resources for new coaches. Green Bay Coach Matt LaFleur, a former McVay assistant, retained Packers defensive coordinator Mike Pettine, formerly the head coach of the Browns. "The good thing is what I bring from my experience in Cleveland," Pettine joked during training camp. "I have a thick book on what not to do, so I can steer him clear of some of the pitfalls of being a first-time head coach."

The partnerships have the potential for awkwardness. The coordinators have done their much younger boss's job and would probably like to do it again. The head coach is fully aware former head coaches make for easy interim head coaches. McVay's self-assurance allowed him to hire Phillips.

"Some young coaches are afraid to hire those guys," said former Washington Coach Mike Shanahan, who hired McVay as an assistant in Washington. "Sean is not."

"To me, it's all about what kind of confidence you have in yourself as a coach," Nagy said. "If I don't have better coaches than me on a staff, then I'm not a good coach. You need to surround yourself with better coaches than what you are. They go ahead and strengthen my weaknesses and I strengthen their weaknesses, and that's just how you roll."

The right personality can erase tension. Early in their partnership, Joseph told Kingsbury, "Listen, bro. It's your turn." He wanted Kingsbury to ask him any question he wanted — and Kingsbury picked his brain on how to maximize practice time and how leadership is different in the NFL compared to college — but Joseph was wary of pushing advice on him.

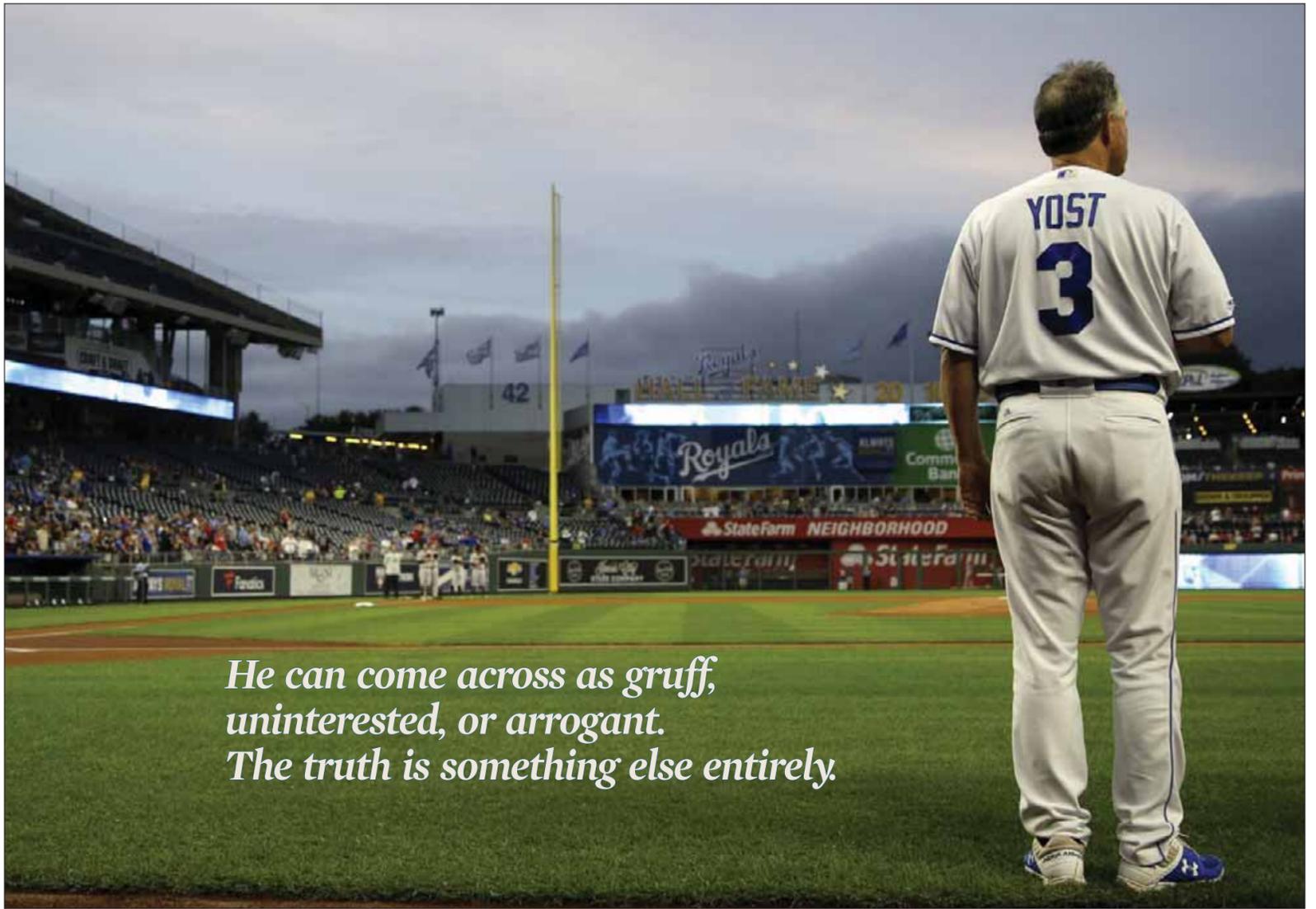
"You have to as a young coach grow into the job and feel your way through it," Joseph said. "You don't want someone constantly telling you what you should be feeling, or what you should be doing."

Even if a team favors a defensive candidate at head coach, it faces two unwanted likelihoods for the future of its offensive coordinator: Either he will fail and the team will lose, or he will succeed and another team will poach him. The first outcome is undesirable for obvious reasons. The second outcome is barely more tenable.

NFL teams are fearful of breaking up a thriving quarterback-coach relationship. Hiring an up-and-coming offensive assistant as a coordinator sounds appealing until he bolts for a head coaching job after a season or two. If your head coach already calls plays, you don't have worry about losing the play caller your quarterback found rapport with.

"If you have a good offensive mind, he's going to get hired out of here in two seconds," Bears General Manager Ryan Pace said. "Now you're starting over on offense."

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He can come across as gruff, uninterested, or arrogant. The truth is something else entirely.

Ned Yost's final game as Royals manager will be Sunday. It ends a nine-year run that included winning the World Series in 2015.

COMMENTARY

Manager's mind, player's soul

Royals skipper Ned Yost always had his players' backs. And they had his, too.

BY SAM MELLINGER
The Kansas City Star

The Ned Yost story that sticks in the mind came from the playoff runs. Of course that's when it happened. Nobody's career in Kansas City sports turned quicker or with more force than Yost's during those two magical years.

The postseasons began with that 2014 Wild Card game, and by now we all remember it for Salvador Perez somehow pulling a pitch from the left handed batter's box down the third base line. That moment changed the Royals. Changed baseball in Kansas City.

It also may have saved Yost's job. His decision to use Yordano Ventura in the sixth inning just two days after a 72-pitch outing in the season finale, with two runners on and the Royals up one, blew up. Ventura had never before pitched in a high-leverage situation as a reliever. He gave up a three-run homer, then a single, and threw a wild pitch. Yost was swiftly and overwhelmingly blasted online. The crowd buried Yost in boos.

Three hours later the crowd had Kansas City's biggest party in years. Yost survived, and then celebrated. But that's not the story that sticks out. That's merely the story that sets up the story that sticks out.

The 2015 American League Championship Series. Game 6. The Wade Davis game. Davis pitched 1 2/3 innings with a rain delay in the middle, and the Royals won on a breathtaking marriage of preparation and athleticism when Lorenzo Cain scored from first base on a single. Those were wild times.

Afterward, I was walking back through the dugout tunnel to write. Two players a few feet ahead of me walked toward the clubhouse.

"Guess we bailed him out again," one said to the other, and they both laughed.

It was a joke. Yost's reputation as a strategic boob had become exaggerated. The Wall Street Journal labeled him "The Dunce" in a headline. The players noticed. Yost noticed. It's hard to say they used it as motivation. They already had plenty, in the time of their professional lives. But it did spice the celebrations.

Then again, in private moments, some players allowed that some of Yost's moves were, well, unproductive. I never heard that sentiment expressed as criticism, necessarily. But it did come as part of the description.

So I can't swear that the line I overheard was a joke. I think it



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Under Yost in 2014, the Royals made their first World Series appearance since winning in all in 1985. Yost delivered a championship to Kansas City in 2015.

was.

The point remains either way: through parts of 10 seasons and 1,580 games as the Royals manager, Yost had his players' backs, and they had his.

He announced he will retire after this season. Time for a new voice for the Royals, and finally to the post-baseball life Yost has always wanted.

Yost and the Royals went through some of their worst times together. They also brought out the best in each other.

Ned Yost is stubborn and proud and has no patience for fools. It's also part of his job description to answer questions from reporters at least four times per day: a beat writers-only meeting followed by a bigger group followed by a one-on-one radio interview before the game, and then a postgame interview.

Add in spring training and the playoffs and Yost has sat to answer reporters' questions well over 10,000 times. Just with the Royals, the number is close to 7,000.

Perhaps it's simply a self-coping mechanism, then, but Yost developed something of a signature in these settings: Yost begins by totally rejecting the question's premise before beginning his answer which, as many times as not, included agreeing with the premise.

My favorite example might be from this spring, when Yost was talking about no-hitters and someone mentioned it sounded like he was superstitious.

"I don't believe in superstition,"

he said. "I really don't. But ... again, I don't believe in it. So I'm not going to talk about it. Guys will be throwing a no-hitter in the seventh inning, I'll look up and see he's throwing a no-hitter and I'll think about it for two pitches, boom, base hit."

It's performance art. It's also a bit of a lie. Or, at least, the perception some take from how he answers questions is a lie.

He can come across as gruff, uninterested, or arrogant. The truth is something else entirely.

His greatest strength as the Royals manager has been belief. He overwhelms players with belief. He defends them without fail publicly, and the basic question he asks himself before making strategic decisions has always been what will instill the most belief.

That's why he somewhat famously refused to pinch hit for Alcides Escobar, why he let Escobar play everyday even as a day of rest may have helped, and why he made Escobar a leadoff hitter when it made not even a crumb of logical sense.

It's why he defined bullpen roles, why he'd often remove a starting pitcher before the statistical possibility of him taking a loss existed, and why he dumped the old-school idea that players shouldn't blast music in the clubhouse or celebrate big plays or even routine wins.

Yost's decision-making chart is plain: Will this create more confidence for the players? If yes, do it. If no, start over.

Yost became the best version of

his professional self once he trusted his coaches more. This is just speculation, but the way it ended in Milwaukee must have been devastating. He lived and bled with that group from the bottom up, and then was fired with his team holding a playoff spot just two weeks before the end of the season.

The general manager who was forced by ownership to make the move has publicly regretted it, but for years that was fan shorthand anytime Yost made a questionable move: That's why the Brewers fired him in a playoff chase!

Put yourself in that situation, and it can be easy to imagine losing trust in others, and being obsessed with the idea of proving your own worth.

Eventually, Yost brought those walls down and everyone flourished. He took direction on bullpen usage, and lineup construction, and obsessed in both the micro and macro on everything from pitch selection to personality management.

After years of dysfunction and locker rooms sometimes splitting into individual agendas, the Royals built themselves up largely on cohesion and playing their best when it was needed most.

They did that with Yost as their manager, and most public face.

Another Ned story. This is three off-seasons ago, when I'd invited myself to his farm in Georgia. Yost was kind enough to spend the day with me, showing all of the 550 acres he owns an hour south of Atlanta.

The place is gorgeous. He has a lake he keeps stocked, deer he keeps stalking, and a dream house that has been recently completed within a short drive of his five best friends.

"People will say, 'You going to be OK after you retire?'" Ned said in a high pitch, making sure to scrunch up his face to show you how absurd he finds the question.

He then laughed, and spit some brown juice into a plastic water bottle.

"I'll be OK."

Most managers who have careers like Yost's stay involved. Yost could become a special assistant to the GM if he wanted, and maybe he will. He'll be asked what's next at a news conference on Tuesday.

My hunch is that this will be a true retirement. He's won the most games of any manager in Royals history, and is the only one to make consecutive World Series. He will step away as baseball's career leader in playoff win percentage. He is a walking symbol of their success, and those are worth keeping around.

But Yost has more than baseball. He and his wife still have the kind of marriage where they tell each other I love you at the end of conversations. Baseball is great, but baseball also keeps a man away from his family and his friends.

From the time he was drafted in 1974, Yost has spent virtually his entire adult life in professional baseball as a player, coach, or manager. That's 45 years. He's 65. He's earned a break.

This is a chance for Yost and Royals to both move on, then. He will forever be an important part of many of their best moments. The only other Royals manager to win a World Series had his number retired.

The Royals need a new voice, too. Yost far outlived the typical life expectancy of a big league manager. These last two teams should not have lost 100 games. That's not all or even mostly on the manager, but maybe a new dugout leader can help.

Mike Matheny figures to be that man. The Royals hired him as a special adviser last November, which is similar to the way they brought in Yost before he replaced Trey Hillman in May 2010.

But there are so many moving parts. Dale Sveum and Pedro Grifol have earned consideration. John Sherman can't officially take over as owner until November but he should be involved in the process.

It's a chance to move forward, then. But whoever replaces Yost can only hope to match his greatest achievement.

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The Virgil Abloh effect

An MCA exhibit on streetwear tested everyone's idea of art

BY STEVE JOHNSON

"Figures of Speech," the big exhibition at MCA Chicago celebrating the artistic output of Rockford-raised, streetwear-turned-high-fashion designer Virgil Abloh, is not like other art museum shows you might have seen.

For one thing, the exhibit — which will end Sunday with dazzling attendance figures — is chockablock with consumer products: rugs Abloh designed for discount furniture giant Ikea, sneakers he crafted for Nike, album covers he conceptualized for Kanye West, clothing he made for his own fashion label Off-White and for the big old-line house Louis Vuitton, where in 2018 Abloh was hired to become menswear artistic director.

There's even an Abloh store that is separate from the exhibition yet essential to it (and also separate from the main MCA museum shop). It is called "Church & State," you can only enter it with an exhibition ticket, and in it you could drop close to \$50 for a fluorescent green trucker cap that says "Figures of Speech" or "FOS" and also has an "Abloh" tag affixed, or you could spend almost \$70 for one of the official show T-shirts. Get one today for your budding sneakerhead nephew elsewhere in the Midwest (I actually did).

And those are only the budget items (and prices on them have

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Muti, CSO a big hit in free concert at Lane Tech

Students, classical music fans relish a special treat

BY JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ

Half an hour before the Chicago Symphony Orchestra was set to perform at Lane Technical College Prep High School, Alexandra Bomhorski, 15, settled into a seat in the auditorium's center front row. Bomhorski, who is a sophomore at the school, plays flute in the concert band and watched as performers tuned their instruments on the stage.

"I don't know what to expect," Bomhorski said. "I'm just excited to hear them for the first time. I hope to get inspired to keep playing. It's not every day the CSO shows up at your school."

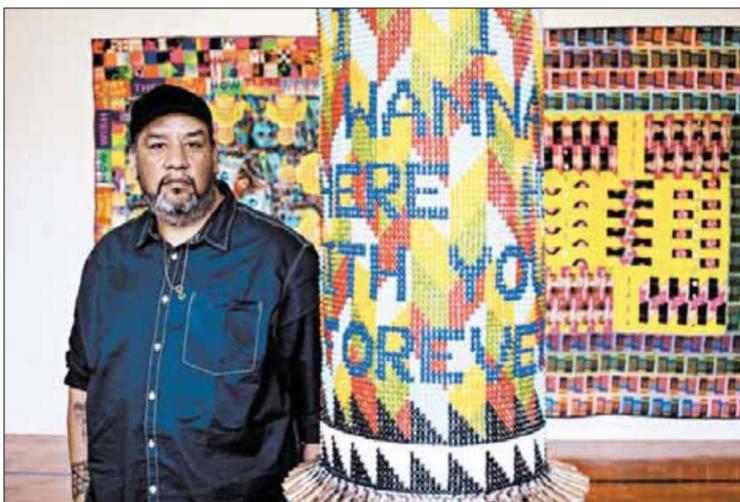
Bomhorski and several hundred classical musical aficionados packed the school's auditorium to watch Riccardo Muti and the CSO perform an all-Sergei Prokofiev program in a free community concert Tuesday evening. The concert marked the 10th community concert open to the public.

Orchestra members dressed in black entered the performance space, greeted by eager fans. Evergreen metal lockers lined the hallway where attendees lined up in hopes of getting great seats. The best seats in the house, however, were reserved for Lane Tech students.

Matthew Doran, a music teacher in Arlington Heights, waited patiently in line to enter the auditorium. Doran said he has seen the CSO dozens of times and always looks forward to the experience.

"As a musician I really value being able to see the world's best

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MACARTHUR FOUNDATION PHOTOS

Top: Lynda Barry is a cartoonist and educator; "Ernie Pook's Comeek" was her weekly comic strip in alternative newspapers. **Middle, left:** Annie Dorsen is a theater director and writer whose work addresses the interface between people and machines; she calls her work "algorithmic theater." **Middle, right:** Emmanuel Pratt is an urban designer and the co-founder and executive director of the Sweet Water Foundation nonprofit on Chicago's South Side. **Above, left:** Jeffrey Gibson is a New York-based multidisciplinary artist whose work merges Native American materials and forms with those of Western contemporary art. **Above, right:** Walter Hood is a landscape artist based in Oakland, Calif., noted for the public spaces he has created in California and elsewhere.

Certified geniuses

Cartoonist Lynda Barry and Chicago urban designer Emmanuel Pratt are among the 26 individuals named MacArthur Fellows for 2019

BY STEVE JOHNSON

Urban designer Emmanuel Pratt and cartoonist Lynda Barry are two of the 26 winners of the 2019 MacArthur Foundation "genius grants," the no-strings-attached \$625,000 prizes given annually to artists, scholars and other creative thinkers, the Chicago-based philanthropy announced Wednesday.

A handful of this year's MacArthur Fellows, as the program is formally known, have Chicago ties, including landscape architect Walter Hood and artist Jeffrey Gibson, both educated at the School of the Art Institute, and theater artist Annie Dorsen, who taught at University of Chicago in recent years. A complete list of the winners is at the bottom of this article.

But Pratt, who lives and works in Chicago, and graphic novelist and educator Barry, who lived here for about a decade and now lives in Madison, Wis., have the strongest connections.

Pratt's Sweet Water Foundation takes what he calls a "holistic" approach to

neighborhood regeneration from its base on Chicago's South Side.

"One of the challenges on the South Side and West Side of Chicago is there's been a depletion of resources, access to capital," Pratt, 42, says in a MacArthur Foundation video. "So a lot of times we don't start with the dollars and the capital. We start with what assets are there, what humans are there, what spaces are available."

This approach plays out at Perry Ave Commons, a community farm and related buildings in the Englewood neighborhood between Washington Park and the Dan Ryan Expressway, and in a plan for new housing that will fill vacant lots in the area.

In an interview, Pratt described a kind of organic urban regeneration that now occupies four contiguous city blocks, with features including a farm and farmers market; the Think-Do House, a renovated 2007 house that Sweet Water says "hosts educational collaborations, community meetings, workshops, retreats and cooking demos"; and the

Thought Barn, a newly constructed open-walled wooden barn for performances and more.

"Come and visit and understand and plug in and share with us," he said. "I honestly think we're building the foundation for what's next."

This year's genius-grant class honors 16 women and 10 men, and with "a little bit more geographic diversity than we've had in recent years," said Cecilia Conrad, who heads the fellows program at the foundation. The money is paid out quarterly over five years.

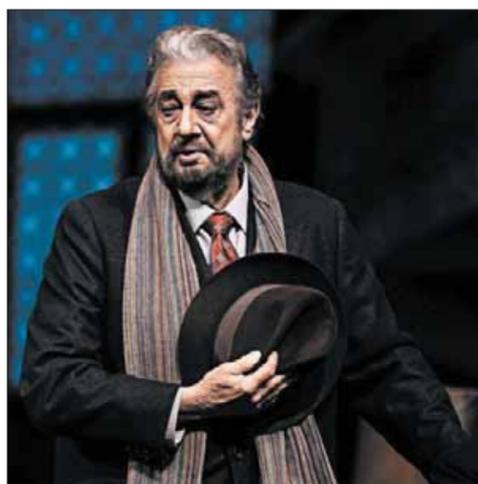
Barry, 63, expects those will be good years. A mainstay of alternative weeklies with her "Ernie Pook's Comeek" weekly strip, she lives in Madison now but spent most of the 1990s as a Chicago and Evanston resident, she said.

On the art faculty at University of Wisconsin, Barry teaches students how to conceive and draw comics and does research on the deeper language of imagery and on helping people defeat the

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Placido Domingo in dress rehearsal for a Metropolitan Opera production in November 2018.

Domingo won't perform 'Macbeth,' or anything else, at NYC's Met

NEW YORK — The show will go on, but Placido Domingo won't be there.

In a surprise announcement Tuesday, the Metropolitan Opera said the beleaguered tenor would no longer debut Wednesday night in a long-planned production of Verdi's "Macbeth" — and will never again grace the venerable venue's stage.

"The Metropolitan Opera confirms that Placido Domingo has agreed to withdraw from all future performances at the Met, effective immediately," the New York company said in a statement. "The Met and Mr. Domingo are in agreement that he needed to step down. The Met has no further comment at this time."

Baritone Zeljko Lucic will assume the title role for all "Macbeth" shows opposite soprano Anna Netrebko, a source confirmed.

Domingo, 78, has been accused of sexual harassment or assault by more than a dozen women going back decades.

"I made my debut at the Metropolitan Opera at the age of 27 and have sung at this magnificent theater for 51 consecutive, glorious years," Domingo said in a statement.

"While I strongly dispute recent allegations made about me, and I am concerned about a climate in which people are condemned without due process, upon reflection I believe that my appearance in this production of 'Macbeth' would distract from the hard work of my colleagues both onstage and behind the scenes," he said. "I am happy that, at the age of 78, I was able to sing the wonderful title role in the dress rehearsal of 'Macbeth,' which I consider my last performance on the Met stage."

— New York Daily News



STAR TRIBUNE

Returning: Al Franken returns to the public sphere with a new weekly radio show on SiriusXM that will blend politics and humor. The former Minnesota senator says the show is not part of any attempt to return to politics. It is Franken's most prominent project since he was forced to resign from the U.S. Senate in 2017 amid sexual misconduct allegations. Franken's first show is Saturday with guest Chris Rock.

Retiring: Jann Wenner will retire next year as chairman of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Foundation in New York. The co-founder and publisher of Rolling Stone magazine is one of the founding members of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and is credited with recruiting the late architect I.M. Pei to create its Cleveland museum. The 73-year-old Wenner will step down Jan. 1 and be replaced by John Sykes, the co-founder of MTV and VH1.

Looking for talent: A new trailer for Netflix's "Rhythm + Flow," the streamer's first music competition series, shows judges Cardi B, Chance the Rapper and Tip "T.I." Harris scouring for undiscovered talent in major cities Los Angeles, New York, Atlanta and Chicago. The 10-episode series, which will be released over a period of three weeks, officially launches Oct. 9.

Sept. 26 birthdays: Singer Bryan Ferry is 74. Actress Mary Beth Hurt is 73. Singer Olivia Newton-John is 71. Country singer Carlene Carter is 64. Actress Linda Hamilton is 63. Actor Jim Caviezel is 51. Singer Shawn Stockman is 47. Actress Zoe Perry is 36.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Sniping strains couples' friendship

Dear Amy: My husband and I have become friends with another couple and have gotten together with them several times, either at one another's homes or by going out.

Each time, over the course of the evening, the wife begins trying to pick a fight with her husband. She speaks to him in a belittling manner, her voice dripping with sarcasm, and points out what she sees as his shortcomings, and though he ignores her, she doesn't stop. As you can imagine, this makes for an intensely uncomfortable time for my husband and me, to the point where we no longer want to socialize with them as a couple.

My husband thinks we should just continue to ignore her venting. I want to tell her either that we now charge for couple's therapy or that if she's going to continue in that vein, she'll have to go home (or we will, if we're out together). I'd like to get your thoughts about how to handle this.

— At a Loss for Words

Dear At a Loss: This sounds like your own unfortunate staging of a living room production of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" so I'm going to refer to this couple as "Martha" and "George."

Martha is creating an uncomfortable situation for everyone. Why would you ignore it? She's not shy about belittling George in public, so maybe you should be less shy about reacting honestly to it. Because this is a pattern with a clear perpetrator, you should call her out. Before agreeing to see

them again, one or both of you should tell Martha, "We enjoy spending time with both of you, but the way you speak to George makes us very uncomfortable. We are bewildered by it and feel bad for him." If alcohol seems to be a factor, then you should also bring this up.

Ideally, your husband would try to speak with George privately, to check in and ask how he feels about this verbal abuse and the relationship overall. Men often seem to find this difficult, but they must find ways to discuss their relationships and support one another.

Dear Amy: A month ago I was diagnosed with an ovarian mass. I will be having surgery to have it removed in two weeks.

When this was announced, my boyfriend started to pull away. He was more distant and wouldn't touch me sexually or romantically.

He said that between work and this stress, he needed space. Two weeks later he broke up with me. He said he doesn't feel the same love anymore and that he likes being alone, but that he wants to come to the hospital to see how I'm feeling and come to my house to see me when I'm recuperating.

I don't want him to visit me, and I told him so! If he doesn't care, then why would he want to see me?

I'm so hurt that he broke up with me two weeks before my surgery.

— Wounded Girlfriend

Dear Wounded: Your ex wants to see you in the hospital because he wants to feel better about his

reaction to your illness. This likely has very little to do with you.

Your diagnosing physician has given you two gifts: the surgery that will restore your health and the knowledge that the guy you were with is not the real deal.

People respond to illness in a variety of ways; your ex might have been thrown by what he interpreted as a sexually related or sex-adjacent health problem. But pulling away when you're uncomfortable or don't understand is what little children do. Functioning and loving adults push through their discomfort for the sake of their loved one.

Let the hospital know that you will not accept a visit from this person.

Dear Amy: I read the letter from "Hurting" with great interest and sympathy. Hurting was bullied during her school years, but I offer a bit of hope regarding her reunion.

I recently attended my 54-year high school reunion. We didn't have nametags, and most of us didn't recognize each other. Hurting's idea of "not knowing" the bully might turn out to be prophetic; he might not know her either!

— Unknown Classmate

Dear Unknown: Reunions are minefields where each of us has to navigate around previous versions of ourselves — and one another.

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'JAY MYSELF' ★★★

Portrait of an artist's expansive collection

By OWEN GLEIBERMAN
Variety

One of my favorite moments in movies comes midway through "My Dinner with Andre," when Wallace Shawn explains to his dinner-and-conversation companion, Andre Gregory, why it would be foolish to try to scale Mount Everest as a way of experiencing life anew. If you could truly see everything that's going on around you, says Shawn, then you'd find just as much mystery and excitement in the cigar store next to this restaurant as you would scaling Everest. Shawn's point might come off a defense of his own couch-potato nature (why bother going to Everest?), but there's a tantalizing life-enhancing Buddhist liberation to it. If you really know, at every moment, what life is, then who's to say that the exact place you're in is any less magical than any other place?

That message — which, when you begin to think about it, can tease out the underlying adventure of every moment — ripples through the lovely small-scale documentary "Jay Myself," even if the film doesn't present itself in that cosmic a way. It comes on, instead, as one of those miniature snapshots of an only-in-New-York oddball and the fluky predicament in which he finds himself. In 1966, photographer Jay Maisel, who was quite the celebrity shutterbug (he was a gallery-level image maker who became the hottest of commercial photographers), bought a building on the Bowery on the east edge of SoHo in New York. He was looking for a place that could serve



MIND HIVE FILMS

Jay Maisel packs up the building in the Bowery that he filled with curios and mechanical objects for 40 years.

No MPAA rating
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as both a home and a studio, and this was literally the first place that any real estate broker showed him: a six-story, 36,000-square-foot Renaissance Revival landmark that had been built, in 1898, as a commercial bank; it sat like a fortress on the corner of the Bowery and Spring Street. The purchase price was \$102,000, and the down payment, which Maisel says he couldn't afford, was \$25,000. But when he tricked Life magazine, almost by accident, into doubling his pay for a 10-page spread, the fee for that assignment came to \$25,000. So he figured he would take the plunge.

"Jay Myself" was shot in 2015, when Maisel, who occupied the building that became known as The Bank for 50 years, sold it because he could no longer handle the maintenance costs, which had ballooned to \$300,000 a year. The movie is really about how Maisel used The Bank for the half century he was in it — as a storage space for his sprawling, ever-expanding collection of cherished objects. Most of the 72 rooms at 190 Bowery were devoted to housing Maisel's impossibly vast collection of trinkets, tools, geometric baubles, mechanical objects, bits and pieces of mechanical objects, curios and gimcracks,

toys and bric-a-brac — an endless ramshackle trove of what some might call "junk," but that Maisel saw as treasure.

At first, as Maisel gives us a tour of all the stuff he's collected in all his rooms, we run through the standard jokes in our heads about hoarding, OCD, etc. Between his noody personality and his junk-museum building, we think, "Is the entire film going to be about *this*?"

It's not. "Jay Myself" is a portrait of the luminous artist. Jay Maisel was in his heyday, and still is (he started in 1954, and his black-and-white photographs of jazz and movie stars in the '50s are bedazzling). The minor splendor of the movie is the connection it makes between his photographs, which are miraculous compositions of everyday light and color, and the way that he lived, treating the random objects he collected as sacred, because what he knew is that they weren't just objects.

A number of noted artists, such as Robert Rauschenberg, were buying buildings at the time, and "Jay Myself" is, among other things, an eccentrically fantastic piece of real estate porn.

But it's really about how Jay Maisel, through his camera lens, takes in the world: as a place where every building, every street, every object, every person is endowed with a nearly mystical beauty.

BOOK REVIEW

Resonant novel for the current era

Future feminists set stage for sci-fi

BY GARY K. WOLFE
Chicago Tribune

“Editing the past” commonly means rewriting the narrative to celebrate certain people or values and — sometimes — to render others almost invisible. But science fiction, from Isaac Asimov and Poul Anderson to “Back to the Future,” has often asked what if we could *really* change the past, and thus the present, using the magic of time travel? At their best, such stories combine the appeal of good historical fiction with futuristic speculation, which is certainly the case with Annalee Newitz’s provocative second novel, following her 2017 “Autonomous.” Set partly in the punk Southern California of 1992, partly in a somewhat ominous and slightly dystopian 2022, and partly in other historical eras — mostly Chicago in 1893 — it outlines a near-epic battle for control of the timelines (none of which, by the way, are our own).

The main struggle is between a racially and gender-diverse group of future feminists calling themselves the Daughters of Harriet — named for Harriet Tubman, who in their timeline had become a famous senator — and the “Comstockers,” followers of the notorious postal censor and self-righteous 19th-century moral crusader Anthony Comstock (after whom George Bernard Shaw coined the contemptuous term “Comstockery”). The Comstockers are out to alter history to prevent all progress in wom-

en’s rights to lock in their own “Handmaid’s Tale” version of toxic masculinity. Meanwhile, the Daughters of Harriet, who advocate not only for women but for the LGBTQ community, try to foil them at various key points in history. The question of whose history gets suppressed and whose doesn’t is one of the central questions of the novel, making it eerily timely for our own cultural debates.

But editing history isn’t as simple as either group would like to believe. For one thing, major events can’t be altered, so the actual effects on history result from the accumulation of smaller edits, whose results can’t easily be predicted. Newitz doesn’t bother much with the technology of time travel — there are no magical DeLoreans here — but rather imagines that, in her world, time travel has always existed, thanks to the unique properties of five geological formations or “Machines” scattered around the globe, which have been there for millions of years. No one knows where they came from, but tapping certain patterns into these formations opens up gates to different time periods.

When the Comstockers’ plot is discovered, two key periods seem to be crucial: California in 1992 and Chicago in 1893, during the World Columbian Exposition. Newitz’s meticulously researched portrait of the latter includes fascinating sketches of real-life historical figures, such as the anarchist Lucy Parsons, Little Egypt (who may have



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Annalee Newitz’s new novel is set in dystopian 2022, Chicago in 1893 and California in 1992.

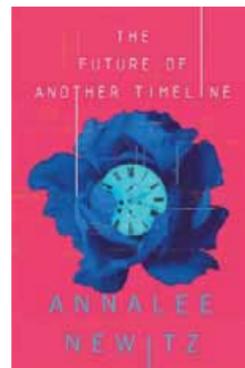
been a composite of several exotic dancers at the fair), and even the little-known music publisher Sol Bloom (who later became a senator advocating immigrant rights). Comstock himself shows up, spouting a brand of paternalistic misogyny that would seem almost comically archaic, until we remember that exactly the same kind of rhetoric shows up all over the internet and on TV these days.

While these and other minor characters — including an unexpected ally for the women who arrives from 500 years in the future — are fascinating, the real emotional weight of

the novel is carried by the main characters: Tess, a hard-edge geoscientist from 2022 who, as part of the effort to rescue women’s history, travels to a Riot Grrrl punk rock concert in “Alta California” in 1992, and Beth, a teenager living in that California, who attends that same concert.

Beth has problems of her own that have nothing to do with time travel, including an unexpected pregnancy, boyfriend problems, a mentally unstable father who demands perfect grades, and a passive mother who fails to protect her. Most problematic is her close friend Lizzy, who

violently murders an abusive would-be rapist and entangles Beth in a scheme to dispose of the body. Even worse, Lizzy becomes a kind of one-woman crusade against toxic males by developing a taste for murder, and after Tess and Beth meet, we learn that one of Tess’ reasons for visiting 1992 is to warn Beth to steer clear of Lizzy, for reasons that become clear in a neat plot twist. Even apparently random decisions that Beth makes in 1992 can reverberate all up and down the timelines, in a version of the “butterfly effect” popularized by Ray Bradbury’s classic story “A



‘The Future of Another Timeline’

By Annalee Newitz, Tor, 352 pages, \$26.99

Sound of Thunder.”

Sometimes Newitz’s complex conditions for time travel sound like arbitrary game rules: No one can visit the same time and place twice, multiple people can’t travel at the same time, only those who have lived for years near one of the Machines can use them at all. While this unnecessarily complicates the first half of the novel, Newitz more than makes up for it with her vivid portrait of the raucous South Side of Chicago during the World’s Fair — incidentally revealing the little-known important roles that women played in that spectacle — and especially with her portrait of the young punk-wannabe Beth trying to negotiate her way through a troubled adolescence in the 1990s. Those who have no interest in time travel or alternate timelines will find Beth’s story affecting, and the lesson she gradually learns — that the future is built piece by piece from the small decisions we make today — is one we could all keep in mind.

Gary K. Wolfe, editor of the forthcoming “American Science Fiction: Eight Classic Novels of the 1960s” (Library of America), is a frequent Tribune contributor.

Woodson on writing process: ‘Characters sneak up on you’

BY MOIRA MACDONALD
The Seattle Times

Jacqueline Woodson’s latest novel, “Red at the Bone,” begins with an orchestra playing music, the murmur of a room full of relatives, a brownstone staircase on which a teenage girl in a dress once made for her mother descends. “Finally sixteen,” the character muses, “and the moment like a hand holding me out to the world.”

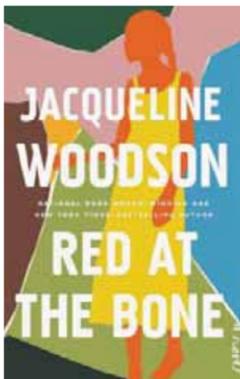
It’s the start of a book that floats among the perspectives of several main characters, all members of two very different black families in New York. Their lives are united after an unexpected teenage pregnancy resulting in

Melody, the young woman we meet in the opening pages. Time moves backward and forward in the novel, showing us where characters have been, what made them who they are, where they are going.

“I’m starting the reader smack dab in the center of something, not a once upon a time,” said Woodson, in a telephone interview from her Brooklyn home this month. “You’re coming into something that is already in progress. ... I had to go back and forward and be in the present and the past, because if I just tried to tell a story in one place in time, it wouldn’t be true.”

“As an author, I have all of those gazes so I can move around in time, and hope that the reader trusts that I’m going to deliver them to a specific place.”

Woodson is the author of more than two-dozen books. Much of Woodson’s work, including the National Book Award-winning “Brown Girl Dreaming,” has been for young readers; “Red at the Bone” is one of her few books for adults, following “Another Brooklyn” in 2016.



‘Red at the Bone’

By Jacqueline Woodson, Riverhead, 208 pages, \$26

Woodson says she generally works on two or three books simultaneously. “If I’m writing something that feels short and poetic and immediate, it’s probably going to be a picture book,” she said. “If I’m writing in the voice of a young person, and it’s not an adult looking back but that immediate voice of a young person, I know it’s going to be targeted on young people.”

But sometimes it takes a couple of drafts to figure out exactly who the story is for. “Sometimes I start in the voice of an 11-year-old boy, and I realize, nah, this kid is actually 25. It’s something different. Then I begin reshaping the story.”

The initial spark for “Red at the Bone” came from Woodson’s desire to write something about the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre, a vivid memory for Melody’s grandmother. “There is so little written about it that young people don’t study it,” Woodson said. In two days of violence, a thriving black neighborhood was looted and burned by white rioters. As many as 300 people may have been killed, and thou-

sands of black Tulsans were imprisoned or interned.

Woodson wanted to convey “the enormity of the damage, the enormity of the destruction of black wealth.” The massacre casts a shadow in the family; from the grandmother who remembers it to her daughter and granddaughter who don’t, but who understand why the elder generation so carefully guarded what was theirs.

Getting to know the characters is a huge part of Woodson’s process. “Characters sneak up on you,” she said. “You wonder where they came from and why you became the vehicle for their stories.”

She described one moment that came to her early, involving Melody’s father, Aubrey. Aubrey grew up poor, and in the book’s early birthday party scene he stands in the elegant brownstone where his daughter lives. “He doesn’t know what to do with his hands,” said Woodson, describing the moment. “He’s in a different place, he’s a young dad, in a different economic class ... As it became more and more clear who he was, that moment made more and more sense to me.”

These days, Woodson’s at work on a middle-grade book, a picture book, a newspaper article and a television adaptation of her book “Behind You”; she’s fairly new to screenwriting, but likes it. “It’s interesting for me in that I kind of have to shut off my narrative voice,” she said. “But I’m seeing how it kind of seeps into my fiction and dries it out a little bit, and I don’t want that to happen.”

Asked about the title, “Red at the Bone,” Woodson said it felt like the truth for the characters. “All of them, and each of us, is still in the making, still cooking, still fragile,” she said.

BOOK REVIEW

Unger’s new thriller delves into a woman’s traumatic past

BY COLETTE BANCROFT
Tampa Bay Times

The first two chapters of Lisa Unger’s riveting new novel, “The Stranger Inside,” almost seem to belong to different books.

The first, a prologue titled “Last Night,” is deeply creepy, narrated in first-person by a nameless voice, intimately addressing a likewise nameless “you.” That narrator enters a stranger’s darkened house and, explaining all the while, methodically commits a murder.

Turn the page and you’re in a different world: the exhausting, exhilarating, warm world of new motherhood. A young woman named Rain Winter is awakened by the coos of her year-old daughter, Lily: “A perfect cherub floated on a cloud next to a white stuffed bear. A little burrito in her loose fleece swaddle.”

Rain adores her little girl, and her relationship with her husband, Greg, is strong despite the stresses that caring for a baby can bring. They agreed, when she became pregnant, that she would leave her job as a producer for a radio news program to be a stay-at-home parent.

Then, Rain made the choice happily. Although she was ambitious and loved the adrenaline charge of her work, she was burned out by covering a brutal murder case — the stabbing deaths of a pregnant woman and her unborn baby — and the acquittal of the woman’s husband. Rain was sure Steve Markham was guilty, and when he was freed she was overwhelmed by a sense of futility. “It was the case that did her in,” Unger writes. “The ugliness of it; she was sick with it, like a flu she couldn’t shake.”

But now, after more



‘The Stranger Inside’

By Lisa Unger, Park Row, 374 pages, \$26.99

than a year at home, Rain is beginning to miss her job and to wonder if it’s time to dip a toe into freelancing. She’s jogging to the park with Lily in her stroller, the picture of cheerful domesticity, when she hears her best friend and former work partner, Gillian Murray, report breaking news: Steve Markham has been found dead.

All Rain’s reporting reflexes kick in. She’s on the phone to Gillian, to a law enforcement source, to her friend Henry, a true-crime blogger and hacker who is not especially dainty about journalistic ethics. Every one of them tells her that Markham’s death is being investigated by federal agents, who are closely guarding any information about it.

One source does give her a handhold: The Markham case might be related to the death of someone known as the Boston Boogeyman, another killer who was not convicted, but then was murdered in the same way he had killed others. And there could be at least one other connected

murder: that of a man named Eugene Kresky.

That name doesn’t just trigger Rain’s investigative instincts. It catapults her emotionally into her past, a past she has no desire to relive.

Rain was not always her name. At age 12, she was a free-range suburban kid, spending whole days roaming their safe little neighborhood with her friends Tess and Hank. One day, taking a shortcut through the woods, they met a big man with a big dog. They’re grown now, but Rain’s journalism career and her friend’s profession as a criminal psychologist clearly both grew out of the trauma they suffered as a result of that meeting. And now it seems, more than ever, that they haven’t left that day behind.

As Rain’s story unfolds in unexpected directions, that anonymous voice keeps insinuating itself, becoming more disturbing each time. In “The Stranger Inside,” as in her other 16 novels, Unger builds believable characters whose lives seem ordinary until they are plummeted into some extreme situation that changes how they see the world, and themselves. Often, the aftershocks last for a lifetime.

Her books are first-rate crime fiction, but the most engrossing questions they pose aren’t really who committed a crime, but why it happened. For journalist Rain, it’s “One of the burning questions, the one that always interested her most. Who? What? When? Where? All important. But ‘Why?’ In news it didn’t matter so much.

“But in story — Story with a capital S — it was heart and soul.”

MCA

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been cut by about 25% as the show nears its end date): You can spend several hundred for an actual Off-White brand Abloh T-shirt or handbag, ever ready to proclaim itself as being “Off-White.” What’s the point of a \$300 T-shirt if the people around you think it’s just another cotton shirt with an image on it?

Meanwhile in the galleries, the “art” Abloh has made expressly for this show feels like the lesser of the outputs next to the consumer goods. The Ikea rug with “Keep Off” in the center is clever. Kanye’s 2013 “Yeezus” album is a classic, and many visitors treat the oversize version of the cover art like a sacred icon. The de- or re-constructed Nikes say, or at least suggest, something about the perils of overvaluing a mass-market consumer product.

But is the giant billboard on the back worth the space it occupies? Do the graffiti-adorned concrete park benches he’s fabricated, a nod to the skateboard culture that was part of his youth, really merit spots in an art museum?

The answer is that you — as, say, a dedicated museum-goer of a certain age, perhaps even a board member at such a museum — can walk through the show wringing your hands about esthetic purity and selling out and why is Abloh’s DJ setup on display here?

And it does not matter. Because the other thing that’s been very hard not to notice is that this show about a 38-year-old fashion designer is perhaps not for you.

MCA, with its policy of always rotating its exhibits and trying to live up to the “C” in its title, draws a younger crowd on a normal day: About 60% of its audi-



E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Designer Corneil Griffin found inspiration when he visited the Museum of Contemporary Chicago’s “Figures of Speech” exhibit from Virgil Abloh.

ence is between 18 and 35, the museum says, which is already enviable in the museum world.

The Abloh crowd has been especially young and especially diverse. It’s leaning heavily to 25-and-unders, officials say. And if old people are there, it’s probably because their kids made them come with, says Michael Darling, the MCA chief curator who brought Abloh into the museum. (He also curated MCA’s most popular exhibition, 2017’s “The Octopus Eats Its Own Leg,” the examination of Japanese pop artist — and sometime Abloh collaborator — Takashi Murakami. Abloh is likely to finish as the museum’s third most popular show.)

“The thing that I was really looking forward to is just seeing what the audience was going to be like,” Darling said. “And it’s been really fun just seeing, you know, such a young audience and such a diverse audience and everybody’s coming dressed up to go to

the exhibition — the street wear crowd is very considered in what they’re wearing. It’s highly, highly pre-planned and connoisseurial.”

So the show is for the ‘tween from the suburbs and his pals, wearing the most carefully thought-out outfits you’ll find in the vicinity of Michigan Avenue — and that, considering all the Chicago money that lives in the nearby high-rises, is saying something.

It’s for Corneil Griffin, a 31-year-old designer from Hyde Park and Los Angeles whom our photographer spotted at the show in neon green oversize Balenciaga sneakers (the Triple S model, Griffin said later) and who dreams of having his own museum show some day.

“I didn’t go with a crew,” he said by phone afterward. “I needed the first time to be able to pay attention. I threw my AirPods in and literally took it all in.”

He was immediately impressed by the consis-

tency and clarity of Abloh’s vision, said Griffin, who runs Griffin Direction Interiors, plus home-good and eyewear lines under his name so that he has “high tier, mid tier and low tier.”

“At first it seemed like a ploy — good marketing for Vuitton,” Griffin said. Then it seemed like much more. “It was crazy to see the beginning portion. That’s what really stuck out to me, what he was doing pre-‘the blowup.’ To see he’s been consistent. He’s been kind of deep with it for a while. He’s not new. He’s new to the world.”

And it’s inspirational, he added. “I look at it, I see a young black kid from the Chicago area ... a little broke kid who had some art education. I see somebody who uses very little to make an impact because they have a critical thought process. They know how to add” to existing objects.

Even while it’s lured new audiences, “Figures of Speech” has resonated outward in ways that are

also atypical, helping spread something of the gospel of streetwear around Chicago even more than it already has.

Some of it was the big brands already associated with streetwear wanting to make sure they catch whatever wave Abloh was going to bring to town. Vuitton did a pop-up store in the West Loop where many of the Abloh-designed goods were in orange, and the store itself was clad in that color, too.

Nike used an empty Michigan Avenue storefront to host an Abloh-themed sneaker lab that showed product but also aimed to let youth try their own hand at designing.

The Apple Store, further south on Michigan, collaborated with MCA to host a series of streetwear events through July.

ComplexCon, the streetwear-heavy fashion, art and music event, convened for the first time outside of California at McCormick Place in July, even as it left out local streetwear pioneer Leaders 1354.

And East Garfield Park saw a pop-up Museum of Street Wear weekend event showcasing independent designers. As all that was happening the Virgil summer brought news that Stadium Goods, a mostly online reseller of highly collectible sneakers, was opening a brick-and-mortar store on the Gold Coast, and Drake planned to open one of his October’s Very Own streetwear stores in roughly the same neighborhood.

Much of this, certainly, has been percolating independent of the Abloh exhibition. The point is, rather, that these things are all tapping into the same zeitgeist that sees so-called “streetwear” elbowing its way into a prominent cultural place.

For traditionalists, and even for curators who’ve been at the leading edge of cultural trends in the past, there’s a learning curve.

“I kind of understood the fashion world,” said the MCA’s Darling, “but this wrinkle of the streetwear part was definitely new to me. And the thing that’s maybe my biggest learning curve via Virgil is thinking about streetwear as a legitimate art form and how it really parallels contemporary art in so many ways.”

“It’s about appropriation, subversion and using texts to carry so much of the message — and irony. Contemporary art, if it’s indebted to Warhol and Duchamp primarily, streetwear is exactly the same lineage in so many ways. Things are being said in this medium of streetwear that I think should be taken more seriously as social commentary.”

So will the success of the Abloh show change anything? For many who’ve come up through the museum ranks, it’s probably hard to look at all that merch — all the stuff making overt the idea that art is about commerce — and think yes.

On the other hand, it’s hard to look at those 180,000 visitors and their demographics and think no. One of the great problems in the big cultural institutions is that it’s the same group of people trundling from one grand building to the next. Even for those people, it gets a little tepid seeing the same faces, more or less, at show after show.

If a skater-turned-architecture student-turned-designer from Rockford can alter that equation, if his art speaks to new audiences even while savvy curators can help make the academic case for it, then at some point a “Museum of Street Wear” might be more than just a pop up. And it’s up to the rest of us to spend the time to figure out why.

After its Sunday close in Chicago, “Figures of Speech” travels to Atlanta next and then Boston.

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Geniuses

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voice in their head telling them they can’t draw.

A voice she almost didn’t hear was Conrad’s informing her of the windfall. “I hung up on them about seven times,” she recalled. “I just thought I was getting all these robo-calls, and I was getting really ticked off about it.”

Said Conrad: “I think she blocked my phone number. We considered driving up there.”

But finally the foundation got a message through to Barry that this is a call she should take.

“I was flooded with this realization that I was really going to get to apply myself to this work I’ve sort of been chasing after for 20 years,” the artist said, “which is this whole thing about images and how they travel between people and why we use them.”

Key to that has been working with 4-year-olds, she said, because she considers them on an important developmental cusp, before drawing and writing start being identified as separate forms of communication.

“So that was when I started crying,” Barry said. “And then the other thing that happened was after I hung up, both my fists went up into the air, you know, like ‘Woo!’ But I couldn’t bring them down for a really long time. The only other time that happened to me was when Obama got elected. I couldn’t bring them down.”

“The honor of it, my god. It’s just such a magical, amazing thing. I’m so, so excited about the next five years and the work I’m going to be able to do. I’m so grateful for that.”

“Ernie Pook’s Comeek” ran in alternative newspapers nationwide through the 1980s and ’90s until Barry ended it in 2008 amid the general decline of alt-weeklies. She’s had success with graphic novels, including 1988’s “The Good Times Are Killing Me.”

Coming out in November, her next book, “Making Comics,” gathers some of the best exercises and

techniques Barry has developed for helping people unlock creativity.

“She has a long history of being creative as a cartoonist, as a graphic artist and as a writer,” said Conrad. “But I think what has really been exciting is the turn she’s taken in recent years to think about how to help others express their creativity, to develop a new pedagogy around creative pursuits and then to share that with others in some of her recent writing.”

With Pratt, the MacArthur program head identified the breadth and ambition of his work as being significant.

“What makes Emmanuel Pratt stand out for me is that there is a kind of a vibrant urban farming movement across the country,” said Conrad. “And people think about the urban farm in terms of getting people to think about their diets and to address, in some cases, food deserts.”

“But his practice is much broader. It is an educational project. It’s a building-skills-sets-for-construction-trades project. It is revitalizing. It is a holistic approach to helping a community find a nexus, a place where they can come together and do something that just creates beauty and also creates opportunity.”

Trained in architecture and urban design at Cornell and Columbia universities, Pratt co-founded and executive directs Sweet Water, which lists a wide range of projects dedicated to “what it takes to really build a neighborhood back up from the ground up,” he said in the MacArthur video.

There is an urban ecology apprenticeship program for youth, and the foundation’s Perry Ave Community Farm helps feed 200 families weekly through a “pay-what-you-can market stand,” says the foundation’s 2018 annual summary.

Pratt and the nonprofit are frequent contributors to art exhibitions around town. In the just-opened Chicago Architecture Biennial, inside the Chicago Cultural Center, he has the wood frame of a new Chicago worker’s cottage, a reference to much of the

housing that still exists in Englewood, he said, and to future hopes for the city.

Sweet Water’s motto is “There GROWS the neighborhood,” and Pratt said he feels it happening.

“It accelerates, it grows, as more people understand it,” Pratt said. “It’s super energizing.”

He’s fortunate that his organization has developed so much space because he had to move across much of it to quietly take the call from MacArthur informing him he had won, he said.

“I walked away from the Think-Do House, walked across the street through the sunflowers, then sat down in the Thought Barn and took the rest of the call,” Pratt said. “What’s so exciting about the recognition of the fellowship is it reaffirms that (the nonprofit’s work) is being recognized.”

Beyond the Chicago ties of Pratt and Barry, the other genius grant winners with Chicago ties are listed first in the following descriptions of the other 24 winners.

More detailed information is at www.macfound.org.

Annie Dorsen, 45, Brooklyn, N.Y.: A visiting theater professor at the University of Chicago from 2017 through this past spring, Dorsen is “pioneering a new genre of theater,” the foundation says, “algorithmic theater,” in which algorithmically determined texts are generated in real time for each performance of a piece.”

Jeffrey Gibson, 47, Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y.: With a bachelor’s degree from the School of the Art Institute, Gibson calls on his Cherokee-Choctaw heritage and merges the traditional with the contemporary, “prompting a shift in how Native American art is perceived and historicized,” says the foundation.

Walter Hood, 61, Oakland, Calif.: Hood received an MFA from SAIC in 2013. He founded Hood Design Studio and teaches landscape architecture and urban design at the University of California Berkeley. He has designed land-

scapes for overlooked urban spaces such as traffic islands but also done institutional work such as the gardens of the M. H. de Young Museum in Golden State Park.

Mary Halvorson, 38, New York City: The guitarist, composer and ensemble leader “at the intersection of jazz and rock” will be performing at the Hyde Park Jazz Festival later this month.

Elizabeth Anderson, 59, Ann Arbor, Mich.: The University of Michigan philosophy professor examines “how evolving concepts of freedom and equality are experienced in our daily lives,” according to MacArthur.

sujatha baliga, 48, Oakland, Calif.: In Oakland, baliga leads programs for restorative justice aimed at helping people who’ve been victimized by crime become whole. Her work is spreading to cities across the country.

Mel Chin, 67, Egypt, N.C.: Chin’s artwork defies categorization, the foundation says, even as it raises awareness of social concerns. For instance: He had a 60-foot-tall Times Square sculpture that looked like a wrecked ship; through VR goggles, people could see around the ship what New York City water levels would be like as the climate catastrophically warms.

Danielle Citron, 50, Boston: A Boston University law professor, Citron focuses on various forms of cyberbullying and other online interpersonal violence.

Lisa Daugaard, 53, Seattle: A lawyer and criminal justice reformer with the Public Defender Association, Daugaard has developed a program for drug offenders that proposes alternatives to traditional criminal-justice punishment.

Andrea Dutton, 46, Madison: A paleoclimatologist and geochemist at the University of Wisconsin, she studies sea levels from the last interglacial period, 125,000 years ago, to pre-

dict how the seas might rise in the near future.

Saidiya Hartman, 58, New York City: An English professor at Columbia, Hartman examines “the afterlife of slavery in modern American life” through writing that melds history and imagination.

Kelly Lytle Hernandez, 45, Los Angeles: A history professor at UCLA, Lytle Hernandez challenges “long-held beliefs about the origins, ideology and systemic evolution of America’s modern-day incarceration and immigrant-detention practices,” says the foundation.

Stacy Jupiter, 43, Suva, Fiji: A marine ecologist, Jupiter works with the Wildlife Conservation Society “integrating local cultural practices with field research to develop conservation solutions that protect both the biodiversity of coastal ecosystems and the well-being of communities dependent on them.”

Zachary Lippman, 41, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y.: A plant biologist at Cold Spring Harbor Lab, Lippman grew up on a farm raising pumpkins competitively, the foundation says, and he now uses CRISPR to try to boost yield in crops such as tomatoes.

Valeria Luiselli, 36, Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y.: “Challenging conventional notions of authorship in fiction, essays, and inventive hybrids of the two,” Luiselli has published widely including 2011’s “Los Ingrávidos,” translated into English as “Faces in the Crowd.”

Sarah Michelson, 55, New York City: This choreographer is “expanding the scope of contemporary dance in works that extend and subvert classical, modern and postmodern traditions” even as they acknowledge the role of aging in a dancer’s life.

Jeffery Alan Miller, 35, Montclair, N.J.: Studying John Milton and his contemporaries, Miller is a Montclair State University English professor “who is shedding light on the emer-

gence of key ideas about the role of faith in daily life and government among Reformation and Renaissance scholars.”

Jerry Mitrovica, 58, Cambridge, Mass.: The Harvard theoretical geophysicist does interdisciplinary studies to help us model the impact of climate change on sea level.

Cameron Rowland, 30, Queens, N.Y.: One of two 30-year-olds in the 2019 class, the conceptual artist is known for extensively researched work that, for instance, might demonstrate how the museum Rowland is showing in benefits from systemic racism.

Vanessa Ruta, 45, New York City: The Rockefeller University neuroscientist has been using fruit flies to study “how stimuli in the physical world shape the function of neural circuits and are translated into innate and learned behaviors.”

Joshua Tenenbaum, 47, Cambridge, Mass.: The cognitive scientist at MIT studies ways to bring artificial intelligence closer to human cognition capabilities.

Jenny Tung, 37, Durham, N.C.: An evolutionary anthropologist and geneticist at Duke, Tung studies baboons both in the wild and in the lab to try to understand new ways social experiences, genomics and health might be linked.

Ocean Vuong, 30, Amherst, Mass.: Vuong is a poet and a fiction writer based at the University of Massachusetts. He came to the U.S. from Vietnam at age 2. “Night Sky with Exit Wounds” (2016) is his first full-length poetry collection.

Emily Wilson, 47, Philadelphia: A classicist at the University of Pennsylvania, Wilson won acclaim for her “spare and sonorous” 2017 translation of “The Odyssey” and is now working on “The Iliad.”

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WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Patricia Heaton

"Carol's Second Act" (8:30 p.m., CBS): Network TV is a real jungle these days, but Patricia Heaton has had two long-running successes with "Everybody Loves Raymond" and "The Middle." This new sitcom casts the double Emmy winner as Carol Kenney, a recent divorcee with empty-nest syndrome who takes a leap of faith to pursue her long-deferred dream of becoming a doctor. She's well into middle age, though, putting her out of sync with her fellow interns. Kyle MacLachlan, Jean-Luc Bilodeau and Ashley Tisdale also star.

"Young Sheldon" (7 p.m., CBS): After Sheldon's (Iain Armitage) close friend and mentor Dr. Sturgis (recurring guest star Wallace Shawn) suffers a severe nervous breakdown, a worried Mary (Zoe Perry) begins to fret that her intense and ambitious little boy is heading down the same unhappy path as Season 3 opens with "Quirky Eggheads and Texas Snow Globes."

"Superstore" (7 p.m., NBC): The Season 5 premiere, "Cloud 9.0," picks up the action just a few hours after the startling Season 4 finale, which saw undocumented store employee Mateo (Nico Santos) hauled away by ICE agents. As the Cloud 9 staff tries to offer what support they can, Amy (America Ferrera) continues her new managerial role, while covertly trying to gain information to help her staff form a union. Justina Machado joins the cast as Maya, the new district manager.

"Perfect Harmony" (7:30 p.m., NBC): Bradley Whitford ("The West Wing") stars in this new character-driven ensemble sitcom from Lesley Wake Webster ("Go On"), which casts the Emmy-winning actor as former Princeton music professor Arthur Cochran, who stumbles into a new pastime in a small-town church. The choir there has musical promise, but their quirky personalities are often out of tune with one another.

"The Unicorn" (7:31 p.m., CBS): Walton Goggins ("Justified") stars in this promising new sitcom as Wade, who has thrown himself wholeheartedly into being dad to his two daughters (Ruby Jay, Makenzie Moss) since his wife's death a year ago. In the series premiere, Wade warily ponders re-entering the dating pool, much to the delight of his friends.

"Mom" (8:01 p.m., CBS): As Season 7 of this critically acclaimed comedy opens, Bonnie and Adam (Allison Janney, William Fichtner) are away on their perfect honeymoon, although she typically can't relax and stop obsessing over whether it's as perfect as it's supposed to be. Back home, while the dysfunctional and emotionally manipulative cat's away, Christy (Anna Faris) makes some decidedly questionable changes at the bar.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Former United States Senator Al Franken.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Comic Michael Che; comic Colin Hanks; TV personality Robert Irwin; Pusha T performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.); Brittany Howard performs.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Viola Davis ("How to Get Away With Murder"); Christian Slater ("Mr. Robot"); Gary Clark Jr. performs.*

* Subject to change

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THURSDAY EVENING, SEP. 26

		MOVIES							
		PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS	2	Young Sheldon (Season Premiere) (N)	(7:31) The Unicorn (Series Premiere) (N)	(8:01) Mom (Season Premiere) (N) ©	Carol's Second Act (Series Premiere) (N)	Evil: "Pilot." (Series Premiere) (N) ©	News (N) *	
	NBC	5	Superstore (Season Premiere) (N) ©	Perfect Harmony (Series Premiere) (N)	The Good Place (Season Premiere) (N)	(8:31) Sunnyside (Series Premiere) (N)	(9:01) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (Season Premiere) (N)	NBC 5 News (N) *	
	ABC	7	Grey's Anatomy: "Nothing Left to Cling To." (Season Premiere) (N) ©		(8:01) A Million Little Things (Season Premiere) (N) ©		(9:01) How to Get Away With Murder (Season Premiere) (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) *	
	WGN	9	black-ish ©	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) ©	WGN News at Ten (N)	
	Antenna	9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©	3's Comp.	
	This TV	9.3	Class (R,'83) **	Jacqueline Bisset, Rob Lowe. ©			Teen Wolf (PG,'85) **	Michael J. Fox. ©	
	PBS	11	Chicago Tonight (N)		The Secret Life of Dogs		Santana IV	Court at the Heart (N) *	
	CW	26.1	The Outpost (N) ©		The Outpost (Season Finale) (N) ©		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	The U	26.2	Dr. Phil ©		Tamron Hall (N) ©		The Steve Wilkos Show	Cops ©	
	MeTV	26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
H&I	26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek *		
Bounce	26.5	The Game	The Game	In the Cut	Family Time	New Jack City (R,'91) ***	Ice-T © *		
FOX	32	NFL Football: Philadelphia Eagles at Green Bay Packers. (N) (Live) ©							
CABLE	AE	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam *
	AMC	The Hangover (R,'09) ***	Bradley Cooper. ©			(9:15) Ace Ventura: Pet Detective *			
	ANIM	River Monsters: "Face Ripper." ©				River Monsters © *			
	BBCA	Jaws (PG,'75) ****	Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw. ©					Jaws 2 *** *	
	BET	*(5:30) Shaft (R,'00) **		Harlem Nights (R,'89) **	Eddie Murphy, Richard Pryor. *				
	BIGTEN	*(5:30) Wm. Soccer (N)		Women's College Soccer: Illinois at Iowa. (N) ©				BLG Show *	
	BRAVO	Below Deck		Million Dollar Listing (N)		Million Dollar Listing		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	*(7:55) The Office	The Office	(7:55) The Comedy Central Roast: "Alec Baldwin." *				Daily (Sea-)	
DISC	Naked and Afraid ©		Naked and Afraid: "River, Rain and Jealousy." (N) © *						
DISN	Raven	Roll With It	Jessie ©	Jessie ©	Coop	Sydney-Max	Raven		
DI	The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13,'06) ***	Meryl Streep. ©				Nightly (N)	Devil *		
ESPN	College Football: Navy at Memphis. (N) (Live)						SportCtr (N)		
ESPN2	*(6:00) Basketball	WNBA Basketball: Playoffs: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)					NBA: The Jump (N) ©		
FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©			The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News		
FOOD	Kids Halloween		Kids Baking (N)			Beat Flay (N) Flay List (N)	Beat Bobby		
FREE	*(5:30) Finding Nemo ('03)		Finding Dory (PG,'16) ***			Voices of Ellen DeGeneres.	700 Club *		
FX	*(6:30) Atomic Blonde (R,'17) ***	Charlize Theron.				Inbetween Inbetween	Inbetween		
HALL	A Country Wedding (NR,'15)	Jesse Metcalfe. ©				Surprised by Love (NR,'15) © *			
HGTV	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip (N)	Flip or Flop		Hunters (N) Hunt Intl (N)	Selling		
HIST	American Pickers: Bonus Buys: "Pickin' Hollywood." (N) © *								
HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic		
IFC	*(5:30) Trading Places (R)	Tropic Thunder (R,'08) ***	Ben Stiller, Jack Black. ©			Beyond the Headlines	Escaping		
LIFE	Escaping the NXIVM Cult: A Mother's Fight to								
MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)			The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)		
MTV	Jersey Shore (N)		Ex on the Beach (N) ©			Jersey Shore--Vacation	Ghosted:		
NBCSCH	*(6:05) MLB Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh Pirates. (N)					Postgame	The Ivy (N)	Football (N)	
NICK	Ice Age (PG,'02) *** ©		Friends ©			Friends ©	Friends ©		
OVATION	No Reservation		No Reservation			No Reservation	Bourdain *		
OWN	20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on ID Presents			20/20 on ID Presents	20/20 *		
OXY	Killer Couples (N) ©		Snapped ©			Snapped ©	Snapped *		
PARMT	Forrest Gump (PG-13,'94) ****	Tom Hanks, Robin Wright. ©							
SYFY	*(6:00) Catching Fire		Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters (R,'13) ** ©				Jack Giant *		
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Chasing the Cure (N) ©			Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)	
TCM	The Living Daylights (PG,'87) ***	Timothy Dalton, Maryam d'Abo.				Licence to Kill ('89) ***			
TLC	Unexpected		Birth Moms ©			Obese and Pregnant ©	Obese *		
TLN	Humanit	Wretched	Ink 180			Life Today	Like You	Humanit	
TNT	*(6:00) Capt. America: Winter		Chasing the Cure (N) ©			Captain America: The Winter Soldier *			
TOON	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers		Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	
TRAV	The Dead Files (N) ©					The Dead Files (N) ©	Dead Files *		
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond		Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU			Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	
VH1	*(6:00) Love & Basketball (PG-13,'00) ***	Sanaa Lathan.				Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	
WE	Growing Up Hip Hop: N.Y.		Growing Up (N)			Untold Stories (Series Premiere) (N)	Growing *		
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man		Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	
PREMIUM	HBO	Rush Hour 2 (PG-13,'01) ** ©		Gemstones		Room 104	Night School ('18) *** *		
	HBO2	Gemstones	(7:35) Mary Queen of Scots (R,'18) ** ©				(9:45) Buzz (NR,'19) *		
	MAX	The Prestige (PG-13,'06) ***	Hugh Jackman.				(9:15) Replicas (PG-13,'18) *		
	SHO	*(6:00) American Assassin		Dead Presidents (R,'95) **			Larenz Tate. ©	Reservoir *	
	STARZ	(7:05) Venom (PG-13,'18) **	Tom Hardy. ©				Vida ©	(9:34) The Family Man *	
STZNC	*(6:05) WarGames ***		Major Payne (PG-13,'95) ** ©				Sleep--Enemy *		

'Fleabag' is coming to Gene Siskel Film Center

Five screenings set for Waller-Bridge's solo stage version

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Taped a few weeks ago during a performance at London's Wyndham's Theatre as part of its "last ever run," the Phoebe Waller-Bridge theatrical and TV phenomenon "Fleabag" is coming to film venues in Chicago via National Theatre Live in October and November.

First stop: five October screenings of Waller-Bridge's 80-minute solo stage version, at the Gene Siskel Film Center. Tickets are available on the website.

Fresh off the "Fleabag" TV series wins Sunday at the Emmy Awards, including three for Waller-Bridge in the comedy categories, the Film Center tickets are moving quickly. Film Center officials confirmed plans for encore screenings in November.

Meantime: Fathom Events presents the same National Theatre Live "Fleabag" taping Nov. 18 in nearly 500 theaters nationwide. Tickets go on sale for those Friday.

Directed by Vicky Jones, Waller-Bridge's long-running, internationally traveled solo show wrapped up its London farewell edition earlier this month. "Fleabag" began as an hourlong

monologue, later expanded to 80 minutes, in 2013.

After a London Soho Theatre tryout, Waller-Bridge took the show to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, where it won the Fringe First Award.

In 2016 "Fleabag" expanded into a six-episode series for BBC Three Television, in conjunction with Amazon. A slow-burn favorite in America, the show — about one woman's tragic, hilarious, reckless exploits, and Waller-Bridge's uncanny facility with speaking directly to the camera — continued with a second, and final, season premiering earlier this year. It went on to dominate the comedy categories Sunday night.

"It's really wonderful to know a dirty, pesty, angry, messed-up woman can make it to the Emmys," Waller-Bridge said on air during the awards broadcast Sunday on Fox.

The "Fleabag" creator has signed with Amazon Prime Video to create shows for the streaming service, in a deal reportedly worth \$20 million a year. This caps the remarkable seven-year lifespan of "Fleabag," begun on the stage.

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Phoebe Waller-Bridge won the Emmy for outstanding writing for a comedy series, outstanding lead actress in a comedy series and outstanding comedy series for "Fleabag" on Sunday in Los Angeles.

CSO

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music right in our community," he said. "The fact that they do this every year is great. I think people should know what a treasure this orchestra is."

In an effort to increase accessibility to performances, the free shows first began when Muti joined the CSO in 2010. Since then, the CSO has performed in venues across the city including a show in Millennium Park last year. The orchestra has also performed at Morton East High School in Cicero and the Apostolic Church of God on the South Side.

"When musicians come together as an orchestra — a community — they achieve the most impact, bringing us beauty as well as inspiration," Muti wrote in the show's pamphlet. "An orchestra strives to create the highest form of artist expression and, in so doing, serves as an example of what we can aspire to when we come together as a society."

The combination of lifelong fans and first-time viewers filled the theater up to its 2,500 seat capacity, according to Eileen Chambers, the CSO's communications and public relations officer.



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Principal bassist Alex Hanna, left, and bassist Dan Armstrong change into their performance suits in a hallway at Lane Tech College Prep High School in preparation for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Community Concert on Tuesday.

Lane Tech student

Alexandria Gonzalez, 17, said she was excited to see the show to expand her musical knowledge. Gonzalez said she typically

listens to hip-hop or Latin music, and classical music was a genre new to her.

"It's one of those things considered high class

because it's exclusive to people," Gonzalez said. "It's cool being here because I get to learn stuff and hear new things I

usually don't."

After taking a music analysis class in college, Claire Liu, 23, became a fan of the CSO and saw several performances by buying the orchestra's \$15 student tickets.

"This is the highest level of music," Liu said. "For us to have this opportunity, you should take advantage of it."

The CSO performed the Prokofiev suite from "Romeo and Juliet" and closed the show with "Symphony No. 3." The orchestra received a standing ovation between songs with endless claps and cheers followed by calls of "Muti!" from the audience.

Michael Mulcahy, a trombone player for the CSO, said shows like these are especially rewarding to him as a musician.

"The experience for me is very central to why we exist," Mulcahy said. "When we come to a school auditorium like this, the audience is close. The music kind of hits you and you realize that 100 people playing on stage is an incredible beast, it can be a poetic beast up there. For young people, to try to have an impact on them without the use of a screen is a huge achievement."

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Sept. 26): Ask for what you want this year. Provide stable, reliable attention for domestic harmony and beauty. Fix up your place for family gatherings this winter, before adapting to a career shift. Summer diplomacy corrects a misunderstanding, before a professional spotlight shines your way.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Trust a crazy hunch about your physical work or health. Watch for surprises or potential collisions.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Make no assumptions, especially regarding love and romance. If you want to know something, ask it directly. Symbols don't get through.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 6. Take advantage of a bargain for your home. Find domestic solutions for free or secondhand. Handle immediate objectives, and resolve long-term solutions later.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. A conversation could get uncomfortable. Focus talk and action toward urgent matters. Revisit this issue later; for now, listen and offer resources and connections.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Divert a trickle from positive cash flow toward savings. A steady stream of pennies adds up over time. Replenish reserves, and handle short-term priorities.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Expect energy surges, and balance activity with rest. A surprise requires personal attention. Grab a short-term opportunity, and find longer-lasting solutions later.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 5. Slow down, and reconsider your actions. Recent changes require adaptation. Invest in efficiency. Check suppositions against current data.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. A team project requires a temporary fix. Solutions arise in conversation. Take immediate action to grab an opportunity. A window is closing.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. A career opportunity takes quick action. Expect a test. Practice makes perfect. Words can be deceptive. Run reality checks and balances.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. You can learn without direct experience. Discover tricks, cultures and views through another's perspective. Avoid risk and expense.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Strategize with a partner for financial gain. Collaborate to get necessary funding or support. Grab a temporary opportunity without expensive risk.

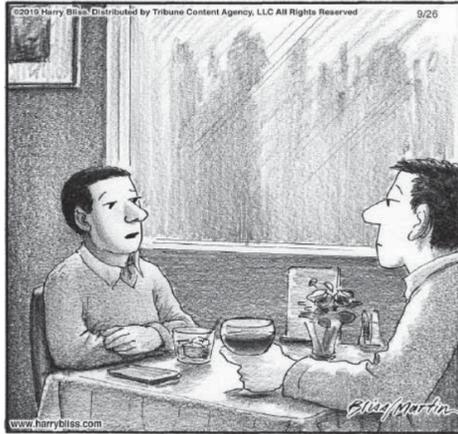
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. A partner's view is important. Don't make an important decision until you've worked it out together. Consider logistics, practical details and emotional impact.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

North
 ♠ 6
 ♥ A Q 5 3 2
 ♦ A 3 2
 ♣ K Q 5 2

West
 ♠ A K Q J 5 4
 ♥ Void
 ♦ J 9 8 7 6
 ♣ 10 7

East
 ♠ 10 9 7
 ♥ 10 9 8 7 4
 ♦ Q 4
 ♣ 9 6 3

South
 ♠ 8 3 2
 ♥ K J 6
 ♦ K 10 5
 ♣ A J 8 4

North's four-spade bid showed a control in the spade suit, meaning that the opponents couldn't take the first two tricks in the suit. This was a command performance for South, who had to cue bid a control if he had one. South's five-club bid showed a club control and did not promise any extra length in the suit. North intelligently offered a choice of slams and South chose clubs — a good decision. A six-heart contract on these cards would have almost no chance.

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	2♠	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♠

in Delray Beach, Florida. West continued spades at trick two, which Cohler ruffed in dummy. The king and queen of trumps were next, Cohler learning that the clubs were splitting 3-2. Cohler showed expert technique when he delayed drawing the last trump while he tested the hearts by leading a heart to the king. Had both opponents followed, Cohler would have drawn the last trump and claimed his contract.

It was way against the odds for hearts to split 5-0, but it cost nothing to check. Had the opponent with the remaining trump ruffed the king of hearts, the contract was not makeable whatever declarer did. When the opponent with five hearts also had the last trump, Cohler was able to ruff another spade in dummy and now only needed four heart tricks to bring his total up to 12. Well played!

— Bob Jones
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Baby Blues



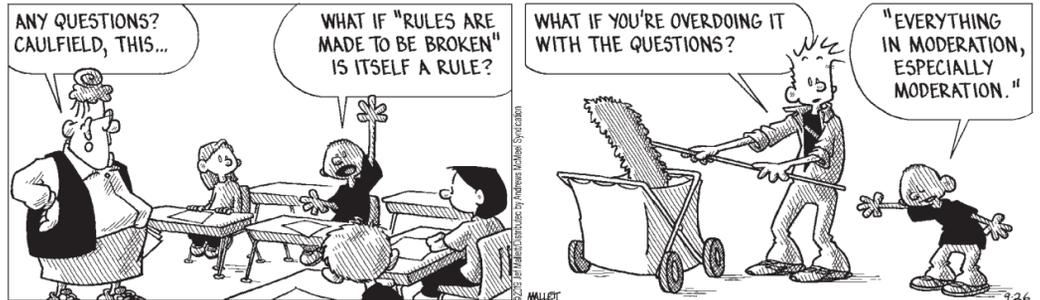
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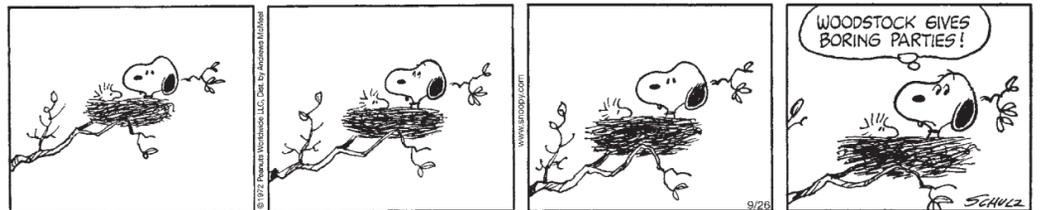
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Frazz



Classic Peanuts



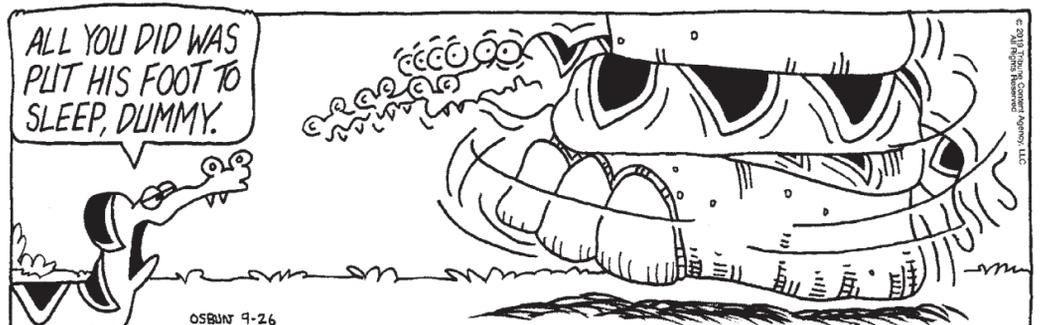
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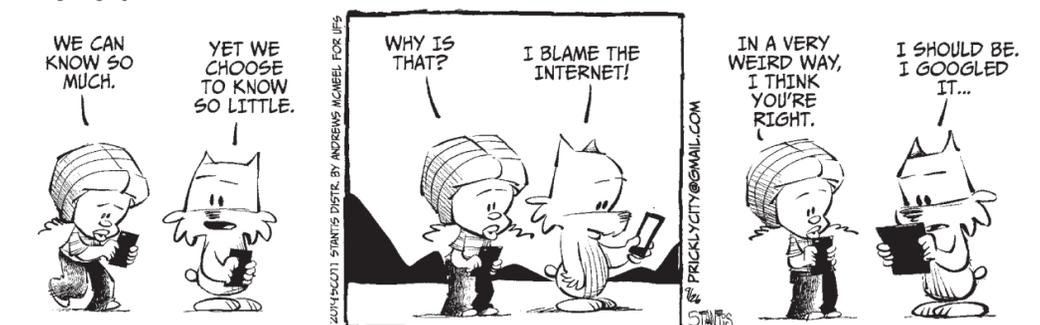
Dick Tracy



Animal Crackers



Prickly City



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THURSDAY, SEPT. 26

NORMAL HIGH: 71°

NORMAL LOW: 50°

RECORD HIGH: 92° (2017)

RECORD LOW: 35° (1928)

Sunny day before wet Friday wends way here

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 70 **LOW** 57

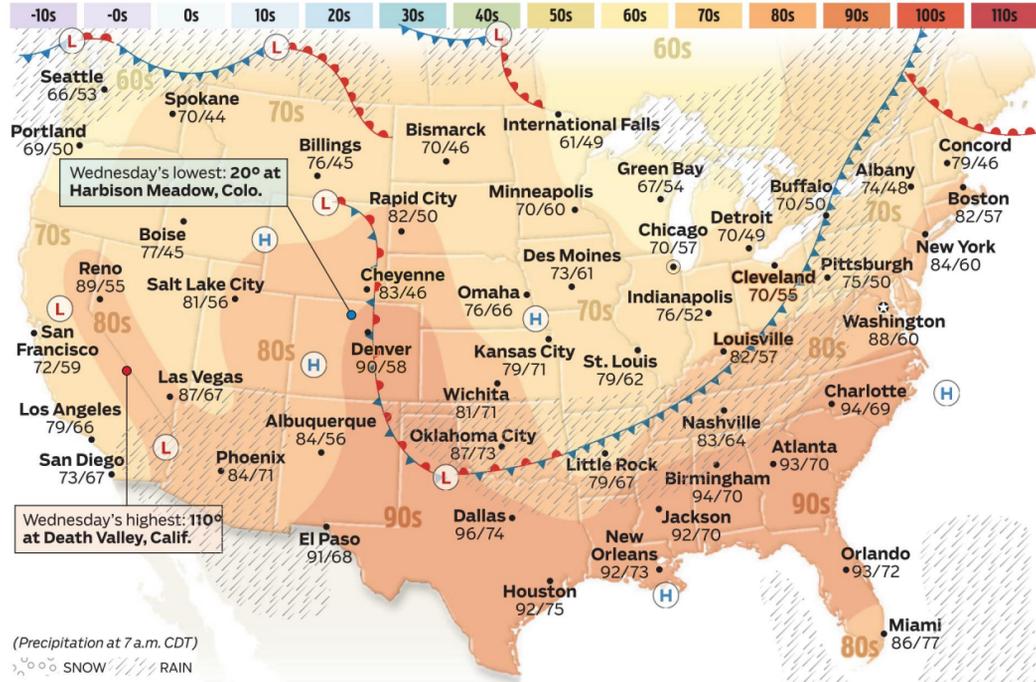
■ Sunny with seasonable temperatures. High near 70.

■ Breezy NW winds 8-12 mph with gusts to 20 mph. Winds begin decreasing and turning to the south late afternoon and evening before increasing during the overnight hours.

■ Increasing clouds overnight with a chance for a scattered shower or thunderstorm late.

■ Above normal low in the mid to upper 50s.

NATIONAL FORECAST



A sunny Thursday with a high temperature near the normal high of 71 will be replaced by a wet Friday. The average temperature for the day Thursday should produce the 18th consecutive day with above normal temperatures as the low temperature will be above normal. A warmer day on Friday should extend the above normal temperature streak to 19. As a cold front continues moving to our south and east, the high temperature will drop sharply to the mid 60s on Saturday. Temperatures will quickly rebound to the mid 70s by Sunday and low 80s early in the work week, ending September and beginning October with above normal temperatures. Thunderstorms on Friday and Friday night could produce downpours and locally high precipitation totals. Rain and t-storms will be more scattered Saturday and Sunday.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27

HIGH 76 **LOW** 57

Cloudy, breezy, warmer. Isolated a.m. showers become more widespread in the afternoon and evening into overnight hours. High in the mid 70s. S winds 15-20 mph gusting to 35 mph turning N overnight.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28

HIGH 65 **LOW** 57

Mostly cloudy, cooler. Some breaks in the clouds allow for some sunshine. Spotty showers, possibly a t-storm but many dry hours. High in the mid 60s. NE winds 10-15 mph gusting to 20 mph. Scattered overnight showers/t-storms.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 29

HIGH 74 **LOW** 59

Mostly cloudy, warmer, more humid in the afternoon. An isolated t-storm possible. High in the mid 70s but cooler lakeshore. SE winds 6-10 mph gusting to 15 mph. Decreasing clouds overnight; slight chance of a shower.

MONDAY, SEPT. 30

HIGH 81 **LOW** 66

Mostly sunny, breezy, warm and humid. A well above normal high in the low 80s. SW winds 10-15 mph, gusting to 25 mph. Increasing clouds, warm and humid overnight with SW winds 5-10 mph gusting to 15 mph.

TUESDAY, OCT. 1

HIGH 80 **LOW** 67

Mostly cloudy, warm, humid. Scattered showers/t-storms possible. WSW winds 10-15 mph with gusts to 20 mph. Chance for a scattered shower/t-storm overnight. ENE winds 8-15 mph with a low in the mid to upper 60s.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2

HIGH 77 **LOW** 58

Slightly cooler and mostly cloudy with a high in the mid to upper 70s but cooler lakeside. Showers and thunderstorms likely. NE winds 6-12 mph gusting to 20 mph. Possible showers and t-storms overnight.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
I have read that temperatures can reach 4,000 degrees high up in the atmosphere. Is that possible?
Richard Malis

Dear Richard,
It's true. In some portions of the ionosphere, a layer extending from about 60 to 500 miles above the Earth's surface, temperatures that high exist. But that is not a temperature in the sense that we perceive it. It is a temperature based on the kinetic energy of gas molecules and free electrons and ions that are "heated" to rapid movement by bombardment from high-energy particles arriving from space and by short-wave energy from the sun. So few molecules and other particles exist at that great height that the total amount of energy there is minimal by surface standards. The concepts of "heat" and "temperature" are meaningless in what is a near vacuum.

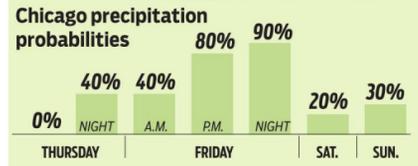
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Above normal temps continue; big rains ahead

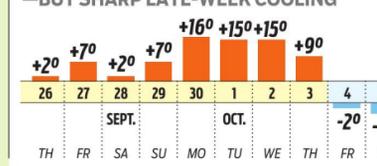
STRING OF ABOVE NORMAL TEMPS
Wednesday marked the 17th consecutive day of above normal temperatures in Chicago
■ The last time Chicago had a streak of 17 or more days with above normal temperatures was from Dec. 11, 2018 through January 8, 2019 (29 days).



'WAVY' JET STREAMS PRODUCE TEMP SPREADS ACROSS THE COUNTRY



UNSEASONABLE WARMTH BY EARLY NEXT WEEK - BUT SHARP LATE-WEEK COOLING



WESTERN SNOW

Montana forecasters warn of possible record snows
Predicted sticking snow



MIDWEST CITIES

CITY	THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois							
Carbondale	pc 80 58	pc	89 67				
Champaign	su 75 53	pc	83 66				
Decatur	su 75 55	pc	84 66				
Moline	su 74 58	ts	77 56				
Peoria	su 74 56	ts	79 63				
Quincy	su 76 62	ts	85 63				
Rockford	su 71 54	ts	71 55				
Springfield	su 75 58	ts	84 65				
St. Louis	su 72 54	ts	72 55				
St. Petersburg	pc 76 51	pc	81 67				
St. Paul	su 68 51	ts	76 64				
Wichita	pc 79 58	pc	85 68				
Bloomington	pc 80 56	pc	89 69				
Evansville	su 71 47	pc	80 67				
Fort Wayne	pc 76 52	pc	85 69				
Indianapolis	su 75 51	pc	81 67				
Lafayette	su 68 51	ts	76 64				
Wausau	pc 63 53	pc	63 43				
Wisconsin							
Green Bay	pc 67 54	pc	65 47				
Kenosha	su 70 54	ts	71 57				
La Crosse	pc 73 59	ts	70 48				
Madison	pc 68 55	ts	67 50				
Milwaukee	su 69 55	ts	69 53				
Wausau	pc 63 53	pc	63 43				
Michigan							
Detroit	pc 70 49	pc	76 68				
Grand Rapids	su 62 52	sh	70 61				
Marquette	pc 63 53	sh	66 46				
St. Joseph	pc 60 48	pc	68 53				
Traverse City	pc 63 53	pc	63 43				
Iowa							
Ames	su 72 59	ts	74 49				
Cedar Rapids	su 72 58	ts	71 49				
Des Moines	su 73 61	ts	77 51				
Dubuque	pc 71 57	ts	69 50				

OTHER U.S. CITIES

CITY	THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	sh 74 48	su	74 54				
Albuquerque	pc 84 56	pc	78 54				
Amarillo	pc 87 63	su	91 60				
Anchorage	su 51 36	cl	52 41				
Asheville	sh 85 62	pc	83 64				
Aspen	pc 74 46	ts	67 45				
Atlanta	su 93 70	pc	93 72				
Atlanta City	pc 79 58	pc	74 63				
Austin	su 78 74	pc	96 77				
Baltimore	pc 86 60	pc	79 67				
Billings	pc 76 45	pc	55 39				
Birmingham	pc 94 70	pc	95 73				
Bismarck	sh 70 46	pc	57 38				
Boise	pc 77 45	pc	70 41				
Boston	rn 82 57	su	75 59				
Brownsville	pc 93 75	pc	93 79				
Buffalo	sh 70 50	su	76 73				
Butte	pc 83 57	sh	74 46				
Burlington	pc 67 49	su	70 57				
Charlotte	pc 94 69	pc	89 70				
Charlottesville	pc 86 75	pc	85 73				
Charlottesville	sh 77 52	pc	87 67				
Chattanooga	pc 91 67	pc	93 71				
Cheyenne	pc 83 46	sh	58 41				
Cincinnati	pc 79 50	pc	85 68				
Cleveland	pc 70 55	pc	80 71				
Colorado Springs	pc 83 57	sh	74 46				
Columbia MO	su 77 64	pc	88 65				
Columbia SC	su 97 72	ts	93 70				
Columbus	pc 77 49	pc	82 68				
Concord	sh 79 45	su	72 45				
Corpus Christi	pc 91 76	ts	91 79				
Dallas	pc 96 74	su	94 75				
Daytona Bch.	pc 91 71	pc	87 73				
Denver	pc 90 58	pc	73 50				
Duluth	pc 64 52	rn	58 39				
El Paso	su 91 68	su	86 63				

WORLD CITIES

CITY	THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
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Alger	pc 80 69	su	94 66				
Amsterdam	pc 84 57	pc	79 60				
Ankara	pc 84 71	pc	86 70				
Athens	sh 75 50	pc	80 65				
Auckland	sh 72 51	su	79 50				
Baghdad	sh 69 50	sh	62 47				
Bangkok	rn 80 51	su	75 53				
Barbados	pc 92 67	pc	86 69				
Barcelona	su 82 50	pc	61 43				
Beijing	su 89 25	su	79 50				
Beirut	pc 93 62	pc	84 66				
Berlin	pc 70 46	su	75 62				
Bermuda	pc 81 74	pc	75 56				
Bogota	pc 66 48	pc	66 48				
Brussels	rn 65 54	pc	68 56				
Bucharest	sh 71 56	pc	71 56				
Budapest	pc 81 74	pc	77 66				
Buenos Aires	pc 81 50	pc	81 50				
Cairo	su 97 74	pc	97 74				
Cancun	ts 87 77	pc	87 77				
Caracas	pc 79 65	pc	79 65				
Casablanca	su 80 65	pc	80 65				
Copenhagen	cl 61 56	pc	61 56				
Dublin	sh 62 53	pc	62 53				
Dubai	su 87 77	pc	87 77				
Geneva	pc 79 65	pc	79 65				
Gualaajara	su 80 65	pc	80 65				
Havana	pc 88 70	pc	88 70				
Heilbronn	pc 54 40	pc	54 40				
Hong Kong	su 88 78	pc	88 78				
Istanbul	pc 75 65	pc	75 65				
Jerusalem	su 85 63	pc	85 63				
Johannesburg	su 70 44	pc	70 44				
Kabul	su 89 62	pc	89 62				
Kiev	su 85 72	pc	85 72				

CHICAGO DIGEST

WEDNESDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	79	59	Midway	80	66
Gary	81	64	O'Hare	79	62
Kankakee	81	62	Romeoville	79	63
Lakefront	76	66	Valparaiso	80	61
Lansing	79	61	Waukegan	79	65

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2019	NORMAL
Wed. (through 4 p.m.)	Trace	0.11"
September to date	4.57"	7.27"
Year to date	36.32"	27.85"

THURSDAY SUNBURN FORECAST

TIME OF EXPOSURE BEFORE SUNBURN BEGINS	2019	NORMAL
7 a.m.	3 hours, 4 minutes	3.11"
1 p.m.*	28 minutes	0.11"
4 p.m.	Burn unlikely	0.11"

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wind	W 6-16 kts.	S 16-36 kts.
Waves	1-3 feet	3-6 feet
Wed. shore/crib water temps	59°/53°	

WEDNESDAY PEAK POLLEN LEVEL

POLLEN	LEVEL
Tree	0
Grass	Low
Mold	High
Ragweed	Low
Weed	Low

SOURCE: Clear Skin Dermatology; Dr. Bryan Schultz
LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS SOURCE: Grottel Memorial Hospital Allergy Count, Dr. Rachna Shah

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Wednesday's reading	Good
Thursday's forecast	Good
Critical pollutant	Particulates

THURSDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	6:42 a.m.	6:41 p.m.
Moon	3:45 a.m.	5:57 p.m.

THURSDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	8:10 a.m.	7:16 p.m.
Venus	7:41 a.m.	7:12 p.m.
Mars	6:01 a.m.	6:25 p.m.
Jupiter	1:00 p.m.	10:10 p.m.
Saturn	2:53 p.m.	12:08 a.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	Not visible	
Mars	Not visible	
Jupiter	8:00 p.m.	17:5° SW
Saturn	8:00 p.m.	25° S



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Room to grow

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HOME REMEDIES

Relationship with contractor can make or break a project

By PAUL F.P. POGUE
Angie's List

Remodeling and other contracting jobs can be stressful, expensive and time-consuming. But when you work with a contractor, you're establishing a temporary but crucial interaction in your life. A contractor may spend days, weeks or even months in your home. The relationship you build with them will help determine the success of your project. Here are some tips to build the best bond with your pro.

Be realistic: TV shows, websites, magazines and Pinterest boards offer a wide array of content and aspirational ideas to help launch your home projects. But never forget that media can be edited and curated. Hours or days of effort can disappear behind a single

scene cut. So don't let mass media give you the wrong impression about the remodeling process. When you talk to a pro, make sure you have a realistic idea in mind of how things work — and trust their judgment.

Know what you're getting into: The least expensive change to make to your project is the one you make before a single nail has been hammered. The clearer your idea of the scope and direction of your project, the more easily you'll head off delays or extra costs. Every project changes over time, but a clear plan and understanding of what you're doing will work wonders for the final product.

Give them space: One of the biggest ways you can help a remodeler is by providing a dedicated space for them to keep

their tools and materials. This helps keep the project running smoothly. Plus, you'll save them time required to set up and remove equipment. Not only does this get the job done faster, it translates directly into dollars saved on your cost.

Don't put off decisions: Remodeling requires a steady flow of logistics, supplies and workers. If you don't make timely decisions on questions with hard deadlines, you can cause delays — not only on your own job, but those of other homeowners as well. You expect your contractor to hit their deadlines, so respect their time by doing the same in return. Ultimately, you're responsible for keeping your project on schedule.

Be mindful of your presence: There's nothing



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A contractor may spend days, weeks or even months in your home.

wrong with being a hands-on client — in fact, an engaged homeowner can lead to the best outcome. But be careful how you interact with the job site itself. You can distract workers and prolong their process. And

if you have an issue with how individual workers are doing their jobs, it's best to take it up with the supervisor or general contractor rather than try to intervene yourself. Micromanaging tends to create more prob-

lems than it solves. Make an effort to stay involved without being obtrusive. For instance, by requesting regular walk-throughs and status updates, you'll stay engaged without disrupting work.

Checklist of chores for the change of season

By CATHY HOBBS
Tribune News Service

Fall is now upon us, and with this comes the ideal opportunity to put a fall cleanup plan in place, especially for the outdoors. While the process can be overwhelming, here are some areas that can help keep you on the right track.

Pull weeds and mulch: Soon enough, winter will be settling in. Now is the time to protect your landscape from approaching cool

weather.

Trim bushes and trees: Many year-round bushes and shrubs may need to be trimmed and pruned to return lush and bushy come spring.

Power wash your deck and house: Often this is a routine many homeowners wish to take on in both spring and fall to make sure the home's exterior always shows its best.

Remove your vegetable

garden: After your harvest, be sure to pull any unneeded plantings and turn over your soil to help ensure a healthy garden next season.

Check your home's equipment: Make sure the HVAC system, boiler and key electrical systems are in working order.

Outdoor shut-off: Begin thinking about a plan to shut off outdoor plumbing elements such as outdoor kitchen faucets and garden

hoses.

Check your roof: Loose shingles and any potential openings will create an issue come winter.

Remove outdoor furniture: Toward the end of fall is an ideal time to cover/remove your outdoor furniture in preparation for cooler temperatures.

Repave walkways and driveways: Smooth surfaces make for easier snow removal in the winter.



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An outdoor kitchen with a plumbing element will need to be winterized.

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Pro tips for creating a fresh, fun playroom

BY KIM COOK
Associated Press

Here are a few tips offered by interior decorators for creating a fresh, fun — even inspiring — playroom for kids.

Foster creativity

“I love bold choices in a playroom,” says Mel Bean, a designer in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

In one client’s theater room, for example, “we used a high-contrast carpet as a real show-stopper,” she says. “Another space uses black and white walls and floors as a backdrop for colorful art supplies, chairs, books and paintings.” Yet another playroom she is working on “includes a stunning, green-marble-slabbbed wet bar with navy cabinetry, multiple television screens, and something for all ages, from a play kitchen to gaming.”

Los Angeles designer Kate Lester has a similar approach: “Don’t take the space too seriously — have fun with it,” she says. “Wallpaper the whole room, or paint the ceiling.”

Lester favors a light-filled palette and livable furniture. She recently completed a safari-themed play space for a family with 6- and 8-year-olds. Papier-mache animal head sculptures adorn the walls, which are covered in a cool, black-and-white zebra print. Peel-and-stick carpet tiles make for soft lounging, and individual squares can be replaced if they get stained. The vibe is easygoing, yet the aesthetic is chic.

Lester recommends a “high/low” formula: investing in a good built-in storage piece, for example, and then including affordable pieces from Target, IKEA, etc. She likes to buy fun, printable art online as well.

Bean recently completed a teen-friendly room in Grand Lake, Oklahoma, with multiple bunk beds



ALYSSA ROSENHECK/MEL BEAN

Tulsa-based designer Mel Bean maximized this playroom by building in lots of sleepover space around the perimeter. Bean has a tip for families planning playroom spaces: “Avoid themes and plan for versatility and flexibility.”



AMY BARTLAM/KATE LESTER

In this family playroom, Kate Lester used hanging buoys as wall art as references to the seaside.

and a communal gathering space.

Jenny Reimold, a designer and former teacher, likes to create playrooms that contain both imaginative spaces and opportunities for learning. She’ll bring in pieces like an industrial-look storage container with labeled basket liners, so kids can store their reading and writing materials. As in a class-

room, she’ll designate areas in a room for art and imaginative play.

Keep things functional

Hardiness matters when furnishing a playroom.

Lester puts removable floor tiles in almost every kid’s playroom she designs. They’re a durable and affordable alternative to a



AMY BARTLAM/KATE LESTER

Lester’s safari-theme playroom has a soothing palette, and elements like the animal head wall art and wallpaper assure the space will grow with the kids.

traditional rug, she says, and “can be laid out in custom designs.” There are also removable vinyl tiles in a variety of patterns; just peel and stick.

She cautions homeowners to think twice about whether things that look cool are actually practical.

“An 8-by-10-inch chalk wall may look cool on Instagram, but how does it work if you have three

toddlers and white sofas?” she asks. “Integrating wow-factor that’s also functional is a must.”

Mixed storage is always helpful, with open bins and drawers.

“Rolling bins are great under a window seat — they can be rolled out for play, then filled up with toys and rolled back under the seat,” says designer Jess Cooney of Great Barring-

ton, Massachusetts.

She also recommends performance fabrics, such as indoor/outdoor rugs, in craft areas. “They can be bleached, or hosed off outside,” she says.

For teens and older kids, being plugged in is key. Cooney tries to incorporate connectivity for video, music and gaming in a stylish but practical way, housing all the tech equipment in a closet that little ones can’t get to, and having one universal remote for the TV, so you can control the content.

Room to grow

Plan for the future use of the space. “Give the room the ability to grow and transition with your children,” says Lester. She suggests “play tables that can turn into homework stations, or pin boards that can display art but also calendars and schedules.”

Wallpaper choices these days include stylized and sophisticated prints that work for kids’ rooms and also any other room in the home.

And consider furniture that kids can grow into too: “A pull-out sofa is great for sleepovers down the road as kids grow,” says Cooney.

While some kid-size furniture can be fun, include normal-size furnishings, like sofas and media units.

“Keep the more expensive pieces in adult-scale,” says Lester. “This will not only make the space feel larger, but you won’t have to replace them as your kids grow.”

Likewise, Cooney prefers neutral colors for key pieces to avoid too young a look in the playroom.

“Being able to change the wall color and throw pillows down the road to transform the space into a teen lounge, without buying all new furniture, is important,” she says.



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Grass is difficult to eradicate once it gets established in the crowns of perennials and ground cover beds.

What to do when grass becomes a nuisance

BY TIM JOHNSON
Chicago Botanic Garden

Grass has gotten established in with some of my perennials and a ground cover bed after a summer of extensive traveling. How can I get rid of the grass in these areas?

— Bob Jefferson, Lincolnshire

Grass is difficult to eradicate once it gets established in the crowns of perennials and ground cover beds.

One option is to start pulling out the grass now and continue paying close attention to these infested areas over the course of the growing season next year. The best time to do this is when the soil is moist, as it will be easier to get the roots out. The more roots that are removed, the quicker you will get rid of the grass.

It is important to prevent the grass from setting seed and spreading further throughout your garden beds. Be careful if you are seeding any adjacent areas in the lawn, so that the seed does not drift into any beds — a breeze can blow the lightweight seed into undesirable areas.

This type of weeding will take a good deal of

patience and persistence to be successful. In time, the grass should weaken and eventually disappear as you continually weed it out. A weeding tool with a forked end or a trowel will help get more of the roots out.

You may be able to lift some of your perennials, divide them and carefully remove the grass before replanting the clumps of perennials. This is a good way to renovate the border and eradicate the grass. This will not work with most ground covers, so you will need to weed out the grass in these areas.

There are herbicides such as Ornamec that selectively kill grasses growing in beds of ornamental plants, including perennials, ground covers and shrubs. You can spray these products over the ornamentals to kill the grass. The herbicides are systemic and will kill the grass roots.

It is important to read the label to determine if the herbicide you're using is safe for the plants in your garden. If a plant is not specifically listed on the label of Ornamec or the product that you choose to use, you will need to test it first on a small section to make sure it will not kill or

damage your particular ornamental plants. The best time to apply this product would be when the grass is actively growing in spring and fall.

A nonselective herbicide will be difficult to use in these situations, due to the proximity of ornamental plants. A nonselective herbicide such as glyphosate will kill the ornamental plants, as well as the grass.

When using an herbicide to control grass growing within your perennials and ground cover beds, put on rubber gloves first and then a cheap cotton glove second. Using two fingers on the cotton glove, dip into the herbicide and carefully wipe the blades of grass, avoiding any drips. This method is good for small-scale eradication of very difficult-to-control grasses, such as reed canary grass.

It is extremely important to read and follow all instructions on herbicide labels.

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Fall is the time to plant spring-flowering bulbs

BY BETH BOTTS
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As the days grow shorter in autumn and the gardening season wanes toward winter, it's time to think about spring!

That's because fall is the time to plant spring-flowering bulbs. "We can plant them now and forget about them all winter," said Julie Janoski, Plant Clinic manager at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle. "Then in April or May, when the daffodils bloom, it feels like a lovely surprise."

Spring-flowering bulbs can be planted in among perennials or in beds of ground covers, which will grow up and take over after the bulbs have finished blooming. In a few weeks, the leaves of bulb plants will die back and they will go into a dormant state until the following spring.

Early spring bulbs are especially well suited for the area beneath a tree. "They'll bloom before the tree's leaves open, when sunlight can still reach the ground," Janoski said. "By the time the tree has leafed out and the bulb plants are cast in the shade, they'll already be on their way to going dormant."

If you plant long-lived bulbs that will bloom year after year, you can minimize damage to the tree's roots from digging and save yourself work. "You won't have to plant often," she said. "Daffodils and some other bulbs can live and bloom for years or decades."

Here are some tips for choosing and planting spring bulbs:

Plant bulbs at the right time. "Usually, in the Chicago area, we start planting bulbs in late September to mid-October," Janoski said. The soil will be cool enough to keep the bulbs from sprouting pre-



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Long-lived, shade-tolerant bulbs that bloom in early spring, such as *Crocus tommasinianus* "Ruby Giant," are good companions for trees.

maturely, but they will have time to grow roots before it freezes.

Choose carefully for a site under a tree. Select early-blooming, relatively shade-tolerant species such as early varieties of daffodils (*Narcissus*), snowdrops (*Galanthus nivalis*), glory-of-the-snow (*Chionodoxa*) and species crocuses (such as *Crocus chrysanthus*, *Crocus sieberi* or *Crocus tommasinianus*). Species crocuses have small bulbs and flowers, and bloom earlier than the larger, more common *Crocus vernus*. If you choose smaller bulbs, you can make smaller holes that will do less damage to the tree's roots.

Plant the bulbs deeply. "The rule of thumb is to dig a hole three times as deep as the bulb is tall," Janoski said. If the bulb is too close to the surface of the soil, a tricky warm spell in winter may cause it to sprout too soon. In a garden bed, you can dig a wide hole and plant several bulbs at once. If you're planting among the roots of a tree, though, use a slender trowel to make a small hole for each bulb.

Put the pointy end up. Many bulbs, such as daffodil and tulip bulbs, have a flattish end where the roots grow and a more pointed end where the stem and flower will sprout. Place the bulb in the hole with the flat side down and the pointy end up. If you can't tell which is which, place the bulb on its side. "The plant will figure out which way to grow," Janoski said.

Don't fertilize. The bulb contains all the food needed for the first year's bloom, so there's no need to add bulb fertilizer or bone meal when you plant.

Water and mulch. Fill the hole, water and spread a 1- to 2-inch layer of mulch over the area. It will be good for the tree and nearby ground covers or perennials, as well as the bulbs.

For tree and plant advice, contact the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum (mortonarb.org/plantadvice, 630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org).

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Artificial stone is not waterproof

BY TIM CARTER
Tribune Content Agency

This will not be a usual column.

I'm sitting in my man cave writing it several hours before I talk to a reader named Amanda on the phone. She lives in Oklahoma in a new home covered with artificial stone made from colored and textured concrete. The home leaks when it rains and the wind blows. It's a common problem all over the country.

I'm troubled by Amanda's plight because each week the number of serious defects I hear about from homeowners is growing fast. The reasons for the defects are many.

Allow me to share with you why Amanda's new home is leaking water. Just an hour ago I watched a video Amanda sent me showing her waterlogged exterior wall sheathing as well as wet wood studs. It was hard to watch because I know how easy it is to ensure rainwater never ever touches wood exterior wall framing.

When I was a young builder, I had the luxury of taking apart older homes. I saw how the builders and carpenters from a century or more ago used basic building materials and techniques to keep houses dry for decades.

It's important to realize that wind-driven rain penetrates brick veneer, solid brick walls, artificial stone and just about any other



TIM CARTER

Artificial stone on a house facade is not waterproof. If a builder doesn't use the right waterproof membranes and flashings, water will infiltrate the home.

masonry material. The water almost always enters through nearly invisible cracks where the mortar touches the masonry material.

The Brick Industry Association created years ago a series of technical notes that show how to build homes and other buildings that stay dry inside. You can get access to these technical notes at gobrick.com at no cost. You use the same best practices when working with artificial stone, real stone, concrete block or any

other exterior masonry material.

Builders hundreds of years ago knew that brick leaked water. This is why they used different types of brick to build solid-masonry buildings.

The brick you see on the outside of the structure was fired harder and longer in the kiln and didn't normally absorb much water at all. But the brick used behind the face brick was a softer brick that was quite absorbent.

When the rain got past

the outer layer of brick through the mortar joints, the inner layer of brick acted like a temporary reservoir. As soon as the rain stopped and the sun came out, the water inside the brick wall would wick out to the atmosphere. It was an ingenious system learned no doubt the hard way over a few centuries.

Today brick or stone is almost always a non-structural element on homes. Extra care has to be taken to build the home so the water that gets through the

mortar is collected and redirected to the exterior without ever touching the wood framing. All of the methods to achieve this goal are outlined in the technical notes you, your builder and any mason can get from the BIA.

Amanda's artificial stone dilemma is not easy to rectify. The best way to solve the problem is to remove all the stone and start over with the correct detailing, using waterproof membranes and flashings above and below all windows and

doors. But this is not realistic. Very few people can afford to do this, and Amanda's builder is not going to do the honorable thing and correct the problem.

Amanda will probably have to apply several coats of a silane-siloxane water repellent on her stone facing, but this might solve the problem. If not, she may have to apply a thicker clear sealant that's brushed on the mortar and overlapped onto the artificial pieces of stone.

How can you avoid becoming a statistic like Amanda? It's not easy.

You need to have fantastic plans and written specifications to start. Another key point is to have a meeting with your builder before he bids the project, review every aspect of the house and make sure he understands what needs to be done. Include great photographs with your plans, if you can get them, showing exactly what you want each part of your house to look like when complete. These photos help communicate the level of quality you expect.

Be sure you include a penalty clause so each day the builder is late, you deduct a certain amount from his final bill. Don't get trapped into giving the builder more money at any point than he deserves. If you do this, there could still be \$80,000 worth of work to do but only \$40,000 in your construction loan account.

Be careful!

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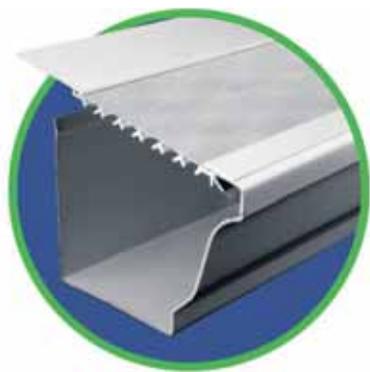


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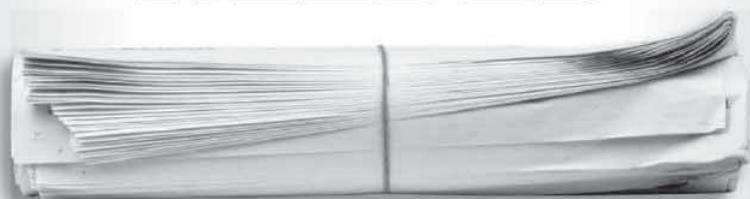
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Getting the details in writing beforehand can prevent major headaches down the road.

Make sure your home project contract protects your interests

BY PAUL F.P. POGUE
HomeAdvisor

The initial contract you sign with your professional is both a vital tool and a useful road map for your home project.

Knowing where you're going with your project can help lay the foundation for success, but if you don't pay attention to the details on your contract, those same details may haunt you later.

Any good contractor will be willing to negotiate terms in writing. Here are five crucial elements that should be in every home services contract:

Job description, including detailed list of costs and materials: Spell out the project and who is responsible for what. For example, the homeowner agrees to provide payment and access to the home, and names those authorized to sign and amend the contract. The contractor promises to provide necessary tools, materials and expertise.

You should also require an itemized list of materials, labor and any other costs you will incur. Spell out whether you want specific materials, brands, colors, etc., or if you will rely on your contractor to find the right materials. Include warranty informa-

tion as appropriate.

Procedures for changes: Outline a process to follow for project changes or additions. For example, you can require a written sign-off on changes sought by the owners or the contractors so you don't have to accept unauthorized changes.

Change orders are not uncommon, but a well-defined project should not have too many of them. Large-scale projects often uncover hidden problems that must be addressed before work can continue.

Be wary if your contractor routinely seeks changes. And make sure you're prepared to amend the contract terms and payment schedule if you are the one who wants to deviate from the original plans.

Dates and payment terms: Set dates to give a framework of time in which the project should be completed and outline how and when contractors can access your home. Be prepared to amend completion time for good cause, but don't accept unreasonable, unnecessary delays.

Tie payment dates to job completion. Keep in mind that most contractors will ask for at least 30 percent down. Some states set

down payment limits, so determine your state requirements before agreeing to anything. It's a good idea to hold back at least 10 percent until the job is completed to your satisfaction.

You should also require your contractor to provide lien releases that verify all subcontractors and suppliers have been paid.

Proof of license, bonding and insurance: Find out what, if any, trade licenses your community requires, and don't hire anyone who fails to meet them. If something goes wrong and your contractor doesn't have a license, you may have to forfeit state or local enforcement assistance. Ask for proof of insurance and bonding to protect you from liability for property- or job-related injuries.

Termination clauses: All contracts should include specific terms under which either the contractor or homeowner may walk away from the project without penalty. Some common reasons to end a project include if the homeowner refuses to pay, if the job drags on without reasonable explanation for delay, poor-quality work or failure to adequately communicate.

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NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

The right size

Active adult buyers are on the move to downsize for convenience

Whether it is downsizing, right-sizing or seeking freedom from burdensome home maintenance, active adult buyers are seeking a convenient new home to match a new lifestyle.

Ranch plans, two-story homes with first-floor master suites, and homes that offer freedom from lawn care and snow shoveling have become popular. To accommodate these buyers, builders are offering exciting floor plans and housing types that ensure a more comfortable lifestyle.

Ranch plans in both townhomes and single-family home designs are available at Ashcroft Place and The Townes at Ashcroft Walk, sister neighborhoods being offered by West Point Builders in a master-planned community in southwest suburban Oswego.

"Active adult buyers have choices at Ashcroft Place where they can find ranch plans as well as a townhome with a first-

floor master bedroom plus more space on the second floor for overnight guests," says Pat Curran, president of West Point Builders. "The Ashwood single-family ranch has an open concept floor plan with the features that today's buyers desire."

The large corner front porch of the Ashwood leads to a formal dining room, kitchen and breakfast room defined by columns overlooking the great room. The sunny great room has a wall of windows with a patio door leading to the yard. The foyer, kitchen and breakfast room feature wood flooring. The master bedroom has a large walk-in closet, private bath and two other bedrooms or a bedroom and a den are served by a hall bath. A partial basement, laundry/mud room and two-car garage complete this attractive home.

At The Townes of Ashcroft Walk, two of the designs feature one-level living with full basements and an association to



Single-family ranch home designs offer convenience and comfortable lifestyles.

handle lawn mowing and snow shoveling.

The Douglas is a 1,590-square-foot ranch with two bedrooms and a study or third bedroom and two full baths, priced from \$264,990.

The two-story Cypress is a 1,775-square-foot home with a first-floor master bedroom and a bedroom plus bonus room upstairs, priced from \$254,990.

Both ranch plans and two-story homes with first-floor master bedrooms are offered in the various Shodeen Homes communities in the far western suburbs of Chicago and in the Lake Geneva region of Wisconsin.

"We offer a wide variety of home plans in our communities," says Anna Harmon, director of marketing and public relations. "Many want to cut down on expenses or have less maintenance; equally important is greater energy efficiency and a better use of space. These buyers are looking beyond short-term needs and projecting for the needs of the future. With today's open floor plan designs, newer features and so many options to personalize homes, downsizers are looking at a move as the ideal complement to a new phase in their lives."

An exciting ranch design for quick delivery is the Newberry ranch in Reston Ponds in Sycamore. Offered at the special price

of \$315,000, the Newberry includes 2,089 square feet of space with a full basement and a 2½-car garage.

Spacious open concept living with a huge great room and a kitchen with extra-large island and large dining area is ideal for entertaining as well as quiet comfort. The private master bedroom includes a large walk-in closet and private bath. Two other bedrooms are served by a hall bath. A mud room and laundry lead to the garage. The home for quick move-in has a direct vent fireplace, upgraded kitchen and volume ceilings.

Shodeen Homes has also introduced the single-family Village Homes at Elburn Station. These homes appeal to those who travel frequently.

A 1,920-square-foot Denver Village Home is under construction and will soon be ready for move-in. This home includes three bedrooms, 2½ baths, and a two-car garage accessed from the rear. An open concept floor plan with an upgraded kitchen, a screened-in porch and many other upgrades are included, priced at \$295,000.

The Village Homes are also available at award-winning Mill Creek in Geneva.

For more information, visit westpointbuilders.com and shodeenhomes.com.



Ranch plans are popular with buyers looking to downsize.

NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE



New Frisco ranch plan with a second floor option is a new addition to the home collection at South Mill Creek Village Homes in Geneva.

South Mill Creek Village Homes introduces new ranch plan

Shodeen Homes, developer of award-winning Mill Creek, introduces a new floor plan into the South Mill Creek Village Homes, appealing to empty nesters, young professionals, singles and couples who are seeking a low-maintenance, single-level lifestyle.

"We have seen an increased need for open-concept, ranch floorplans and the Frisco, our newest addition to the South Mill Creek Village Homes, offers just that with an expansive living space and first-floor master-suite," says Anna Harmon, director of Marketing and Public Relations for Shodeen Homes.

Offering 1,237 square feet of living space, the Frisco floor plan features two bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, an open-concept great room and kitchen, first floor laundry, expansive master bedroom suite at the front of the home, and an optional partial finished basement or second floor loft, featuring an additional bedroom and bathroom. Outside the home features a covered porch, outdoor patio, and an attached two-car garage. The Frisco floor plan is priced at \$290,000 making it an affordable option for those looking to build on one of the last remaining lots in Mill Creek.

"Mill Creek was awarded the 'Best Overall Community in the Midwest' by the National Association of Home Builders and Professional Builder Magazine, and the South Mill Creek Village Homes offers an exciting new opportunity to be part of this amazing community," Harmon says.

Mill Creek is a 2,100 acre master plan development just west of Randall Road with over 900 acres of open space dedicated to outdoor recreation and ecological preservation. Mill Creek includes 2,356 distinctive homes set among 127 acres of preserved wetlands, 195 acres of parks, 17 miles of walking/biking trails, two 18-hole public golf courses, a community center and pool, two on-site community churches and the downtown Retail Center. Geneva School District 304 serves Mill Creek, and two grammar schools are located within the community.

"We have broken ground in the South Mill Creek Village Homes and construction of our model home is underway," adds Harmon. "There is definite interest as we have already sold 3 of the 17 total home sites available and now is the perfect time to buy and enjoy the holidays in your new Village home."

The South Mill Creek Village Homes offer freedom from lawn maintenance and snow removal, coupled with energy efficiency and desirable floor plans, and now through the end of October, homebuyers can receive a free basement. In addition to the Frisco, buyers can choose from ranch and two-story plans starting in the \$280s.

The South Mill Creek Village Homes sales office is at South Mill Creek Drive and Brannon Lane in Geneva, and is open from 1 to 5 p.m. on Monday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday to Sunday. For more information, visit shodeenhomes.com.

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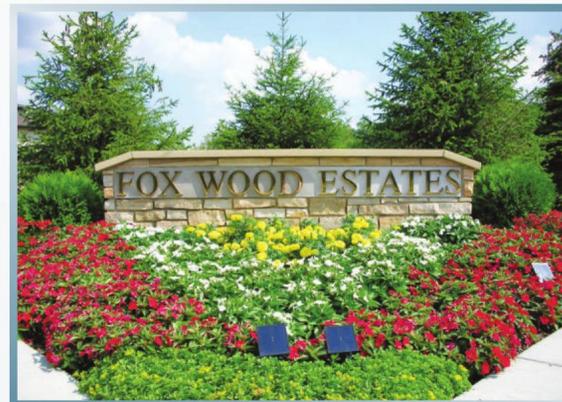


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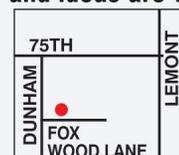
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The Brookfield, a spacious two-story home with a three-car garage, has just been introduced by West Point Builders at Ashcroft Place in Oswego.

West Point Builders adds new single-family home design

West Point Builders has announced that the Brookfield, a spacious two-story floor plan, is being added to the collection of semi-custom single-family home designs at Ashcroft Place.

The Brookfield is a 2,773-square-foot home with four bedrooms plus a second floor bonus room, 2½ baths, partial basement or available full basement and three-car garage, priced from \$366,990.

"The Brookfield is ideal for families who want to maximize their living space to accommodate an active lifestyle," says Pat Curran, president of West Point Builders. "With so many people working from home offices these days, children with a variety of interests and hobbies plus space for cars and lawn equipment, a large home is a necessity for many buyers. The Brookfield offers areas for all of these needs at an attainable price."

A covered porch provides an inviting entry to the Brookfield and leads to a flex space for a formal living room or home office. A dining room is adjacent to the flex space and also opens to the family room, breakfast room with sliding glass doors and spacious kitchen. Conveniently adjacent to the kitchen is an area with a mud room, walk-in pantry, powder room and garage access. Wood flooring throughout the first floor is attractive and easy to maintain, while the family room is carpeted. Buyers may add a kitchen island and garden window as well as a family room fireplace.

The second floor is highlighted by a

large master suite with an extra-large walk-in closet and bath with double-bowl vanity. The bonus room separates the master bedroom from the three other bedrooms and hall bath for greater privacy. Buyers may opt for a deluxe master bath, a bath with large spa shower and double-bowl vanity in hall bath.

In addition to the amenities of the Brookfield, residents of Ashcroft Place enjoy many lifestyle advantages. The community enjoys a scenic country setting with an entry monument as well as ponds with fountains and views of open land contrasted with excellent schools and other conveniences.

Oswego School District 308 is rated No. 52 among 868 school districts in Illinois, and has an excellent math program. Traugber Junior High School is within Ashcroft, and Prairie Point Elementary School and Oswego High School are just a short walk away.

Award-winning West Point Builders offers two neighborhoods within Ashcroft Place. Homebuyers have wider than usual choices in floor plans as well as options to personalize the homes.

Ashcroft Place and The Townes at Ashcroft Walk are located at Plainfield and Wooley Roads in Oswego, and the sales center is located at 137 Dorset Drive. Sales center hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 331-999-3330 or visit westpointbuilders.com.

NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

Maximize perks of a townhouse

Townhouse living is experiencing a resurgence, and many people may be surprised to find how this lifestyle choice fits with their home ownership goals.

Townhouses are a great way to get the benefits of single-family living without all of the responsibility of having a detached property — typically at a more affordable price.

Townhomes are now the fastest-growing segment of the single-family housing construction market, according to the National Association of Home Builders, a trade group based in Washington, D.C. Here is a look at some of the benefits of living in a townhome.

Ownership

Unlike an apartment, townhome residents own their homes and the land they're built on, according to the lifestyle resource The Nest.

Spacious square footage

Townhouse builders are masters at maximizing interior space through

innovative design. Depending on where you live, a simple search on Trulia or Zillow can yield many townhomes that boast anywhere from 1,500 to 3,000 square feet with three or more bedrooms.

Maintenance

Townhouse communities often collect a maintenance or homeowner's association fee each month that covers upkeep of the grounds. Depending on the area, this fee may cover the cost of leaf and snow removal, landscaping and pool maintenance. That gives homeowners more time to relax on weekends.

Amenities

Many townhouse communities are now designed with lifestyle in mind. Modern townhouses may have tennis courts, resort-style swimming pools, fitness centers, walking trails, and children's playgrounds right on the premises. In addition to the parks and fitness areas, many of these communities have common areas that enable residents to meet and socialize.



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The case for banking both locally and online

Time marching generally leads to us being given more choices. And banking is no exception. Decades ago, where you banked was a simple matter of choosing from a handful of local institutions. Today, the number of choices runs into the hundreds.

What changed, of course, is the advent of the internet. With each passing year, more and more banks and credit unions are opening new accounts online. So now instead of just the institutions that operate branches in your local community, you can conduct numerous banking functions with any one of over 200 institutions that accept nationwide customers.

So should you ditch your local bank and opt for an online bank instead? There are many good reasons to add internet banking to your financial setup. But there are also good arguments for holding a local account.

The biggest reason to go online with your banking is that savings, money market, and certificate of deposit rates are typically substantially higher with online institu-

tions. In fact, the difference might surprise you.

Take savings accounts. The national average rate is currently just 0.09 percent APY. But dozens of online banks are paying 20 to 25 times that average, at over 2 percent APY. And the premium on your earnings is similar for money market accounts and CDs.

But, there are some trade-offs with internet banks. Often, the ones paying the highest rates have very limited product offerings. Some don't even offer checking accounts. In addition, although depositing checks via mobile app is commonly allowed, depositing cash is something you can't do with many online-only operations.

So if you want to maximize earnings on your savings while keeping it easy to handle cash and accessing a full array of banking products, consider a combination of banking both locally and online.

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