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A lifeguard changes colored flags to indicate less-than-ideal swimming conditions at 57th Street Beach in Chicago on Tuesday.

Trump berates allies at summit

President slams NATO spending, German-Russia ties

By **ELI STOKOLS**
 Washington Bureau

BRUSSELS — President Donald Trump upended the show of unity at NATO's annual summit Wednesday as many allies had feared, claiming that Germany "is totally controlled by" and "captive to Russia" and inflating his demands that they spend more on defense to an unrealistic level.

The president's comments in Brussels, especially his unexpected attack on Germany, Europe's leading power, undercut the alliance's ultimate declaration of shared values and a joint defense against Russian aggression.

His attack on Germany as beholden to Russia, because of a pipeline project, was in keeping with Trump's practice of accusing others of behavior he has been accused of. It comes after he irked allies last month by suggesting that Russia should be readmitted to the Group of Seven alliance of industrialized nations.

Trump is scheduled to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday in Helsinki, a get-together that, given his frequent warm words for the autocrat, has U.S. allies apprehensive.

Trump's posture toward close allies has been increasingly confrontational

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Teen's drowning spurs calls for longer lifeguard hours

2009 cuts left city beaches unprotected past 7 p.m.; experts say needs unmet

By **TESSA WEINBERG**
 Chicago Tribune

The lifeguards had left Loyola Beach just half an hour before the 911 calls rolled in. People were in trouble in the water, pulled away from shore by a rip current.

By the time a stream of speeding police squad cars, fire trucks and ambulances arrived

at the park Friday night and officers started jumping into the turbulent waves, 13-year-old Darihanne Torres couldn't even be seen in Lake Michigan.

Another 13-year-old girl was rescued, but Darihanne was pronounced dead a few hours later. She is among a handful of people since 2010 to drown at a Chicago beach when no lifeguard was on duty, according to data collected

by the Great Lakes Surf Rescue Project.

Nine years ago, a lifeguard would have been nearby to warn Darihanne and her friends to stay out of the lake — or jump to the rescue if they did go in. Prior to 2009, lifeguards were on duty at Chicago Park District beaches from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

But in an effort to save about \$700,000 a year — about \$825,000 in today's dollars — the Park District cut the hours covered by lifeguards by 30 percent, stationing them on beaches only

from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. In the wake of Darihanne's death, some Chicagoans think it's time for the Park District to revisit that decision.

Halle Quezada and Kathy McGroarty-Torres, who both witnessed Friday's chaotic scene, have started an online petition calling on authorities, including the Park District and Mayor Rahm Emanuel, to implement new safety measures at the city's beaches — including ex-

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Taste of Chicago attracts diversity

Tourists make up less than half of festival attendees

By **MORGAN GREENE**
 Chicago Tribune

Taste of Chicago officially opened Wednesday, and if you've brought up the food and music festival to a local, you may have heard a response involving the words "too" and "many" and "tourists."

"I haven't gone in probably 10 years, and there just isn't anything appealing about it to me anymore," Oak Park resident Pallav Vora, 36, told the Tribune this week.

"I just associate it with extreme heat and large



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Croslene Kettle grills the jerk chicken at Vee Vee's African Restaurant booth on the first day of Taste of Chicago. Festival guests are as diverse as the booths' offerings.

crowds of people in tank tops," the Chicago-area attorney said, adding: "Out of all my friends and the people I know, I really don't know anybody that attends the Taste of Chicago on a regular basis."

But the clientele lining up for the five-day event in Grant Park might not be who you expect.

Last year, culinary classics and Chicago oddities were served to 1.6 million visitors — the majority, or

55 percent, of them Chicago residents, according to Taste of Chicago data.

Bronzeville resident Veronica Robinson, 75, who's attended the fest for

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Shirt case may yield hate crime charges

More fallout from incident as forest preserve cop quits

By **GREGORY PRATT AND MATTHEW WALBERG**
 Chicago Tribune

Cook County prosecutors are considering felony hate crime charges against the Chicago man accused of berating a woman at a forest preserve last month for wearing a shirt emblazoned with the flag of Puerto Rico.

The review comes as pressure mounts from political and legal circles to upgrade the charges against Timothy G. Trybus for his rant last month that was caught on video by the victim.

It also comes as news broke late Wednesday of the resignation of the forest preserve officer who was

seen on the video seeming to ignore the woman's requests for assistance.

Trybus is currently facing charges of misdemeanor assault and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, but on Wednesday, Cook County Commissioner Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, D-Chicago, released a statement calling on the Cook County state's attorney to lodge stiffer charges.

"A charge for simple assault or disorderly conduct is not sufficient, this incident must be investigated and charged as a hate crime," Garcia said in a statement.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Chicago-based Puerto Rican Bar Association of Illinois called for hate crime charges against Trybus.

"We demand State's At-

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Nationwide call for blood donors amid low supply

Donors usually in demand this time of year as public turns its attention to vacation. **Chicagoland, Page 4**

With improbable run, Croatia in World Cup final

Upstarts rally in 2nd half to stun England and will face France in Sunday's title match. **Chicago Sports**

Revealing speech by nominee cites hot-button issues

Brett Kavanaugh lauded a former chief justice for dissenting in *Roe v. Wade*. **Nation & World, Page 10**



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Center's powerful mix of exhibits and architecture

National African-American museum hints of what's to come at the Obama Presidential Center. **A+E**

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JOHN KASS

Who knew peaches could be so political?

The other day I wrote a column about my quest for the perfect peach, mentioning that I'd take a road trip to Michigan for some of those juicy Red Haven peaches.

I got an earful from fellow peach fanatics insisting I'd disrespected their favorites. Who would have ever thought peaches could be political?

Colorado peaches, Georgia peaches, peaches of the Carolinas, peaches from New York, Virginia, Indiana. Readers from all over the country insisted that I'd made a terrible mistake by not mentioning their peaches too.

Welcome to the furies of peach world.

One complaint came directly from the office of Bruce Rauner, governor of Illinois.

"What the heck is wrong with you?" said an official in Rauner's office. "You fantasize over Michigan peaches, but have you ever heard of Illinois' Calhoun County peaches? They're the best."

Does the juice run down your chin and down your wrist when you eat them?

"The juice runs down your chin and your arm too. And this is not a political call. This is purely a peach call," she said. "If you don't know Calhoun County peaches, well, then you really don't know your peaches, do you?"

The idea in writing about a peach quest was to get my mind off politics.

Politics is so messy, and we argue about it all way too much. The plan was to switch to something pure that we can all bite into, and without drawing blood. Something sweet, something natural, something that says "summer" — like the taste of a tree-ripened peach.

And readers in the Calhoun County Peach Party demanded their say.

Calhoun County in far southern Illinois is sparsely populated, somewhat of a peninsula between the Illinois and Mississippi rivers.

Underneath the land is a giant stretch of limestone, making the earth quite peachy. And their peach fanatics are full of passion.

John, You are looking the wrong direction for the best peaches in the world. Calhoun County, Illinois, is unbeatable for Red Havens and every other variety. Something about the soil where the Illinois and the Mississippi come together produce a peach you won't find anywhere else. You certainly cannot find a better peach in Michigan. I thought you should know. — Peggy Ryder

Since you are willing to hit the road, a trip downstate may be in your future. I go to the Alton area every summer to visit family and always bring home peaches from Calhoun County. They're the best ever. I usually buy them from a farmer sitting by his pickup truck parked by the side of the road. If I have any once I get back, I'd be happy to share. — Cheryl Sorrels

Thanks so much for expressing your outrage at supermarket peaches. They are tasteless rocks! Anyway, you don't need to go to Michigan. Calhoun County in Southern Illinois has delicious peaches, especially around Hardin, IL. They are as big as baseballs and very sweet. They are at their peak in July. — Barbara Baker

Intrigued, I did some research. Calhoun County is indeed famed for peaches. But I couldn't find any Calhoun Red Havens or 8-Balls or the other juicy varieties in the Chicago area.

So I called the Alton Telegraph and spoke to Jill Moon, lifestyle and entertainment editor.

"The peaches here are absolutely delicious," she said.

One of the growers there is Tom Ringhausen, a fifth-generation farmer whose family has been growing peaches since the Civil War.

"My family has been growing peaches and fruit since around 1860," said Ringhausen, "And as far as these peaches that compare to Michigan, well, there's really no contest. Our peaches are the best."

That's what everybody says.

"Well, I'm not everybody," Ringhausen said. "We're sitting on a limestone bluff. And limestone is a source of calcium. Fruit trees love calcium.

There it is, scientific. Our peaches are famous. Come on down."

Calhoun County is about 60 miles up the river from St. Louis, and more than 20 varieties are grown there. The P-5s, the Garnett Beauty and others I'd never heard of.

"You've got a peach education in front of you, don't you?" Ringhausen said.

They grow Red Havens, too, same as they do in Michigan.

"But today we're picking the 8-ball peaches," he said. "That's a pretty peach. It's got size and color it's got flavor. I'm high on it."

But is it juicy? Two things I won't abide: surly bartenders and dry peaches.

"There's so much juice in Calhoun County peaches, you're going to need a bib to keep your shirt dry," Ringhausen said. "You can't eat them standing straight up, looking around. You've got to lean forward over a sink, or the juice will get on your shirt and on your shoes. And I'm not kidding."

Before Calhoun County grew peaches, the farmers grew apples and would load them in barrels and ship them by steamboat.

"Big barrels of apples. You needed two men and a boy to roll them around," Ringhausen said. "But now we're about peaches."

The Calhoun County peach orchards sit beneath limestone ridges between the two great rivers that protect against frost. There's high humidity, mild weather and good air circulation.

"The colder air is heavier, and it drains down the hollows," he said. "And that helps you get a great peach. A Calhoun County peach."

Calhoun County, here I come.

I won't wear a bib to eat your peaches. But I will lean forward just a bit, to keep the juice off my shoes.

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Breath of hope found on Enchanted Highway



REX W. HUPPKE

REGENT, N.D. — Gary Greff dreams big. America big. The kind of big that western North Dakota's endless sky can accommodate.

I first met Gary almost two decades ago. His dream then was to save this tiny speck of a town 32 miles south of Interstate 94 by luring tourists down a two-lane road with metal sculptures that tower over the plains.

He called it the Enchanted Highway, a route featuring giant pheasants and grasshoppers, deer as big as an office building and a 51-foot-tall horse-mounted Teddy Roosevelt.

Gary, an affable sort with a bottomless well of optimism, believed in the highway's enchanting possibilities, that it would draw people off the interstate and into his dying town of fewer than 200 people, that the visitors would come and shop and eat and make Regent a bustling destination.

On a recent summer road trip, I'd spent time reflecting on our divided America, a country struggling with its soul and identity. I'd looked for signs about who we are and who we should be, and while planning a route home, I thought of Gary.

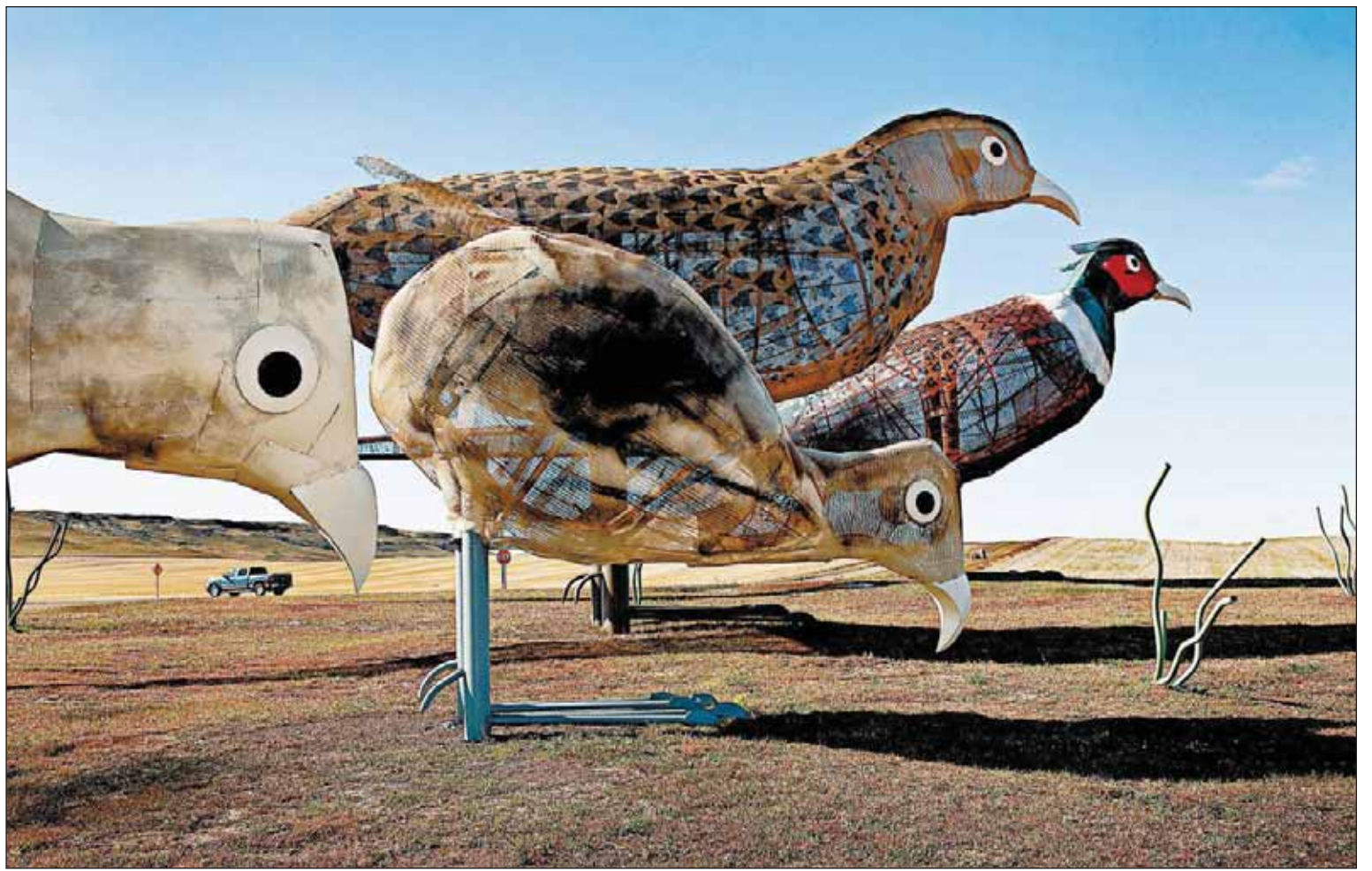
He always reminded me of the people throughout our history who dared to dream big. America big. Giant-metal-statues-on-the-Plains-of-North-Dakota big. Ignore-the-doubters big.

A return to the Enchanted Highway seemed a perfect coda for this journey. I figured I might find hope there.

I got to know Gary while working on a story about the Enchanted Highway for Life magazine. That's when I learned about the project he started in 1989 after abandoning a career as an educator and committing to saving his hometown.

That story didn't publish — the magazine folded — but I never forgot about him.

He's the kind of character who sticks with you, one you bring up in conversation by saying, "Man, one time I met the nicest, craziest,



WILL KINCAID/AP

Some of Gary Greff's creations in Regent, N.D. He has spent decades working on the sculptures, hoping to draw tourists to his hometown.

The America I love is struggling right now, but its spirit is embodied in people like Gary.

most interesting guy out in North Dakota ..."

Rolling into Regent on a cloudless, hot summer day, I saw the statues, made of scrap metal and pipes and carved-up oil drums, are still there, still jaw-dropping. You come over the crest of a small hill, flanked by nothing but farmland, and see a covey of pheasants standing like weird giants on an open field and you think, "That's the damndest thing I've ever seen."

There's no way to describe it with words. Pictures don't do it justice. They're kooky works of art that drifted out of the brain of an American dreamer, took root

along the side of a nowhere road and grew to a scale that seems, if not impossible, at least altogether unlikely.

The town of Regent was as I remembered it, which made me worry about the fate of Gary's dream. I called him, and he soon drove up in a pickup, looking about the same as I remembered, with a decade or so added on.

We shook hands and I asked him how the Enchanted Highway was working out.

"Well," he said, with a thick North Dakota accent, "it's still here. It hasn't done as much as I hoped, but I'm still working on it. We need to get more people coming."

We were outside Regent's former elementary school, the same school Gary, who's now 69, attended as a kid. It's now called the Enchanted Castle, masked by a castle-esque facade.

Turns out in the years since I last saw him, Gary had converted a school into a hotel. And a restaurant. And a bar.

I worried as we walked inside, fearing I might have to nod politely at something mediocre, but I should know by now not to doubt a guy who built a 40-foot-tall grasshopper out of scrap metal.

The rooms are immaculate, decorated in appropriately cheesy castle finery. Suits of armor line the halls. The bar looks like a dungeon and is oddly hip. And the restaurant — the Excalibur Steakhouse — features two glowing waterfall walls that Gary, of course, built.

"This is amazing," I said.

Gary smiled.

"You know, I'm not going to stop until this works," he said.

Outside the school-turned-hotel, on a grassy field, is Gary's next metal behemoth. It's a knight, partially built and flat on the ground.

"There's also gonna be a dragon," Gary said, waving his arm to indicate the grand size he envisions. "And every hour, it's gonna breathe fire."

I'm absolutely certain that knight will stand, and the dragon will breathe fire, just as this unlikely artist imagines. I don't know if Gary's dream of saving Regent, of making it a tourist destination, will come true, but I would never bet against him, and I know he won't stop dreaming. And that alone helps his town, his state, and anyone lucky enough to see his statues or learn his story.

As we left Regent, I felt a surge of joy.

The America I love is struggling right now, but its spirit is embodied in people like Gary. Passionate. Determined. Driven ceaselessly by something larger than himself.

If you happen to be crossing North Dakota on Interstate 94, take a detour on the Enchanted Highway. Spend a night at the Enchanted Castle.

And do try to spend a moment or two talking to Gary Greff.

You'll be glad you did.

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Routine blood donors help keep hospitals supplied; summer often marks a low point for donations. Chicago blood banks have noted a shortage.

Local blood donors needed as national supply runs very low

July often has dip in donors due to summer vacation

BY MORGAN GREENE
Chicago Tribune

A nationwide call for blood donors went out this week as supplies were dangerously low, a recurring problem around the Fourth of July that a year ago prompted one Chicago-area hospital to postpone surgeries.

While things aren't that dire in the Chicago area this year, there is still a shortage at local blood banks, officials said.

Blood donors nationally are in high demand this time of year as the public turns its attention to holiday travel and summer vacation, according to the American Red Cross. Knowing that turnout will be low, the number of blood drives nationally typically drops during the July Fourth week compared to an average week, according to the Red Cross.

Kathleen Meyer, spokeswoman for LifeSource, a nonprofit blood center that services Chicago-area hospitals, said the center has

seen another seasonal dip in donations.

"This summer is similar to last summer," Meyer said. "We never know for sure why there's such a decrease. But we see the same trends in summer and around holidays."

Experts say donations drop in summer with schools and colleges out of session. Both sites serve as major blood drive sources — accounting for as much as 20 percent of total annual donations, according to the Red Cross. Holiday travel and the summer increase in accidents, which means more blood is needed by hospitals, could also have an effect on donations.

LifeSource is part of a national system of blood banks whose inventory as a whole is down by 44 percent this summer for all blood types, according to Meyer.

Usually LifeSource has a three-day supply on hand to give to Chicago hospitals. Currently there's only 1.4 days worth of O-positive blood and 1.5 days of O-negative, said Meyer.

The American Red Cross issued a national call this week for eligible

donors to give blood — especially those with Type O, which is valuable because it can be used by anyone.

"A lot of people don't realize that along with emergencies and accidents that happen, there are people who need blood all the time," Meyer said. "When a shortage happens like this, it becomes very difficult to manage our supply and

"There's always a need for blood — especially during the summer."

— Mark Pool, Rush blood center medical director

make sure we're giving enough to different hospitals."

At Rush University Medical Center, where some surgeries had to be postponed last year following the holiday week because blood was so low, this year's supply is more stable. Northwestern Memorial Hospital also said it is not experiencing a blood shortage.

Mark Pool, medical director for Rush's blood center, said no surgeries had to be postponed this year.

"I think our staff is very mindful that the blood supply is always at a critical level," said Pool. "I work with medical staff throughout the hospital to try to manage the blood in the best way possible so that we are able to care for our patients and also manage our supply."

Blood has a short shelf life: Red blood cells are viable for 35 to 42 days,

Even though thousands of new donors were counted in June, according to the Red Cross, they didn't make up for the summer dip.

"What we've seen lately is not only a decrease in donors but new donors," said Red Cross spokeswoman Holly Baker. "We're really trying to encourage younger folks to donate blood."

The Red Cross is also encouraging those who have donated to do so again.

"You can donate every 56 days. We're encouraging people to become a donor for life," Baker said.

To give blood at a Red Cross blood drive, donors must be 16 years old with parental consent or 17 and older and in good health. For a list of donation opportunities, visit redcrossblood.org or call 800-RED-CROSS.

At LifeSource, donors must be 18 years old, or 16 or 17 with signed parental consent. They must bring photo identification to donate. Donation locations can be viewed at lifesource.org.

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Rauner: Pritzker ad about immigrant policy 'shameful'

Governor accused of profiting from splitting of families

BY RICK PEARSON
Chicago Tribune

Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner's campaign Wednesday responded to a new attack ad from Democratic challenger J.B. Pritzker, labeling it "dishonest and shameful" for contending the wealthy governor made money from President Donald Trump's controversial immigration policy that separated children from their families at the border.

In the half-minute ad, a narrator says that "Democratic and Republican governors spoke out against their state supporting Donald Trump taking children away from their parents. But Bruce Rauner said he wasn't giving it any thought whatsoever. And now we learn why. Because Bruce Rauner has been profiting off Donald Trump's policy."

"That's right," the narra-

tor says. "Rauner is an owner of this company (Correct Care Solutions) that's been paid millions to help keep children separated from their parents."

But Rauner's campaign noted that the governor late last month called for an end to Trump's "zero tolerance" policy that labeled migrants entering the country as a criminal rather than civil matter. He called the policy "wrong" and "heartbreaking" and said that while the nation needs to "secure our borders and stop illegal immigration," a policy of "separating families is not the right answer."

Pritzker's ad quotes Rauner, suggesting he hadn't given "any thought" to the separation policy. But the governor actually responded to a question about a Trump administration desire to deploy state National Guard units to the Mexican border. No such request had been made for the Illinois National Guard.

The ad also asserts

Rauner profited from the firm Correct Care Solutions. The firm is being used to provide health care at some federal Department of Homeland Security migrant detention centers. Rauner previously was a partner in the equity investment firm GTCR and has said his current investments have been delegated to a power of attorney.

Rauner's campaign referenced comments by his government spokeswoman Patty Schuh, who said the firm still owns the investment in Correct Care Solutions, but it has not shown any profits or losses from it yet.

Rauner left GTCR in 2012, his campaign said, and the equity firm didn't invest in Correct Care Solutions until 2014.

Rauner campaign spokesman Alex Brown said the Pritzker ad "intentionally misrepresents the facts" in order to "weave a false and deceitful narrative. The Pritzker campaign should immediately take down this dishonest



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Democratic challenger J.B. Pritzker and Gov. Bruce Rauner have millions of dollars in campaign cash to spend on ads.

and shameful ad."

Pritzker campaign spokeswoman Galia Slayen said it was Rauner's actions that were "disgraceful and disgusting," though she did not refer to the governor as having profited from Correct Care Solutions.

"The fact is, Democrats and Republicans across the country immediately spoke out against Donald Trump's inhumane policy, with governors of both parties even going so far as to recall their National Guard troops from the border or say they will not send them, but Bruce Rauner was too busy applauding Trump that he

hadn't given it 'any thought,'" she said in a statement. "Now, we learn that Rauner is an owner of a company that has been paid to keep children separated from their families."

Pritzker, a billionaire heir to the Hyatt Hotel fortune, and Rauner both have millions of dollars in campaign cash to spend on TV advertising before the November election. Rauner gave his campaign \$50 million in December 2016. Pritzker has given his campaign more than \$100 million.

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Chicago's pension debt has shrunk

But city faces huge payments to 4 funds in future

BY HAL DARDICK
Chicago Tribune

The city's annual comprehensive financial report offered a classic good news/bad news scenario on pensions: Mayor Rahm Emanuel has dramatically cut the long-term pension shortfall, but at a steep cost to Chicago taxpayers.

As of the end of 2017, City Hall was about \$28 billion short of what's needed to cover future pension payments to retired city workers. That debt was about \$77 billion less than at the end of 2016.

But there's a bit of accounting wizardry at work: Finance officials who prepared the yearly report assume the city will be making higher contributions to its four pension funds in coming years, as required under various state laws Emanuel engineered to prevent them from going broke.

That means the city will have to come up with a way to raise hundreds of millions of additional dollars a year to contribute to the city's four pension funds for municipal workers, laborers, police officers and firefighters. That, in turn, is almost certainly going to mean even higher taxes.

Such decisions, however, don't have to be made until the end of next year, when Emanuel would be starting his third term in office or Chicago would have a new mayor.

Over three years starting in 2020, required yearly taxpayer contributions to the four pension funds are expected to grow by \$864 million, according to city estimates released last year. That comes after Emanuel already hit up taxpayers for more than \$800 million a year for pension contributions through higher property taxes, a bigger 911 emergency communications fee on phone bills and a new water and sewer service tax.

Nevertheless, Carole Brown, Emanuel's chief financial officer, touted the lower pension debt as a sign the mayor was finding ways to meet city financial obligations that were ignored before he first took office in 2011.

Wall Street bond rating agencies have been a bit less enthusiastic. Although they have acknowledged the city's finances are in better shape, city debt backed by property taxes still hovers in junk-to-low investment grade territory.

Brown also pointed to other signs of stronger city finances, including a \$1.1 billion increase in capital assets because of upgraded streets, lights, transit systems, airport facilities and sewer mains; a new way of financing bonds through sales taxes that resulted in a strong bond rating on that portion of the city's debt; and a slightly higher balance in the city's day-to-day operating fund.

Nevertheless, the annual financial report also showed that Chicago is still struggling to make ends meet. Debt backed by property taxes, often looked at to gauge a city's financial health, grew by more than \$500 million, to nearly \$10 billion. The city, however, expects to pay lower interest rates through the new sales tax-backed bonds.

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Defense: Judge gutted case in Pendleton slaying

Suspect's statement barred from being played in entirety

BY MEGAN CREPEAU
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In a blow for the defense, a Cook County judge on Wednesday barred lawyers for the shooting suspect in Hadiya Pendleton's slaying from playing at trial nearly an hour of his statement to Chicago police, even though he allowed prosecutors to air other lengthy parts of the statement, including the suspect's confession.

Lawyers for Micheal Ward complained that the ruling by Judge Nicholas Ford shattered their defense by undercutting plans to allege that police detectives had improperly coerced Ward into confessing to fatally shooting the 15-year-old honor student more than five years ago.

"I think you're gutting our defense," attorney Julie Koehler told Ford at the extensive and sometimes combative hearing.

Hadiya's slaying in a South Side park in January 2013 attracted nationwide attention and became emblematic of Chicago's out-of-control gun violence because the drum majorette had performed at festivities for then-President Barack Obama's second inauguration just a week earlier.

Also Wednesday, the state's attorney's office revealed that Ward and co-defendant Kenneth Williams are scheduled to go to trial on Aug. 10. Even though the trial is less than a month away, Williams' lawyer said Ford had never publicly disclosed that specific date — a highly unusual move.

Separate juries will simultaneously decide the two defendants' fate because of their conflicting defenses.

Without physical evi-

dence or a murder weapon, prosecutors are expected to rely heavily on Ward's video-recorded statement to detectives.

The recorded interrogation — the subject of a front-page Chicago Tribune story in 2016 — provides a riveting look at how detectives methodically worked to gain a confession in one of the highest-profile killings in recent years.

Ford had previously ruled that Ward's confession was voluntary and allowed prosecutors to use it as evidence against him at trial.

But for the first time in court Wednesday, prosecutors revealed they planned to play at trial two lengthy parts of the recorded statement — but not about 53 minutes in the middle.

Ford agreed with prosecutors that the 53 minutes of footage contained inadmissible hearsay, in particular Ward's denial that he was at Harsh Park when Hadiya was killed.

But the defense argued that Ward's denial represented only a few seconds of the 53 minutes and that the first section of the interrogation that prosecutors plan to play also included a similar denial by Ward.

The defense complained that Ford was being inconsistent and contended it needed to show how detectives obtained the confession to provide context for the rest of the video and bolster their attempt to cast doubt on Ward's statement.

"How is what the detectives said hearsay?" Koehler asked Ford who, unconvinced, moved attorneys on to the next subject.

Tensions rose again at the end of the session when Ford called Ward up to the bench and spoke in vague terms about reports that Ward had repeatedly misbehaved on trips from county jail to the courthouse.

The judge chastised

Ward for "his obstreperousness when he's being brought over every day."

Koehler, Ward's lead attorney, took exception, saying that Ford's public criticism was creating a rift between her and Ward. That sparked another heated encounter with the judge.

"Your constant belittling me and being belligerent to me is affecting my relationship" with Ward, Koehler said.

Ford shot back, calling her allegation "an absolute and utter fabrication."

Koehler later asked the judge to preserve the court stenographer's audio recording of the hearing in case she wanted to use it for an appeal to a higher court.

On another issue, Ford ruled over the objections of prosecutors that the defense could call an expert in eyewitness identifications to cast doubt on the reliability of prosecution witnesses who at the time of the shooting only tentatively identified Ward.

Several witnesses at the time said Ward looked similar to the gunman but stopped short of definitively pointing him out as the shooter, according to court records.

In addition, the defense revealed in a motion filed this week that one potential prosecution witness at first did not make a solid identification of Ward but in recent months has said he is "100 percent" certain that he was the gunman.

Another witness said for the first time just last year that he saw Williams drive a car past the park a couple of times before the shooting, the motion said.

On Wednesday, Ford said he would rule later on whether he would throw out those identifications as the defense requested.

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Breastfeeding resolution move merits action



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

Breastfeeding is making headlines again, and not because a mom did it in line at Disneyland. (Or in a Gap ad. Or at a fill-in-the-blank location that scandalized pearl-clutching onlookers.)

A New York Times story on Sunday revealed the United States tried, unsuccessfully, to block or water down a pro-breastfeeding resolution at a World Health Assembly gathering. Breastfeeding advocates were aghast that a seemingly uncontroversial measure would face opposition, particularly from the United States.

"The data are very clear and have been for more than 30 years that breastfeeding is optimal for promoting the health and development of infants,"

Thomas McDade, Northwestern University professor of anthropology and a faculty fellow at Northwestern's Institute for Policy Research, said in a statement.

On Monday, President Donald Trump jumped in the fray, tweeting, "The U.S. strongly supports breast feeding but we don't believe women should be denied access to formula. Many women need this option because of malnutrition and poverty."

What does it all mean?

I called Lucy M. Sullivan, executive director of 1,000 Days, an organization that works to improve nutrition for women and children globally, including advocating for policies that improve breastfeeding support. She helped me make sense of it all.

This resolution battle happened in May. Why are we just hearing about it now?

"The country that was planning to introduce the resolution to the World Health Assembly was Ec-

cuador," Sullivan said. "But the United States' bullying tactics and retaliation threats concerned Ecuador enough to have them withdraw the resolution. Perhaps they weren't comfortable thereafter speaking out. But I think there may have been enough interest from different people asking them what happened over the last few months that they decided to talk."

From Sunday's New York Times story: "If Ecuador refused to drop the resolution, Washington would unleash punishing trade measures and withdraw crucial military aid. The Ecuadorean government quickly acquiesced. The showdown over the issue was recounted by more than a dozen participants from several countries, many of whom requested anonymity because they feared retaliation from the United States."

What does the resolution say?

It states that mother's milk is healthiest for children and instructs coun-

tries to try to limit inaccurate or misleading marketing of formula.

Why would the U.S. oppose such a thing?

Formula-makers, Sullivan said, want to be free to market and promote their products without a global resolution spelling out the health and cost benefits of breast milk.

"What we're seeing is a battle of private profits versus public health," Sullivan said. "The episode illustrates what we're up against in terms of the tremendous amount of industry interest and interference in public health policy setting, and the fact that the formula industry, in particular, but also the dairy industry, has the full support of the Trump administration to fight that battle."

But some women can't breastfeed for medical reasons, or choose not to for a variety of reasons. Shouldn't they have access to formula?

"Formula is very available to mothers," Sullivan

said. "This is a question of how formula is aggressively marketed, promoted in health care facilities, used to sponsor conferences for pediatricians and nurses and midwives, sent home with parents as free samples."

"Formula is a must-have for many many parents," she continued. "But if products are being pushed onto parents by physicians, parents deserve unbiased information about those products. They deserve to know the risks of formula feeding."

Breastfeeding is linked to fewer respiratory tract infections, ear infections and gastrointestinal infections in infants, according to a report by the federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. It's also associated with a lower risk for sudden infant death syndrome and certain allergies and lower rates of Type 1 diabetes and two types of leukemia.

In the end, the resolution passed. So now what?

"This is an opportunity for the public to call on companies to stop lobbying against the public health interests," Sullivan said.

An International Code of Marketing of Breast Milk Substitutes was adopted by the World Health Organization in 1981, requiring infant formula to meet strict quality standards and calling on formula companies to stop marketing practices that undermine breastfeeding.

"This is a little like going back to the future, and not in a good way," Sullivan said. "We should be calling on companies to follow the code."

How do we do that?

1,000 Days drafted a petition calling on Nestle, Danone, Kraft Heinz and other infant formula companies to abide by the International Code and curb their aggressive marketing tactics. You can sign it at actionsprout.io/9B2F76 if you'd like.

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District reveals details of fatal crash

Forest preserve worker charged in June accident

BY GREGORY PRATT
Chicago Tribune

A seasonal Forest Preserve District of Cook County worker allegedly drove a government vehicle while under the influence of drugs and killed a man, an internal memo says.

The incident happened June 30 on Arlington Heights Road in Elk Grove Village, according to a letter sent to Cook County commissioners Tuesday night.

The crash comes to light amid continuing fallout from a viral video showing a man berating a woman for wearing a Puerto Rico shirt last month — and a nearby forest preserve officer seemingly ignoring her requests for help.

The worker involved in the crash, 20-year old Caleb Rallings, was in a Ford F350 Crew dump truck driving four individuals carrying out community service work through the Cook County court system, the letter sent to county com-



ELK GROVE VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Giuseppe Gazzano, 44, of Bloomingdale, was killed last month in a six-vehicle accident in Elk Grove Village.

missioners said. The vehicle Rallings was driving crashed into five vehicles traveling in the opposite direction, the letter said.

Giuseppe Gazzano, 44, of Bloomingdale, was killed in the crash, the letter said. Rallings "was charged with reckless homicide and aggravated driving under the influence of drug involving a death," it said.

Rallings was a seasonal employee in his second year, officials said. He was terminated from the Forest Preserve District on July 5, the letter said. All five people in the county truck were sent to local hospitals, the letter said.

The Forest Preserve District hasn't had previous issues with Rallings, according to the letter to commissioners.

"The Forest Preserves has strict policies regarding safe driving, and we follow strict training procedures to onboard new and returning employees," a Forest Preserve District statement said. "We took swift action to terminate the employee, and continue to grieve for the family's loss."

Cook County Commissioner Richard Boykin said Wednesday he should have been notified sooner.

"It troubles me that somebody could be high and

driving a county vehicle," Boykin said. "It troubles me that this happened June 30 and they should've let us know before now, I would think."

A longtime friend of Gazzano's, Paul Spaletto, said Gazzano worked in a grocery store and was on his way home from a shift when the crash occurred. Spaletto described his friend as good-natured yet diligent; when Gazzano's father died a few years ago, Gazzano, who went by "Joe," took the lead in caring for his mother and other family members.

"I view that as a real stand-up thing," Spaletto said. "I don't know how

many people would have changed their whole lives and devoted so much time to taking care of family."

Meanwhile, the officer in the viral video was placed on desk duty as an internal investigation progresses, a local congressman called for a federal probe into the matter and the video prompted multiple calls for the police officer to resign or be fired. Even the governor of Puerto Rico tweeted about the incident as views of the video approached the 2 million mark.

The June 14 confrontation at Caldwell Woods on Chicago's Far Northwest Side came to light Monday

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— Richard Boykin, Cook County commissioner

and also prompted an apology from Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, who later said she expressed her regrets in a phone call to Puerto Rican Gov. Ricardo Rossello.

In the video, a man — later identified in police reports as Timothy G. Trybus, 62 — demands to know why the woman was wearing a shirt displaying the Puerto Rican flag. He asks whether she is an American citizen, even though Puerto Rico is a U.S. territory and its residents are U.S. citizens. "You should not be wearing that in the United States of America," he tells her.

Forest Preserve District police Chief Kelvin Pope said the officer, whom he identified as Patrick Connor, "should've stepped in, and he should've done something." It was announced late Wednesday that Connor resigned.

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Shirt case may yield tougher charges

Hate crime, from Page 1

torney Kim Foxx charge Timothy Trybus with a hate crime," the association said in a written statement. "This is warranted from Mr. Trybus' words and threatening action."

Cook County state's attorney Robert Foley said Wednesday that prosecutors were reviewing the case and considering whether to file hate crime charges but that no decision had been made as of Wednesday afternoon. He would not comment on the case further.

The June 14 incident, which was captured on video at Caldwell Woods on Chicago's Far Northwest Side, came to light Monday; it prompted an apology from Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, who later said she expressed her regrets in a phone call to Puerto Rican Gov. Ricardo Rossello.

More fallout came late Wednesday when the district announced that the officer in question, Patrick Connor, had resigned, effective immediately, days after the video of the encounter went viral. He had been placed on desk duty pending the outcome of an internal investigation. He could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

Earlier Wednesday, a top official for the union that represents Connor asked people not to rush to judgment, noting that videos can be misleading.

"I don't think it's appropriate to make that call that he should be fired until the investigation is done," said Tamara Cummings, general counsel for the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council. "It's premature. I'm hoping these political statements won't negatively influence the investigation. Even police officers have a right to a fair process."

That process was to get underway Thursday when, before his resignation, Connor was due to appear before an investigative hearing convened by the forest preserve police department.

Despite Connor's resignation, district officials said in a statement that the development "isn't where our work ends." The agency is "further addressing aspects of this incident" and said General Superintendent Arnold Randall would provide more details on Thursday.

In the video that sparked the controversy, Trybus demands to know why the woman is wearing a shirt displaying the Puerto Rican flag. He asks her whether she is an American citizen, even though Puerto Rico is a U.S. territory and its residents are U.S. citizens.

"You should not be wearing that in the United States of America," Trybus, 62, tells her.

Under Illinois law, prosecutors could seek to charge Trybus with a hate crime if they believe that any of the underlying charges were

motivated by his bias against the victim, said Lonnie Nasatir, director of the Midwest region for the Anti-Defamation League.

"If you can prove this was in fact motivated by bias against a protected category — race, ethnicity, national origin or what have you — then the answer is it can be charged as a hate crime," said Nasatir, a former prosecutor in the Cook County state's attorney's office.

The fact that Trybus apparently did not make physical contact with the woman or cause damage to her property would not matter, Nasatir said, pointing to cases in which people have been charged with hate crimes for harassing people online.

In Illinois, a hate crime charge for a first offense is a Class 4 felony, but is automatically upgraded to a more serious Class 3 felony under certain circumstances — including if the crime occurred in a public park.

Nasatir said he watched the video of Trybus' rant, and said if he were prosecuting the case, "I would definitely take a long look at" upgrading the charges to a hate crime.

"From the statements (Trybus) made, and the language used, it's something that certainly should be seriously looked at to see if the hate crime enhancement is appropriate," he said.

According to video of the encounter, the woman asks

an officer for help and asks him to restrain Trybus.

The officer is visible in the background of the video, standing several yards from Trybus and the woman, but he does not appear to respond to the woman's requests for help.

"Officer, I'm renting this area and he's harassing me about the shirt I'm wearing," the woman says.

Trybus, who has been unable to be reached for comment, is due in court next month. It was unclear if he had an attorney.

Garcia criticized forest preserve officials for not acting more quickly, noting that the incident took place June 14 and is still under investigation.

"That timeline is not acceptable. The Forest Preserve must complete the investigation swiftly and discipline the officer involved accordingly, up to and including termination," Garcia said.

Garcia is the heavy favorite in this fall's election to replace U.S. Rep. Luis Guterierrez, who declined to run for re-election and has said he plans to move to Puerto Rico after his term ends in January. Guterierrez has asked the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate the shirt incident.

Guterierrez, who called the incident a "racist, ugly, vicious attack," said he and his wife sent flowers to the woman with a simple note, "We're proud of you."

In an interview she gave to Carlos Jimenez Flores,



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Timothy Trybus, accused of harassing a woman wearing a Puerto Rican flag shirt, could be charged with a hate crime.

posted on the website of the Puerto Rican Cultural Center in Chicago, the woman said that when the officer did not respond to the situation in the manner she thought he should, "I knew at that moment that, you know, I was really being treated like the minority in that situation and if I had acted out in an aggressive way, in a defensive way — just to protect myself from

being put in harm's way — I probably would have been criminalized by the officer."

She said Trybus' actions made her "genuinely fearful for what could have happened to me."

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Rebuild of bridge could take 9 months

Historical status adds challenge to Long Grove plan

BY TODD SHIELDS
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Nearly two weeks after a delivery truck severely damaged the covered bridge in Long Grove, village officials detailed their next steps, outlining an extensive rebuild process that could take up to nine months.

The one-lane bridge that dates to the early 1900s and carries drivers and pedestrians along Robert Parker Coffin Road over Buffalo Creek will remain closed until the rebuild is complete, officials said during the Long Grove Village Board meeting this week.

Some of the worst damage done to the bridge involves the span's timber cover, which is in danger of collapsing and should be removed, according to a report done by Itasca-based Civiltech Engineering after the June 27 crash.

Board members broke down the report Tuesday, but they cautioned that much information related to the rebuild process remains uncertain, noting how officials don't yet have formal cost estimates on needed repairs.

"The feeling in the Village Board is to make sure we do this correctly. It's going to take time to prepare plans ... and whatever bids are necessary," said Village Manager David Lothspeich. "The expectation is months."

Bridge inspectors were planning to revisit the bridge Wednesday and continue assessing the damage, focusing on the steel trusses, although Civiltech Engineering's initial report noted how the trusses do not appear to be



JOHN KONSTANTARAS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Business owner Paul Neumann, with Viking Treasures, talks June 28 about the truck that damaged Long Grove's historic covered bridge two days after the crash.

significantly damaged.

Going forward, Long Grove officials said they will have to be mindful of maintaining the historical integrity of the bridge during the rebuild, especially since the bridge was added to the National Register of Historic Places just 16 days before the crash.

Given the historical status, Long Grove officials are consulting with representatives from the National Register of Historic Places, said Trustee Rita O'Connor.

"This is not going to be a quick and easy fix. ... This will take months," she said.

Village staff, engineers and inspectors have been periodically assessing the bridge ever since a 30-year-old driver from Chicago, who was making food deliveries for a company at the time, crashed a box truck into the bridge.

The driver failed to come to a complete stop before attempting to cross, despite warning signs that forbid large trucks and buses from passing through, police have said.

Long Grove engineer Geoff Perry said Tuesday that the truck weighed 9 tons, exceeding the bridge's 3-ton weight limit.

The driver, Eriberto Orozco, 30, later was cited for disobeying a stop sign and traffic control device,

driving an overweight vehicle on the bridge and failure to reduce speed to avoid a crash.

He was released from police custody at the scene, police have said.

In Civiltech Engineering's damage report, Greg Hatlestad, director of structural design services, said that since the truck was too tall to pass beneath the bridge safely, it knocked off the west end of the timber cover and all of the bridge's lateral bracing.

Two other posts to the timber cover were seen "cracking and splitting," he said.

"With the loss of the lateral bracing, the timber cover is not stable," Hatlestad said in the report. "The bridge is currently closed and should remain so until the damaged timber cover is removed."

During her update to board members, O'Connor said temporary bracing has been installed to prevent the damaged cover from leaning further. But she reiterated that officials still have much work to do to address the unknowns related to the rebuild.

Still, the bridge can be rebuilt in a way that maintains the historical accuracy of the span, according to a separate report by Christine Oleson, an archi-

tect who owns Oleson Design Studio in Round Lake.

Village officials also can follow plans that were in place before the crash to refurbish the covering to the bridge, she said.

Recommendations in those plans include rebuilding the cover in a way that complies with current building codes but also replicates the original design of it, as well as the use of new and reclaimed materials that can maintain the cover's historical look.

Modern construction techniques also will have to be masked to maintain the historical appearance of the bridge, Oleson said.

Before the meeting, Lothspeich also noted how the Illinois Department of Transportation will have to review building permits related to the rebuild of the bridge since IDOT has jurisdiction over bridges in Illinois.

A federal agency may also have to review the rebuild plans, depending on the damage, he said.

"But a permit from either or both triggers an additional review by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for historical preservation," he said.

The Joliet Bridge and Iron Co. built the bridge in 1906.

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Elgin resident with 'Impeach Trump' yard sign dies at 94

Activist continued with causes until around July Fourth

BY JANELLE WALKER
The Courier-News

Myra Becker, of Elgin, whose story made national news in early June when the city told her to remove an oversized "Impeach Trump" sign from her yard, has died. She was 94.

The sign was quickly replaced with a sign containing the same sentiment — but sized in accordance with city rules — and Becker continued her activist lifestyle until days before her death, according to friends and family.

According to Julia McClendon, director of the Elgin Area YWCA on whose board Becker served, Becker attended the June 30 Families Belong Together rally protesting the separation of immigrant families by the U.S. government, despite the heat.

On June 27, she attended the Elgin City Council meeting at which new U.S. citizens were recognized. On June 22, she joined other activists to meet with U.S. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi's staff in Elgin about immigration issues.

Becker's daughter, Tracy Dillinger, said she had visited her mom for the Fourth of July holiday. Becker "had a rapid deterioration" after that, she said, and died in her sleep Tuesday night.

Becker, an Iowa native, and her husband, Morton Becker, came to Elgin in 1965. While he worked as a psychologist for Elgin-based School District U46, she was a speech therapist in area schools. The couple raised three children. Morton Becker died in 1993.

Myra Becker retired from Community Unit District 300 in 1985 and had been involved with the League of Women Voters



RICK WEST/AP

Myra Becker earned a master's degree in speech therapy after World War II.

since 1958. Since 1981, she also donated much of her time to the YWCA Elgin board, serving for a period as board president. She was instrumental in pushing for its child care and Teen Reach programs, McClendon said.

Becker played a significant role in various area organizations advocating for issues such as women's empowerment, mental health, voters' rights, fair housing legislation and education. She also was a member of the Elgin Area League of Women Voters and served on the Larkin Center's board of directors.

Becker had a master's degree in speech therapy, which she earned right after World War II, Dillinger said.

A funeral service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday at Beth Tikvah Congregation in Hoffman Estates.

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Roland and Eileen Ho of Knoxville, Tenn., eat a slice of pizza. Out-of-state visitors were 15 percent of last year's guests.

Taste of Chicago attracts diversity

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years and was there for opening day Wednesday, recalled how friends from all over used to come to Chicago to attend the event.

She and friend Jessie Hillard, both members of the Columbus Park Line Dancers, talked about how the festival has changed over the years. The variety is wider, the prices are higher and the vendors are fewer, they said.

Also: "I wasn't a senior citizen when I started coming here!" Hillard said with a laugh.

Suburban residents accounted for 25 percent of last year's Taste crowd, while the next-largest group was out-of-staters — largely from neighboring Michigan and Indiana — who made up 15 percent of attendees.

Beyond the city and suburbs, 4 percent of Tastegors were residents of other Illinois towns. Just 1 percent were international

visitors, according to the results of 406 surveys collected over three days at last year's Taste by Blackstone Group, a market research firm.

Friends Mercedes Gutierrez and Elizabeth Zielinski, both 20-somethings from Elgin, grew up coming to Taste with their families and were back for more this year.

"I tried a rattlesnake and rabbit sausage," said Gutierrez as the two grabbed some shade. "Not every day you taste stuff like that."

Nodding to her friend, Gutierrez said, "She's a vegetarian."

Carrie and Neil Johnson and their son, John, came from Pulaski, Tenn., to visit family in the Southwest Side neighborhood Mount Greenwood — but just as important to attend Taste for the first time.

"We always read about it, and so we were like, 'All right, let's go do that,'" said Carrie.

The family had just tried

some barbecue.

"We're from Tennessee, and we're barbecue snobs, and that was good," she said.

And the crowd itself was as diverse as the 70 eateries at the event. Almost half of attendees identified as black or African-American, the data show, while white visitors made up 29 percent of attendees, and 24 percent of visitors identified as Latino. Only 3 percent of visitors identified as Asian/Pacific Islander.

The annual free-entry food festival began in 1980 during Mayor Jane Byrne's administration as a one-day event on the Fourth of July.

After a move to Grant Park and a year off, the festival resumed in 1984 and expanded live entertainment in 1985. By 1988, Taste had grown to 10 days and by 1999 there was record attendance of 3.68 million visitors.

Safety issues dogged the festival in following years as shootings near the event

made headlines. Still, about 2.35 million people visited Taste in 2011 — nearly 1 million more than last year.

The city reduced the festival to five days in 2013 after a \$1.3 million loss the previous year.

On Wednesday, South Shore resident Cynthia Turner was happy to be back at Taste after a long hiatus caused by surgeries that made walking difficult.

"I walked all this way, and I only sat down to eat," Turner, 56, said, seated at a picnic table with friend and Hyde Park resident Elee Welch.

Welch, 78, brought her great-grandkids to this year's Taste.

One of them turned to her with a smile and said, "Next, I'm going to get cheesecake."

"It's all about the people," said Turner. "It's about the fun you make."

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Mansion's use of Airbnb leads to legal dispute

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Residents living on a Highland Park cul-de-sac are locked in a legal dispute with a former neighbor who now lives out of state but rents his spacious home on their block for short-term stays using the vacation rental site Airbnb.

A lawsuit filed by Cooper Lane homeowners in late 2017 alleges the property owner, Bal K. Bansal, has continued to advertise and lease the home for short-term stays after being informed that all rentals must be for a period of at least one year.

This is not the first time the home has been involved in legal proceedings. In 2014, rapper Chief Keef was evicted from the house after falling behind on rent payments.

The vacation website says the "beautiful mansion near O'Hare and Chicago" can accommodate 15 guests. The six-bedroom, eight-bath home is listed at \$773 and \$690 per night, depending on the day. Since the home became a short-stay rental, neighbors have lodged complaints about the use of the home in the 1800 block of Cooper Lane for large parties and other activities they say disrupt their ability to enjoy their own properties.

"The four other homeowners are frustrated by the use of a residence as a commercial hotel with all the noise and vices a hotel creates, including heavy traffic and drunkenness," said Ken Cooper, one of the affected residents. "We have to clean up empty beer cans from our street and ponds after the ... guests' debauch. Last week, a guest mistook our driveway for the hotel and got stuck on our lawn. We now have several deep holes in the lawn. My neighbor across the street had his stone wall knocked down after a guest backed into it after mistaking his home for the hotel."

Cooper said a teen birth-

day party last year drew 300 people and police had to shut it down.

"When the wind comes from the west, one can smell the dope being smoked," Cooper said. "Hopefully, the Lake County court can rectify the situation."

Complaints from Cooper Lane neighbors were one reason Highland Park officials last year considered whether to prohibit, allow or regulate short-term rentals.

The Highland Park City Council elected not to ban short-term rentals, citing the small number of listings and the even smaller number of complaints. Instead, the council approved an amendment to the Cooper Pond of Highland Park Homeowners Association agreement that includes a requirement that all leases be for a minimum of 12 months. The City Council also tweaked its rental registration ordinance to require owners who don't live on the premises to register short-term rentals.

After the Cooper Pond amendments were approved by four of the five homeowners, as well as the City Council, the association sent Bansal a cease and desist letter last September and advised him that continued rental on a short-term basis would be considered a violation. The association filed suit Nov. 29 seeking an injunction to block such rentals.

Court proceedings have been moving slowly, in part because of missed court appearances and confusion over whether Bansal or his daughter is responsible for the leasing. The vacation rental site lists Rania Bansal as the host, and says she lives in Highland Park. In a court filing, Bal Bansal indicated he had authorized his daughter to list the property, handle the use of the property and accept payments from Airbnb, but he also indicated the payments go to his bank account.

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Drowning leads to call for longer lifeguard hours

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tending lifeguards' shifts to cover all daylight hours.

"The amount of money that goes into a rescue ends up being far more than the money that would go into prevention," Quezada said. "And then when you also consider the money we put into tourism and recreation and bringing people to the waterfront, it's really irresponsible that we're not front-loading those efforts into safety once they are there."

Other suggested improvements include improved off-hours warnings, more signs, flotation devices and hypothermia blankets in patrol cars, specialized training for officers, and education in schools on dangerous conditions and what to do while drowning.

As of Wednesday evening, almost 900 people had signed the petition.

A spokeswoman for Emanuel did not respond to a request for comment Wednesday.

Jessica Maxey-Faulkner, a spokeswoman for the Park District, declined to answer questions related to the petition. When asked if the Park District would be extending lifeguard hours or adding additional warning signs after Darihanne's death, Maxey-Faulkner said the district had no comment.

About 870 lifeguards are employed by the Park District, she said in an email.

According to a data analysis done by National Weather Service forecaster Megan Dodson looking at both rescues and drownings at Cook County beaches from 2010 to 2017, 54 percent of the 50 documented incidents happened outside of lifeguard hours.

Among those who have been swept away by Lake Michigan's waters after lifeguard hours, Markius Woods drowned in July 2016, after ambulances were sent about 8 p.m. to 31st Street Beach. Javier Rivera drowned in 2011 near Ohio Street Beach when he and his brother went for a swim around 9 p.m. one day in August.

Quezada, a West Rogers Park resident, was at Loyola Beach on Friday with her kids when the teens were swept away. Quezada and her firefighter husband first knew something was up when they saw two distressed boys running across the beach, followed by two police officers sprinting toward the water.

As Quezada, a teacher who used to work as an emergency medical technician, checked the vital signs of the other 13-year-old girl who was brought to shore, the first emergency crews had little on hand to help. There were no hypothermia blankets, so beachgoers brought towels to keep the girl warm, Quezada said.

"All of the police on scene were heartbroken and well-intentioned, but there was clear lack of organization and training," Quezada said. "I don't think anyone likes

what it felt like being entirely helpless at the beach that day."

Ald. Joe Moore, who has represented the 49th Ward, which includes Loyola Park, since 1991, said he doesn't know if additional lifeguards or signs would have saved Darihanne's life.

"We just have to be realistic here and look at what are the most effective tools, and I think the most effective tools are expanded education efforts for our young people," Moore said.

But experts, lifeguards and those who witnessed Friday's drowning say an increased lifeguard presence is the most effective way to prevent drownings.

"Lifeguards need to be the No. 1 answer," said Adam Abajian, who oversees the Evanston Park District's five beaches and the lifeguards who patrol them. "No lifeguard in Chicago or anywhere else would have let those kids swim next to a break wall. And it's a shame."

"Had a lifeguard already been there, perhaps it could have been different," Quezada said.

As of Monday, 39 people, including Darihanne, have drowned in the Great Lakes this year, with 11 of the drownings in Lake Michigan, according to the Great Lakes Surf Rescue Project, which tracks drownings and conducts educational workshops.

The group documented 88 people drowning in the Great Lakes last year and 99 in 2016, tying with the most deadly year, 2012, since the group started tracking Great Lakes drownings in 2010.

While drownings occur year-round, Dave Benjamin, co-founder and executive director of the group, said a spike in drownings happens between Memorial Day and Labor Day — when most Lake Michigan beaches, including Chicago's, are open for swimming.

"Drowning doesn't look like drowning the way Hollywood or TV or cartoons would portray it as a long dramatic event that happens at the surface of the water for several minutes. Drowning happens really fast," Benjamin said. "If you don't know what to look for, you're going to miss it."

And that's what lifeguards are trained to do, in addition to spotting deadly rip currents, such as the one that swept Darihanne away, said Chris Brewster, former president of the United States Lifesaving Association.

In general, beaches are a safe place to be when lifeguards are on duty, Brewster said.

"One in 18 million beach visits results in a drowning death at a guarded beach," Brewster said. "It's a very routine process for a lifeguard who knows what they're doing and is properly trained. But obviously if there's no lifeguard there, there's nobody to handle that."

And most of what lifeguards do is preventative,



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Chicago first responders transport a teen girl who was pulled from the water Friday. One teen died; another was rescued.

"Simply saying, 'Hey, the water is closed,' is not adequate to prevent drownings."

— Chris Brewster, former president of the United States Lifesaving Association

said Abajian, whose lifeguards conduct about 15 rescues at Evanston beaches each summer season.

Chicago Park District beaches are open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., but swimming is prohibited when lifeguards aren't on duty, according to the district. Permanent signs are at all of Chicago's beaches stating that, Maxey-Faulkner said.

"Simply saying, 'Hey, the water is closed,' is not adequate to prevent drownings," Brewster said. "Some people don't become aware of whatever that closure is and others will look out ... and think, 'Well, it seems calm, it seems safe,' and they'll give it a try."

North Shore park districts with fewer beaches have lifeguards on duty for longer periods each day.

In Evanston, lifeguards are on duty from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Abajian said. At Forest Park Beach in Lake Forest, they work from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on certain dates, according to the city's website. At other park districts, they're on patrol for even longer.

In Winnetka, lifeguards work from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., said Kevin Rutherford, recreation supervisor for the Winnetka Park District. And at Wilmette beaches, they're on duty from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., said Katy Bradford, assistant lakefront manager.

Fees to get in, designated swimming areas and fines for those who swim when no lifeguard is on duty, help Evanston keep down its crowds — and drowning incidents, Abajian said.

And at Winnetka beaches, gates to parking lots lock at 10 p.m., and lifeguards keep warning flags displayed even after hours, Rutherford said. Similarly, signs warning beachgoers of bad condi-

tions are left overnight in Wilmette, Bradford said.

"We will keep a flag up even though we have no staff here," Rutherford said.

At Chicago beaches, lifeguards remove flags indicating swim bans when they end their day, Maxey-Faulkner said. So beyond the permanent signs warning people not to swim off-hours, there was nothing to warn people away from the beach the night Darihanne died.

Lifeguards at Chicago's beaches used to be on duty even later into the evening, said Norah O'Brien, a Rogers Park resident who worked as a lifeguard for five summers starting in 1989.

"When I was a lifeguard, we were there until 9:30 (p.m.)," O'Brien said. "As long as it was still light outside, there was still people at the beach."

Just like police officers and firefighters, lifeguards' shifts should be tailored to when the most people need them, Brewster said.

"Lifeguarding is a public safety job," Brewster said. "Just like you vary your staffing of police officers

and perhaps paramedics and so forth in accordance with historical use patterns and need patterns, that's appropriate for lifeguards as well."

Daylight isn't the only factor to consider. Warmer weather draws more beachgoers, said Illinois State Climatologist Jim Angel, and Chicago can expect to see warmer weather earlier in the year as climate change takes effect.

"Illinois on average could expect to warm by about 4 to 5 degrees," Angel said.

"You're expanding the season there, probably on both ends for May and September as they become more like summer months," he said.

In the past, the heat has coaxed out swimmers ahead of the start of the official beach season.

Among them was 13-year-old Tianna Hollinside, who died after she was pulled out of Lake Michigan near Rogers Park nearly two weeks before beach season was set to begin last year. Three days before lifeguards were set to patrol the beaches for the summer in 2014, brothers-in-law Ali

Moufid and Otmame Kassou both died after Moufid jumped in to try to save Kassou.

With a changing climate that could cause Chicagoans to flock to the beach more to escape the heat, Angel recommends the city take into account weather forecasts when adjusting lifeguards' hours.

The decision to extend lifeguard hours and the beach season is ultimately up to the Chicago Park District Board, whose members are appointed by the mayor.

"These kinds of decisions ultimately need to come from the political leaders in terms of how they allocate funding," Brewster said. "Incidents like this will continue."

Quezada keeps thinking back to the kids who survived, and wonders if she did enough. And there's one fact that's been the most difficult to face.

"The lifeguards left half an hour before," Quezada said. "They were just there. And that's really hard to consider."

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Legionnaires' disease hits 9 in McHenry County

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McHenry County Department of Health officials are investigating nine cases of Legionnaires' disease diagnosed between June 7 and July 1.

The people who became ill were from different locations across the county and range in age from 46 to 82. None of them lived in a public facility, according to county health officials.

"As of now, a common denominator hasn't been found," said department spokeswoman Kerri Zaleski. "We haven't identified the source."

The Illinois Department of Public Health is assisting in the investigation, including "trying to identify commonalities — potential exposures," said spokeswoman Melaney Arnold.

Legionnaires' disease is

caused by a bacterium found in the environment and transmitted by breathing in a contaminated mist or vapor, according to health officials. It can become a health concern when it is found in building water systems. In downstate Quincy, Legionnaires' disease has been cited as a contributing factor in 13 deaths since 2015 of residents of the state-owned Illinois Veterans Home.

Symptoms often start two to 10 days after exposure and include diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, aching muscles, fever and chills. Also common are coughing, shortness of breath, headache or mental confusion.

"Legionnaires' disease is not known to spread person to person," Dr. Jennifer Layden, chief medical officer for the Illinois Department of Public Health, said in a statement. "Most healthy people do not get Legion-

naires' disease after being exposed to Legionella bacteria."

She added that the risk increases for those over 50, current or former smokers, and people who have a chronic disease or a weakened immune system.

In McHenry County, three cases were reported in 2017, and 10 were reported in 2016, according to the state Department of Public Health. Statewide, there were 332 cases in 2017 and 318 cases in 2016; so far this year, 91 cases have been reported in Illinois. In neighboring Kane County, health department spokesman Tom Schlueter said two cases of Legionnaires' have been reported this year, in May and June, and 17 cases were reported in all of 2017.

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Kavanaugh '17 speech cites hot-button issues

Trump's nominee lauded late chief justice's *Roe v. Wade* dissent

BY DAVID G. SAVAGE
Washington Bureau

Judge Brett Kavanaugh, President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee, gave a revealing speech last fall in which he lauded former Chief Justice William Rehnquist for having dissented in *Roe v. Wade* and for rejecting the notion of "a wall of separation between church and state."

He also praised the late chief justice's unsuccessful effort to throw out the so-called "exclusionary rule," which forbids police from using illegally obtained evidence.

All three areas of law — abortion, religion and police searches — are likely to be in flux if Kavanaugh is confirmed and joins the high court this fall.

Kavanaugh's comments are significant because they were in a speech, not a court opinion in which he was bound by precedent, said David Cohen, a law professor at Drexel University in Philadelphia.

"This is him telling us his own views. And while he doesn't come out and say 'the dissent is right,' it is pretty clear he agrees with Rehnquist," Cohen said. Agreeing with the dissent, however, would not necessarily mean that Kavanaugh would now vote to overturn a long-standing precedent.

In the speech, Kavanaugh said Rehnquist "was my first judicial hero," noting that he started law school at Yale in 1987, a year after President Ronald

Reagan had elevated Rehnquist to be chief justice. Rehnquist had been the court's lone true conservative for many years, and Kavanaugh said he felt much the same at Yale.

"His opinions made a lot of sense to me. In class after class, I stood with Rehnquist. That often meant in the Yale Law School environment of the time that I stood alone. Some things don't change," he said at a Constitution Day address delivered at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington.

He cited five areas — "criminal procedure, religion, federalism, unenumerated rights and administrative law" — where Rehnquist moved the law to the right.

He "would be the first to say that he did not achieve full success on all the issues he cared about. But it is undeniable, I think, that he brought about a massive change in constitutional law and how we think about the Constitution," Kavanaugh said.

Kavanaugh noted that Rehnquist joined the high court in 1972, only a few months before the justices heard a challenge to a Texas law that made all abortions a crime, except those done to save the life of the mother. Along with Justice Byron White, Rehnquist "ultimately dissented from the court's 7-2 holding recognizing a constitutional right to abortion," Kavanaugh said.

The Bill of Rights did not include an explicit right to



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High court nominee Brett Kavanaugh visits with Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, not pictured, on Capitol Hill on Wednesday.

abortion, and Rehnquist believed a new, "unenumerated" right should gain constitutional status only if it was "rooted into the traditions and conscience of our people. Given the prevalence of abortion regulations both historically and at the time, Rehnquist said he could not reach such a conclusion about abortion," Kavanaugh said.

Rehnquist's dissent in *Roe v. Wade* said "the states had the power to legislate with regard to this matter," he added.

Later, as chief justice, Rehnquist tried, but failed by one vote, to overrule the abortion decision in the 1992 case of *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. Kavanaugh did not mention it, but Justice Anthony Ken-

edy cast a decisive vote to preserve the right to abortion in that case.

"It is fair to say that Justice Rehnquist was not successful in convincing a majority of justices in the context of abortion, either in *Roe* itself or in later cases such as *Casey*," Kavanaugh said. "But he was successful in stemming the general tide of free-wheeling judicial creation of unenumerated rights that were not rooted in the nation's history and tradition."

As an example, he cited the 1997 decision in *Washington v. Glucksberg*, which rejected a right to die for those who are terminally ill.

Turning to religion, Kavanaugh said Rehnquist had maintained that the "wall of separation between

church and state" was a misleading metaphor "based on bad history."

Thomas Jefferson as president used this phrase in a letter in 1802 to describe the First Amendment's twin clauses — one banning an "establishment of religion" and the other protecting the "free exercise" of religion. The Supreme Court adopted the metaphor in a 1947 opinion.

Scholars and judges have continued to disagree over whether the Constitution should be interpreted to forbid religious symbols on government property or religious invocations at government meetings.

Rehnquist was most interested in criminal cases.

He "fervently believed the Supreme Court had

taken a wrong turn in the 1960s and 1970s ... in a number of sweeping rulings of the Warren Court" that expanded rights for criminal defendants, Kavanaugh said. He cited as an example, the 1961 decision in *Mapp v. Ohio*, which called for excluding evidence that arose from an illegal search.

"This judge-created rule in Rehnquist's view was beyond the four corners of the Fourth Amendment's text and imposed tremendous costs on society," Kavanaugh said. He did not succeed in overruling it, he noted, and not many are calling for a change today, "given its firmly entrenched position in American law."

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Members of the Turkish community hold a flag in a show of unity outside a Munich court.

German court finds neo-Nazi guilty for role in 10 slayings

BY FRANK JORDANS
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MUNICH — A German court found the main defendant guilty Wednesday in a string of neo-Nazi killings more than a decade ago — a high-profile trial that raised fresh questions about the treatment of migrants at a time when Germany is grappling with an unprecedented influx of refugees and surging support for a far-right party bent on keeping the country white.

The Munich court sentenced Beate Zschaepe, the only known survivor of the National Socialist Underground group, to life in prison in the killings of 10 people — most of them migrants — who were gunned down between 2000 and 2007. The group's name, often shortened to NSU, alludes to Adolf Hitler's Nazi party.

Zschaepe was also found guilty of membership in a terrorist organization, bomb attacks that injured dozens and several lesser crimes, including a string of robberies. Four men were also found guilty of supporting the group in various ways and were given prison terms of between

2½ and 10 years.

While the verdict was widely welcomed by victims' families as well as anti-racism campaigners and mainstream political parties, the court's failure to investigate the secretive wider network of people sympathetic to the National Socialist Underground group's cause drew criticism.

The verdict "is a first and very important step," said Gamze Kubasik, the daughter of Mehmet Kubasik, who was shot dead by Zschaepe's two accomplices in the western city of Dortmund on April 4, 2006. "I just hope all other supporters of the NSU are found and convicted."

Uli Grottsch, a lawmaker for the center-left Social Democratic Party who participated in a parliamentary investigation of the authorities' handling of the case, said many questions remain unanswered.

"The relatives want to know why their father, brother or son had to die," said Grottsch, adding that Zschaepe and her two deceased accomplices — Uwe Mundlos and Uwe Boehnhardt — must have had numerous supporters.

"We're dealing with a well-organized neo-Nazi network that is still operating in secret, and we can't rule out that a series of murders like that of the NSU can happen again at any time."

Zschaepe was arrested in 2011, shortly after setting fire to the apartment she, Mundlos and Boehnhardt shared in the eastern town of Zwickau. Hours earlier Mundlos had killed Boehnhardt and then himself in what investigators believe was an attempt to evade arrest.

The trio had gone into hiding in 1998, resolving to kill people "for anti-Semitic or other racist motivations" in order to intimidate ethnic minorities and destabilize the German state, according to the Munich court's presiding judge, Manfred Goetzl.

Although no evidence was found proving that Zschaepe had been physically present during the robberies and attacks, Goetzl said her contribution to the trio's crimes during its 14 years on the run was "essential."

He cited Zschaepe's role in distributing a macabre video in which the National Socialist Underground claimed responsibility for the killings.

Eight of those killed were ethnic Turks.

Prosecutors: Manafort says he's treated like 'VIP' in jail

BY RACHEL WEINER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A federal judge in Alexandria, Va., has ordered Paul Manafort to be moved to the city jail, although Manafort has asked to stay in a rural facility where prosecutors say he is receiving special treatment.

Judge T.S. Ellis wrote in a filing published Wednesday that Manafort's "access to counsel and his ability to prepare for trial trumps his personal comfort."

Manafort, the former Trump campaign chairman, had asked for his July 25 trial on bank and tax fraud charges to be delayed in large part because it was difficult to prepare while incarcerated 100 miles away at the Northern Neck Regional Jail.

But on Tuesday, Manafort resisted being moved to Alexandria, arguing that while the city jail would be more convenient, he did not want to adjust to new circumstances so close to trial.

"It is surprising and confusing when counsel identifies a problem and then opposes the most logical solution to that problem," Ellis wrote. "The dissonance between the defendant's motion to continue and motion opposing transfer to the Alexandria Detention Center cannot easily be explained or resolved."

Prosecutors said in a court filing Wednesday that Manafort has told people he is being treated like a "VIP" in the Northern Neck jail, where he has his own phone and computer, writes emails and does not have to wear a uniform. Moreover, attorneys for Robert Mueller's special counsel probe say Manafort wants the trial delayed only for strategic reasons.

In a recent phone call they say he explained in vague terms why he wanted to go to trial first in



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Paul Manafort was ordered to move to a different jail.

District of Columbia federal court, where he faces related charges in a trial set for September. "Think about how it'll play elsewhere," Manafort said, according to the court filing. "There is a strategy to it, even in failure, but there's a hope in it."

In recent phone calls, they say Manafort also has said he has "all my files like I would at home," has "gone through all the discovery now," and is being treated like a "VIP."

Manafort speaks to his attorneys every day and often multiple times a day, they said. While the calls are limited to 15 minutes, there is no limit on how many calls he can make.

"Among the unique privileges Manafort enjoys at the jail are a private, self-contained living unit, which is larger than other inmates' units, his own bathroom and shower facility, his own personal telephone, and his own workspace to prepare for trial," the prosecutors wrote. "Manafort is also not required to wear a prison uniform."

He also has a personal laptop, they say, with an extension cord so he can use it in his unit.

Manafort has even "developed a workaround" to send emails, which prisoners normally would not be allowed to do, according

to prosecutors: "In order to exchange emails, he reads and composes emails on a second laptop that is shuttled in and out of the facility by his team. When the team takes the laptop from the jail, it re-connects to the internet and Manafort's emails are transmitted."

Manafort filed a motion last week asking for his trial to be delayed until this fall, because it was impossible to fully prepare due to distance and with limited electronic and phone access.

In a District of Columbia court filing in which he described his jailing, Manafort had said he is kept in solitary confinement 23 hours a day.

The D.C. filing came as Manafort appealed the ruling last month that sent him to jail after a federal judge ended his home detention and ordered him detained following Manafort's indictment on attempted witness tampering while he had been awaiting trial.

Prosecutors said that at the time Manafort was jailed June 15 and at multiple times since, they have offered to help if there were any issues with the jail location or conditions. He has not reached out, they said.

Manafort also argued to have his Virginia trial continued on the grounds that he needed more time to review the many documents in the case, which centers on his work for a Russia-backed political party in Ukraine.

Prosecutors say the bulk of the documents handed over recently come from Manafort's own bookkeeping service. They also recently provided Manafort with 8,290 documents from the computer of his former business partner, Richard Gates, who has pleaded guilty and is cooperating with the prosecution.

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Trump berates allies at summit

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this year, especially in comparison to his more conciliatory approach to adversaries, including Russia and North Korea. Even as he flew to Brussels, Trump continued his attacks on NATO allies for not spending more on defense, and after hours of meetings Wednesday he reiterated his disdain in a tweet that began, "What good is NATO ...?"

As his latest remarks filtered back to the United States, some Republican congressional leaders criticized the president for his slams against Germany and other allies, though others defended him.

Among Democrats, former Secretary of State John Kerry called Trump's statements "disgraceful, destructive," and the party's congressional leaders — Sen. Chuck Schumer and Rep. Nancy Pelosi — in a joint statement said the president's comments were an "embarrassment" and "another profoundly disturbing signal that the President is more loyal to President Putin than to our NATO allies."

In closed-door summit meetings, Trump increased his previous demands for NATO allies' defense spending, saying each of the 29 member nations should budget an amount equal to 4 percent of their economies as measured by their gross domestic product — up from 2 percent.

While NATO in 2014 set the goal that each nation reach the 2 percent level by 2024, Trump told allies to do so immediately. Doubling that, which allies reject, would require the U.S. — now at 3.5 percent of GDP — to also increase its military spending.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg, who emphasized the steady increases in member nations' military spending in recent years, later told reporters that the alliance would focus on meeting its current goal.

White House aides privately acknowledged that Trump's posture was intended to create leverage on trade and security issues.

Though Trump had been expected to shake things up in Brussels, especially after he'd broken with allies last month at the G-7 summit in Canada, his performance still was something of a shock — and one that drew widespread criticism.

Nicholas Burns, who was the U.S. ambassador to NATO on Sept. 11, 2001, after which the alliance voted to come to the aid of the United States, said, "Our big strategic advantage over Russia is we have these big alliance systems and they don't. That's a very big part of America's influence in the world and the president doesn't see that, because he's so narrowly focused on trade disputes."

"He's making a major mistake if he keeps this up," Burns added. "It's taking on the vestiges of a vendetta. When you go out at the start of the summit and set a tone that looks so anti-German and looks like it's aimed at weakening (Chancellor Angela) Merkel, it looks malicious."

Following the meetings at the sprawling NATO campus on the outskirts of Belgium's capital, Trump's secretary of state, Mike Pompeo, took to Twitter for damage control.

NATO, he tweeted, "is the most successful alliance in history. All #NATO allies have committed to extending this success through increased defense spending, deterrence and defense, and fighting terrorism. Weakness provokes; strength and cohesion protects. This remains our bedrock belief."

Adding to the unease is anticipation of Trump's upcoming meeting with Putin. Amid speculation that Trump would acquiesce in Russia's 2014 annexation of Crimea, Stoltenberg dodged a reporter's question about whether the president had given any assurances that



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President Donald Trump seemed to go it alone in his criticism of Germany at the two-day NATO summit Wednesday in Brussels.



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Germany's Angela Merkel fired back at Trump's criticism. Above, she gathers with Canada's Justin Trudeau, left, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg and other leaders.

"What good is NATO ...?"

— President Donald Trump, who started a tweet this way Wednesday in Brussels

he would stand by NATO's position that the action was illegal.

Critics say that while Trump has grounds to complain, as past presidents have, that NATO allies are taking advantage of the United States, he fails to recognize the alliance's value to the country.

"'America First' has been his mantra. What Trump doesn't understand is, the United States cannot defend itself without its assets and bases on foreign soil," said Frank Rose, a former official at the Defense and State departments in Republican and Democratic administrations.

"That radar in Denmark is not there to defend the Danes. It is defending us," Rose continued.

At a breakfast with Stoltenberg before the summit, Trump redirected a question about his looming meeting with Putin by suggesting that a natural gas pipeline project has made Germany subservient to Russia. He apparently was referring to the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, which would dramatically increase the amount of gas Russia is able to export directly to Germany.

"Germany is totally controlled by Russia," Trump said. "You tell me if that's appropriate, because I think it's not."

Merkel delivered a public retort upon arriving at the summit. The chancellor, who grew up during the Cold War in the former East Germany, under the Soviet Union's control, said she didn't need to be lectured about dealing with authoritarian regimes.

"I have experienced myself how a part of Germany was controlled by the Soviet Union," she said. "I am very happy that today we are united in freedom, the Federal Republic of Germany. Because of that we can say that we can make our independent policies and make independent decisions."

When the two leaders met privately later, they spoke about the pipeline as well as other issues, Trump said. But in their brief remarks to reporters, he only

flattered Merkel about Germany's economic gains.

French President Emmanuel Macron, asked by a reporter following his short meeting with Trump if he agreed that Germany is captive to Russia, said he did not, as Trump sat alongside him.

As is often the case with Trump, his criticism of the pipeline project contains a measure of truth within his distortions and misrepresentations.

Germany isn't "captive" because the pipeline isn't finished, though U.S. and Eastern European countries have long worried that Germany could become more dependent on it over time. Russia in the past has manipulated gas supplies to threaten Ukraine.

Ukrainians, Poles and other Eastern Europeans worry that Western Europe could become less willing to protect them if Russia has a bigger role as an energy supplier.

However, defenders of the pipeline have long argued that Russia, whose economy depends heavily on energy sales, will become less confrontational with the West if its prosperity becomes more intertwined with the rest of Europe.

The pipeline has also been backed by German environmentalists because increased use of natural gas has allowed the country to phase out coal and reduce its dependence on nuclear power.

"This pipeline, there are real questions about getting too dependent on Russia — that's not an illegitimate question to ask," said Robert Jervis, a professor of international relations at Columbia University.

"The problem is then he doesn't have the attention span to sit still for the discussion or contemplation of the question itself."

A commercial element could be at play in Trump's complaint: If Germany imported less gas from Russia, it might import liquefied natural gas from the U.S.

Merkel has had her own criticisms of the pipeline, although she has not stopped it.

The project was pushed by the predecessor, Gerhard Schroeder, who had warm relations with Putin and signed the deal in 2005, just days after Merkel's party beat him in German elections.

Schroeder has gone on to

have extensive business dealings with Russia.

Even before Trump's morning blast, allied leaders were nervous about the

American president's ambivalence toward NATO and his repeated demands that they increase their share of military spending.

They weren't alone.

On Tuesday, the Republican-controlled Senate voted 97-2 in favor of a resolution in support of NATO and the House did so unanimously Wednesday. "NATO is indispensable," said House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said that Trump "can be a little too critical of the other counterparts, and I don't think he should be critical."

The president continued to hammer his complaints about NATO countries' military expenditures at the breakfast, stating that the situation is "not fair" to American taxpayers. "But we will make it fair," he said.

Trump singled out Germany for complaint, and Merkel, in her comments

upon arriving, took issue with that criticism as well.

"Germany does a lot for NATO," she said. "Germany is the second largest provider of troops, the largest part of our military capacity is offered to NATO and until today we have a strong engagement towards Afghanistan. In that we also defend the interests of the United States."

Trump's repeated complaints have swayed some Americans against the alliance that has guarded the trans-Atlantic democratic order for nearly 70 years. Backing for NATO has declined among Trump's supporters, polls show.

While Trump spoke again of NATO countries being delinquent and owing the United States, their defense spending has nothing to do with payments to NATO or the U.S. All NATO members are current on their actual contributions to the alliance.

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Nev. execution called off after drug firm's lawsuit

BY KEN RITTER AND MICHELLE L. PRICE
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — A Nevada judge effectively put the execution of a two-time killer on hold Wednesday after a pharmaceutical company objected to the use of one of its drugs to put someone to death.

Clark County District Judge Elizabeth Gonzalez disallowed the use of the drug in a ruling that came



Dozier

down less than nine hours before Scott Raymond Dozier, 47, was to be executed with a three-

chemical injection never before tried in the country. State prison officials later called off the 8 p.m. execution, and a judge issued an order indefinitely postponing it.

Despite the maneuvering around him, Dozier had repeatedly expressed his desire to be put to death and had stopped fighting for his life.

Dozier was sentenced to death in 2007 for robbing, killing and dismembering 22-year-old Jeremiah Miller at a Las Vegas motel in 2002. Miller had come to Nevada to buy ingredients to make meth.

In 2005, Dozier was sentenced to 22 years in prison for shooting to death another drug-trade associate.

At a hearing earlier Wednesday, New Jersey-based Alvogen had urged the judge to block the use of its sedative midazolam, saying the state illegally secured the product through "subterfuge" and intended it for unapproved purposes. The pharmaceutical company also raised fears that the drug could lead to a botched execution, citing cases that apparently went awry else-



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Attorney Todd Bice accused the state of Nevada of deceptively getting the Alvogen drug midazolam, a sedative.

where around the country.

Todd Bice, an attorney with Alvogen, accused the state of deceptively obtaining the drug by having it shipped to a pharmacy in Las Vegas rather than the state prison in Ely. He said Alvogen had sent a letter to state officials in April telling them it opposes the use of its products in executions, particularly with regard to midazolam.

The judge ruled that based on that letter, Alvogen had a reasonable chance of winning its lawsuit, and she issued the temporary restraining order against the use of the drug. Gonzalez set another hearing for Sept. 10.

Pharmaceutical companies have resisted the use of their drugs in executions for 10 years, citing legal and ethical concerns.

But the legal challenge filed by Alvogen is only the second of its kind in the country, said Robert Dunham, executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center in Washington. The previous challenge, brought last year by a different company in Arkansas, was unsuccessful.

Alvogen said in a statement that it will continue to work to ensure its products are not used in executions.

A second pharmaceutical company, Sandoz, also raised objections at

Wednesday's hearing to the use of one of its drugs — the muscle-paralyzing substance cisatracurium — in Dozier's execution. But the company did not ask to join Alvogen's lawsuit.

A third company, Pfizer, last year demanded Nevada return the third drug intended for use in the execution, the opioid fentanyl. But the state refused. Fentanyl, which has been blamed for deadly overdoses across the country, has not been used before in an execution.

Jordan T. Smith, an assistant Nevada solicitor general, countered at Wednesday's hearing that the state didn't put up a "smokescreen" or do anything wrong in getting the drugs. He said drugs ordered by the state prison system are regularly shipped to Las Vegas.

Alvogen's midazolam was substituted in May for Nevada's expired stock of diazepam, commonly known as Valium. The drug is intended to render the inmate unconscious. Under Nevada's new execution protocol, the inmate is next given fentanyl and then cisatracurium, one to slow his breathing, the other to stop it.

Bice said Alvogen opposes the use of the drug in a way that is contrary to its purpose — saving and improving lives.

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Thai cave saga captivated world

'We really needed something to cheer for,' U.S. expert says

BY TED ANTHONY
Associated Press

In the darkness, down the twisting stone tunnels and through the murky water, they awaited an uncertain future.

Outside, under the skies of a modern planet, cameras and bystanders and a rapt global audience looked toward the remote hills of northern Thailand, connected by cables and satellites and wireless signals and gadgets in their pockets. For more than two weeks, this went on.

We have barely a hint of what the past 18 days were like for the 12 young Thai soccer players and their coach. But for the rest of us, watching from afar as an uneasy planet's media juggernaut beamed us live shots and the unknowable was revealed drip by tantalizing drip, we knew one thing: It was hard to look away.

Were they even alive at all in there after so many days? Probably not. And yet they were. Could we get a glimpse? There they were, captured on video, waving tentatively to what had fast become their public. Could they be pulled out, through water that rose and fell and threatened to rise again? That question, drawn out for so many days as the clock ticked menacingly, found its answer Tuesday with a resounding yes.

"We really needed something to cheer for right now. We needed some positivity. We needed a good headline that could carry the day," says Daryl Van Tongeren, an associate professor of psychology at Hope College in Michigan who studies how humans build meaning in their lives.

"People started believing, like a snowball rolling down a hill: 'Maybe they WILL get out,'" he said.

First, the obvious. These were children who did nothing wrong, and we love tales of innocents. Plus, it was easy to conclude for several days that they'd met their end prematurely and unfairly. When they did not — when children not unlike those in our own lives had a fighting chance at being OK — many eyes locked in on the story.

At that point, the saga was also fueled by hope, and by a possibility of a good outcome — both elements of any memorable human tale.

There are other reasons this particular story was so captivating, though. They cast light on some things about ourselves and about the strange forces — sometimes wonderful and sometimes destructive — that shape our lives in a modern media society.

Hollywood ending: It's become cliché to compare the real world to showbiz ("It was like something out of a movie" so many witnesses to disaster say). Still, it would have been impossible to craft a Hollywood treatment that felt more cinematic.

For several decades in the American film industry during the 20th century, a production code made sure that the bad guys couldn't win and that bad things couldn't be shown. What's less known is that the code discouraged ambiguity and subtly encouraged sharp, distinctive resolutions to plot lines — something that



Rescuers worked together last week to pump water out of the entrance to the flooded caves in northern Thailand.

ROYAL THAI NAVY

Team flashes signs of recovery as U.S. diver details cave rescue

BY STEPHEN WRIGHT AND
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Associated Press

MAE SAI, Thailand — As ecstatic relatives watched and waved from behind a glass barrier, the 12 boys and their soccer coach rescued from deep within a flooded cave in Thailand made the V-for-Victory sign Wednesday from their beds in a hospital isolation ward where they are recovering from the 18-day ordeal.

An American involved in the operation described the perilous zero-visibility dives that brought the boys out safely as a "once-in-a-lifetime rescue."

Derek Anderson, a 32-year-old rescue specialist with the U.S. Air Force based in Okinawa, Japan, said that at times during the risky rescue, the boys had to be put into harnesses and high-lined across the rocky caverns. At other times, they endured dives lasting up to a half-hour in pitch-black waters.

"The world just needs to know that what was accomplished was a once in a lifetime rescue," Anderson said Wednesday. "We were extremely fortunate that the outcome was the way it was. It's important to realize how complex and how many pieces of this

puzzle had to come together."

He said the boys, ranging in age from 11 to 16, were "incredibly resilient."

"What was really important was the coach and the boys all came together and discussed staying strong, having the will to live, having the will to survive," Anderson said.

That determination was on display Wednesday in a video taken from the hospital isolation ward. The boys, their faces covered by green surgical masks, flashed the V-for-Victory sign as they sat up in bed and chatted with their nurses, at times responding with the customary Thai sign of respect — hands pressed together while bowing the head.

The youngest boy, 11, appeared to be asleep under a crisp white sheet.

"Don't need to worry about their physical health and even more so for their mental health," said Chaiwetch Thanapaisal, director of Chiang Rai Prachanukroh Hospital. "Everyone is strong in mind and heart."

The four boys and 25-year-old soccer coach who were brought out Tuesday on the final day of the three-day rescue effort have recovered more quickly than the



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Members of the Wild Boars team signal they are OK after their ordeal.

boys rescued Sunday and Monday, Chaiwetch said.

Even so, all need to be monitored in the hospital for a week and then rest at home for another 30 days, he said. Three have slight lung infections.

Another video released on Facebook by the Thai navy SEALs, who were central to the rescue, showed one of the boys being carried through part of the muddy cave on a stretcher covered by an emergency thermal blanket.

The SEALs commander, Rear Adm. Apakorn Youkongkae, said the soccer coach, Ekkapol Chantawong, determined the order the boys from the Wild Boars soccer team should be rescued in. "The coach was the one to choose," he said.

The group had entered the Tham Luang cave to go exploring after soccer practice June 23

when monsoon rains filled the tight passageways, blocking their escape. They were found by a pair of British divers nearly 10 days later, huddled on a small, dry shelf just above the water.

Chiang Rai province acting Gov. Narongsak Osatanakorn, who oversaw the rescue operation, said the boys should not be blamed for their near tragedy. He lauded the cooperation between Thai and international rescuers.

"The situation went beyond just being a rescue mission and became a symbol of unity among mankind," he said. "Everyone worked together without discrimination of race or religion as the ultimate goal was to save the youth football team." Each of the boys, with no diving experience, was guided out through rocky and water-filled passages that in places were just a crawl space.

came to be known as the "Hollywood ending" and endures to this day.

That's what we got Tuesday out of northern Thailand — a satisfying, all-tied-up-in-a-bow Hollywood ending, the kind that would make a reality-TV producer salivate.

"This sets the framework for what we expect from a great story," says Roscoe Scarborough, a sociologist at Franklin & Marshall College in Pennsylvania who studies first responders and reality television.

"Any action movie follows this script. Thinking they're dead but they're alive. A race against time and the odds to get them out," says Scarborough, who is also a firefighter. "It's a cultural product that we understand. But this is a real-life version."

Technology: Our world today is consumed with

technology — witness the ability to see the cave sage on television and mobile devices — but also increasingly uneasy with the way it affects our lives and landscapes.

So to look at such a remote area and watch a good outcome unfold because of smart uses of technology, from the pumping effort that drained water out of the cave to the calibrated oxygen tanks used in extracting the kids, illuminated the ways technology can encourage our humanity rather than whittle away at it.

Sacrifice: In any epic narrative, something precious is lost. In this case, that was 38-year-old Saman Gunan, the Thai Navy SEAL who died in the cave last week during rescue efforts.

This happens often in rescue efforts: People who die heroically trying to help

others become martyrs who are seen as the best of us. The highest-profile example in recent years: the firefighters and police officers who died helping people on Sept. 11, 2001.

"They become symbols of our shared humanity, representative of our collective values," Scarborough says.

No politics: It's pretty obvious that our media-consuming world needs some news that couldn't possibly be contentious or political. This story managed that.

The enemies were diffuse — nature and the ticking clock. There was no backstory of refugees or immigration or gun control or economic disparity. There were, to most of the world watching, no politics whatsoever.

Ticking clock: Serial narratives have been around

for a while after their ascent in print form during the 1800s and as "cliffhangers" like "The Perils of Pauline" or "Flash Gordon" during cinema's early days. Their calculus: They give you some of the story but leave you anticipating more. Serial podcasts and TV season finales carry on that tradition today.

In the case of the cave saga, a series of inflection points kept turning attention back to northern Thailand. The effect, said one observer, felt like the tiny rush you get when people, one after another, like your Facebook post or Instagram photo.

And over it all hung a ticking clock. Would the waters rise again? Would oxygen run out? Would rescuers beat the ticking clock?

In the end, this summer saga in Thailand was the kind of story that a modern,

media-consuming human is conditioned through life to consume.

It takes its place among similar underground sagas that entranced the planet — the trapped Copiapo miners (Chile, 2010); the Quecreek mining disaster (Pennsylvania, 2002); 18-month-old Jessica McClure trapped in a well (Texas, 1987); and the first such event covered by modern media, the trapping and subsequent cave death of Floyd Collins (Kentucky, 1925).

Sounds antique and distant, right? But in the end it's the same. No matter how much the decades pass or the technology progresses, we do the same thing: We watch, we wonder and we hope for a happy ending. And then we move on.

This time, though, in this contentious season of humanity, we can do it with a smile.



AMBER ARNOLD/AP

Residents were relocated after the explosion Tuesday in Sun Prairie, Wis.

Firefighter killed in gas explosion near Madison

BY TODD RICHMOND
Associated Press

SUN PRAIRIE, Wis. — A massive natural gas explosion killed a firefighter and leveled portions of a city block in a southern Wisconsin community, including a bar the firefighter owned, authorities said Wednesday.

The blast in Sun Prairie on Tuesday evening also injured at least a dozen people and left residents of the Madison suburb wondering how they'll put their downtown back together.

"It's just hard to look the pictures and see what our city looks like now," resident Erin Updike said.

The blast happened after police got a call at 6:30 p.m. that construction workers had punctured a WE Energies natural gas line while working downtown. Police and firefighters arrived to investigate and were evacuating the area when the gas exploded shortly after 7 p.m. The blast ignited four-story high flames that burned long into the night and belched a smoke plume

visible for miles.

Sun Prairie Fire Department Capt. Cory Barr was killed in the blast, said Mahlon Mitchell, president of the state firefighters union. Barr had been with the department for at least 10 years. He also worked as a real estate agent and owned the Barr House, a tavern that was destroyed in the explosion.

"The Sun Prairie Fire Department is strong. We will keep on building from this. We are hurt, but we will come back," Fire Chief

Christopher Garrison said.

Five other firefighters, a police officer and at least six civilians were hurt, according to Sun Prairie police Lt. Kevin Konopacki. One of the firefighters was critically injured and remained hospitalized Wednesday, Konopacki said.

At least five buildings were damaged, including the Barr House, Glass Nickel Pizza and a steak restaurant, according to a news release on the city's website.

"It looked like flames

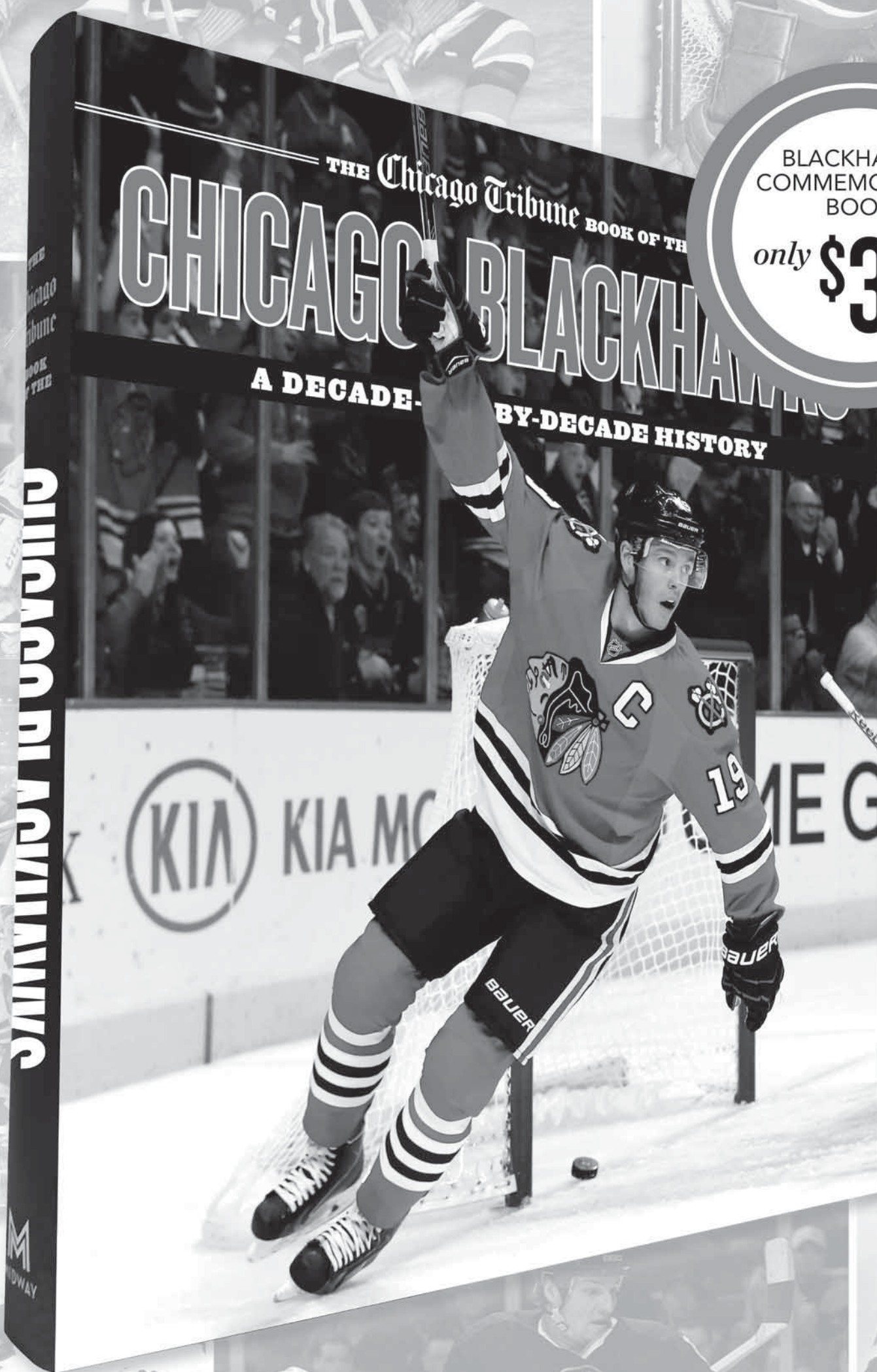
shooting out of heaven and just debris going everywhere," said Sun Prairie resident Benjamin Berry.

Authorities and WE Energies did not release the name of the company that was doing the construction work.

Sun Prairie, a city of about 30,000 people, is less than 15 miles from the state Capitol in Madison. Its biggest claims to fame are Jimmy the Groundhog and dirt races involving midget cars, a sort of cross between ATVs and dune buggies.

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Is this rock from 'Lost Colony'?

New research may confirm authenticity of 1937 find in N.C.

BY GILLIAN BROCKELL
The Washington Post

Americans celebrated the nation's birth this month, and one of the mysteries of its founding may soon be illuminated. In the fall, new research may confirm the authenticity of an engraved stone found near the "Lost Colony" of Roanoke — a stone dismissed for decades as a forgery.

"If this stone is real, it's the most significant artifact in American history of early European settlement," said Ed Schrader, a geologist and president Brenau University in Georgia, where the stone is kept. "And if it's not, it's one of the most magnificent forgeries of all time."

On July 4, 1584, English explorers sent by Sir Walter Raleigh first landed on Roanoke Island, in what is now North Carolina. After a botched attempt to establish a settlement, Raleigh sent a second group of colonists in 1587, led by John White and comprising more families. With him he brought his adult daughter, Eleanor White Dare, and his son-in-law Ananias, a stonemason. Soon after they arrived, Dare gave birth to a daughter named Virginia.

The 117 colonists arrived too late to plant crops, and their situation quickly grew desperate. They convinced White to return to England to plead for help.

It didn't work. White arrived amid the Anglo-Spanish War, meaning every ship was commandeered to fight the Spanish Armada. He wouldn't return to Roanoke for nearly four years.

When he finally did, he found the colony deserted. There were no skeletal remains indicating they'd



The Dare stone from 1937. At far left is the front; at left, the back.

BRENAU UNIVERSITY

been attacked. The fort was dismantled, showing they hadn't left in a hurry. And on a fence post was carved the word "CROATOAN" — the name of a friendly Native American group nearby.

White wanted to launch a search, but the sailors he was traveling with refused. They'd only agreed to stop by Roanoke on their way back to Europe from the Caribbean, and there was a storm coming. White left with them the next day, and no one has heard from the Roanoke Colony since.

In 1937, a California tourist walked into the history department of Emory University in Atlanta with a 21-pound engraved rock he said he had found in a swamp while traveling through North Carolina. It caught the eye of Haywood Pearce Jr., an Emory professor who also served as vice president of Brenau, a small women's college in Gainesville, Ga.

On one side, the engraving appeared to be a grave marker, reading, "Ananias Dare & Virginia Went Hence Unto Heaven 1591

Anye Englishman Shew John White Govr Via." On the other side, the inscription was much longer, and appeared to address White as "Father": "Soone After You Goe for England Wee Cam Hither Onlie Misarie & Warre Tow Yeere ... Ye Salvages Faine Spirits Angrie Suddaine Murther Al Save Seaven Mine Childe Ananais to Slaine wth Much Misarie."

It was signed "EWD" — the initials of Eleanor White Dare.

Pearce transferred the stone from Emory to Brenau soon after, according to the Brenau Window, and then offered the public a bounty for the discovery of any other stones.

"And so, amazingly, all these additional stones that had been sitting around in the woods of North Carolina for 500 years just started showing up," Schrader said. "You know, for 500 bucks a pop. So that's just what happens, history of mankind, or at least, the free market."

Within four years, nearly 50 more engraved stones surfaced, from all over

Georgia and North Carolina, and mostly by a Georgia stonemason. A team from the Smithsonian Institution visited and made a preliminary determination that the stones appeared authentic. Pearce published papers, made speeches, another professor wrote a play, and there was even talk of a Hollywood movie.

And then came an 11,000-word expose in the Saturday Evening Post, unmasking the Georgia stonemason as a forger, and hinting that Pearce, in a bid to make his college famous, might be in on the hoax.

"Isn't it extraordinary to find (the words) 'primeval' and 'reconnoitre' when they do not appear in Shakespeare?" the article indicted.

Overnight, the find was a worthless pile of rocks.

As the decades past, interest in the stones would occasionally rekindle.

In 1977, Leonard Nimoy's paranormal show "In Search Of ..." found the stones abandoned, literally in a pile, underneath the university amphitheater.

The TV segment is goofy,

but it brought up a valid and lingering question: Was it unfair to lump the first stone in with all the fakes? Could it perhaps be real?

In the past few years, researchers have been taking another look.

For one, the letters etched on the first stone look different from the others. It doesn't contain any suspiciously modern words, like the others do. Plus, Dare was "moderately educated," says Schrader, and her husband was a stonemason. It's reasonable to think she may have learned the skill from him.

In 2016, Schrader had a sample of the stone analyzed by University of North Carolina at Asheville, exposing the quartz's bright white interior.

"The original inscription would have been a stark contrast to the weathered exterior," science writer Andrew Lawler wrote for National Geographic. "A good choice for a Roanoke colonist but a poor one for a modern forger."

Schrader said he'd like to marshal the funds for an "exhaustive, geochemical

investigation," but first, this fall, a Brenau professor will assemble a team of experts to analyze the language more thoroughly.

"The type of English that's on the stone was really only used for about 100 years, so it's a nice time marker to be able to study," Schrader said.

Lawler has a new book delving into the mystery. And, in a Washington Post column, he noted another group fascinated by the Roanoke story: white supremacists.

Starting in the 19th century, Dare's daughter Virginia, the first English child born on this continent, became a symbol for white purity, Lawler writes. Tales told of her chasteness living among "wild" Native Americans; at the height of Jim Crow, a popular poem called her the "heir of civilization."

Even white suffragists, positioning themselves as more entitled to the vote than black men, invoked her name.

Nowadays, Peter Brimelow, a friend of White House adviser Stephen Miller, runs an anti-immigration website called VDARE. Current popular tags on the site include "Anti-White Hate Crimes" and "Minority Occupation."

If the first Dare stone turns out to be real, that would mean Virginia Dare died when she was 3 or 4 years old at the hands of Native Americans. But Schrader isn't concerned about what white supremacists will think of that.

"They're not going to convince anyone but themselves with Virginia Dare. So I just don't think there's anything that they will gain," he said.

"But I would like to gain something through this study. I would surely like to know whether Eleanor Whyte Dare had her hands on this stone about 500 years ago and left us a message."

Breastfeeding fight is old formula in U.S.

Critics: Bid to weaken resolution part of traditional pro-biz stand

BY CAROLYN Y. JOHNSON AND AMANDA ERICKSON
The Washington Post

An aggressive effort by U.S. officials to weaken an international resolution to promote breastfeeding this year is the latest example of the government taking an industry's side in global public health, advocates said.

This spring, U.S. officials threatened negative trade consequences for Ecuador if the country introduced a resolution to the World Health Assembly to encourage breastfeeding, according to a person familiar with the negotiations who spoke on the condition of anonymity. That person said that there had been significant lobbying of U.S. representatives in Switzerland by the infant formula industry over the issue. Ecuador's Ministry of Health did not reply to a request for comment.

The story, first reported by The New York Times, has outraged public-health advocates because it flouts decades of public-health wisdom about the benefits of breastfeeding.

The U.S. delegation in-

troduced a "draft decision" at the World Health Assembly in May that was far less binding and powerful than the resolution Ecuador had been drafting, sources said. The effort was unsuccessful, because the assembly passed a version of the original resolution introduced by Russia. But that version lacked some of the specific language of the earlier draft that targeted the marketing practices of the breast-milk-substitute industry, according to Elisabeth Sterken, national director of INFACT Canada, a nongovernmental organization that promotes infant and young child nutrition.

"It certainly is blatant and aggressive," Sterken said of the U.S. efforts to weaken the resolution. "That pro-business, anti-public-health agenda has certainly come back."

On Monday, President Donald Trump pushed back against the idea that the United States opposes breastfeeding, apparently arguing that the Ecuador resolution would have limited access to breast milk substitutes. "We don't believe women should be denied access to formula," he wrote in a tweet. Trade

threats were not made by the Department of Health and Human Services, according to a spokesman. A State Department spokesman did not immediately respond to an inquiry.

"The United States has a long history of supporting mothers and breastfeeding around the world," HHS spokeswoman Caitlin Oakley said. "The issues being debated were not about whether one supports breastfeeding."

But advocates said that the incident is a throwback to a time when the U.S. government defied the world to protect the infant formula industry. In 1981, the World Health Organization passed a code to combat the aggressive advertising of breast milk substitutes and provision of free formula to new mothers, after a rise in infant mortality, malnutrition and diarrhea thought to be related to the use of formula mixed with contaminated water. The United States was the sole dissenting vote out of 118 countries, after an intense lobbying campaign by U.S. manufacturers of infant formula to defeat the provision.

Over the years, U.S. sup-



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port of breastfeeding has increased and its hostility to the code of marketing restrictions has softened, several nutrition experts said. Which is why the events earlier this year came as such a surprise.

"There is no scientific evidence behind the U.S. position. It simply reflects the fact that corporate sales are more important to the U.S. administration than the well-being of women and children," said Cesar Victora, a specialist in child health and nutrition at Federal University of Pelotas, Brazil.

Advocates said that U.S. government officials, under multiple administrations, have taken industry-

friendly positions. They pointed to the Obama administration's actions to protect the pharmaceutical industry, for example, by threatening funding for the Colombian government's peace deal if the country broke the monopoly the Swiss company Novartis had on the cancer drug, Gleevec.

Even so, critics say the Trump administration is in a league of its own when it comes to politically motivated public-health policies. According to Suzanne Ehlers, president and CEO of reproductive rights organization PAI, the Trump administration has aggressively cut back U.S. support for public-health efforts

aimed at women.

The administration has cut all international funding to organizations that offer — or even talk about — abortion to patients. The president's first proposed budget cut all support for international family planning. In April, administration officials stripped all language about reproductive rights from a major State Department human rights report.

Nevertheless, Ehlers said she is surprised by the administration's reaction to the breastfeeding measure. "I was even a little taken aback," she said. "That that's the issue you would pick to torpedo is crazy to me."

Late-in-life high blood pressure linked to Alzheimer's, study says

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE
Associated Press

Decades ago, hundreds of nuns and priests made an extraordinary decision: They agreed to donate their brains upon death to science, hoping to help solve mysteries about Alzheimer's and other diseases. Now, a study that used their gifts is giving some clues. It reveals that high blood pressure late in life might harm the brain.

Autopsies on nearly 1,300

older people, including about 640 clergy members, found more signs of damage and one of the hallmarks of Alzheimer's disease in the brains of those with higher blood pressure than among those with pressure closer to normal, researchers reported Wednesday.

The study does not prove cause and effect, and it does not yet provide a comparison of rates of dementia or its most common form, Alzheimer's — those results will take longer to parse. But it challenges a theory that

high pressure is not as harmful in old age as it is when people are younger.

"We can't be alarmist. This is preliminary data" that needs to be validated by others, said the study leader, Dr. Zeynep Arvanitakis of Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.

The research began in 1994 and combined people from three studies of aging who agreed to donate their brains for autopsy upon their deaths, including the Religious Orders Study of Catholic clergy throughout

the United States. All were over 65 and without known dementia at the start and were followed until they died — at an average age of 89 and after an average of eight years in the study.

Two-thirds had high blood pressure, defined as a top reading of 140 or more when the study began (it's now 130 under new guidelines adopted last fall.) Their pressures were measured once a year during the study — a strength of this work over some previous research that just relied

on people to say whether they had high pressure or not.

After each participant died, researchers examined their brains for areas of dead tissue caused by lack of blood supply. These blighted areas can be tiny and cause no symptoms, so they're sometimes called evidence of "silent strokes."

About half of the study participants had one or more of these, and the risk was greater for those with higher blood pressure. For example, people with an

average top reading of 147 had a 46 percent greater risk of having one or more of the bad spots than those with an average top reading of 134. People with higher bottom blood pressure readings also had a greater risk for this problem.

"It's a pretty strong study," said James Hendrix, director of global science initiatives at the Alzheimer's Association. "Autopsy data is really powerful" and has been the gold standard for diagnosing Alzheimer's for many years, he said.

NEWS BRIEFING

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House passes measure to honor 2nd black major league player

On Tuesday, the House passed a measure that would award the Congressional Gold Medal to Larry Doby, the second African-American to smash the color barrier in Major League Baseball. Joining the Cleveland Indians three months after Jackie Robinson appeared in the Brooklyn Dodgers' lineup in April, 1947, Doby shouldered through the same prejudice and hate that marked Robinson's early days in the league.

But Doby — who not only was the first black player in the American League, but the first black player on a World Series winning team 70 years ago in 1948 — has never received the historical respect he deserved.

A spokeswoman for Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio told Cleveland.com the senator hopes to have a Senate version of the measure passed this year. The proposal currently has 38 co-sponsors.

Female Navy personnel can set sail with ponytails, braids

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The Navy says it will now allow servicewomen to sport ponytails and other hairstyles, reversing a policy that long forbade them from letting their hair down.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John Richardson said it makes the Navy more inclusive.

Many black women had asked for changes to the female grooming standards. The new standards

went into effect Wednesday.

Lock hairstyles, or ropelike strands, are also now allowed. Wider hair buns too.

The working group that recommended the changes told the Navy that adding grooming options would eliminate a distraction, be more inclusive of different hair textures and enable people to keep their hair natural instead of processing it.

Papa John's founder resigns as chair after apologizing for slur

Papa John's says founder John Schnatter has resigned as chairman of the board.

The company made the announcement late Wednesday, hours after Schnatter apologized for using a racial slur during a conference call in May.

The apology comes after Forbes cited an anonymous source saying the pizza chain's marketing firm broke ties with the company afterward.

Forbes said Schnatter used the N-word during a media training exercise. When asked how he would distance himself from racist groups, Schnatter reportedly complained that Colonel Sanders never faced a backlash for using the word.

In a statement released by Papa John's, Schnatter said reports attributing use of "inappropriate and hurtful" language to him were true.



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Musician turned politician Robert Kyagulanyi, center, is joined by protesters in Kampala, Uganda, during a demonstration against a controversial tax on the use of social media. Police fired live bullets and tear gas to disperse a rowdy crowd amid the protests.

Netanyahu, Putin meet about Syria ahead of Trump summit

MOSCOW — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow on Wednesday for talks focusing on Iranian presence in Syria — an issue that is expected to top the agenda of the upcoming U.S.-Russian summit.

While the Russian and Israeli leaders sat down for talks in the Kremlin, a senior Iranian envoy also headed to Moscow amid intensive Syria-focused diplomatic efforts ahead of Putin's summit in Helsinki on Monday with President Donald Trump.

Netanyahu underlined warm ties between Russia and Israel, emphasizing what he described as their key stabilizing role for the Mideast.

Both the United States and Israel are concerned about Iran's growing military presence in Syria.

Israel has repeatedly said it will not allow Iran, or its Shiite proxies, to establish a permanent presence in a postwar Syria.

Russia, another top key ally of Assad, has warned it would be unrealistic to expect Iran to fully withdraw from the country.

However, there have re-

cently been signs of an emerging compromise among key players.

Media reports suggested that at Monday's meeting in Helsinki, Putin and Trump could reach a deal that would envisage the deployment of Syrian government forces alongside the frontier with the Israeli-held side of the Golan Heights and the withdrawal of Iranian forces and their proxy Hezbollah militia from the area.

Russia also has maintained warm ties with Israel and demonstrated a readiness to take its security interests into account.

Hawaii justices side with lesbian duo in B&B case

HONOLULU — A Hawaii appeals court ruling that a bed and breakfast discriminated by denying a room to two women because they're gay will stand after the state's high court declined to take up the case.

Aloha Bed & Breakfast owner Phyllis Young had

argued she should be allowed to turn away gay couples because of her religious beliefs.

But the Hawaii Supreme Court on Tuesday rejected Young's appeal of a lower court ruling that ordered her to stop discriminating against same-sex couples.

The Alliance Defending

Freedom, a conservative Christian law firm that is representing Young, didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Lambda Legal Senior Attorney Peter Renn, who represents the couple, said the high court's order indicates t "there still is no license to discriminate."

Mine officials charged in rigging of coal dust readings

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Eight former supervisors and safety officers at a Kentucky coal company were indicted Wednesday on federal charges that they rigged dust monitoring in underground mines, forcing miners to work in the kind of dirty conditions that can lead to black lung disease.

The eight officials who worked at the now-bankrupt Armstrong Coal in western Kentucky were charged with one count each of conspiracy to defraud the government by "deceit, trickery and dishonest means," according to the indictment.

The indictment alleges company officials ordered workers to remove dust sampling equipment and place it in clean air portions of the mine to get desirable readings, or they moved workers without dust monitors into the dirtiest jobs.

The U.S. is on pace to leapfrog both Saudi Arabia and Russia and reclaim the title of the world's biggest oil producer for the first time since the 1970s. The latest forecast from the U.S. Energy Information Administration predicts that U.S. output will grow next year to 11.8 million barrels a day.

Archaeologists say damage to a pyramid in central Mexico from the Sept. 19 earthquake has revealed an older structure that was covered by later building. The Teopanzolco pyramid is in the city of Cuernavaca. The Aztec-era pyramid was built sometime between 1200 and the Spanish conquest in 1521.

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EDITORIALS

Praise for poise

When a loudmouth berates you for your T-shirt ...

Timothy Trybus' belligerence speaks for itself. In a video that has gone viral, the 62-year-old man coarsely chides a young woman named Mia Irizarry for wearing a shirt with the Puerto Rican flag on it. He strides up to her, stabbing the air with his finger as he shouts: "You should not be wearing this in the United States of America!"

A few yards away, a Cook County Forest Preserve District police officer nonchalantly stands at the edge of the pavilion where the confrontation takes place, at Caldwell Woods Forest Preserve on the Northwest Side. Irizarry calmly explains to Trybus that she has a right to wear the shirt, and has a permit to occupy the pavilion. She calmly tells Trybus she feels uncomfortable as he draws near to her. And she calmly asks the officer to intervene, which the officer doesn't.

Trybus has been charged with assault and disorderly conduct. The officer, identified by Cook County authorities as Patrick Connor, was placed under investigation for his handling of the incident and placed on desk duty, and late Wednesday the district announced he had resigned.

And Irizarry, who found herself in the predicament of all those who are judged, or dismissed, or insulted because of their appearance? She's a living lesson to us all on how to handle confrontation.

YouTube teems with videos of scenes rife with confrontation and discrimination.

In such tense moments, each of us copes in his or her own way. Some people freeze, others ignite with rage. Sometimes those scenes explode into violence.

Confronted at the pavilion, Irizarry did



A video image of a shirt with the Puerto Rican flag worn by Mia Irizarry when she was harassed by a man last month at Caldwell Woods.

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neither. File her remarkable reaction in the folder marked "Poise under pressure." Back to the video:

"Why are you wearing that?" Trybus aggressively asks. "Because I can," she answers, reminding him that Puerto Rico

is "part of the United States."

Trybus keeps belittling her, challenging her. "You're not going to change us. Do you know that?" he tells her.

"I'm not trying to change anyone," she replies. "I just came here for a birthday

party."

In a measured tone, Irizarry lets Connor know she could use some help. "Officer, I'm renting this area and he's harassing me about the shirt I'm wearing," she tells the officer. "I do not feel comfortable with him here. Is there anything you can do?" Not much, evidently. After other officers arrived, the episode ended peaceably.

But reaction to the video of the June 14 incident has been swift and strong since it went viral this week. Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rossello said in tweets that he was "appalled, shocked & disturbed," by what happened, and demanded that this officer be expelled from the police force. State Sen. Iris Martinez, a Chicago Democrat, also called it "inexcusable that a peace officer ... would ignore a call for help from someone feeling threatened, no matter their race." Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle apologized to the young woman for the incident, adding she was "troubled" by Connor's initial response.

Most attention thus far has focused on the hostile loudmouth and the lackadaisical officer. A court will decide Trybus' fate, and all of us await the outcome of the forest preserve district's investigation into Connor's actions. A video sometimes isn't the full story, but we see nothing in this recording that even begins to excuse either man's behavior.

But we don't want this saga to settle into questions of crime and punishment without a celebration of Mia Irizarry. So many times in this metropolis, serious disrespect provokes escalation, retaliation, even combat. Instead, her level-headed response kept an already ugly episode from becoming worse. Let's all remember that.

Trump's blunt me\$\$age to NATO

When it comes to international diplomacy, President Donald Trump is no milquetoast mumbler. He can be undiplomatically blunt, even rude, but that doesn't automatically mean he's wrong. Take, for instance, the longstanding dispute between the United States and its NATO allies over how much everyone contributes to the collective defense of Europe.

At the NATO summit in Brussels on Wednesday, Trump scorched the sensibilities of NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg and German Chancellor Angela Merkel with this zinger: "Germany, as far as I'm concerned, is captive to Russia because it's getting so much of its energy from Russia."

The Washington Post described Trump's remarks as "among the harshest in the history of the post-World War II alliance." Pass the smelling salts.

Trump also declared: "We have to talk about the billions and billions of dollars that's being paid to the country we're supposed to be protecting you against," referring to European purchases of Russian natural gas.

Why would he say that? Because it's true, and to Trump (and many other Americans) it's galling. Germany, one of the wealthiest countries on Earth, is among more than 20 NATO laggards not yet chipping in 2 percent of gross domestic product for defense — as these nations pledged to achieve by 2024.

For the past several years, only a handful of NATO members have cleared the 2 percent bar; the U.S. spends about twice that. This year, however, NATO expects eight of its 29 members to reach 2 percent.

Great, that only leaves 21 more. Is Trump impatient?

Yep. And so was President Barack Obama, and President George W. Bush. We've often demanded that European countries pony up.

NATO is built on the premise that an attack on one member is an attack on every member. That represents an important, and costly, bulwark against security threats, including terrorism and Russian aggression. The Europeans value American security commitments, but apparently not enough to swiftly fork over more cash.

Thus, Trump's mission is to shame France, Germany and other European countries into finally contributing their due.

"Frankly, many countries owe us a tremendous amount of money for many years, back where they're delinquent, as far as I'm concerned, because the United States has had to pay for them," Trump said.

Trump calling important allies "delin-

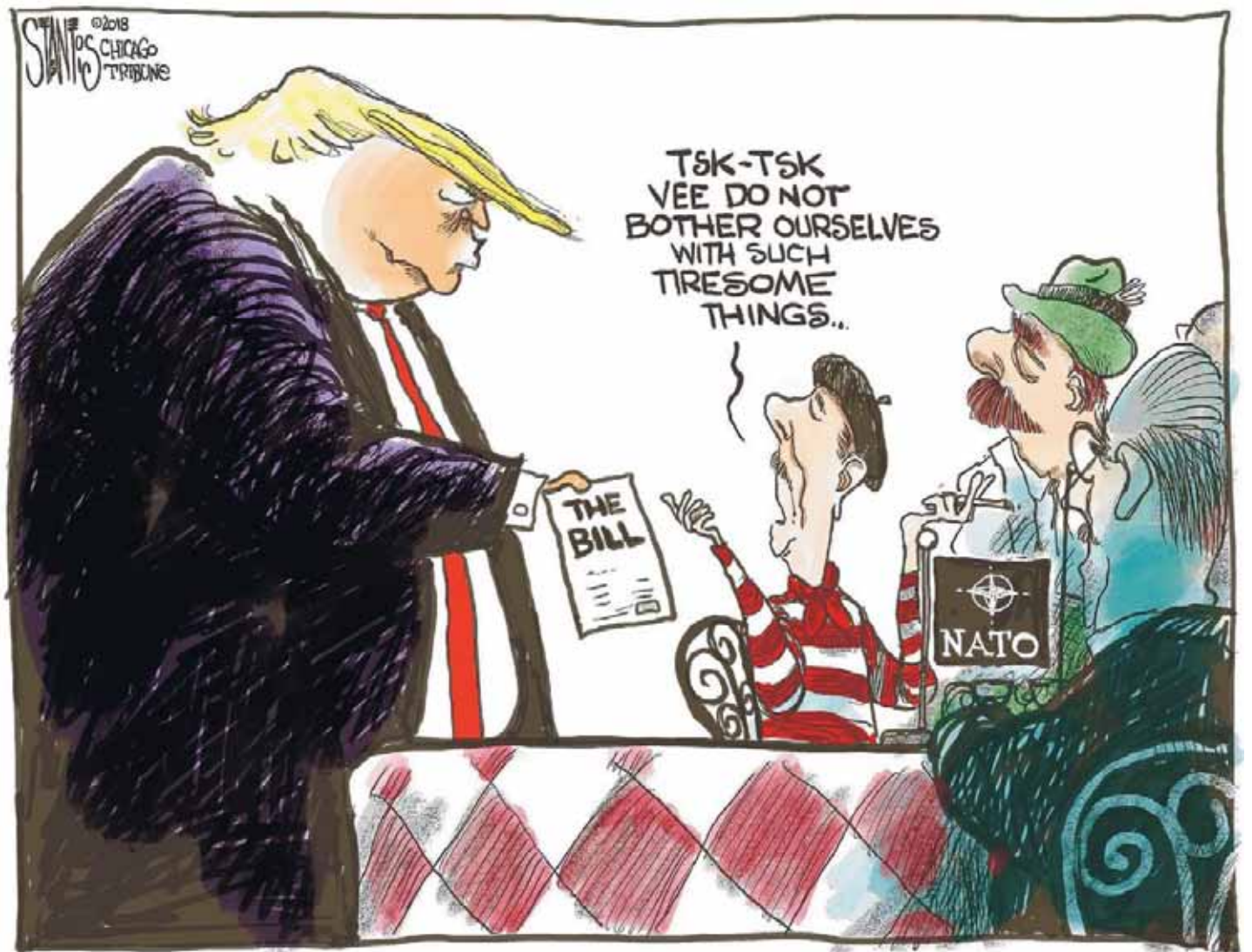
quent"? The president does have a way with words. Technically he's incorrect, since there's no money owed to the United States. But the larger point is that the defense of Europe is a *shared* burden. And candor has its place.

Some of NATO's nervous Nellies fear Trump will rupture the alliance by dissing America's friends and yielding too much to Russian President Vladimir Putin in a

summit scheduled for next week. Yet after Trump rattled the contributions cup in Brussels, he joined NATO leaders in approving sweeping plans to boost the alliance's defenses against Russia and terrorism.

He also took a final shot at goading NATO deadbeats. He called for NATO countries to boost military spending to 4 percent of GDP.

Europe, over to you. Again.



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WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

There's no question that the wedge of abortion divides Democrats from Republicans in a general sense. But what do Democrats gain by sharpening the wedge? It won't help them win back the working-class Catholic voters of Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Michigan who were so central to President Donald Trump's Electoral College victory. Nor will it help them hold key Senate seats in otherwise red states

such as Missouri, North Dakota and Montana.

Purists argue that the impending retirement of Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy will allow Trump and Senate Republicans to create a conservative majority on the court that is more hostile to abortion rights. This means war, the purists apparently believe, and there's no room for dissent in the trenches. However, armies

don't shrink their way to victory.

According to the Pew Research Center, on the abortion question most Americans are somewhere in the middle. While 25 percent favor unlimited access to abortion and 16 percent would make all abortions illegal, 57 percent believe it should be legal, but with limits.

The road to new majorities runs through that 57 percent. It's full of voters who

understand that abortion is a nuanced and challenging issue, and a fair number of them — perhaps a decisive number — are looking for a party that reflects this truth through open and humane discussion.

Perhaps the place to begin reaching them is in the Midwest, where Democrats have so little to lose.

David Von Drehle,
The Washington Post

Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE

Brett Kavanaugh and the myth of strict construction



STEVE CHAPMAN

When Donald Trump announced his nominee for the Supreme Court on Monday, he said he wanted someone who could set aside his political views “to do what the law and the Constitution require.” Brett Kavanaugh followed by saying a judge “must interpret the law, not make the law.”

It’s a classic conservative approach. You read the law and the Constitution, and then you follow them to the letter. Call it strict construction, judicial restraint or originalism. It’s as easy as following the directions on a Duncan Hines cake mix.

Except it’s not. Even the most carefully drafted laws — unlike, say, the 2017 tax reform bill, which was 500 pages long and passed in haste — have provisions that are complicated, imprecise or untested. The courts have to assign meaning to passages that

even Congress didn’t fully understand.

The Constitution is even murkier. It does, of course, include some language that is blindingly clear. When it says the president must be at least 35 years old or that the Senate consists of two members from each state, there is no room for misunderstanding.

But other phrases are so lacking in specificity that they practically invite the reader to determine the meaning — sort of like a Rorschach test. Among them are such crucial terms as “freedom of the press,” “unreasonable searches and seizures” and “equal protection of the laws.”

Robert Bork, whose Supreme Court nomination was voted down in 1987, found the Ninth Amendment — which protects certain rights that it does not identify — so baffling that he compared it to an inkblot.

Saying you will apply the laws and Constitution as written is like saying you will always do the right thing. It reveals nothing about what the actual results will be.

The conservative claim to

adhere to the language of the Constitution is not nearly so strict or faithful as it purports to be. We know that because conservatives often oppose certain Supreme Court interpretations before they happen and when they are issued, only to go along with them later.

They demand that the decision in *Roe v. Wade* be overturned because it lacked a constitutional basis — but they don’t make the same demand about the 2003 decision protecting sodomy or the 1965 ruling that said states may not outlaw contraceptives.

The 14th Amendment was meant to protect blacks from discrimination. But the Supreme Court has also interpreted it to prohibit discrimination against women — never mind that women weren’t allowed to vote at the time it was ratified.

Even conservative hero Antonin Scalia agreed with the court on that. Neither Kavanaugh nor Neil Gorsuch is about to vote to roll back the decisions that advanced sexual equality over the past four decades. (Clarence Thomas? Maybe.)

Scalia, in step with other con-

servatives, ridiculed the notion of a “living Constitution” whose meaning evolves over time to accommodate a changing world. He preferred “the good old dead Constitution.” If the Framers didn’t intend to forbid something in the Constitution, his disciples insist, it isn’t forbidden.

But they don’t really mean it. “There is no conceivable originalist case for women’s equality, unless originalism is going to lose all meaning and all capacity to limit courts,” University of Chicago law professor David Strauss, author of “The Living Constitution,” told me. “The idea that there was a constitutional right to interracial marriage was crazy radicalism at the time of the 14th Amendment.”

Yet even the most conservative justices are content to leave these decisions in place. That choice can be justified on the theory that a justice should abide by the court’s past decisions, even if he or she thinks the decision was wrong.

But if respect for precedent is obligatory, then the 1973 decision legalizing abortion has to stand. Most conservatives very much

want it to fall. And if precedents are sacred, why did the five conservative justices just vote to discard an important 1977 verdict that benefited public employee unions?

When it comes to interpreting and applying the Constitution, there are few simple answers. It requires a variety of methods: deducing what the Framers intended, discerning the underlying principles, adapting them to situations that could never have been imagined by the authors, taking account of modern standards of what is acceptable, considering previous Supreme Court rulings, using common sense and more.

Even conservative justices have to work this way — and so will Kavanaugh. “Everyone’s a living constitutionalist,” says Strauss. “It’s just a question whether they admit it.”

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Sen. Joe Donnelly, D-Ind., left, will face pressure to approve President Donald Trump’s Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh as Donnelly campaigns for re-election.

Vulnerable Democrats need GOP unity on Kavanaugh

BY MARC A. THIESSEN

WASHINGTON — It is difficult to imagine any Republican senator opposing President Donald Trump’s nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court of Brett Kavanaugh, a judge with impeccable credentials, strong intellect and sterling character. If Republicans stay united, Kavanaugh’s confirmation as the next associate justice is assured. And no one is praying harder for Republican unity than the three Democratic senators — Joe Manchin of West Virginia, Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota, and Joe Donnelly of Indiana — who voted to confirm Justice Neil Gorsuch and who are up for re-election this fall in states Trump won by double digits.

A Supreme Court fight is already a nightmare for these vulnerable Democrats. The left understands that Kavanaugh’s nomination is an existential threat to its activist judicial agenda, so it is going to throw everything it has at him in a

multimillion-dollar sliming. The confirmation hearings are going to make the infamous Robert Bork hearings of 1987 seem like a kumbaya session by comparison.

Caught in the crossfire are Manchin, Heitkamp and Donnelly, all of whom were hoping to steer a steady course down the middle to re-election but will now have to spend the next couple of months getting pushed and pulled by both sides. The Democrats’ left-wing base will demand that they vote “no” on Kavanaugh, while the trio’s pro-Trump constituents will demand they vote “yes.” And the confirmation fight will dominate the final months of their campaigns.

That’s a nightmare. But so long as Republicans are united, Manchin, Heitkamp and Donnelly more or less get a free vote. They won’t pay much of a price if they end up as the 51st, 52nd and 53rd votes confirming Trump’s nominee, adding a bipartisan veneer to the final vote. But if any Republicans

defect, the nightmare becomes a disaster, because each of these red-state Democrats suddenly becomes the deciding vote. That is the last thing they want.

If any Democrats provide the swing vote that puts Trump’s nominee on the high court, many on the left will be furious and abandon them on Election Day. But if each of them is the deciding vote against Trump’s nominee, then voters in their states — having voted for Trump decisively — would be more energized and determined to throw them out of office. It’s a no-win situation.

Normally, it is the job of a party’s Senate leadership to protect vulnerable incumbents by giving them political cover to do what they need to do to win re-election. But in this case, the Democratic leadership seems to be throwing these three senators under the bus. Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the No. 2 Democrat in the Senate, suggested on NBC’s “Meet the Press” this past weekend that these vulnerable

red-state Democrats should sacrifice their re-election to stop Trump’s nominee. “They understand it’s a historic decision,” he said. “It’s about more than the next election.”

That is unprecedented. Durbin just told these Democrats to commit political suicide. It is shocking that one of its own leaders just gave the left-wing base license to demand that these senators vote in such a way that would virtually guarantee the loss of their seats. Don’t expect these senators to forget it if they are still in office for the next leadership election.

Red-state Democrats want to get this vote over with as quickly as possible. A delayed vote could backfire terribly. Right now, Democrats enjoy a significant enthusiasm advantage in the 2018 midterm elections. In a Wall Street Journal-NBC News poll last month, 63 percent of Democrats rate their interest level as a “9 or 10” on a 10-point scale, while only 47 percent of Republicans do the

same. Any delay in Kavanaugh’s confirmation can only help Republicans close that enthusiasm gap.

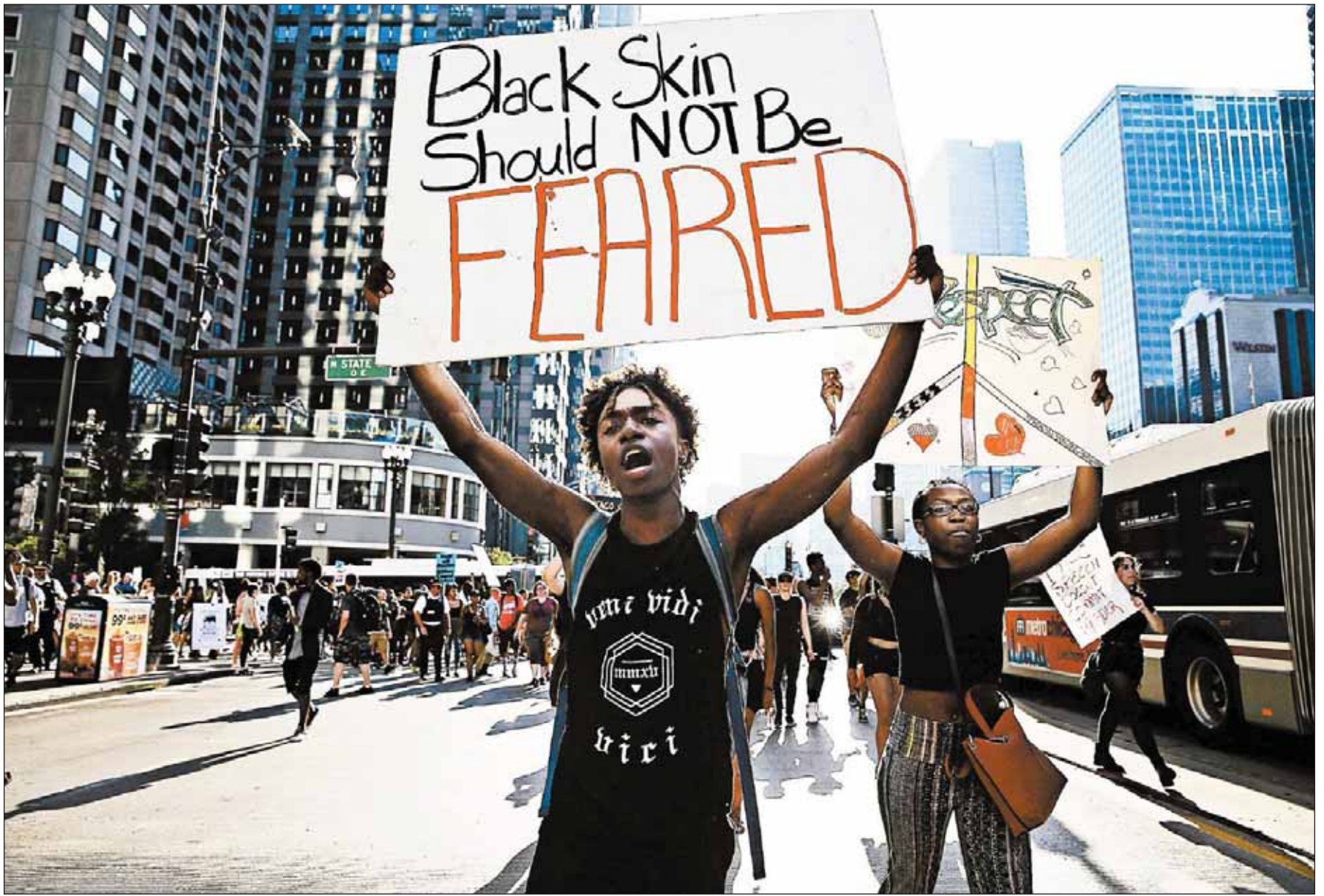
According to The Washington Post, 26 percent of all Trump voters said the Supreme Court was most important factor in their vote, compared with just 18 percent among Hillary Clinton’s voters. The Supreme Court motivates the right more than the left. The best way Democrats can guarantee a strong GOP turnout in key Senate races is to make the Supreme Court an election issue this November.

So, conservatives are hoping that Republicans stay united. But deep in their hearts, red-state Democrats are praying for GOP unity as well.

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PERSPECTIVE



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Protesters on the streets of Chicago in 2016. There have been a number of recent incidents in which police have been called on African-Americans for trivial reasons.

Tired of having to explain ourselves



LEONARD PITTS

For barbecuing.
For selling bottled water.
For napping in a dorm.
For mowing a lawn.
For smoking.

Perhaps you recognize the list. If not, be advised that it represents a few of the slew of recent high-profile episodes in which police have been called out on black people for reasons so trivial, nonsensical and stupid as to beggar belief.

These incidents, many captured in cellphone video, have resulted in anger, ridicule, occasional job loss for the

instigators and, in one case, corporate sensitivity training. They have also provided a window, for those who need it, into the challenge of breathing, existing, minding your own business, just trying to go about your day, while black.

Not that there is anything new here. To the contrary, this behavior is as old as the Republic. The only difference is that now we see it on video and more attention is being paid. But if, for some of us, this is a trending topic, it is, for the rest of us, just life. We've never known a country wherein some white people did not feel they had the absolute, God-ordained prerogative to regulate us — nor the right to call police when we declined to be regulated.

Why else do you think

George Zimmerman felt empowered to stalk 17-year-old Trayvon Martin through a Sanford, Fla., neighborhood? He would require this unknown boy to explain himself. He would get answers. He ended up killing the child instead.

Friday makes five years since a jury failed to hold him accountable. Zimmerman, the innocent man just trying to defend his neighborhood, has since compiled a long list of run-ins with the law. Trayvon, the guilty boy who simply had to be up to something, is still dead. Yet too many white people still accord themselves the right to demand that black people explain themselves. In recent days, cops have been called on African-Americans. For working out at a gym.

For shopping.
For stopping for dinner at Subway.

For trying to use a community pool.

For wearing socks at a community pool.

The old “Nightly Show with Larry Wilmore” used to display a world map with the South Pole on top. It's a perfectly valid view — there's no up or down in space — but if you've grown used to viewing the world north side up, it was jarring, a visual metaphor for how difficult it can be to see a familiar thing from an unfamiliar point of view. If you are white in America, the familiar thing is the idea that black equals danger.

And too often, you don't question that assumption. You barely know you've made it. I'm reminded of a reader who wrote to tell me what black people must do to earn his respect. That we should crave his respect was a given. That maybe he should ask how he might earn our respect did not enter into his thinking.

Just as he didn't recognize, much less question, his implicit

assumptions, many white people never question their “right” to regulate African-Americans. It never occurs to them that black people, who work, pay taxes, go to school, raise their kids and get dinner on just like normal people, deserve to expect, just like normal people, that they'll be left the heck alone when bothering no one and minding their own business.

Five years after the Zimmerman acquittal would be an excellent time for them to finally get that. Because it's tiresome to know that on any given day, you might be stopped and required to explain yourself.

For checking out of an Airbnb.

For inspecting a house.

For golfing.

For waiting at Starbucks.

For walking home in the rain.

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Supreme Court justices should be elected

BY STEPHEN L. CARTER

This is what we've come to: On Monday afternoon, as those who enthuse about such things awaited news of President Donald Trump's nominee for the Supreme Court, a cable television network cut to cameras outside the home of Judge Amy Coney Barrett to show us that she was busily collecting towels from the porch and carrying them inside — and therefore wasn't in Washington and couldn't be the nominee. Breaking news!

That's who we've become, a nation for whom even selecting Supreme Court justices is part of our political game show. We listen eagerly for the call of “come on down” that identifies the next Running Man so that we can follow every minute as he (sometimes she) races through the gantlet of fearsome interest groups across the spectrum, finally arriving on the set, the hearing room of the Senate Judiciary Committee, where the questioning is half “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?” (“Now, the next round is harder”) and half “Family Feud” (“Sorry, judge, but the survey said ...”).

The Constitution's rules for selecting a justice contemplate a calm and sober debate. But nowadays that's fantasy. Nothing in contemporary politics is accomplished calmly or soberly; that was true even before this president carried his wild road show into the Oval Office.

Matters were once otherwise. An 1888 magazine article about the Supreme Court lauded the sobriety of the justices: “The robe adds to their dignity, and one feels



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Selecting a Supreme Court justice has become a political game show.

impressed with the notion that beneath its folds can lurk nothing not in harmony with justice and law.” Not so long ago, most Americans barely knew the names of the justices, never mind their faces. (Or their houses.) Half a century ago, when the journalist Anthony Lewis described the court's public image as “an extraordinarily powerful demigod sitting on a remote throne and letting loose constitutional thunderbolts whenever it sees a wrong crying for correction,” he had in mind not only the court's majesty but also its majesty.

Alas, when it comes to the Supreme Court and its dignity, we're way past the point of *lese-majeste*. Once reporters stake out the homes of potential nominees, we've leaped all the way to farce.

Want to blame Trump? That's fine. I've blamed him, too, warning at the time of his nomination of Neil Gorsuch that the president was turning the process into a

sort of “Celebrity Apprentice.” And, certainly, there was more of that this time around, as Trump seemed to revel in the news media's moment-by-moment reporting on his very public winnowing of candidates.

But Trump isn't uniquely at fault here. If he were, those cameras wouldn't have been staking out Barrett's house. News reports over the last week would not have been full of speculation about who's up, who's down, who's lobbying for whom. We've gone court-crazy. Put aside the unseemly deathwatch as the justices age. We plan campaigns before there's a nominee. Within minutes of the announcement of Brett Kavanaugh as Trump's choice, my email inbox overflowed with fundraising missives setting forth the horrors to come, but the most cursory reading made clear that the text was finished before there was a nominee, awaiting only a name to be

filled in.

Let's not pretend that matters have ever been such. My mentor Thurgood Marshall, one of the great justices in history, was by a good margin the most controversial nominee of the 1960s, but when President Lyndon Johnson announced Marshall's name, the Southern press essentially shrugged. A Greenville, S.C., paper fretted about the court's “ideological orientation,” as well as Marshall's “ability to fairly construe the law as it affects civil rights cases,” but did not call for the Senate to reject him, and even lauded “his brilliance of mind.”

For those of us who love the orderly processes of constitutional government, the new way represents a painful ordeal. Not once, not twice, but three times during my time as a law professor, I've had colleagues ask whether I knew of any dirt on a Supreme Court nominee. And now we've got cameras staking out the homes of the *papabili*.

All of which leads to a fairly obvious question: If the Supreme Court is so important that we insist upon following minute by minute the drama of the appointment process, and if the identity of the justices is of such vital national interest that the parties build entire fundraising campaigns around them, and if elections for senator and president often hinge on what sort of court voters want, then why in the name of James Madison do we continue with this arcane system of executive nomination followed by senatorial advice and consent? Why don't we simply elect the justices instead?

Remember, at the time the

Constitution was written, neither members of the Senate nor the electors who chose the president were popularly elected. In other words, nobody involved in selecting the justices answered directly to the people. We've changed all that, democratizing the process for selecting presidents and senators alike. If we really believe that the court is so important, we should democratize that too.

This isn't by any means a new idea. It's been proposed before, and often. There's a thoughtful 2005 book on the subject by political scientist Richard Davis. (Also one by me, a quarter-century ago.) Let those who would hurl those constitutional thunderbolts face the American people on behalf of whom interest groups for and against claim to speak. Electing the justices would fit the tenor of our times. Consider the demand that nominees promise to vote the way we like. Doesn't that sound an awful lot like asking for campaign promises?

Unlike most law professors, I don't get terribly excited over the question of who's going to serve on the Supreme Court. The institution occupies far too much political space. I'd rather see a more sober and modest court, rarely in the news. But that's not where we are. If we're going to cover the nomination process the way we cover an election, let's quit messing around and buy the whole hog.

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PERSPECTIVE

Reciprocity is the method to Trump's madness



VICTOR DAVIS HANSON

Critics of Donald Trump claim there is no rhyme or reason to his foreign policy. But if there is a consistency, it might be called reciprocity.

Trump tries to force other countries to treat the U.S. as it treats them. In “don’t tread on me” style, he also warns enemies that any aggressive act will be replied to in kind.

The underlying principle of Trump commercial reciprocity is that the United States is no longer powerful or wealthy enough to alone underwrite the security of the West. It can no longer assume sole enforcement of the rules and protocols of the postwar global order.

This year there have been none of the usual Iranian provocations — frequent during the Obama administration — of harassing American ships in the Persian Gulf. Apparently, the Iranians now realize that anything they do to an American ship will be replied to with overwhelming force.

Ditto North Korea. After lots of threats from Kim Jong Un about using his ballistic missiles against the United States, Trump warned that he would use America’s far greater arsenal to eliminate North Korea’s arsenal for good.

Trump is said to be undermining NATO by questioning its usefulness some 69 years after its founding. Yet unlike 1948, Germany is no longer down. The United States is always in. And Russia is hardly out, but instead cutting energy deals with the Europeans.

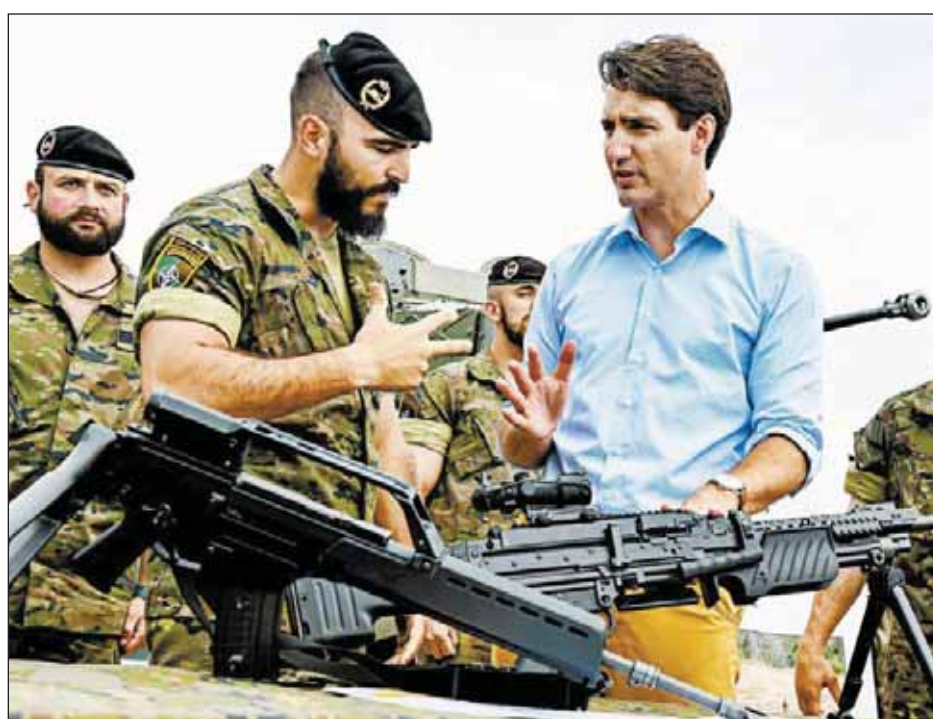
More important, most NATO countries have failed to keep their promises to spend 2 percent of their gross domestic product on defense.

Yet the vast majority of the 29 alliance members are far closer than the U.S. to the dangers of Middle East terrorism and supposed Russian bullying.

Why does Germany by design run up a \$65 billion annual trade surplus with the United States? Why does such a wealthy country spend only 1.2 percent of its GDP on defense? And if Germany has entered into energy agreements with a supposedly dangerous Vladimir Putin, why does it still need to have its security subsidized by the American military?

Trump approaches the North American Free Trade Agreement in the same reductionist way. The 24-year-old treaty was supposed to stabilize, if not equalize, all trade, immigration and commerce between the three supposed North American allies.

It never quite happened that way. Unequal tariffs remained. Both Canada and



Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau meets with NATO troops in Latvia on Tuesday.

Mexico have substantial trade surpluses with the U.S. In Mexico’s case, it enjoys a \$71 billion surplus, the largest of U.S. trading partners with the exception of China.

Canada never honored its NATO security commitment. It spends only 1 percent of its GDP on defense, rightly assuming that the U.S. will continue to underwrite its security.

During the lifetime of NAFTA, Mexico has encouraged millions of its citizens to enter the U.S. illegally. Mexico’s selfish immigration policy is designed to avoid internal reform, to earn some \$30 billion in annual expatriate remittances, and to influence U.S. politics.

Yet after more than two decades of NAFTA, Mexico is more unstable than ever. Drug cartels run entire states. Murders are at a record high. Entire towns in southern Mexico have been denuded of their young males, who crossed the U.S. border illegally.

The U.S. runs a huge trade deficit with China. The red ink is predicated on Chinese dumping, patent and copyright infringement, and outright cheating. Beijing illegally occupies neutral islands in the South China Sea, militarizes them and bullies its neighbors.

All of the above has become the “normal” globalized world.

But in 2016, red-state America rebelled at the asymmetry. The other half of the country demonized the red-staters as protectionists, nativists, isolationists, populists and nationalists.

However, if China, Europe and other U.S. trading partners had simply followed global trading rules, there would have been no Trump pushback — and probably no Trump presidency at all.

Had NATO members and NAFTA partners just kept their commitments, and had Mexico not encouraged millions of its citizens to crash the U.S. border, there would now be little tension between allies.

Instead, what had become abnormal was branded the new normal of the postwar world.

Again, a rich and powerful U.S. was supposed to subsidize world trade, take in more immigrants than all the nations of the world combined, protect the West, and ensure safe global communications, travel and commerce.

After 70 years, the effort had hollowed out the interior of America, creating two separate nations of coastal winners and heartland losers.

Trump’s entire foreign policy can be summed up as a demand for symmetry from all partners and allies, and tit-for-tat replies to would-be enemies.

Did Trump have to be so loud and often crude in his effort to bully America back to reciprocity?

Who knows?

But it seems impossible to imagine that globalist John McCain, internationalist Barack Obama or gentlemanly Mitt Romney would ever have called Europe, NATO, Mexico, and Canada to account, or warned Iran or North Korea that tit would be met by tat.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Bullying and hate

Wow, where has Desiree Zapata Miller been in the last 10 years? In her July 10 op-ed, she laments the hate directed at her boy, Donald Trump, a man who epitomizes bullying and hate toward anyone that doesn’t share his view of being a legend in his own mind. How convenient she forgets eight years of lies and hate directed toward President Barack Obama, most from her supposedly “dignified, collegial, polite” Republican Party. She accuses Democrats of lies, yet praises a man who has been proven to be a pathological liar; it’s a rare day when he’s caught telling only one.

The only thing I agree with Miller on is that hate is at an all-time high, and that can be directly traced to Trump’s ascension to power. His primary strategy has been to exploit the hate in his supporters. The Democrats are indeed learning to hate, mostly from Trump, the Master of Hate, and the astonishingly impotent Republican Party, which lacks a conscience to counter the man who purposefully divides the country with his hateful actions and rhetoric.

— Kurt Hedlund, Oak Park

America’s contract

As I see it, the Constitution is a legal document, a contract with the American people on how the federal government is supposed to work, not something that is growing and organic. Imagine if you will that you want to have some work done on your house. You hire a person to put up some siding. In the contract, it states what kind of siding, trim and price. When the job is done, the front of the house looks beautiful, just the way you wanted it. But, the sides and the back of the house were changed from contract that you signed and agreed upon. The contractor states that he was able to interpret the growing, organic contract and allowed his architectural juices to flow. He changed the siding and add a few items, even changed the structure of the back of the house — and now it will cost you 100 times the original agreed upon price.

This is the problem with the Supreme Court justices who want to interpret and change the meaning of the Constitution for the “modern world.” Our Constitution is a legal document. The only way it changes is through the amendment process, not by judicial interpretation. We desperately need Supreme Court justices who are originalists and see our main legal document as it was written.

Right now, there is bad siding on our collective “house.” We need originalist justices on the Supreme Court now, more than ever. Judge Brett Kavanaugh should be confirmed.

— John Zitkus, Mundelein

A pipe dream

Gentrification doesn’t happen in a blink of an eye; no, it happens slowly. It starts out by investors seeing an area ripe for the picking. They see these “troubled” communities as a place that they can sink money into to attract the “right” crowd by slowly pricing out the “wrong” crowd. These communities that were once “troubled” are now nearly unrecognizable, all due to a quick buck.

There is no money in low-income housing, and thus struggling individuals are pushed to the wayside. The right to affordable housing in the same neighborhoods as white individuals is becoming a pipe dream in Chicago. As a result, people who can afford to live in these expensive areas are able to send their children to schools where the children are given a clear and distinct advantage over individuals who live in poorer neighborhoods.

Gentrification does not only affect individuals’ housing situations, it affects their futures as well.

— Frank Pisano, South Elgin

Sea change

First of all, I commend the Rev. Michael Pfleger and all of the people who participated in a peaceful protest on the Dan Ryan Expressway. I personally don’t think it will change much, if anything at all. As Kristen McQueary said in her column: “If you want change, you have to vote for it.” I would like to thank her for calling out Mayor Rahm Emanuel and his 50 aldermen. She is correct when she says they determine the priorities, policies and where to invest.

The people in Chicago have to take back their neighborhoods and be the motion of change. A quote I once read in a book said, “A leader can’t help a community unless it takes pride in its own people and its own streets to fight for itself.”

The same holds true for the state of Illinois. If you want change, you have to vote for it. We’re all in this mess, city- and statewide, because people don’t vote when it’s time. People are leaving for greener pastures. Let’s wake up. Get out and vote, otherwise hold the complaints and don’t whine.

— Matina Kantzavelos, Morton Grove

#MeToo movement and all those scandals? For Trump, it’s as if they never happened

BY ROBIN ABCARIAN

President Donald Trump wants a U.S. Supreme Court that will overturn *Roe v. Wade*. He supported separating mothers from their small children at the border. And he has revived his nickname for U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., turning “Pocahontas” into a slur that is racist and sexist.

Does it surprise anyone that he has tried to make a mockery of the #MeToo movement by hiring as his new communications director a man who resigned his top job at Fox News Network as a result of the rampant sexual harassment that occurred on his watch?

Last week, the White House announced that Bill Shine, the former Fox co-president who protected alleged sexual predators such as Bill O’Reilly and Roger Ailes, would be coming aboard as a replacement for Hope Hicks.

Unlike Ailes and O’Reilly, Shine has not been accused of sexual impropriety himself, and he has denied knowing about the harassment that was pervasive at Fox. He has rarely given interviews, says journalist Gabriel Sherman, because he believes, as did his mentor Ailes, that “reporters were the enemy.”

Shine oversaw a workplace rife with abuse and harassment. He thinks reporters — the very professionals who worked for him at Fox — are bad guys. His hiring is a distressingly perfect representation of the Trump ethos: I don’t really care, do you?

Hiring Shine sends a couple of other loud signals: First, of course, that Trump is preparing to turn the White House communications office into a much more disciplined Fox News-style war room to tighten up messaging and fend off the fallout from special counsel Robert S. Mueller III’s Russia investigation (which, let’s not forget, has already resulted in five guilty pleas and 19 indictments).

Second, it’s quite clear from this appointment that Trump, who famously boasted of grabbing women’s genitals and



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White House communications director Bill Shine, left, press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders and ACU’s Matt Schlapp.

has been accused of inappropriate sexual behavior by about two dozen women, is incapable of even pretending to understand the damage sexual harassment can inflict. His antipathy toward women, and the #MeToo movement, is sickening.

At a rally in Montana on Thursday, he joked that if he ever found himself in a debate with Sen. Warren, he would demand she take an ancestry test.

“In the middle of the debate, when she proclaims she is of Indian heritage, we will take that little kit,” he said, “but we have to do it gently because we’re in the #MeToo generation. And we will slowly toss it, hoping it doesn’t hit her and injure her arm.”

In the absence of information about the press-shy Shine, media attention has focused on Shine’s far less reticent wife, Darla, a former television producer-turned-happy-housewife (her phrase).

After her husband was named to the White House job, the website Mediaite posted screenshots of her Twitter account, which has since been deleted. Neither the White House nor her husband has commented on her feed, in which she has complained that white people can’t use the N-word even though her tweets are peppered with it. She also tweeted that

psychiatric medications caused mass killer Dylann Roof’s racist rampage and has promoted junk theories about links between vaccines and autism.

Darla Shine is the author of a book for women called, I kid you not, “Happy Housewives: I was a Whining, Miserable, Desperate Housewife — but I Finally Snapped Out of it. You Can, Too.”

As silly as her book is, it does represent a strain of thought that pervades this administration.

It speaks to a deep-seated hostility toward women that is perfectly in keeping with what Trump, his socially conservative base — and by extension, Shine’s husband — would like to accomplish.

We are living in an upside-down world where an American administration actually refused to support a World Health Organization resolution encouraging breastfeeding in underdeveloped countries as the healthiest nutritional alternative for infants.

Trump has proposed changes in the way the federal government funds clinics that provide reproductive health services to women.

Forget abortion for a minute; his administration wants to limit access to birth control and place a renewed emphasis on abstinence-only sex education, which is about as good a way to promote unwanted pregnancy as there is.

But if you think it’s fear-mongering to warn about the possibility of *Roe v. Wade* being overturned by the next Supreme Court — or severely restricted — then you have not been paying attention.

The reference point for people who want to make America “great” again is a moment from the not-so-pleasant past when women stayed home and raised babies (on formula!) and everybody was happy — if by “everybody” you happen to mean affluent white men.

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China vows to hit back over tariff threat

U.S. may list \$200B in additional goods as dispute escalates

By **JOE McDONALD**
Associated Press

BEIJING — China's government vowed Wednesday to take "firm and forceful measures" as the U.S. threatened to expand tariffs to thousands of Chinese imports like fish sticks, apples and French doors, the latest salvo in an escalating trade dispute that threatens to chill global economic growth.

China gave no details, but it has plenty of options to retaliate that could extend beyond additional tariffs on U.S. imports. There are fears that Beijing could attempt to disrupt operations of American automakers, retailers and others



A truck moves a shipping container at a port in China, which has criticized the latest U.S. threat of a tariff hike.

that see China as a key market.

The spiraling conflict stems from Washington's complaint that

Beijing steals or pressures companies to hand over technology concerns that plans for state-led

development of Chinese champions in robots and other fields might erode American industrial leadership.

A possible second round of tariff hikes announced Tuesday by the U.S. Trade Representative targets a \$200 billion list of Chinese goods. That came four days after Washington added 25 percent duties on \$34 billion worth of Chinese goods and Beijing responded by increasing taxes on the same amount of American imports.

The abrupt escalation is "totally unacceptable," said a Commerce Ministry statement. It said Beijing would take unspecified "necessary countermeasures" to protect its "core interests."

Asked what Beijing would do, foreign ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying gave no details but said, "We will take firm and

forceful measures."

The USTR, the federal agency that oversees international trade policy and negotiations, said it was responding to Beijing's decision to retaliate instead of changing its policies. President Donald Trump has threatened higher tariffs on more than \$500 billion of goods, or nearly all of China's annual exports to the United States.

The USTR will accept public comments on the latest round of tariffs and hold hearings Aug. 20-23 before reaching a decision after Aug. 31, according to a senior U.S. official.

The first U.S. tariff list focused on Chinese industrial products, an attempt to reduce the direct impact on American consumers.

The new list includes vacuum cleaners, furniture, auto and bicy-

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Sears laid off more employees in June

200 cuts include 150 workers at the Hoffman Estates support center

By **LAUREN ZUMBACH**
Chicago Tribune

Sears Holdings Corp. laid off 200 corporate employees last month, following a round of 220 job cuts earlier this year.

About 150 of the employees affected in the latest round of job cuts worked at the company's Hoffman Estates support center, Sears spokesman Howard Riefs said Wednesday in an email.

The layoffs went into effect June 26 and included employees across various business units and roles, Riefs said.

"As we work to advance our strategic transformation, we all know that we must return the company to profitability in order to retain the confidence of our constituents. This means continuing to look at ways to streamline our operations while staying focused on our Best Members, Best Categories and Best Stores," Sears Chairman and CEO Edward Lampert said June 26 in a letter to employees.

Sears declined Wednesday to say how many people remain employed at its Hoffman Estates headquarters. The company told the Tribune last year that after a round of layoffs it had fallen below the minimum of 4,250 employees in Hoffman Estates and its Loop satellite office needed to secure state tax breaks.

In his June letter, Lampert said the changes "didn't impact a large percentage of our workforce" and that the employees were offered severance and outplacement assistance.

Since May, Sears has announced plans to close 78 more unprofitable stores after another quarter of losses and slowing sales. The latest round of store cuts comes on top of 303 Kmart and 123 Sears stores that closed in the year leading up to Feb. 3, a period during which the company also shed more than 50,000 jobs. Sears Holdings Corp. had 529 Sears stores and 365 Kmart stores as of May 5.

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Amazon has taken off in more cities across the country as tens of thousands of local governments and agencies sign contracts.

Government contracts shift public money to Amazon

It's 'one-stop shop' for more schools, cities, even police

By **ABHA BHATTARAI**
The Washington Post

Regular consumers aren't the only ones shifting more of their spending to Amazon.com.

The city of Atlanta, Denver public schools and the Mesa, Ariz., police department are among the 1,500 public organizations that since last year have signed new contracts to buy office supplies, books, even musical instruments from Amazon, according to a report by the Institute for Local Self-Reliance, a nonprofit group that advocates for strong local economies.

The contracts with Amazon could drive billions of dollars in public spending to the online giant in coming years,

propelled in part by the ease of purchasing online — but which, like in consumer retail, risk penalizing independent retailers.

The local deals are part of a larger contract Amazon signed in January 2017 with U.S. Communities, a purchasing cooperative that negotiates contracts with suppliers on behalf of its members, which include a number of municipalities and government agencies. The five-year contract, which can be renewed for up to 11 years, is valued at \$500 million a year. The U.S. Communities contract was last held by Independent Stationers, a group of independent suppliers around the country. Amazon already sells to tens of thousands of local governments and agencies, according to Amazon spokeswoman Lori Torgerson.

"As public dollars shift to Amazon and away from local

independent suppliers or even national chains with local stores, cities are undercutting their own local economies," said Stacy Mitchell, co-director of the Institute for Local Self-Reliance and a co-author of the report. Mitchell says the new contracts also hurt national chains like Office Depot and Staples that have stores in some of the communities that also purchase from them.

Amazon, which pays local taxes where required, said its contract continues to support small businesses. "The competitively-solicited contract helps education and public sector organizations purchase directly from the Amazon Business marketplace, which includes small, local and socio-economically diverse businesses," Torgerson said.

Christine Gilbert, a spokeswoman for U.S. Communities, added that the Amazon contract "supports supplier diver-

sity" by allowing agencies to work with a range of businesses that sell items through Amazon's marketplace. More than half of the site's sales now come from third-party merchants.

But the Institute for Local Self-Reliance says the contracts do not include price guarantees or volume discounts that are typical of public purchasing agreements, potentially putting cities and counties at risk of over-paying for basic supplies.

"What's striking here is that Amazon won this contract without having to compete on price," Mitchell said. "This contract deviates from the norm in significant ways that put local governments at risk for spending more and getting less."

A spokeswoman for Amazon said the company was one

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REI opening at 'wild mile' location next year

Bigger Goose Island store will have kayak, paddleboard rentals

By **LAUREN ZUMBACH**
Chicago Tribune

Outdoor gear and apparel retailer REI confirmed Wednesday it is moving its Goose Island neighborhood store to a new waterfront spot early next year.

Kent, Wash.-based REI earlier this year signed a 15-year lease on the space that's within a stretch of the Chicago River's North Branch Canal dubbed the

"wild mile," about a quarter mile from its current Goose Island store.

The new location will be one of the company's "most exciting retail spaces" and will help REI "better connect people in Chicago to a life outdoors," store manager Mike Daurio said in a news release Wednesday.

At 40,000 square feet, the new store will be about 10,000 square feet larger than its current location, which opened in 2008, REI said. It will have outdoor patio seating and bike parking, along with a bike, ski and snowboard shop.

It also will be the third location in the city where REI offers paddling trips and rentals, along with other outdoor classes and events, joining boathouses at Ping Tom Memorial Park on the Chicago River's South Branch and Saganashke Slough in Willow Springs.

REI's Goose Island site sits in the middle of a portion of the North Branch Canal between Division Street and North Avenue where the city is planning to create walkways, habitat enhancements, fishing stations, viewing platforms, ca-

noe launches and other amenities.

The City Council approved spending \$250,000 on a plan for those improvements earlier this year, and another \$250,000 to build a public pier or platform along Eastman Street, which runs adjacent to REI's space. Funding will come from open space impact fees, generated by new residential development projects. The city has said the canal plan and pier construction are expected to be complete by year's end.

"REI is joining our efforts to invest in Chicago's river-



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Outdoor gear and apparel retailer REI is moving its Goose Island neighborhood store to a new waterfront spot.

front and transforming it into the city's next recreational frontier," Mayor Rahm Emanuel said in the

news release.

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Tesla again revs up plans in China

Hurdles mount to get new plant up in Shanghai

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Elon Musk in 2015 told the Chinese news media that Tesla might begin producing cars at a new China manufacturing plant “within three years.”

Three years later, no plant has been built. Construction hasn’t even started.

But this week, Tesla and the municipal government of Shanghai signed a “cooperative agreement” to build a Tesla automobile manufacturing plant in the city’s ultra-modern Pudong district, according to a news release from Shanghai’s municipal government. Ultimately, the plant would turn out 500,000 vehicles a year, primarily for the China market.

Details of the agreement are scarce.

A Tesla spokesman said the company still must “get all the necessary approvals and permits” to proceed. After that, automobile production could begin in about two years, with planned full annual production of 500,000 vehicles a year to be reached four to five years from now.

But Tesla faces some big challenges before it will be able to produce a half-million cars in China. And how the company, which has had numerous problems with its U.S.-based production facility, plans to get the China factory up and running is unclear.

Billions of dollars will be needed to build such a factory. The company also has plans to build factory lines for upcoming products including an electric semi truck, an electric pickup, and an electric crossover car. That will cost billions more. Money was not discussed in the Shanghai news release. No invest-



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People visit a Tesla showroom July 4 in Beijing. Tesla signed an agreement this week with Chinese officials to build a manufacturing plant in Shanghai.

ments in the project or in Tesla were announced, although an agreement between Tesla and an industrial park developer was mentioned.

According to the release, “both parties will focus their cooperation on jointly promoting technology innovation and industry development.”

On Tuesday, Musk joined Shanghai Mayor Ying Yong at a signing ceremony, and they unveiled a plaque, the news release said, for a Tesla-Shanghai Electric Vehicle Development and Innovation Center.

Although Musk has said Tesla doesn’t need to sell more stock or take on more debt this year, analysts say the plans are impossible without massive new capital investments.

The China news “isn’t a real surprise,” said Efraim Levy, a stock analyst at research firm CFRA. “But it does mean they’ll need more cash. It’ll cost multi-billions to create another

gigafactory,” the word Tesla uses for its manufacturing plants.

Tesla is struggling with production problems at its sole automobile assembly plant, located in Fremont, Calif. The company had announced plans to build 500,000 cars there by the end of this year, but plans to automate the Model 3 assembly line went awry and the company won’t come close to that figure this year. While it fixes the assembly line, it’s shifted some production outdoors to a tent.

Tesla’s China news emerged amid a growing trade war that has the global auto industry in a fit. Tit-for-tat tariffs are bound to challenge international supply chains. Worse, auto executives fear that price hikes due to tariffs will hurt automobile sales and corporate profits.

The trade war was triggered by the Trump administration, which argues that existing trade relationships shortchange U.S. industry.

Just days ago, Tesla raised prices on cars it exports to China by \$20,000, after it got hit by China with retaliatory tariffs that total 40 percent.

But the tariffs and price hikes might not hurt Tesla much, according to Michael Dunne, CEO of ZoZoGo, which advises clients on electric and autonomous vehicles in China. Tesla cars are considered luxury items and status symbols in a fast-growing nation whose ranks of the well-off are swelling, with China accounting for nearly 20 percent of Tesla sales.

“People buying at that end of the market are highly price insensitive to begin with,” he said. “If they want to buy a Tesla they’ll buy a Tesla.” The price hike is simply an “irritation.”

That bodes well for future Tesla sales in China, if the plant is ever built. China has made clear it intends to dominate global electric vehicle production, including auto parts and software

technology.

A source with experience in China’s auto industry said Tesla still lacks a required production license for a Shanghai factory. Obtaining such a license usually takes months to years, he said. It’s a political undertaking, and in this case would involve state-run auto companies who might not want Tesla as a competitor.

But a planned Tesla plant in China sends a strong signal that China is a major player, the source said — and state-owned car companies could benefit from competition.

Tesla would own 100 percent of its China operations, which would be a first there. Currently, foreign automakers must set up a joint venture with a Chinese company to be allowed to manufacture in China.

Given Tesla’s manufacturing performance though, the deal forces Tesla to take on all the manufacturing risk, without Chinese companies being blamed for

production problems.

To manufacture in China, automakers have also been forced to give up intellectual property and reveal manufacturing techniques. Any demands on Tesla have not been revealed.

It’s also unclear whether Tesla will be required to pay an existing 15 percent tariff on cars made in China by foreign automakers.

Greg Anderson of Pacific Rim Advisers in Taiwan said the production-license process “won’t be straightforward. It never is.”

“Perhaps the Chinese have finally realized that it is to their advantage to have a more open auto market. But given the current climate with an impending trade war, I wouldn’t bet on it.”

Tesla’s future in China may depend on Chinese leader Xi Jinping. “If Xi truly does want Tesla, then Tesla will be there,” Anderson said.

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Government contracts shift public money to online giant Amazon

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of a dozen suppliers that responded to a formal request for proposals for the U.S. Communities contract.

Guernsey, an office products company in Dulles, Va., has been selling janitorial supplies, office products and furniture to government agencies for more than 40 years. But recently, founder David Guernsey says, the company has struggled to compete with Amazon’s selection of tens of millions of items, compared to the 50,000 he sells on his site.

About a year and half ago, he began creating spreadsheets for his clients showing how his fixed prices compare with Amazon’s at a given moment. Most of the time, he said, his prices were lower.

“We’re bleeding business to Amazon,” Guernsey said.

“There’s this perception that Amazon has everything and that it’s easy to use, but we’ve been providing next-day delivery for three decades. It’s not as if they’ve invented the wheel.”

Officials at Prince William County Public Schools in Northern Virginia say they plan to spend roughly \$1.5 million on Amazon purchases this year. The site has become a “one-stop shop” for school administrators, who are already accustomed to making personal purchases through Amazon, said Anthony Crosby, the school district’s acting purchasing supervisor, who helped negotiate the contract on behalf of U.S. Communities.

“Before this contract, people were out here independently setting up Prime accounts and making purchases,” he said. “All this does is create a legal path-

way for them to do so.”

Denver Public Schools spent \$1.6 million on Amazon orders in 2016, while Salt Lake County, Utah; the City of Austin, Texas; and the Portland, Ore., school system each spent more than \$500,000 on the site that year, according to the ILSR report.

Amazon has been building up its government business in recent years. It hired Anne Rung, who oversaw procurements for the Obama administration, to lead its public-sector division in 2016, and last year forged an agreement with the Department of Homeland Security that allows workers to make purchases directly from Amazon. Amazon spent \$12.8 million lobbying the federal government last year, up from \$11 million a year earlier, according to watchdog site OpenSecrets.org.

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Univision looks to sell The Onion, Gizmodo sites

Broadcaster wants to focus on its core Spanish network

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

Univision is looking to sell Chicago-based humor site The Onion and its Gizmodo digital portfolio to focus on its core Spanish-language television network.

The broadcaster, which is reorganizing under a new CEO, announced Tuesday that it is exploring the sale after two years of owning a controlling stake in the irreverent comedic institution.

Vince Sadusky, who was named CEO of Univision in May, said in a memo to employees Tuesday that the sale would benefit both The Onion and the New York-based network, which

serves Hispanic viewers across the U.S.

"While they have had success with us, there is no doubt in my mind that they can thrive even more as part of a company whose focus aligns better with theirs," Sadusky said. "Likewise, it is important for Univision to exit a business which does not enhance our core mission, and instead refocus on our strengths."

Univision bought a 40.5

percent stake in The Onion's parent company in 2016. The Onion portfolio also includes pop culture site A.V. Club, satire site ClickHole and Onion Labs, an in-house advertising agency.

The Gizmodo Media Group, also acquired by Univision in 2016, includes Gizmodo, Jezebel, Deadspin, Lifehacker and other websites.

The Onion started in 1988

as a student-run publication at the University of Wisconsin at Madison and grew to national prominence by parodying newspapers with satirical headlines and stories. Money manager David Schafer led a group that bought The Onion in 2001.

The paper relocated its editorial operations to Chicago in 2012 and went all-digital the following year, expanding into a variety of new brands.

Univision has hired Morgan Stanley as financial adviser in the possible sale of The Onion and Gizmodo sites.

In his memo, Sadusky said there were no assurances that the process would result in a transaction and that it was too early to tell what the outcome or timing would be.

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Antionette Wonsey has rented spaces on Airbnb for the last few years. A study found Airbnb rentals did not have a statistically significant effect on restaurant jobs in Chicago.

Study: Airbnb's impact not found in all neighborhoods

Company calls Purdue analysis 'deeply flawed'

BY SAMANTHA BOMKAMP
Chicago Tribune

Airbnb rentals help local economies by driving restaurant traffic and employment in a handful of U.S. cities, but not in predominantly black or Hispanic neighborhoods, according to a study from Purdue University.

The findings run counter to Airbnb's longtime assertion that home hosting helps "diverse" neighborhoods by bringing tourists to areas of a city where hotels and other lodging options aren't as plentiful. But Airbnb calls the study "deeply flawed."

Researchers at Purdue first examined a possible link between Airbnb and an improvement in local restaurants in New York City, the most-visited city in the U.S. They looked at data from Airbnb's inception in 2008 through 2015 and found that if Airbnb activity, measured through Yelp visitor reviews of Airbnb stays,

increases by 2 percent in a given neighborhood, restaurant employment there rises by about 3 percent. The study used government data for 2005-2015 to track employment numbers.

The study was then expanded to observe trends in Chicago as well as Austin, Texas; Portland, Ore; San Francisco; and Los Angeles. In Chicago, researchers found that Airbnb activity had a "positive, but not a statistically significant effect" on local restaurant employment, according to Mohammad Saifur Rahman of Purdue's Krannert School of Management, one of the study's authors. The impact was similar in San Francisco.

And in Los Angeles, Airbnb activity did have a positive effect on restaurant hiring in predominantly white and Hispanic neighborhoods, but not in predominantly black neighborhoods. The study found that the New York City trend held true in Austin and Portland.

"I wish I could say that I was very surprised, but I was sadly not very surprised," Rahman said of the

discrepancies between neighborhoods. "We know that we have these tendencies."

In a statement, Airbnb took issue with the study's methodology and underscored its belief that a rise in home-sharing hosts helps neighborhoods, no matter the racial makeup.

"Using a subjective and voluntary input like Yelp reviews to draw conclusions in what purports to be a rigorous analysis is wrong and this study is deeply flawed," spokesman Nick Papas said.

In Chicago, Papas said, Airbnb guest counts surged 70 percent last year on the South Side. There are about 700 hosts on the South Side of Chicago, he said. The city had about 4,500 hosts city-wide as of February.

The fastest-growing areas in the city for Airbnb include Armour Square, North Lawndale, Bridgeport and Woodlawn, Papas said. Of those, only North Lawndale and Woodlawn are majority-black communities, and none has a Hispanic majority.

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Comcast to end hyperlocal site EveryBlock next week

BY ROBERT CHANNICK
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Comcast is pulling the plug on EveryBlock, the Chicago-based hyperlocal news site it revived four years ago.

The website, which features blurbs about restaurant closings, building breaks and community events, will go dark July 19, with a link steering EveryBlock users to sign up with Nextdoor, a rival hyperlocal platform. Comcast is an investor in privately held Nextdoor.

"This was a business decision," Comcast spokesman Jack Segal said in an email. "Though EveryBlock had a large number of users in Chicago, it wasn't nearly as successful in the limited number of other locations where it was available."

The terms of the agreement to transition EveryBlock users to Nextdoor were not disclosed, but data will not be automatically transferred, and users must set up a new account, the companies said.

It won't be the first time EveryBlock

folded abruptly. Naperville native Adrian Holovaty founded EveryBlock in 2007 with the help of a \$1.1 million grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation designed to encourage the development of digital news. The website went live in January 2008 in Chicago, San Francisco and New York, eventually expanding to 19 markets.

NBCUniversal acquired EveryBlock in 2009, but it shut down the site in 2013 citing "considerable" financial losses. Comcast relaunched EveryBlock in January 2014 — less than a year after completing its acquisition of NBC — starting with Chicago.

At the time of the relaunch, Comcast said it planned to roll out the service nationwide. More than four years later, EveryBlock is available in 10 markets, including Boston, Denver, Houston, Philadelphia and Seattle, but the service hasn't gained much traction outside of its Chicago home base, Segal said.

Nextdoor, meanwhile, has a coast-to-coast footprint and has set up shop in a number of European markets as well.

"With a much larger national user base ... Nextdoor offers a more robust user experience," Segal said.

Launched nationally in 2011, San Francisco-based Nextdoor features hyperlocal news and information, with a minimum of 10 registered users needed to form a designated neighborhood. The site avoids overlapping neighborhoods, and all members must use their real name and address — a significant distinction from the anonymous environment of EveryBlock.

"People tend to be their best selves when they have to put their real name on it," said Steve Wymer, Nextdoor's vice president of policy and communications. "When they're interacting in a smaller hyperlocal network where their neighbors know who they are, that helps the context of the conversation be a little more productive, which is our goal."



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Comcast will end the EveryBlock site and move users to rival Nextdoor.

Like EveryBlock, Nextdoor postings range from lost dogs and real estate trends to crime reports, with news partners providing hyperlocal stories. More than 3,000 public agencies, including police and fire departments, also use Nextdoor to disseminate information.

The site covers more than 177,000 user-defined neighborhoods in the U.S., including 3,200 in the Chicago area, Wymer said.

Nextdoor has raised more than \$285 million through five rounds of funding and is valued at \$1.5 billion, he said. He would not disclose revenue figures for Nextdoor but said the company is "working towards profitability."

In addition to Comcast, investors include Benchmark, Greylock Partners and Tiger Global Management. The cable TV giant has "a significant stake" in Nextdoor, Wymer said.

Segal declined to say how large Comcast's stake is, but he said the company is committed to moving EveryBlock users to the new platform.

"Our primary goal now is to help EveryBlock users make the transition to Nextdoor, which is a much more advanced platform, and we believe will provide an excellent user experience," Segal said.

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The June increase in the producer price index was reflected in a big drop in food costs.

Wholesale price gains hint at inflation rise

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. wholesale prices rose 0.3 percent in June, a slight slowing from May. But the 12-month gain was the fastest in more than six years, adding to evidence that inflation is beginning to rise after years of weak price gains.

The Labor Department said Wednesday that the June increase in its producer price index — which measures inflation pres-

ures before they reach the consumer — followed a 0.5 percent rise in May. The deceleration reflected a big drop in food costs in June and a much smaller increase in energy prices.

However, wholesale prices over the past 12 months have surged 3.4 percent. That marks the largest 12-month gain since a 3.7 percent rise in the 12 months ending November 2011.

The acceleration in wholesale prices is evident in various other price

gauges. The government will report on June consumer prices Thursday, but the 12-month increase through May showed a gain of 2.8 percent. An inflation gauge favored by the Federal Reserve has finally reached the Fed's 2 percent target for annual increases after six years of under-shooting it.

The central bank in June boosted its key interest rate for a second time this year and signaled that it expected to raise rates a total of four times in 2018. While

overall prices have finally begun to rise, wage gains so far have remained modest. But economists believe with unemployment at a low 4 percent, wage increases should begin to accelerate.

The Fed is expected to keep boosting its benchmark interest rate at a moderate pace unless it sees signs that inflation and wage gains are starting to rise too quickly, a development that would prompt faster Fed rate hikes to keep the economy from overheating.

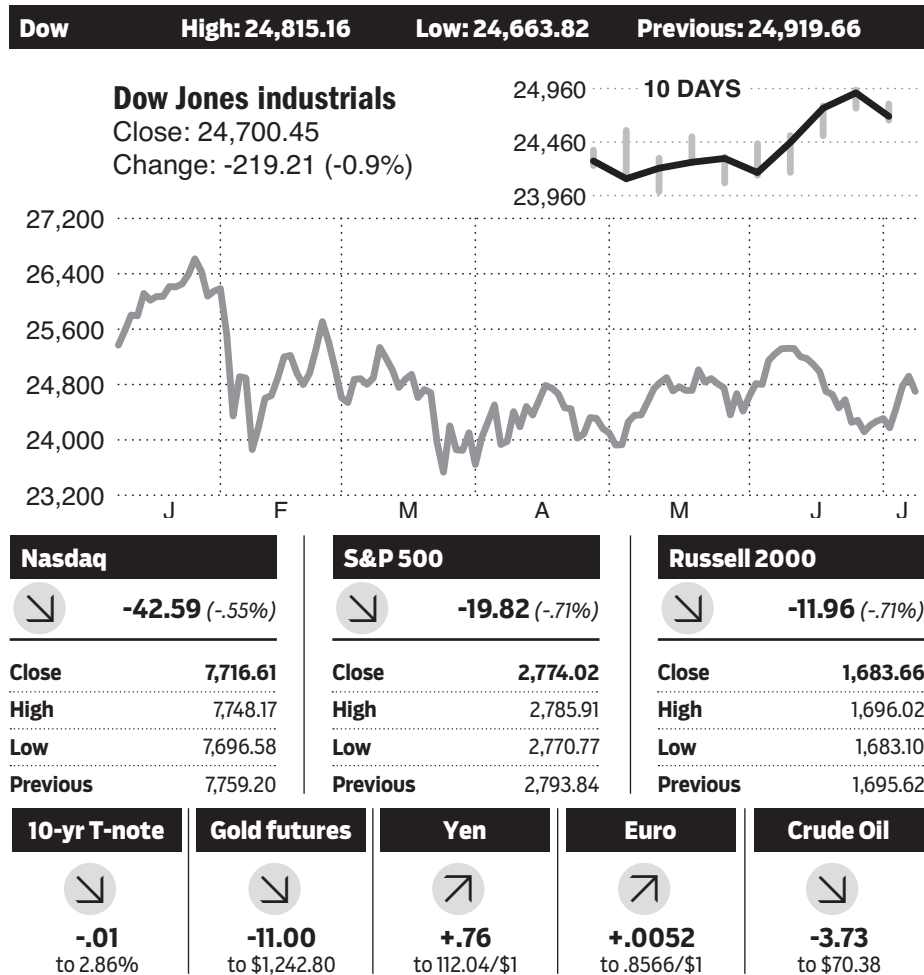


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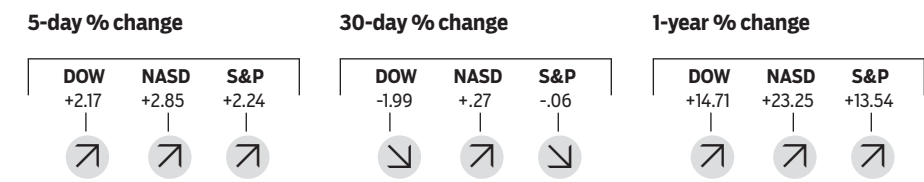
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		Sep 18	489.75	490.50	471.25	471.75	-20.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 18	336	337	331.25	331.25	-8.50
		Sep 18	345.25	347.50	339.75	340	-7.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 18	840.50	842.25	829.50	829.75	-22.50
		Aug 18	848	850.50	831.75	833	-22.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Jul 18	28.85	28.85	28.33	28.33	-.55
		Aug 18	28.78	28.88	28.40	28.43	-.56
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Jul 18	333.50	334.50	331.50	333.00	-1.40
		Aug 18	331.20	333.70	328.50	330.50	-1.70
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	Jul 18	74.20	74.26	70.02	70.38	-3.73
		Sep 18	72.67	72.76	68.40	68.86	-3.70
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Aug 18	2.787	2.832	2.780	2.829	+0.41
		Sep 18	2.757	2.799	2.751	2.797	+0.039
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Aug 18	2.1695	2.1695	2.0521	2.0614	-0.989
		Sep 18	2.1472	2.1474	2.0284	2.0376	-1.020

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Arch Dan Mid	N	47.85	-.25	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	68.19	+7.9	Motorola Solutions	N	120.32	+1.68
Baxter Intl	N	74.32	-.31	Gallagher AJ	N	31.03	+5.15	Navistar Intl	N	42.35	-.14
Boeing Co	N	340.60	-6.56	Graininger W/W	N	310.43	+5.15	NiSource Inc	N	26.38	+1.4
Brunswick Corp	N	67.23	-1.19	GrubHub Inc	N	109.00	+5.8	Ntnn Trust Cp	O	104.11	-.90
CBOE Global Markets	O	102.15	-.75	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	90.14	-1.6	Old Republic	N	20.29	-.04
CDK Global Inc	O	67.06	+3.6	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	79.57	-.91	Packaging Corp Am	N	113.98	-.36
CDW Corp	O	84.01	+.30	IDEX Corp	N	136.74	-2.02	Paylocity Corp	N	63.48	+5.1
CF Industries	N	42.56	-1.08	ITW	N	141.61	-2.45	Stericycle Inc	O	67.23	+4.2
CME Group	O	165.43	+1.26	Ingredion Inc	N	111.01	-2.19	TransUnion	N	74.25	+1.8
CNA Financial	N	47.32	-.40	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	165.35	-.43	USG Corp	N	43.20	...
Caterpillar Inc	N	136.76	-4.49	KapStone Paper	N	34.61	-0.82	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	252.20	-2.41
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	36.54	-.08	Kemper Corp	N	70.55	-.75	United Cont'l Hldgs	N	68.88	-2.42
Deere Co	N	141.42	-3.13	Kraft Heinz Co	O	63.74	-.26	Ventas Inc	N	58.39	-.28
Discover Fin Svcs	N	71.24	-.34	LKQ Corporation	O	32.58	-.61	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	63.66	+4.6
Dover Corp	N	73.34	-1.32	Littelfuse Inc	O	224.38	-6.95	Waltrust Financial	O	88.13	-.60
Equity Commonwealth	N	31.74	-.06	MB Financial	O	47.98	+0.4	Zebra Tech	O	146.67	-3.20

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Bank of America	28.68	-.15
Gen Electric	13.99	-1.18
AT&T Inc	31.97	-.63
Chesapeake Engy	5.15	-.25
Twitter Inc	43.87	+1.22
Ford Motor	11.07	-1.18
Ambev S.A.	4.61	-.19
Freoport McMoran	17.41	-.70
Oracle Corp	47.64	+6.55
ENSCO PLC	7.66	-.23
Petrobras	10.35	-.32
Stwhstn Energy	5.47	-.01
Ithau Unibanc Hldg	10.91	-1.13
Vale SA	12.65	-.44
Pfizer Inc	37.21	-.22
Yamana Gold Inc	2.90	-1.16
Alibaba Group Hldg	187.42	-5.13
Huya Inc	36.47	+4.38
Weatherford Intl Ltd	3.49	-.03
Wells Fargo & Co	56.07	-.55
Petrobras A	8.95	-.39
Verizon Comm	51.34	...
Transocean Ltd	13.55	-.53
Denbury Res	5.07	-.24

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	187.42	-5.13
Alphabet Inc C	1153.90	+1.06
Alphabet Inc A	1171.46	+4.32
Amazon.com Inc	1755.00	+11.93
Apple Inc	187.88	-2.47
Bank of America	28.68	-1.15
Berkshire Hath B	189.91	+0.1
Exxon Mobil Corp	82.59	+0.17
Facebook Inc	202.54	-1.00
Intel Corp	51.20	-.96
JPMorgan Chase	106.39	-1.23
Johnson & Johnson	126.24	-1.14
Microsoft Corp	101.98	-.14
Royal Dutch Shell B	72.70	-2.03
Royal Dutch Shell A	69.27	-2.02
Unitedhealth Group	254.59	-.95
Visa Inc	138.15	+1.46
WalMart Strs	86.53	-.68
Wells Fargo & Co	56.07	-.55

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	33.95	-.28	+22.9
American Funds Amnrbala m	27.47	-1.12	+10.4
American Funds CptlWldGrInca m	51.17	-.69	+11.5
American Funds CptlInclBldrA m	60.46	-.59	+3.8
American Funds FdmTlInvsA m	63.64	-.59	+15.8
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	55.21	-.34	+24.1
American Funds IncAmrCA m	22.91	-.17	+7.1
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	41.08	-.44	+14.9
American Funds NwPrsPctvA m	45.69	-.42	+16.1
American Funds WAMTInvsA m	45.16	-.38	+15.8
DFA IntlCorEqIn	13.88	-.25	+8.0
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.42	+0.1	+7
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	43.27	-.77	+2
Dodge & Cox Stk	205.70	-2.41	+13.9
DoubleLine TlRtRetBdl	10.43	+0.1	+1.2
Fidelity 500IdxIn	96.97	-.69	+16.6
Fidelity 500IdxInPrrm	96.97	-.69	+16.6
Fidelity 500InclxPrrm	96.97	-.69	+16.6
Fidelity Contrafund	135.45	-.28	+26.0
Fidelity ContrafundK	135.43	-.28	+26.1
Fidelity LowPrStk	55.19	-.59	+14.0
Fidelity TlMktIdxPrrm	80.26	-.56	+17.2
Franklin Templeton Inca m	2.31	-.02	+4.4
Metropolitan West TlRtRetBdl	10.40	+0.1	+2
PIMCO InclnStl	12.02	+0.1	+2.8
PIMCO TlRtRetIn	9.99	...	+4
Schwab SP500Idx	43.17	-0.30	+16.6
T. Rowe Price BCGr	110.42	-.38	+29.4
T. Rowe Price GrStk	70.53	-.19	+24.9
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	256.28	-1.83	+16.6
Vanguard DivGrIn	27.00	-.18	+13.1
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	78.96	-.42	+21.7
Vanguard HCAdmrl	87.78	-.68	+6.0
Vanguard InTRTEAdmrl	13.91	...	+1.4
Vanguard InslIdxIn	252.99	-1.81	+16.6
Vanguard InslIdxInPlus	253.01	-1.81	+16.6
Vanguard InsTlSMInPls	62.07	-.43	+17.2
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	99.84	-1.50	+19.4
Vanguard MdcPldxAdmrl	199.09	-1.33	+14.3
Vanguard PrrmCpAdmrl	143.44	-1.61	+20.8
Vanguard STInmGrAdmrl	10.46	...	+3
Vanguard SmCpldxAdmrl	76.35	-.52	+19.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020In	31.64	-.17	+7.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025In	18.67	-.12	+8.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030In	34.01	-.25	+9.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035In	20.95	-.18	+14.0
Vanguard TlBMidAdmrl	10.45	+0.1	+2.8
Vanguard TlBMidIdxIn	21.45	+0.1	+2.8
Vanguard TlnBIdxAdmrl	10.91	+0.1	+3.7
Vanguard TlnBIdxIn	32.87	+0.1	+3.7
Vanguard TlnSIdxAdmrl	28.98	-.47	+6.9
Vanguard TlnSIdxIn	115.87	-1.91	+6.9
Vanguard TlnSIdxInPlus	115.89	-1.91	+6.9
Vanguard TlnSIdxInV	17.32	-.29	+6.8
Vanguard TlSMIdxAdmrl	69.81	-.49	+17.2
Vanguard TlSMIdxIn	69.83	-.49	+17.2
Vanguard TlSMIdxInV	69.79	-.49	+17.1
Vanguard WlngntAdmrl	71.69	-.42	+8.2
Vanguard WlslvncAdmrl	63.54	-.20	+4.3
Vanguard WndrsrIAAdmrl	67.32	-.69	+10.0

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.92	1.93
6-month disc	2.10	2.11
2-year	2.58	2.59
10-year	2.86	2.87
30-year	2.95	2.96

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1242.80	\$1253.80
Silver	\$15.732	\$16.003
Platinum	\$831.00	\$842.00

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.00
Discount Rate Primary	2.50
Fed Funds Target	1.75-2.00
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.51

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...

Argentina (Peso)	27.4055
Australia (Dollar)	1.3556
Brazil (Real)	3.8768
Britain (Pound)	.7569
Canada (Dollar)	1.3197
China (Yuan)	6.6852
Euro	.8566
India (Rupee)	68.823
Israel (Shekel)	3.6401
Japan (Yen)	112.04
Mexico (Peso)	19.0139
Poland (Zloty)	3.72
So. Korea (Won)	1128.16
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.62
Thailand (Baht)	33.30

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Adv Micro Dev	16.27	-.28
Micron Tech	54.18	-1.56
21st Century Fox A	47.79	-1.98
Comcast Corp A	33.77	+4.3
IQIYI Inc	31.64	+4.7
Fastenal Co	54.51	+4.98
American Airlines Gp	35.96	-3.16
Microsoft Corp	101.98	-.14
Helios and Matheson	.18	-.01
Apple Inc	187.88	-2.47
Intel Corp	51.20	-.96
Achieve Life Science	4.00	+3.8
Cisco Syst	42.57	-.29
Applied Matls	45.20	-1.54
Medigus Ltd	1.36	+1.0
Facebook Inc	202.54	-1.00
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	7.05	+0.3
Marvell Tech Grp	21.74	-.92
MagneGas Corp	34	+0.1
Opko Health Inc	6.01	+2.2
Groupion Inc	4.85	+0.6
JD.com Inc		

OBITUARIES

WILMONT VICKREY 1926-2018

Architect's firm helped to renovate Navy Pier

BY BLAIR KAMIN
Chicago Tribune

Wilmont "Vic" Vickrey, who founded and led a Chicago-based architectural firm that helped revive such landmarks as Navy Pier and designed hotels, hospitals, education buildings and theaters around the world, died Tuesday at the Admiral at the Lake retirement home on Chicago's North Side. He was 92.

The cause of death is not known, said his wife, Bonnie.

In 1969, Vickrey began what would become VOA Associates, which grew to a staff of more than 300 with offices in five U.S. cities (Chicago; New York; Washington; Orlando, Fla.; and Highland, Ind.) as well as Beijing, Shanghai and Sao Paulo.

In addition to the 1995 renovation of Navy Pier, which was led by Benjamin Thompson & Associates of Cambridge, Mass., VOA's most prominent Chicago buildings include Roosevelt University's Wabash Building, a 32-story South Loop tower; Navy Pier's Shakespeare Theater; and the recent renovation of Wrigley Field.

Genial but determined, Vickrey "was passionate about design. He was a genius when it came to selling," said former VOA Chairman Michael Toolis, who now heads the Chicago office of the Edmonton, Alberta-based global design firm Stantec. Stantec acquired VOA in 2016.

Vickrey "loved the hunt for business. The joy was getting the job," his wife



STANTEC

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said.

Born in 1926 in Terre Haute, Ind., Vickrey was raised in Indianapolis and Texas.

He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor's degree in architecture in 1949. Two years of Army service during World War II interrupted his education.

"He talked the (Army) eye surgeon into letting him pass, because his eyesight was so bad," Bonnie Vickrey said.

Vickrey spent 18 years at the Chicago firm of Perkins & Will before striking out on his own in 1969. He opened offices in both Chicago and Orlando, the latter two years before Walt Disney World's debut made the Florida city an entertainment capital.

At the time, his son Paul recalled, there was a building slump and Vickrey's first wife was battling breast cancer. But "he had a vision and, by golly, he was going to make it work," Paul Vickrey said.

Vickrey served as VOA's president, chief executive

officer, chairman and chairman emeritus.

He kept coming to the office until two years ago, Toolis said.

Under Vickrey's leadership, VOA expanded its early specialty in interior design to a broad scope of architecture.

The firm's clients include the U.S. Department of Defense, Disney, La Rabida Children's Hospital, the Old Town School of Folk Music and the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute.

"He used to tell all his associates that there was a sign outside of town that said 'Vic Vickrey was born here.' But the people never could find it," his wife said.

As Stantec, the firm is working with Chinese architect Ma Yansong to design the under-construction Lucas Museum of Narrative Art in Los Angeles.

Vickrey served on the board of the Chicago Architecture Foundation.

A longtime member of Chicago's Union League Club, he introduced a resolution in 1986 that led to women being admitted to the club.

In addition to his wife and son, survivors include two other sons, Christopher and David; two daughters, Melinda Golub and Texanne Corrigan; and 12 grandchildren.

Vickrey's first wife, Jean Kirby, his high school sweetheart, died in 1969, Bonnie Vickrey said.

The family is arranging a memorial service.

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ON JULY 12 ...

100 B.C., Roman dictator Julius Caesar was born.

In 1543 England's King Henry VIII married his sixth and last wife, Catherine Parr, who would outlive him.

In 1690 Protestant forces led by William of Orange defeated the Roman Catholic army of James II at the Battle of Boyne in Ireland.

In 1812 U.S. forces led by Gen. William Hull entered Canada during the War of 1812 against Britain. (Hull retreated shortly thereafter to Detroit.)

In 1817 writer Henry David Thoreau was born in Concord, Mass.

In 1862 Congress authorized the Medal of Honor.

In 1864 scientist and educator George Washington Carver was born near Diamond Grove, Mo.

In 1895 engineer, architect and futurist R. Buckminster Fuller was born in Milton, Mass.

In 1908 comedian Milton Berle was born in New York.

In 1948 the Democratic national convention opened in Philadelphia. **Also in 1948** fitness guru Richard Simmons was born in New Orleans.

In 1972 the Democratic National Convention in Miami Beach nominated Sen. George McGovern for president.

In 1974 White House aide John Ehrlichman and three others were convicted of conspiring to violate the civil rights of Daniel Ellsberg's former psychiatrist.

In 1976 U.S. Rep. Barbara Jordan of Texas became the first woman and the first African-American to give the keynote speech at a Democratic National Convention.

In 1977 President Jimmy Carter defended Supreme Court decisions limiting government payments for poor women's abortions, saying, "There are many things in life that are not fair."

In 1979 "Disco Demolition Night" got out of hand at Comiskey Park, forcing the White Sox to forfeit to the Detroit Tigers.

In 1984 Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale named Rep. Geraldine Ferraro of New York as his running mate. (Ferraro became the first woman to run for the vice presidency on a major-party ticket.)

In 1985 doctors discovered what turned out to be a cancerous growth in President Ronald Reagan's large intestine, prompting surgery the following day.

In 1990 Russian republic President Boris Yeltsin resigned from the Communist Party.

In 1991 a Japanese professor who had translated Salman Rushdie's "The Satanic Verses" was found stabbed to death, nine days after the novel's Italian translator was attacked in Milan.

In 1993 a magnitude-7.8 earthquake killed 196 people in northern Japan.

In 1994 President Bill Clinton visited Berlin's eastern sector, the first president to do so since Harry Truman.

In 1995 President Bill Clinton spelled out school-prayer guidelines, asserting the 1st Amendment already guaranteed adequate freedom of religion.

In 1996 the House voted to define marriage in federal law as the legal union of one man and one woman.

In 1998 France won its first World Cup, beating Brazil 3-0.

In 2000 a television news helicopter in Philadelphia videotaped about a dozen police officers kicking and punching Thomas Jones, a wounded carjacking suspect. (Jones later pleaded guilty to carjacking and other crimes, and was sentenced to 18 to 36 years in prison; 13 police officers were later suspended for up to 15 days in connection with the incident.)

In 2001 Abner Louima, a Haitian immigrant tortured in a New York police station, agreed to an \$8.7 million settlement.

In 2002 a panel of Ontario superior court judges ruled that Canada's policy of refusing legal recognition of gay and lesbian marriages was unconstitutional.

In 2004 Wall Street brokerage Morgan Stanley settled a sex-discrimination suit brought by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, agreeing to pay \$54 million.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS	
July 11	
Powerball	19 21 27 46 47 / 07
Powerball jackpot: \$90M	
Lotto jackpot: \$7.25M	
Pick 3 midday	438 / 5
Pick 4 midday	0864 / 3
Lucky Day Lotto midday	09 16 33 35 43
Pick 3 evening	833 / 1
Pick 4 evening	8119 / 7
Lucky Day Lotto evening	09 15 32 41 43
July 13 Mega Millions: \$340M	
WISCONSIN	
July 11	
Mega bucks	11 17 20 30 45 46
Pick 3	857
Pick 4	5068
Badger 5	08 12 14 21 30
SuperCash	04 09 16 26 27 36

INDIANA	
July 11	
Lotto	03 05 09 20 31 45
Daily 3 midday	070 / 7
Daily 4 midday	8102 / 7
Daily 3 evening	628 / 0
Daily 4 evening	5678 / 0
Cash 5	08 26 28 29 35
MICHIGAN	
July 11	
Lotto	01 08 12 15 18 41
Daily 3 midday	316
Daily 4 midday	6755
Daily 3 evening	552
Daily 4 evening	6605
Fantasy 5	01 04 07 29 34
Keno	01 07 10 17 18 21
	22 23 25 30 33 35 42 45
	46 55 57 58 62 66 67 80

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Chicago Tribune Death Notices

Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.

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Death Notices

Bay, Dorothy F.

Dorothy F. Bay, 95, of Highland Park. Beloved wife of the late J. Myron Bay; loving mother of Stefani (Richard Petrizzi) Bay, Jami (Alisa) Bay and the late Zachary Bay; adoring grandmother of Joshua and Nathan Bay; sister of the late Jerry (late Betty) Falk. Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m., Friday, July 13, 2018 at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd., Wilmette, IL 60091. Interment Westlawn Cemetery. Memorial contributions to American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science Midwest Region (www.donate.weizmann-usa.org) or Wolff-Berger-Croft-Kolodny Leukemia Research Foundation (www.allbloodcancers.org) appreciated. For funeral information 847-256-5700.

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Becker, Caroline

Caroline Becker, 91 of Park Ridge. At Peace with Christ Thursday, July 5, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Frank.

Loving mother of Norbert (Suzanne) and the late Corie (Walter) Schilling. Fond grandmother of Kristel, Alex, Nora, Karl and the late Karisse. Great grandmother of Reygan and Lina. Dear sister of John (the late Katharina) Pleli. Visitation Saturday from 9:00 to 11:30 A.M. at Cumberland Chapels (**FRIEL FUNERAL DIRECTORS**) 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral Service will be held at the Funeral Home on Saturday 11:30 A.M. Entombment St. Joseph Cemetery. www.cumberlandchapels.com or 708/456-8300

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Berlin, Charlotte

Charlotte Berlin, nee Rieger. Beloved wife of the late Irving; dear mother of Rick (Judi) Berlin and Mari (Gary) Jacobson; loving grandmother of Dan and Josh (Courtney) Berlin, and Max and Marcus Jacobson; great-grandmother of Maya Berlin; fond sister of the late Joan Pohn. Services Friday 11 AM at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd., Wilmette. Entombment Rosehill Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Jewish Child & Family Services, 3145 W. Pratt Blvd, Chicago, IL 60645. Funeral info: 847-256-5700.

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Brody, Sheldon "Porky"

Sheldon "Porky" Brody, 83, beloved husband of Arlene nee Levin for 61 years; loving father of Steven (Lorin) Brody, David (Lisa) Brody and Robin (Eran) Cohen; devoted grandfather of Samuel and Zachary Brody, Lucy, Ella and Charlie Cohen.

Proud member of GVS. Chapel service, Friday 2:30 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. For information or condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.

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Cavallone, Margaret P.

Margaret P. Cavallone nee Ryle age 95; beloved wife of the late Philip J.; loving mother of Michael J. (Beryl Hutson), Louis R., Phillip (Lori Jaderholm), Thomas (Linda Heinz) Cavallone; cherished Grandmother of Kristen, Kathy, Phillip, Robert, Vincent, Brianna and Allison; great Grandmother of nine; fond sister of the late Therese Gaspero. Legendary Christmas cookie and ravi maker; member of Brother Rice Mothers' Club and Alumni Mothers' Club, in lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Visitation Friday July 13, 2018; 3 pm to 9 pm at **Kosary Funeral Home** 9837 S. Kedzie, Evergreen Park. Funeral Saturday July 14th, 9:30 am from Chapel to Most Holy Redeemer Church; Mass 10:30 am Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery (708) 499-3223 or www.kosaryfuneralhome.com

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Conroy, Joan

Joan Conroy, age 88, of Evanston, IL died on July 11, 2018. Beloved wife of 64 years to the late Larry Conroy; loving mother of Jamie (Jeff) Merrell, Larry Jr. (Chris) Conroy, Renee (David) Mollien, JoAnne (Michael Turano) Conroy, Carol (Francis) Robicheaux and Jim (Ellen) Conroy; dotting grandmother of Ben Merrell, Katie Michaelchuck, Jim Merrell, Erin Anglin, John Mollien, Daniel Conroy, Jim Turano, Colette Robicheaux, Joe Turano, Peter Robicheaux and Sean Conroy; dotting great grandmother of Quin, Iris, Amelia and Felix; dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation, Saturday, July 28, 2018 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 11:00 a.m. at St. Athanasius Church, 1615 Lincoln Street, Evanston, IL 60201. Interment private. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Smile Train, 633 Third Avenue 9th Floor, New York, New York 10017. Info (847) 675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com

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Cristanus Sr., Joseph E.

Joseph E. Cristanus Sr. Age 63. Beloved son of Nancy and the late Joseph. Loving father of Joseph E. (Courtney). Dear brother of Susan (Robert) Larson and Steven (Mary). Grandfather of Victoria. Fond uncle of Katherine. Loyal friend of Wendy Yore. Visitation Friday, July 13, 2018 4PM until funeral service at 7PM at **Matz Funeral Home** 3440 N. Central Ave. Interment Private. Info 773-545-5420 or www.matzfuneralhome.com

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Edler, Patricia J.

nee Mess--beloved wife of the late Peter A. Kechik and the late Richard D. Edler; loving Mother of Keith G. (Wendy) Kechik, and Gregory A. (Tricia) Kechik; stepmother of Karen (Andy) Cooper, and Donald (the late Patricia) Edler; dear Grandmother of Jason, Kristen, Joy, Grant, James, Sophia, and Lincoln. Visitation will be held Friday from 4-8 PM at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 625 Busse Hwy in Park Ridge. Visitation will continue on Saturday from 10-11 AM, with a service at 11 AM at the funeral home. Interment Town of Maine Cemetery in Park Ridge. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Frankel, Robert F

Robert F. Frankel, age 87 US Air Force veteran and long time resident of Elmwood Park, passed away Saturday, July 7, 2018. Beloved husband of 51 years to Dorothy; loving father of Michelle (Raphael) Postiglione, Nancy and Jennifer; cherished brother of Catherine (the late John) Duff, William (Anita) Frankel, Lawrence (Mary) Frankel and Howard Frankel; fond uncle and friend of many. He was preceded in death by his parents Hugo and Catherine nee Fanning; brother Hugo; sisters Margaret (Charles) May, Loretta Marren, and Virginia. He was a long time parishioner of St. Vincent Ferrer Church. Visitation will be held Saturday, July 14 from 9 am until time of Mass at 10 am at St. Vincent Ferrer Church. Inurnment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Catholic Charities to help feed the hungry would be appreciated. For more info call (847) 678-1950 or www.sax-tiedemann.com

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Fry, Nancy McDougal

Nancy McDougal Fry, longtime advocate for young children and their welfare, passed away at her home in Wilmette, IL on July 9th, 2018.

She was born to Helen and Robert McDougal, Jr. in Chicago on July 1, 1933. She was brought up in Hyde Park, attended the University of Chicago Lab School and graduated from its University High. She attended Radcliffe College, graduating in 1955, and was Editor of the Yearbook. She worked for several years in New York City for Vogue and Harper's Bazaar and then returned to Chicago, earned a Master of Arts in Teaching at the University of Chicago, and taught for several years in the Chicago Public Schools. In 1966 she moved to Winnetka, IL with her husband of fifty-seven years, Dr. Willard A. Fry. She had many activities and interests including being on the board of the Chicago Child Care Society, a docent at the Art Institute of Chicago, and a member of the Women's Board of the University of Chicago. She also served as President of the Child Care Center of Evanston (now known as Learning Bridge Early Education Center) and the Fortnightly of Chicago. An accomplished visual artist, she spent innumerable hours in her home studio, creating hand-painted objects of remarkable beauty, many of which she sold to local collectors. She was a voracious reader and lover of literature, especially novels and poetry. She was particularly proud of her family. She is survived by her husband, their three children, Dr. Michael McDougal Fry, Peter McDougal Fry, Catherine Fry (now Catherine Kane), and seven grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to Learning Bridge Early Education Center, 1840 Asbury Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201.

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Hansen, Kathren I 'Kay'

Kathren "Kay" I. Hansen nee Hard, of Calumet City, IL, age 82, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Saturday, July 7, 2018. Beloved wife for 60 years to Wayne Hansen. Loving mother of Diane (Terry) Baker and David (Susan) Hansen. Cherished sister of Daniel (Linda) Hard. Proud grandmother of Shane (Dianna) Baker and Connor Baker. Dearest great-grandmother of Liam Baker and Keegan Baker. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her parents Roland Hard and Dorothy Hard nee Stump. Kay was a member of the First United Lutheran Church in Hammond, IN since 1960 where she was a former Church Council President, a member of the Alter Guild, Naomi Circle, Choir, and Bible Study Group. She belonged to Bunco Club, River Oaks Mall Walkers, and the Art Institute where she was a lifelong lover of the arts. Kay was loved by many and will be missed by more. Friends are invited to celebrate Kay's life with her family on Saturday, July 14, 2018 from 9:30 AM until time of Service of 10:30 AM with Rev. Christopher D. Wendel, Pastor officiating at First United Lutheran Church, 6705 Hohman Ave., Hammond, IN. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Hospice of the Calumet Area. For further information in regards to the Services, please contact **LaHayne Funeral Home** at 219-845-3600 or visit our web site at www.lahaynefuneralhome.com.

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Hoover, Tatiana Mirutenko

Tatiana Mirutenko Hoover, Age 27, July 7, 2018, taken from us suddenly. Beloved wife of James. Cherished daughter of Wasy and Natalie Mirutenko. Loving sister of Roma. Dearest cousin of Steve, Georgia and Yuri. Dear daughter-in-law of David and Beth Hoover of Whitefish Bay, WI. Fond sister-in-law of Betsy Hoover (Jeremy Bird), Emily (Weston) Anderson and Charlie Hoover. Visitation Friday, 4-9 P.M. at **Muzyka Funeral Home**, 2157 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, with a Panachya (Prayer Service) 7:00 P.M. at Chapel. Funeral Saturday, 10:00 A.M. at St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 300 E. Army Trail Rd., Bloomingdale, IL. Interment St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the family would be appreciated; they will then forward it to Tatiana's favorite charities. Info: 773-278-7767.

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Karras, Helen Pauline

Helen Pauline Karras (nee Kospetos), age 98. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Samuel J. Karras; loving mother of John S. (Paulette) Karras and Marion R. (Ernest C.) Karras; dear grandmother of Angela Rose (David A.P.) Neboyskey and Deanna Eleni (Peter S.) Markos; cherished "Super YiaYia" of John, Evan and Alexandra Neboyskey and Spiro and Ellie Markos. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Thursday, July 12, 2018 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. All are asked to meet Friday at Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church, 2501 S. Wolf Rd., Westchester, IL 60154 for 10:00 a.m. Service. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Chris J. Balodimas, Director. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.
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Kline, M.D., James Avery

Age 69, US Army Veteran. Surrounded by family and loved ones, Dr. James Kline passed away after a three-year battle with ALS. He was devoted to his family and his work, practicing medicine for 36 years, the last 15 of which included working with his beloved wife, Gerianne. He had two sons, Jimmy Kline and Mark (Sarah) Kline. He loved his family, running in the forest, and enjoyed following the stock market. He adored his two dogs, Lucy May and Bella Claire. Loving brother-in-law of Joe (Joan) Hoffmann and Laurie (Arthur) Bailey. Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. Vietnam War Veteran. Proud graduate of Trinity College (Hartford, CT), Loyola University School of Medicine and Northwestern University Medical Residency. He was a physician on staff at Palos Community Hospital and Christ Hospital, board certified in Internal Medicine and Geriatrics. Dr. Kline and his wife Gerianne have taken great pride in their family medical practice that they started. The people that he helped were not considered his patients, but his "extended family". Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. Funeral Saturday 9:15 a.m. from the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to St. Francis of Assisi Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Good Shepherd Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Tribute Program, P. O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148-0142 or Poor Clare Monastery, 12210 S. Will Cook Rd., Palos Park, IL 60464. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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Larcker, Timothy D.

Timothy D. Larcker, age 45, passed away on July 10, 2018. Beloved son of Ann (nee Latocha) and Gene Larcker. Loving brother of Eugene (DeeDee) and the late Anna Jean. Cherished uncle of Jacob, Hailey, Anna, Ernie, Mia, Ari, Christian, and Vincent. Also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews and friends. Visitation, Friday, July 13, 2018 from 3:00-9:00PM at **Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium**, 7861 S. 88th Avenue, Justice, IL. Funeral, Saturday, July 14, 2018 9:00AM Prayers and procession from the funeral home to Saint Fabian Church, 8300 Thomas Avenue, Bridgeview, IL for Mass at 10AM. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Justice, IL. For more info, 708-496-0200 or www.kaminskifamilyfuneralhomes.com

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Lewicki, Donna Jane

Donna Jane Lewicki of Elmhurst, Illinois passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family. Donna grew up in Pontiac, Illinois with her mother, Lucille Meng, nee Arnold, her father, Gerald Meng, and brothers Al and John. Together, her mother and father owned and operated a grocery store on the town square from the 1920's to 1950's. After high school, Donna moved to Chicago and attended the Grant Hospital School of Nursing and graduated as a Registered Nurse. Donna was a U.S. military veteran having served in World War II as a 2nd lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corp. She was stationed at Ft. McCoy, Wisconsin; Camp Grant, Illinois; and Ft. Lewis, Washington. She recalled several memories of treating Japanese POWs with care and compassion at Camp Grant; caring for recently returned Bataan Death March U.S. POWs at Ft. Lewis; and singing Glen Miller tunes while touring with the Army Band. An oral history of her WW II service is available <https://youtu.be/g5y5r0tjJU>. After the war, Donna earned her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing at the University of Oregon with a minor in Shakespeare Studies. In returning to Pontiac for a family visit, she bumped into a former high school classmate she had not seen since the war - Ray Lewicki - and within a year they were married. Donna and Ray enjoyed many years together raising a family, contributing to their nursing and business professions, loving to learn each and every day, and celebrating their Catholic faith in unison. Ray passed away in 1982 and is now reunited with Donna in everlasting peace. Besides her family, Donna's most rewarding life contribution was her innovative and valued leadership in Diabetes Education. She saw an increasing health care need in the late 1970's and realized a new treatment collaborative was warranted for diabetes patients. In the early 1980's, Donna led a forward-thinking initiative to establish one of the first comprehensive Diabetes Education Centers in the country at Elmhurst Memorial Hospital. Nowadays, Diabetes Centers are a common part of the health care landscape. Donna is survived by: her two brothers, Alfred (Mary Lou) Meng and John (Becky) Meng who have many fond and loving memories of their big sister; Donna and Ray's four children, John Lewicki, Tom Lewicki, James (Renee) Lewicki and Mary Ann (Mike) Wangler; her ten grandchildren, Aurian (Ashley) Lewicki, David (Ann) Lewicki, Hana (Daniel) Fullmer, Aaron Lewicki, Cora Rose Lewicki, Jamie Raey Lewicki, Kate Wangler, Sabrina Lewicki, Mick Wangler, and Maeve Donna Wangler; and her two great-grandchildren, Drew Lewicki and Nora Donna Lewicki. When asked recently about her legacy, Donna answered simply, "My legacy is my children and wonderful grandchildren and great-grandchildren." Donna's life was a full and vibrant one and her many life lessons and appreciations will be carried forward by her loving family. Visitation will be on Saturday, July 14, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. at **Gibbons Funeral Home** (½ mile north of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Interment Saint Mary Cemetery, Pontiac, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 2451 Crystal Drive, Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22202. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com

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McGee, Sister Virginia

Sister Virginia McGee, R.S.M. Beloved Sister of Mercy for 71 years. Devoted daughter of the late Catherine nee McLaughlin & Thomas McGee. Cherished sister of the late Lt. James McGee, U.S. Army, Mary & James Brennan, Frances & Daniel Lynch & Sister Catherine McGee, R.S.M. Loving aunt & great aunt of many nieces & nephews. Visitation Friday at Mercy Circle, 3659 W. 99th St. in Chicago from 3:00 pm until 7:00 pm with a Wake Service at 2:30 pm. Mass of Christian Burial Saturday 10:00 am at Mercy Chapel, 3659 W. 99th St. in Chicago. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Sisters of Mercy would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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Meyer, Patricia Mary

Patricia Mary Meyer nee Nolan, beloved wife of Richard Meyer; loving mother of Deborah (Jim) Hopkinson, Leslie (Rick) Craig and William Meyer; cherished grandmother of Nolan, Brian, Ciara and Maura Hopkinson, Megan and Sarah Craig and Jordan and Grey Meyer; dear sister of Eileen Nolan, William (Kay) Nolan, Kathleen (the late Terry) Ford, Thomas Nolan, Elizabeth (Jerry) Helt, Terrence (Eva) Nolan and Mary (Paul) Forester; fond aunt and great aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 4-8 p.m. at **Williams-Kampp Funeral Home** 430 E. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton, IL 60187. Prayers at funeral home Saturday 8:45 a.m. to Mass 9:30 at St. John the Baptist Church, 233 Church St., Winfield, IL 60190. Interment Assumption Cemetery. Funeral info 630-668-0016 or www.williams-kampp.com

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See Tatiana Mirutenko Hoover notice.

Mucci, Helen A. 'Pat'

Helen A. "Pat" Mucci, nee Gal, age 95. Devoted wife of the late Edward R.; beloved mother of Francis R. (Darlene) Mucci, Robert R. (Joanne) Mucci and Mary R. Mucci (Kevin Olsberg); loving grandmother of Heather (Fred) Hepp, Regina, Erik, Nicholas and the late Peter Mucci; great grandmother of Brooke Campos and Dominic Hepp; dear sister of the late Genevieve (the late Frank) Soresi, the late Angelina (the late John) Smorynski and the late Frank Gal; fond aunt of Sandi and Alex Gasiel and many other nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday, July 14, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the Ronald McDonald House, 26345 Network Place, Chicago, IL 60673-1263, www.rmhc.org Info 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com



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Novotny, Edith Lorraine

Obituary for Edith Lorraine Novotny: Edith Lorraine Novotny, 91, beloved wife of Richard Laddie Novotny, passed away in North Augusta, SC January 21, 2018. Born August 26, 1926 to Percy Elias and Frances Mary Nelson (nee Ivins) in Melrose Park, IL. Preceded in death by her husband, May 12, 2017, her parents, and a brother, Roger Nelson, Houston, TX. Survivors include her children Gail (Michael) Illuzzi, Peoria, IL, Paul (Kim) Novotny, Wheaton, IL and Lisa Jackson, Evans, GA, her grandchildren, Michael Illuzzi, Paul (Liza) Illuzzi, Caitlin (Brian) Huber, Kelsey Novotny, Alex Jackson (Lora Blake Curry), her great grandchildren, Morgan, Madison, Mollie, Guy, Beau, her siblings William (Sandra) Nelson, Salem SC, Gail Stern, Hinsdale, IL, John (Janet) Nelson, Savannah, GA, and wonderful in-laws, nieces, and nephews. Graduate of Proviso Township HS Maywood. Worked in health care, was an accomplished pianist, sports enthusiast and Life Master in bridge. A memorial service was held in Augusta, GA. Burial July 14 at Mt. Emblem Cemetery, Elmhurst.

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Palansky, Stefan

Stefan Palansky. Age 98 of Park Ridge. Beloved husband of Kathleen B. nee Blowers. Also survived by many relatives in Europe. Visitation Thursday, July 12, 4-7 p.m. at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy. (2 blks. S. of Touhy), Park Ridge. Memorial Service Friday, 11 a.m. at South Park Church, 1330 Courtland Ave., Park Ridge. Private Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Pacific Garden Mission, P.O. Box 7436, Chicago, IL 60680-7436 or Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28201-001. Funeral information, www.ryan-parke.com



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Pettinger, John D.

Madison, WI - John D. Pettinger ("Jack") passed away July 9, 2018 at the age of 79. Born March 21st, 1939, in Chicago IL to John and Marie Pettinger. Jack is survived by his wife of 56 years, Jane, their children; Kathleen, Jerry (Nancy), John (Bridget), Jim (Sari), and his sister Sue Fox. Jack was the proud grandfather to Margaret, Kate, Jack, Jimmy, Sarah, Bridget, Joe, Tommy and Max and great-grandfather to Ryan. Jack dedicated his life to his family and friends and the sport of swimming. Jack was a graduate of Fenwick High School in Chicago, IL and attended the University of Michigan ('57 - '61) where he was part of multiple national championship swim teams. Jack proudly served in the Marine Corps from 1961 - 1963, Semper Fi. Jack resumed his education and began his coaching career at Indiana University ('64-'69) where he worked with the legendary James "Doc" Counsilman. In 1969 he became the head coach at the University of Wisconsin ('69-'93) and concluded his collegiate coaching career as a volunteer coach at the University of Minnesota. The local Madison swim community was the fortunate focus of his energy and commitment, whether it be a public pool for Madison, triathletes or age group swimmers. Services will be held Saturday, July 14th from 11:30 to 2:30 at the Cress Funeral Home, 3610 Speedway Road, Madison WI. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to either: Wisconsin Alzheimer's Disease Research <https://secure.supportuw.org/give/?id=9F1BF639-89BC-4018-856C-3A052D5D8B08> Or Alzheimer Association: <https://www.alz.org/>

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Pizzo, Angelina

Angelina Pizzo, nee Cunico, Formally of Historic Roseland, Beloved wife of the late Mitchell, Retired Sgt. CPD, Dear mother of Robert CPD, (Joanne) and Joseph (Liane). Loving grandmother of Elizabeth (Lucas) Mutter, Robert, CPD, Michael, CPD, Therese, Joseph and Gina and great grandmother of Jane, Max and Brendan. Dear sister of the late Anthony (the late Sandy), Narc (the late Marcie) and Molly (the late Herman) Basciani. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Saturday 8:45 a.m. from **Beverly Ridge Funeral Home**; 10415 S. Kedzie Ave. to St. Christina Church Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 a.m. Entombment St Mary Garden Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers memorials to St. Jude Children's Hospital; 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 appreciated. Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. 773-779-4411

Beverly Ridge Funeral Home

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Spofford, Richardson Lark

Richardson Lark Spofford, aged 98, was a lifelong resident of Chicago. Born on the North Side, he graduated from Harvard College and enlisted in the Army for WWII, then moved to Hyde Park and remained a resident of Hyde Park and Kenwood for the rest of his life. He was a tax accountant by trade. He loved to travel, and his family remembers many trips exploring the country. A love of camping and the outdoors was successfully passed on to his children, as was an appreciation for the culture and size of this country. He was keenly interested in history, including of Chicago and Hyde Park, and fed his literary appetite at the Chicago Literary Society and the Caxton Club. He also was a collector of antiques and rugs, which fit with his love of traveling around the world as well.

Predeceased by his wife Janice, he is survived by his two sons John and George and his four grandchildren.

A memorial service is to be held at 2pm on Saturday, July 28, 2018 at Montgomery Place, 5550 South Shore Drive, Chicago, with reception following.

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Susman, Robert M

We mourn the passing of Robert Matthew Susman, aged 85, in his home on June 30, 2018. Robert was born on June 5, 1933, in Waukegan, IL. He was preceded in death by his father, Matthew Susman, his mother, Angelina (nee Celesnik) Susman, his brother Donald Susman, and two nephews, William Deacon and Robert Faber. Robert Susman was a loving father to four children, Barbara Ann, Robert Michael, Richard Matthew and James William Susman. He was also a loving grandfather to 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. He is survived by his former wife, Gwendolyn (Susman) Mason, his sister Margaret Faber, and brother-in-law, Nicholas Faber, and 3 nephews and 2 nieces.

Robert worked for his father Matthew and the family business, Susman Linoleum & Rug, Co., in Waukegan and Gurnee, Illinois, since his childhood and throughout his life (except during his two years of honorable military service, serving in the U.S. Army in Germany). In his later years he became the store's sole proprietor, working well into his 80's in the work to which he was devoted, sharing his passion and gifts throughout the community. Family and Friends may Visit on Friday, July 13, 2018 from 5:00PM - 8:00PM at **Gurnee Salata Funeral Home**, 4190 Old Grand Ave, Gurnee. A second visitation will take place at St. Dismas Catholic Church, 2600 Sunset, Waukegan Saturday, July 14, 2018 from 9:00AM - 10:00AM. At 10:00AM a Mass of Christian Burial will be presided over by Fr. Pat Rugen. Interment will be at Ascension Cemetery, Libertyville, following Mass. In lieu of flowers, donations in Robert's memory would be appreciated to: Victory Lakes Lindenhurst, <https://www.franciscanministries.org/victory-lakes/> or to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, <https://www.mercyhome.org/>.

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Treacy, Thomas Joseph

Thomas Joseph Treacy, age 97, of Aurora, Illinois passed away on Monday, July 9, 2018. Tom was born on March 22, 1921 in County Galway, Ireland to Patrick and Bridget (nee Fallon) Treacy. He was a journeyman blacksmith in Ireland and was a proud ironworker (retired) with Local #1 in Chicago, IL. Tom is survived by his loving children, Daniel (Marilyn) Treacy, Shawn Treacy, Bernadette Treacy, Patrick (Annette) Treacy and Mary (Dan) Treacy-Jansa; grandfather of Jillian and Danny Treacy, Patrick (Kristine) Madden and Treacy (Eric) Hueve, Jenna and Tommy Treacy and Brian and Bridget Jansa, great-grandfather of Teagan Madden and Delaney Hueve, many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary A. Treacy (nee Murphy); daughter, Anne Treacy; son, Thomas "Tommy" Treacy. Visitation will be held on Sunday, July 15, 2018 from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**, 24021 Royal Worlington Drive, Naperville. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, July 16, 10:00 a.m., at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, 701 S. Eola Road, Aurora, Illinois. Interment Assumption Cemetery, Wheaton, Illinois. Info: 630-922-9630 with online guestbook at www.beidelmankunsch.com



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Vergen, Frederick G.

Frederick G. Vergen, 76, of Marengo died July 4, 2018. Beloved husband of Kathleen (nee Both); loving father of Jeffrey (Jennifer) Vergen and Christine (John) DeMillo; cherished grandfather of Grace DeMillo; dear brother of Donna (John) Rannocho and Frances (James) Hayes, and brother-in-law of Patricia (the late James) Connolly. Graveside service 11:00 on Saturday, July 14th at All Saints Cemetery, 700 N. River Rd., Des Plaines. Online condolences at www.marengo-unionfuneralhome.com.

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Vrahnos, Antonia

Antonia Vrahnos, nee Antonopoulos, age 90, of Achladokambos Greece, passed away on Tuesday, July 10, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Gus Vrahnos; loving mother of Fany (Spiro) Karahalios and Dimitra (Jerry) Travlos; proud grandmother of Vicky and Dean Karahalios and John and Anthony Travlos; devoted daughter of the late George and Dimitra (nee Maroutos) Antonopoulos; dear sister of the late Georgia (the late Kyriakos), the late Christos (the late Diamanto), the late Demosthenes (the late Demetra), the late Diamanto and the late Andreas (Voula); fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday, July 12, 2018 from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago. Family and friends will meet Friday morning, July 13, 2018, at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church, 2350 W. Dempster St., Des Plaines, IL 60016 for funeral service at 11:00 am. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Kindly omit flowers. Donations may be made to St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church or the Greek American Rehabilitation and Care Centre, 220 N. First St., Wheeling, IL 60090. Arrangements by **John G. Adinamis** Funeral Directors, Ltd. For information please call 773-736-3833.



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Williams, Sr., Donald L.

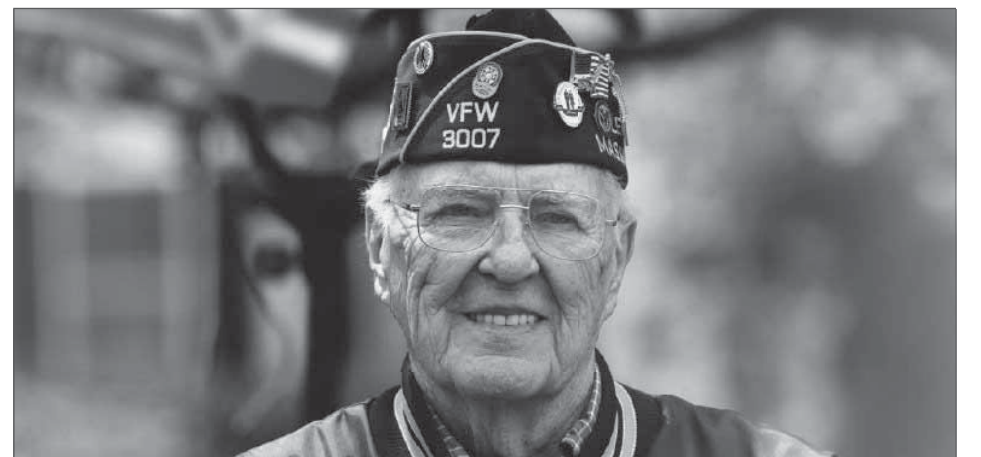
Donald L. Williams, Sr., 92, longtime resident and former mayor of Maywood. Beloved husband of Dora and the late Mercedes and Ora; loving father of Karen (Henderson) Yarbrough, Donald Jr. (Gwaine "Dianne") Williams, Sheryl (Isaac) Renfroe, Sharlene (Michael) Estelle, Denise Williams-Bergemann and Rhonda Williams and stepfather of

Alfonso Gamble and Donald L. Rogers; dear grandfather of 24 and great-grandfather of 35; fond brother of the late Ernest and Clifford Williams and

Arlene Thomas. Real estate broker/owner of Donora Realty, pharmacist at Dillards Pharmacy and State Farm Insurance Agent celebrating his 50th year in business. Past president of Maywood Chamber of Commerce and Maywood Rotary Club. Minister at Second Baptist Church of Maywood where he oversaw noon day prayers. Visitation Friday 3-8 pm at **HURSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**, SW corner of Mannheim & Roosevelt Rds, Hillside/Westchester. Lying-in-State Saturday 10:00 am until time of service 11:00 am at Second Baptist Church of Maywood, 436 S. 13th Avenue. Interment Oakridge Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Maywood Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund. Funeral info: 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com.



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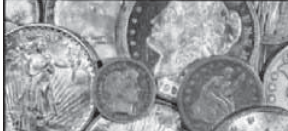
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Wilmette July 14 **119 Central Park Ave** 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Proceeds to Lurie Children's Hospital-Furniture, sporting goods, designer clothes/shoes/purses, home & kids' items, antiques, electronics & more!

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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

DUPAGE WATER COMMISSION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BARTLETT METER STATION 30A CONTRACT MS-21/18 INVITATION FOR BIDDER'S PROPOSALS... OWNER: DuPage Water Commission... ENGINEER: Greeley and Hansen, LLC

1. Invitation to Sealed Owner invites sealed Bidder's Proposals for the Work described in detail in the Contract and generally described as follows: Construction of a metering station including substructures, superstructures, piping, valving, meters, electrical, instrumentation, architectural finishes and appurtenances...

2. The Bidding Documents The Bidding Documents consist of the following documents, all of which are by this reference made a part of this invitation for Bidder's Proposals as though fully set forth herein: Contract Agreement; Contractor's Certification, Schedule of Prices; General Conditions of Contract; Special Conditions of Contract; Contract Drawings; Specifications; Form of Performance Bond; Form of Labor and Material Payment Bond; Prevailing Wage Ordinance; and Addenda, if issued.

3. The Contract The Contract consists of the following documents, all of which are by this reference made a part of this invitation for Bidder's Proposals as though fully set forth herein: Contract Agreement; Contractor's Certification, Schedule of Prices; General Conditions of Contract; Special Conditions of Contract; Contract Drawings; Specifications; Form of Performance Bond; Form of Labor and Material Payment Bond; Prevailing Wage Ordinance; and Addenda, if issued.

4. Examination The Bidding Documents and the Contract may be examined at the offices of Owner and Engineer, as listed above. A copy of the Bidding Documents and the Contract are available at the office of Owner: Contract Jenessa Rodriguez or Veronica Butler at (630) 834-0100, weekdays between 7:30am and 4:30pm to obtain a copy of the Bidding Documents and the Contract.

5. Bid Opening Owner will receive sealed Bidder's Proposals for the Work until 11:00 a.m., local time, August 2, 2018, at Owner's office listed above, at which time, or as soon thereafter as possible, all Bidder's Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bidders or their agents are invited to be present.

6. Bid Security, Bonds, and Insurance Each Bidder's Proposal shall be accompanied by a security deposit of at least ten percent of the Bidder's Price Proposal as specified in the Bidding Documents. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish bonds and Certificates and Policies of Insurance in accordance with the Contract at the Closing, DATED this 18th day of June 2018.

DUPAGE WATER COMMISSION By:/s/ John F. Spatz Jr., General Manager

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Alex T Thomas A MINOR NO. 2018JD01062

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION Notice is given you, William Thomas (Father), respondents, and TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on June 29, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Darryl Jones in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, ON 07/25/2018 at 9:00 AM IN CALENDAR 57 COURTROOM 7.

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT July 12, 2018 ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: M. Long, D. Auguste ATTORNEY FOR: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ADDRESS: 1100 SOUTH HAMILTON CITY/STATE: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60612 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000 ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

LEGAL NOTICES

COUNTY OF COOK TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROSECUTION OFFICER SHANNON E. ANDREWS, CHIEF PROSECUTION OFFICER

ADVERTISE DATE: Thursday, July 12, 2018 DESCRIPTION: Invitation for Bids for Wallboard, Insulation and Drywall Products

CONTRACT NO.: 1845-17351 MBE/WBE GOALS: Twenty-Five (25%) MBE and Ten (10%) WBE of the overall estimated expenditures for this procurement

BID DOCUMENTS: Solicitation Document is available for download at: http://legacy.cookcountygov.com/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php

BID DUE DATE: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 10:00 AM

CONTACT: Daniel Gizzi, Specification Engineer III (312) 603-6825 (office) or dan.gizzi@cookcountyll.gov (email)

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The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION Notice is given you, Timothy Galvez (Father), respondents, and TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on June 29, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Stuart Lubin in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, ON 07/25/2018 at 9:00 AM IN CALENDAR 58 COURTROOM 11.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS July 12, 2018

LEGAL NOTICES

ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in the State," as amended, that a certification was registered by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois on July 6, 2018. Registration Number: D18154914 on July 6, 2018.

Under the Assumed Business Name of SCHNATTERBECK APARTMENTS with business located at 4616 N SACRAMENTO AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60625 The true and real full name (s) and residence address of the owner(s)/partner(s) is: Owner/Partner Full Name Complete Address MARTIN SCHNATTERBECK 4616 N SACRAMENTO AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60625, USA FRANK AND ELISABETH SCHNATTERBECK PARTNERSHIP 4616 N SACRAMENTO AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60625, USA

LEGAL NOTICES

TO: Miguel Ruiz; Parkway Bank & Trust Company, City of Chicago, Dept. of Water Management, City of Chicago, City Clerk; City of Chicago, c/o Corporation Counsel; Scott & Kraus LLC; Mark Roncskevitz; Monica Gibson Roncskevitz; Hector Arana; Porfollio Recovery Associates, LLC, c/o Illinois Corporation Service Company, Reg. Agent; Richard Lanis, c/o Dale & Gensburg, P.C.; Jodi Lanis, c/o Dale & Gensburg, P.C.; Occupant, 324 S. Sacramento Blvd., Chicago, IL 60613; David D. Orr, County Clerk, Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property, Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD004130 FILED: June 28, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: June 8, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 14-0014861 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2014 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 324 S. SACRAMENTO BLVD., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s): 16-13-120-021-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on December 26, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before December 26, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on January 23, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before December 26, 2018, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 Royce RE, LLC Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: July 2, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 7/10, 11, 12/2018 5697666

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TO: Tigra LLC; Tigra LLC, Trustee u/w/a dated 01/27/1919 and known as trust no 8002370100, c/o CT Corporation System, Reg. Agent; Princeton Commercial MW Holdings, LLC, c/o Northwest Registered Agent, Reg. Agent; Princeton Commercial MW Holdings, LLC, David L. Johnson, c/o Globetrotters Engineering Corporation, Globetrotters Engineering Corporation, c/o Brian J. Krajewski, Reg. Agent; City of Chicago, City Clerk; City of Chicago, Corporation Counsel; Michael Al Jarard; Leon Blumenberg, Jr., c/o Michael Al Jarard, Occupant 925 S. Springfield Ave., Apt. 1, Chicago, IL 60624; Occupant, 925 S. Springfield Ave., Apt. 2, Chicago, IL 60624; Leon Blumenberg, Jr.; CRC-IL, LLC Series Chicago, c/o Ev Has, LLC, Reg. Agent; David D. Orr, County Clerk, Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property, Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2018COTD004131 FILED: June 28, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: June 8, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO(S): 14-0014959 SOLD FOR GENERAL TAXES OF YEARS 2014 SOLD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF (MUNICIPALITY) N/A WARRANT NO. N/A INSTALLMENT NO. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property Located at: 925 S. SPRINGFIELD AVE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s): 16-14-318-023-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on December 26, 2018. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before December 26, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on January 23, 2019, in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before December 26, 2018, by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 603-5645 Royce RE, LLC Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: July 2, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 7/10, 11, 12/2018 5697677

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DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

No deal worth moving Abreu

Young White Sox need All-Star's leadership as team rebuild rolls on

In the White Sox clubhouse Sunday, players gathered as manager Rick Renteria announced first baseman Jose Abreu had been named an American League All-Star starter.

Abreu responded with an apology.

Becoming an All-Star means never having to say you're sorry, but there Abreu was, the first Sox position player voted into the All-Star lineup in 22 years, humbly accepting an honor he thought he didn't deserve.

"He felt like he wasn't doing enough to make the All-Star club," Renteria said.

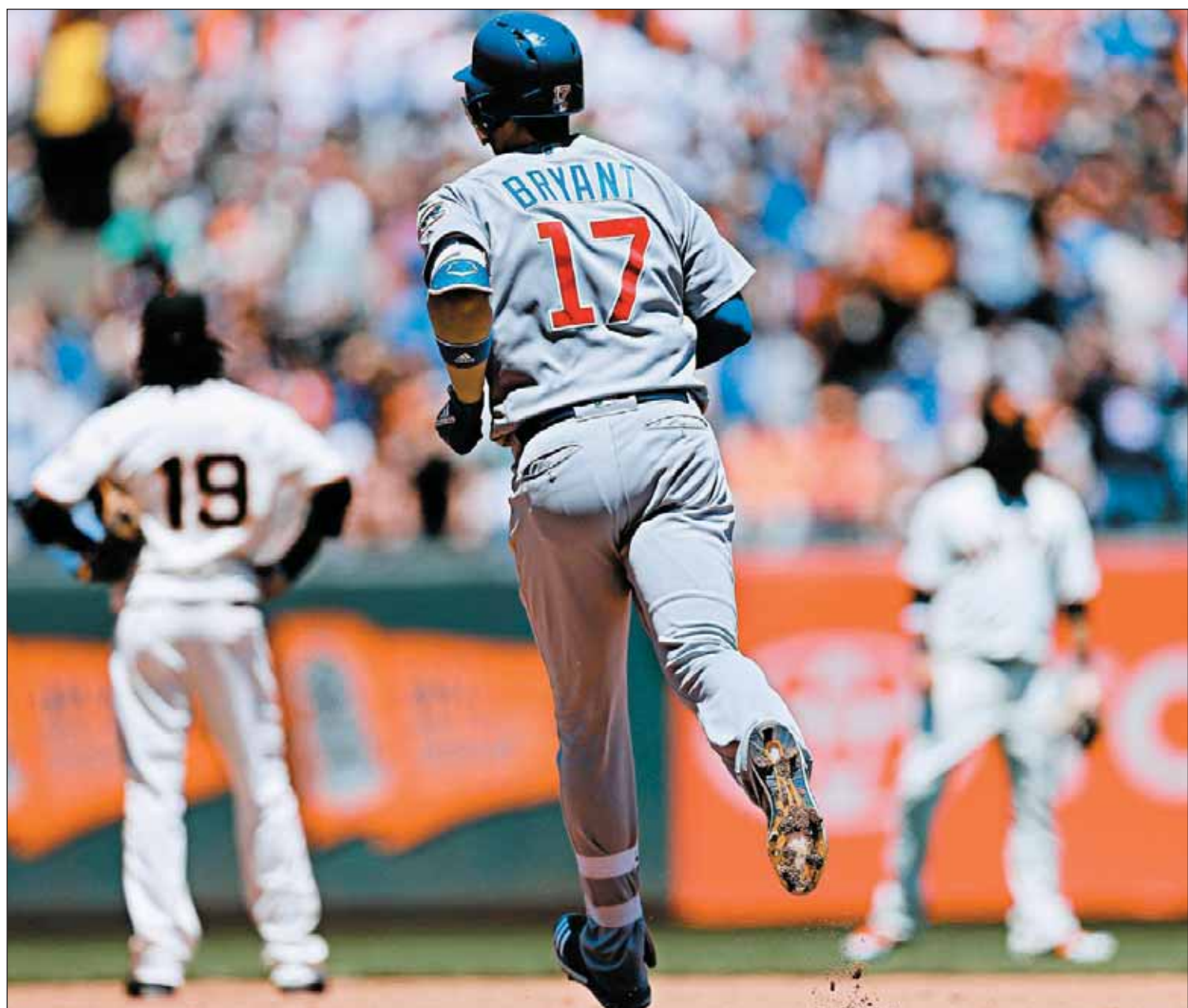
The gesture made a lasting impression on young Sox players, many of them Latinos, who look up to the 31-year-old Cuban. That cast a powerful image.

That's not an insignificant example for a team that one day expects to worry about how to handle success. Remember that the next time someone floats an Abreu trade rumor, likely to happen by the time you're done reading this column. Astros? Red Sox? Who's next?

Abreu's intangibles make him more valuable to the Sox than any other team in the league, metrics impossible to measure. Imagine how many prospects it would take to equal the sentimental value general manager Rick Hahn inevitably would factor into any potential Abreu deal. Abreu is like

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WHITE SOX 4, CARDINALS 0
 Carlos Rodon pitches 7 1/3 shutout innings, giving up only three hits and striking out seven. **Page 3**



JOHN G. MABANGLO/EPA

Back from a stint on the disabled list, Kris Bryant rounds the bases after hitting a two-run home run in the fifth off Giants starter Johnny Cueto.

GIANTS 5, CUBS 4 (13)

Power tripped up

Heyward, Bryant, Baez provide the pop, but recent clutch situational hitting fizzles

BY MARK GONZALES
 Chicago Tribune

SAN FRANCISCO — The power is back, but the clutch situational hitting that was a highlight of the Cubs' recent surge vanished this week at spacious AT&T Park.

So there was plenty to ponder Wednesday after the Cubs lost their second of three games to the Giants, a 5-4 disappointment in 13 innings. Over 33 innings in the series, Cubs pitching allowed only six earned runs.

Well before Buster Posey's drive sailed over the head of Kris Bryant and off the right-field wall to score the winning run, the optimism surrounding Bryant's return that featured a two-run homer was overshadowed as the offense went 0-for-7 with runners in scoring position.

It was a fitting end to a series in which the Cubs didn't spray the ball around the field as they did when they went 10-6 while Bryant was recovering from left shoulder inflammation and had scored six or more runs eight

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Steve Rosenbloom
 'Bout time Kyle Hendricks and Jose Quintana found the cheat codes.



stretches when the offense disappears for a couple of days, and that's it," manager Joe Maddon said. "We definitely pitched well enough to win all three games. And they did, too."

The Giants scored four runs off Mike Montgomery in the first inning but the Cubs came back on home runs from Jason Heyward, Bryant and Javier Baez, who hit a game-tying shot in the seventh.

The Cubs face a similar hitting challenge this weekend when they conclude the first half against the Padres at spacious Petco Park.

"We came out of our ap-
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WIMBLEDON

Federer shown the exit

Illinois alum Anderson rallies from 2 sets down to stun 8-time champ

BY SAM FARMER
 Los Angeles Times

LONDON — Some speculated that a competitive match Wednesday would sharpen top-seeded Roger Federer for the Wimbledon semifinals. Others fretted that such a match might wear him out, when the 36-year-old would need that energy to win the tournament for a ninth time.

In the end, it was door No. 3: a jaw-dropping defeat, a surprising Fed-Exit.

The so-called "King of Grass" was unceremoniously clipped, with 6-foot-8 South African and



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Kevin Anderson, who won an NCAA doubles title at Illinois in 2006, raises his arms in victory after upsetting Roger Federer at Wimbledon.

University of Illinois alumnus Kevin Anderson coming back from the brink of defeat to win 2-6, 6-7 (5), 7-5, 6-4, 13-11. The match lasted four hours, 14 minutes and left the packed-to-the rafters crowd at Court 1 as wrung out as the participants.

"The toughest thing when playing somebody (such as) Roger in this setting is giving yourself a chance," said Anderson, 32, who will play American John Isner in a

semifinal Friday. "The times I've played him before, or other guys with his ranking and history, I haven't really allowed myself to play."

This time Anderson gave himself a chance and capitalized. The least surprised person in the venue might have been Federer, even though Anderson had never won a set against him until

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BULLS

'Nova teammates dismiss doubters

Bulls' Arcidiacono, Mavs' Brunson joust during summer battle

BY K.C. JOHNSON
 Chicago Tribune

LAS VEGAS — A Villanova intrasquad scrimmage broke out during the Bulls' 95-83 victory over the Mavericks on Wednesday in the NBA Summer League.

Jalen Brunson and Ryan Arcidiacono traded buckets in each other's grills, good-natured trash talk and a whole bunch of championship memories.

"Easy," Brunson cracked when asked what it was like to guard his former teammate.

Hearing that, Arcidiacono wrapped Brunson in a bear hug in a hallway.

"We know we're both big-time competitors, so we didn't text each other or even say what's up before the game. We

just got after it," Arcidiacono said. "We each got the better of each other a couple times. Guarding him up and down, just me and him, it felt like a Villanova practice. Just tried to get the better of him."

In some ways, they're kindred spirits.

Brunson, the former Stevenson High School star and second-round pick of the Mavericks, has doubters who wonder if he can thrive at the next level despite being the consensus national player of the year in college last season.

Arcidiacono — the Most Outstanding Player of the 2016 Final Four as Villanova won the first of two titles in three years — is a restricted free agent who doesn't know where he'll be playing next season despite playing well for the Bulls in stretches last season while on a two-way contract.

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TOP OF THE SECOND



STEVE ROSENBLUM

NFL players' stand is wobbly

Chargers left tackle Russell Okung recently delivered an impassioned Twitter thread that began this way:
 "I will never understand how billionaire team owners have convinced the public that the players, who put their bodies on the line every week and make less than 50% of league revenue, are the 'ungrateful ones.'"

Okung, a member of the NFL Players Association executive committee, went on to argue for guaranteed contracts.

No question that NFL players deserve them. No question that guaranteed contracts should be universal in football. And no question NFL players can achieve that demand if they're willing to go on strike and stay out until that's written in ink in the collective bargaining agreement.

But no. When it comes to taking that stand, some of the strongest athletes I've ever seen have wilted. Either that or players engaged in a sport that causes brain damage on every play haven't been smart enough to extract that demand in collective bargaining.

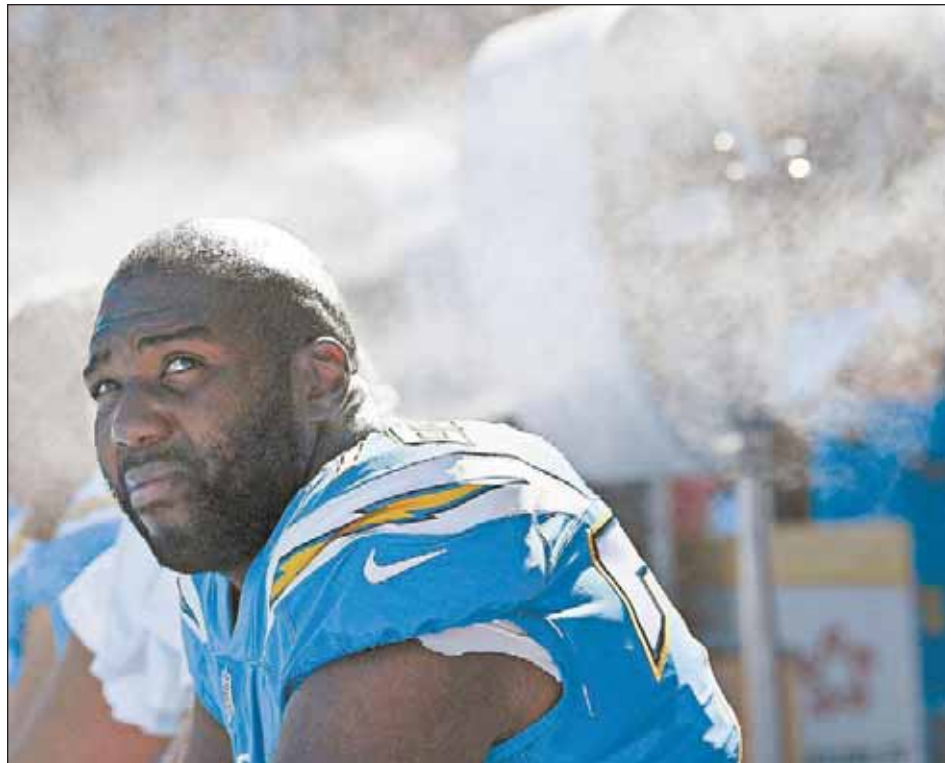
Here's the rule, Russell: It doesn't matter what the fans think; it only matters what you can negotiate. Love from the fans doesn't compare to concessions from the owners. That's how baseball players developed the strongest sports union in the world.

Until NFL players are willing to sit out a season, until they are willing to forgo their money to deny the billionaire owners their lucre, until they can make it hurt Commissioner Roger Goodell's bosses and dispel their monarchal mentality the way baseball players have done time and again in their sport, then the NFLPA doesn't seem to be standing up for its beliefs as much as just doing stand-up comedy.

I'll take "Idiot NFL Owners" for \$200, Alex.

Goodell said the league shouldn't be talking politics, but there were the Cardinals on Monday, tweeting politics from the team site with a link to team President Michael Bidwill's support of Brett Kavanaugh on his nomination to the Supreme Court.

Bidwill shouldn't be allowed to make political statements on the team's site. He should be banished to the locker room to do it from his personal account.



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Chargers tackle Russell Okung made a Twitter plea for guaranteed contracts in the NFL.

NASCAR ratings dropped last year and have dropped further through the first half of this year, and I'm wondering: Are Colin Kaepernick and Eric Reid taking knees on pit row too?

Yu Darvish played catch the other day. Maybe someday he'll play pitch.

For a while James Shields was pitching well enough to get traded. Now he's pitching badly enough to troll Sox fans.

Tweet from Olympic ice skating bronze medalist Adam Rippon: "Part of me thinks it would be cool to train and run a full marathon and the other part of me gets pissed every time I have to park too far away from the entrance of the grocery store."

After the Bulls decided to match, Kings general manager Vlade Divac explained his rationale on the Zach LaVine offer: "I see him as one of the future elite shooting

guards in this league."

Yes. Well, it would have been great to hear Jerry West or someone from a good team say that.

How bad is Jerian Grant if the Bulls chose Cam Payne over him?

Then again, it was the Bulls doing the choosing, so hold all tickets.

Sweden's official Twitter account showed some quality self-awareness with a tweet Sunday that read "Good morning! As you know, Sweden's World Cup adventure has come to an end. So we'll turn to Bergman movies to cheer us up." Underneath was a photo from the 1957 Ingemar Bergman film "The Seventh Seal" featuring the quote "I Am Death."

What's up, Lance Johnson?

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ASK THE REPORTER K.C. JOHNSON

Hold off on Carter statue



With Wendell Carter Jr. showing signs already that he may be an All-Star someday, do you believe there is less pressure on Zach

LaVine to be a focal point this season? Clearly his contract places some pressure on him to "prove the haters wrong." But I wonder if the narrative this season will be about Lauri Markkanen and Wendell rather than Lauri and LaVine. Devin D., Evanston

Let's tap the brakes on Carter as an All-Star based on summer-league play. What is noteworthy about Carter's performances is the skill he's displaying typically translates to regular-season play. He has been solid on rim protection and has showed fantastic footwork on switches and an array of moves on offense. As far as this lessening pressure on LaVine, I see no correlation. The Bulls need LaVine to play at a high level over the course of this four-year deal.

Will there be an open competition at the wing? Justin Holiday started last year, but is the staff going to let Denzel Valentine and Chandler Hutchison get a shot? Hutchison is really athletic. It seems they could use that in the starting five. C. Lamar, Chicago

Fred Hoiberg already has said training camp will be an open competition. You raise an interesting name in Valentine, who has been a bit of a forgotten man. I know the staff values his scoring punch off the bench, but he shot 41.3 percent in his 37 games as a starter last season. Hutchison projects to be a rotational player. If he earns a starting role, that would be a tad surprising.

With the current roster, do the Bulls have a legitimate shot at the playoffs? Jamaal A., Walnut Creek, Calif.

The Celtics, Raptors, 76ers and Pacers feel like locks. The Heat, Bucks and Wizards should be there. That leaves one spot. My early guess is 35 to 37 victories. That probably will be near the battle for the final seed.

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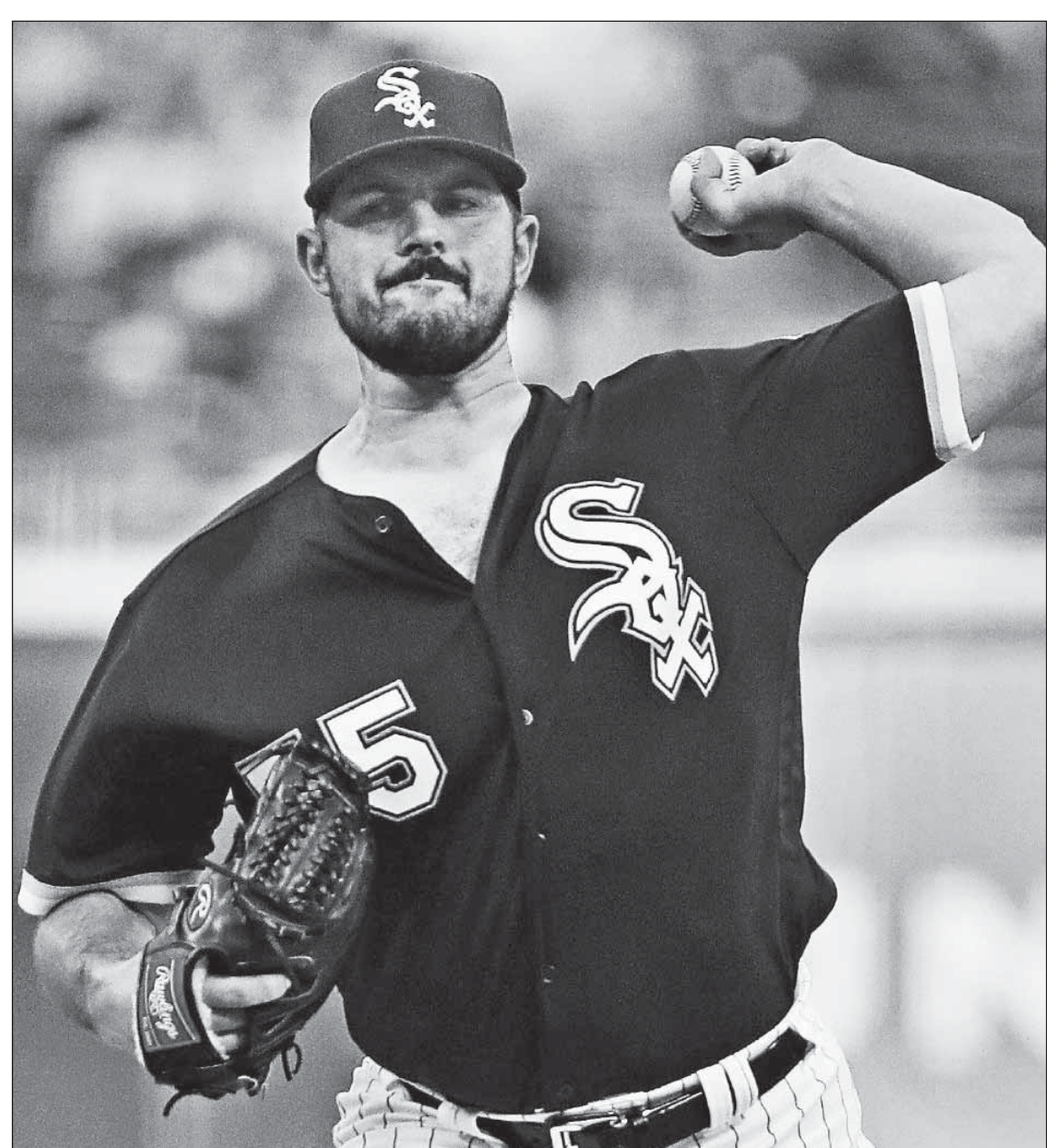
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Carlos Rodon fires one toward the plate Wednesday against the Cardinals, who got just three hits off of him.

Rodón recharge

Left-hander looks like the pitcher Sox are counting on with 7 1/3 shutout innings

By PHIL ROGERS
Chicago Tribune

Carlos Rodon knows his journey could be easier. He didn't expect to be carrying around a 21-24 record and trying to get beyond 165 innings in his fourth big-league season. But that doesn't mean he still can't fulfill the potential that made him a top draft pick.

The big left-hander's talent and potential were on full display in the White Sox's 4-0 victory over the Cardinals on Wednesday night, as were his combative nature and sometimes self-destructive temper.

Rodón didn't like walking the last hitter he faced after 7 1/3 dominating innings. He took his frustration out on a metal fan at the end of the Sox dugout, in the end slamming his right hand against the fan.

He seemed no worse for wear afterward, and when he spoke Rodón offered a candid peek into his mind. He has learned the hard way about expectations, overcoming uneven performances and an arthroscopic shoulder surgery along the way.

"Some guys just show up and they're just great," Rodón said. "(Chris) Sale, (Clayton) Kershaw, (Max) Scherzer, guys like that. Some other guys, it's a grind.

"It's going to be up and down. You're going to have some good days, you're going to have some bad days. You're going to take some lumps, you're going to give some lumps."

Rodón (2-3) was brought along slowly in his recovery from the work he had done on his shoulder

last September, and it's paying off for the Sox. He held the Cardinals to three hits while striking out seven and walking two and might have made it to the ninth inning if not for a Yoan Moncada error that helped extend the eighth.

According to Brooks Baseball, Rodón's fastball averaged 94 but touched 98. He threw 57 fastballs, 25 sliders and 23 changeups, generating 10 swings and misses.

"I felt pretty good," Rodón said. "Once again, (catcher) Omar (Narvaez) and I had a good plan out there. (There were) a lot of ground balls (and) good defense out there. The boys hit the ball, and it was a complete game. (It was) a pretty good game."

It's fair to say manager Rick Renteria loved it.

Rodón was treading water until pitching in Houston last week but seems to have turned a corner in his last two starts. He has cut his season ERA to 3.56 and once again is looking like a potentially huge piece for an organization that traded away Sale and Jose Quintana in its rebuild.

"It does a lot for us actually," Renteria said of Rodón's emergence. "You can put him in a better-than-average class — a top-tier, 1-2-3 pitcher, championship-caliber competitor.

"It opens up the door to us potentially having quite a few guys in the rotation in the near future who are able to give (us) what (we) need to compete."

Cardinals right-hander Luke Weaver, a former teammate of Rodón's on Team USA, was tough on the Sox. Their big hits were Tim Anderson's double in the seventh inning and a Moncada

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ST. LOUIS AB R H BI SO AVG
Carpenter 1b 2 0 1 0 0 .262
Pham cf 4 0 0 0 4 .243
Martinez dh 4 0 1 0 1 .301
Ozuna lf 4 0 0 0 1 .271
Molina c 4 0 1 0 1 .274
Gyorko 3b 4 0 0 0 2 .256
DeLong ss 3 0 1 0 1 .170
Fowler rf 3 0 0 0 0 .218
Wong 2b 3 0 0 0 0 .218
TOTALS 32 0 4 0 10
WHITE SOX AB R H BI SO AVG
Moncada 2b 3 1 1 0 1 .231
Sanchez 3b 4 0 2 0 1 .260
Abreu 1b 4 0 0 1 0 .253
Palka lf 4 0 0 0 3 .217
Engel cf 3 0 0 0 0 .224
Davidson dh 3 0 0 0 2 .220
Garcia rf 2 1 0 0 2 .271
Narvaez c 3 1 2 0 0 .280
Anderson ss 3 1 1 2 0 .247
Tilson cf-1f 3 0 1 1 1 .275
TOTALS 29 4 7 4 10

St. Louis 0 for 5; White Sox 1 for 5. Runners moved up: Abreu. LIDP: Abreu. DP: St. Louis 1 (Ozuna, Wong).

ST. LOUIS IP H R ER BB SO ERA
Weaver, L, 5-8 6 3 1 1 2 7 4.72
Mayers 1 3 2 2 0 1 3.60
Hicks 1 1 1 1 0 2 2.70

WHITE SOX IP H R ER BB SO ERA
Rodón, W, 2-3 7 1/3 3 0 0 2 7 3.56
Minaya, H, 2 1/3 0 0 0 1 3.50
Soria, S, 13-16 1 1/3 1 0 0 1 2.83

Inherited runners scored: Minaya 3-0, Soria 3-0. Umpires: H, Paul Nauer; 1B, Scott Barry; 2B, Carlos Torres; 3B, Kerwin Danley. Time: 2:46. A: 26,319 (40,615).

HOW THEY SCORED
WHITE SOX FIFTH: L. Garcia walked. Narvaez singled. L. Garcia to third. Anderson reached on fielder's choice, scoring L. Garcia. Narvaez out at second. Tilson lined out. Moncada struck out. One run. White Sox 1-0.

WHITE SOX SEVENTH: Davidson grounded out. L. Garcia struck out. Narvaez singled. Anderson doubled, scoring Narvaez. Anderson to third on throw. Tilson singled, scoring Anderson. Tilson picked off. Two runs. White Sox 3-0.

WHITE SOX EIGHTH: Moncada tripled. Sanchez struck out. Abreu grounded out, scoring Moncada. Palka struck out. One run. White Sox 4-0.

triple that led to an insurance run in the eighth.

But this victory was all about what the Sox got from the guy they took with the third overall pick in the 2014 draft. If he can pitch like this in the second half of the season, the Sox at least will know who starts on opening day next season, and that's something.

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WHITE SOX NOTES

Gomez getting another chance

By PHIL ROGERS
Chicago Tribune

With an absence of fanfare and speculation, the White Sox added a relief pitcher who is less than two seasons removed from a 37-save year. That's Jeanmar Gomez, and his stealthy arrival probably is related to three teams cutting him loose in 2017.

Nothing's more fickle than life in the bullpen. No wonder he has fond memories of 2016, when he generated strong All-Star consideration on a 71-win Phillies team.

"For me, that was an amazing year," Gomez said. "The first half they gave me the opportunity to close. It was a big moment, especially with Hector Neris throwing the eighth (inning). He did a real nice job all year, helped me to save that many games.

"That experience is one of the most beautiful things that has happened (for me) in the game."

Gomez, signed to a minor-league contract last winter, was

promoted from Triple-A Charlotte on Wednesday. He replaces Bruce Rondon, who flashed his potential early in the season but returned to the wild ways that haunted him while with the Tigers. Rondon was designated for assignment, leaving with an 8.49 ERA in 35 appearances.

Gomez blamed mechanical problems for his failure to stick with the Phillies, Brewers and Mariners last season.

Manager Rick Renteria has definite expectations for Gomez.

"Strikes (and) multiple innings — those are the biggest things we're looking for," Renteria said. "He had a very nice spring, commanded the strike zone, and his off-speed pitches were working very well."

Gomez, 30, not only had a 2.03 ERA in 40 innings at Charlotte but was serving as a mentor for younger pitchers. He is on a roster where he could get some save situations but is just happy to be back in the majors.

"I don't think (about being a closer)," he said. "It's good to be back, try to throw the ball again in the major leagues. What happens in the future you can't control."

Making progress: Nate Jones, sidelined since June 12 with a pronator strain in his forearm, threw 15 pitches of live batting practice at 90 to 100 percent strength and said he felt fine.

"I didn't hit anybody and I threw some strikes," Jones said. "That's always a positive, and I like to look at the positives of everything. It felt good doing it."

Out for season: Miguel Gonzalez, who opened the season as the Sox's No. 4 starter, had surgery on his right shoulder Wednesday in Los Angeles.

He had a debridement and repair of his labrum and is expected to be out nine to 12 months.

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GIANTS 5, CUBS 4 (13)

CUBS NOTES

Lester might be designated sitter

By MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

SAN FRANCISCO — The Cubs' adjusting of their rotation virtually eliminates Jon Lester's chances of pitching in the All-Star Game but enables the team to align its starters for the start of a challenging second half.

Lester's next start was moved back a day to Sunday against the Padres, with Kyle Hendricks going Saturday night with the likelihood he will open the second half July 19 against the Cardinals at Wrigley Field.

"We'll enjoy (the All-Star festivities) and see what happens," said Lester, who emphasized his first priority was pitching for the Cubs. "I'm not eliminating anything, but I pitch Sunday and we'll figure it out from there.

"I'm sure the Cubs probably will have some say in that." Manager Joe Maddon said he and his staff believe Hendricks is in the best shape among the starters, and that Thursday's day off allowed them to reset the rotation.

The Cubs also are assessing their options for a sixth starter, which will be needed during a July 21 doubleheader against the Cardinals or two days later against the Diamondbacks.

Support for sluggers: Maddon believes any talk that Javier Baez and Kyle Schwarber could lose their power stroke in the

second half after participating Monday in the Home Run Derby is an "illogical dialogue."

"I think people say that just because they think they've heard somebody say that," Maddon said. "It's almost like (an old wives') tale."

Maddon's only concern is fatigue, and Kris Bryant concurs.

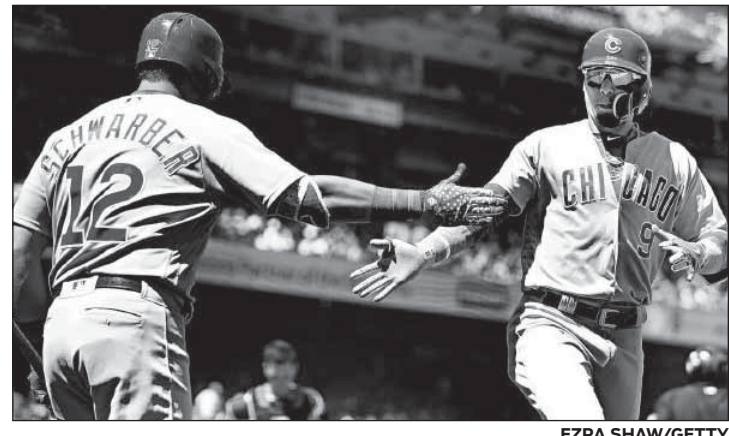
"That was one of the more tiring things I did on a baseball field," said Bryant, who struggled during the 2015 competition. "Just because you're swinging nonstop. You have to take it very slow."

Bryant declined to pick a favorite among his teammates.

"Javy is fun to watch in BP, but I think Kyle has a little advantage because right-center field there (at Nationals Park) is a pretty nice place to hit it.

"I think both of them are going to put on a show."

Extra innings: Left-hander Mike Montgomery allowed four runs in the first inning of Wednesday's 5-4 loss to the Giants in 13 innings. Still, he managed to last five innings and end the first half with a 3.91 ERA — 3.20 in nine starts. ... Former Cubs catcher Miguel Montero visited his former teammates, coaches and Maddon before the game. Montero's wife delivered the couple's third child shortly before the Nationals released him and it appears unlikely he will play again.



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Kyle Schwarber congratulates Javier Baez after his solo home run in the seventh inning made it 4-4. It was his 18th homer of the season.

Bad clutch: Giants top Cubs in 13

Cubs, from Page 1

proach," Maddon said. "There weren't as many balls (hit to) the opposite side. We struck out 16 times (Wednesday). These are the things we have not been doing. And they didn't necessarily have a bunch of strikeout pitchers throwing either."

The return of Bryant, who went 1-for-5 with two walks and two strikeouts, was offset as Anthony Rizzo's struggles continued.

Rizzo struck out in his final two at-bats and is mired in an 0-for-19 slump over his last four games.

"Right now it's probably a confidence issue (for him) as much as anything," Maddon said.

Without a clutch hit, the Cubs fell to 10-16 in one-run games.

"We had opportunities," Maddon said. "To (play) that deeply, we've done that too many times this year. Part of our record is not being able to score in the latter part of some games, and losing some one-run games. We go away for a bit.

"We can't let that happen."

Bryant, meanwhile, said he felt fine in his return and said he will treat his left shoulder with plenty of pre-game stretching.

"If I can find a way to hit the ball in that fat part, I'll have more home runs," said Bryant, who has 10. "It's as simple as that."

Maddon had no qualms about moving Bryant from third base to right field, where he was positioned in a shallow spot and couldn't catch up to Posey's drive that kept drifting away from him.

"I didn't think I had any chance at it," Bryant said.

The game-winning hit came off rookie James Norwood in his major-league debut. Norwood started his second inning because neither Steve Cishek nor Carl Edwards Jr. was available.

Starter Mike Montgomery, however, accepted much of the blame for the loss as he muffed a Brandon Crawford grounder

THE BOX SCORE
CUBS AB R H BI SO AVG
Zobrist rf-1f 6 0 1 0 1 .292
Heyward cf 6 2 3 1 1 .284
Bryant 3b-rf 5 1 1 2 2 .279
Rizzo 1b 5 0 0 0 2 .236
Baez 2b 6 1 1 1 2 .289
Schwarber lf 5 0 1 0 3 .247
Farrell p 0 0 0 0 0 .000
Morrow p 0 0 0 0 0 .000
F-Contreras ph-c 1 0 0 0 1 .279
Russell ss 5 0 1 0 1 .278
Caratini c 6 0 2 0 2 .275
Norwood p 0 0 0 0 0 .111
Montgomery p 2 0 1 0 1 .278
a-Almora ph 1 0 0 0 0 .317
Rosario p 0 0 0 0 0 1.000
c-Happ ph 1 0 0 0 0 .252
Strop p 0 0 0 0 0 .200
Wilson p 0 0 0 0 0 .000
La Stella 3b 1 0 0 0 0 .275
TOTALS 50 4 11 4 16

SAN FRANCISCO AB R H BI SO AVG
d'Arnaud 3b 7 1 2 1 1 .250
Belt 1b 5 1 0 0 0 .297
McCutchen rf 5 1 2 0 1 .261
Posey c 6 0 0 1 0 1.80
Crawford ss 5 1 1 0 1 .295
Hernandez lf 6 1 2 2 2 .277
Dugger cf 6 0 1 1 3 .235
Hanson 2b 2 0 0 0 0 .000
Cuetto p 2 0 0 0 0 .278
Blach p 0 0 0 0 0 .040
Moronta p 0 0 0 0 0 .000
b-Pence ph 1 0 0 0 0 .216
Watson p 0 0 0 0 0 .000
Melancon p 0 0 0 0 0 .000
d-Slater ph 0 0 0 0 0 .263
Smith p 0 0 0 0 0 .258
e-Santoval ph 0 0 0 0 0 .067
TOTALS 51 5 14 5 9

CUBS 001 020 100 000 0-4 11 2
San Francisco 400 000 000 001-5 14 0

Two outs when winning run scored. a-flied out for Montgomery in the 6th. b-singled for Moronta in the 6th. c-grounded out for Rosario in the 7th. d-walked for Melancon in the 8th. e-walked for Smith in the 10th. f-struck out for Morrow in the 12th. Ez Zobrist (1), Strop (1), LOB: Cubs 14; San Francisco 15. 2B: d'Arnaud (1), Hernandez (10). HR: Heyward (6), off Cuetto; Bryant (10), off Cuetto; Baez (18), off Watson; d'Arnaud (1), off Montgomery. RBIs: Heyward (39), Bryant (23), Baez (66), d'Arnaud (1), Posey (28), Hernandez (2), Dugger (1). CS: Posey (2). Runners left in scoring position: Cubs 5 (Zobrist 2, Rizzo 2, Baez 2); San Francisco 6 (d'Arnaud 2, Belt, Hernandez, Dugger 2). RISP: Cubs 0 for 7; San Francisco 3 for 13. Runners moved up: Rizzo, Hernandez, McCutchen. GDP: Crawford. DP: Cubs 1 (Russell, Baez, Rizzo).

HOW THEY SCORED
GIANTS FIRST: d'Arnaud homered. Belt lined out. McCutchen walked. Posey struck out. Crawford singled. McCutchen to second. Hernandez doubled, scoring McCutchen and Crawford. Hernandez to third on Zobrist's error. Dugger singled, scoring Hernandez. Hanson flied out. Four runs. Giants 4-0.
CUBS THIRD: Heyward homered. Bryant flied out. Rizzo grounded out. Baez struck out. One run. Giants 4-1.
CUBS FIFTH: Heyward singled. Bryant homered, scoring Heyward. Rizzo walked. Baez flied out. Schwarber struck out. Russell lined out. Two runs. Giants 4-3.
CUBS SEVENTH: Baez homered. Schwarber struck out. Russell singled. Caratini struck out. Happ grounded out. One run. Tied 4-4.
GIANTS 13TH: Rodriguez grounded out. d'Arnaud flied out. Belt walked. McCutchen singled. Belt to second. Posey singled, scoring Belt. McCutchen to second. One run. Giants 5-4.

with two outs in the first half and allowed three runs to score after he had allowed a leadoff homer to Chase d'Arnaud.

"One bad inning, and it was self-inflicted," Montgomery said.

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BASEBALL

PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

NATIONAL LEAGUE	TEAM PITCHER	TIME	2018 TEAM W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS W-L	IP	ERA
ARI	Ray (L)		3-1	5.23	6-3	1-1	15.1	5.87
CFL	Freeland (L)	2:10p	8-6	3.18	10-8	1-0	19.0	1.42
MIL	Miley (L)		1-0	1.42	2-0	1-0	6.1	1.42
PHI	Talmon (R)	6:05p	5-7	4.05	9-9	1-1	17.1	4.15
WAS	Scherzer (R)		11-5	2.33	13-6	1-2	20.0	3.60
NY	Matz (L)	6:10p	4-6	3.31	9-8	1-1	18.2	1.93
LA	Stripling (R)		7-2	2.22	8-5	1-0	17.0	3.18
SD	Ross (R)	9:10p	5-7	4.41	11-7	0-2	13.0	11.77

AMERICAN LEAGUE	TEAM PITCHER	TIME	2018 TEAM W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS W-L	IP	ERA
Oak	Cahill (R)		1-2	2.77	3-5	3-0	19.2	2.77
Hou	Morton (R)	1:10p	11-2	2.83	12-6	2-1	19.1	3.26
NY	Kluber (R)		14-2	2.12	17-2	3-0	18.2	1.45
Cle	Kluber (R)	6:10p	12-4	2.49	12-7	1-1	14.2	5.52
Tor	Happ (L)		10-5	4.44	11-7	1-2	14.1	10.05
Bos	Price (L)	6:10p	9-6	4.44	12-6	1-1	14.0	8.36
TB	Snell (L)		12-4	2.09	12-7	3-0	21.2	0.42
Min	Gibson (R)	7:10p	3-6	3.59	8-10	1-1	19.0	5.21
Sea	Paxton (L)		8-3	3.41	12-7	2-1	22.0	2.45
LA	Skaggs (L)	9:07p	6-5	2.64	9-7	1-1	19.0	0.95

INTERLEAGUE	TEAM PITCHER	TIME	2018 TEAM W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS W-L	IP	ERA
PHI	Pivetta (R)		5-7	4.62	10-8	0-1	9.1	9.64
Bal	Gausman (R)	5:05p	4-6	4.11	5-13	1-0	19.0	2.84

Team rec: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.
Vs. Opp: Pitcher's record versus this opponent, 2018 statistics.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

WHITE SOX 4, St. Louis 0
SAN FRANCISCO 5, **Cubs** 4 (13)
NEW YORK 4, Detroit 1
PITTSBURGH 2, Washington 0
MINNESOTA 8, Kansas City 5
BOSTON 4, Texas 2
N.Y. Yankees 9, BALTIMORE 0
N.Y. Mets 3, Philadelphia 0 (10)
ARI 9, Toronto 5
CLEVELAND 19, Cincinnati 4
MIAMI 5, Milwaukee 4 (12)
Oakland 8, HOUSTON 3
COLORADO 19, Arizona 2
Seattle 3, L.A. ANGELS 0
L.A. Dodgers 4, SAN DIEGO 2

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Kansas City at **White Sox**, 7:10
Cubs at San Diego, 9:10
 Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, 6:05
 Texas at Baltimore, 6:05
 N.Y. Yankees at Cleveland, 6:10
 Toronto at Boston, 6:10
 Philadelphia at Miami, 6:10

NL LEADERS

BATTING	G	AB	R	H	BA
Gennett, CIN	89	340	58	111	.326
Markakis, ATL	85	271	47	87	.317
Almona, CHL	81	311	56	92	.296
Freeman, ATL	91	351	57	110	.313
Kemp, LA	88	284	42	89	.313
Suarez, CIN	76	285	47	89	.312
Sanado, COL	86	327	61	102	.312
Dickerson, PIT	82	307	57	95	.309
Aguiar, MIL	82	257	47	79	.307
Martinez, STL	85	312	35	94	.301

HOME RUNS

Aguiar, MIL	23	Story, COL	26
Arenado, COL	23	Rendon, WAS	25
Harpner, WAS	22	TRIPLES	24
Goldschmidt, ARI	21	K Marte, ARI	8
Muncy, LA	21	Clayton, LA	8
Albies, ATL	20	Baez, CHL	6
Suarez, CIN	19	Nimmo, NY	6

STOLEN BASES

Albies, ATL	73	Inciarte, ATL	23
Blackmon, COL	70	SMARTE, PIT	23
Hernandez, PHI	62	M Taylor, WAS	23
Arenado, COL	61	Hamilton, CIN	22
Betschmidt, WAS	22	PHILIPS	22
Pham, STL	59	PITCHING	112
RBI	69	Nola, PHI	12-2
Suarez, CIN	67	Lester, CHL	12-2
Aguiar, MIL	67	Aguilar, MIL	11-5
Arenado, COL	66	Mikolas, STL	10-3
Baez, CHL	66	ERA	3.96
Markakis, ATL	62	deGrom, NY	1.68
Freeman, ATL	60	Nola, PHI	1.27
Strom, WAS	60	Scherzer, WAS	2.33
Gennett, CIN	59	Miles, STL	2.46
Kemp, LA	59	Lester, CHL	2.65
Almona, CHL	59	Guerra, MIL	2.75
Markakis, ATL	56	Corbin, ARI	3.10
Albies, ATL	56	Freeland, COL	3.18
Gennett, CIN	51	deGrom, NY	3.31

STRIKED OUTS

Freeman, ATL	110	Scherzer, WAS	177
Anderson, MIA	105	deGrom, NY	149
Arenado, COL	102	Corbin, ARI	146
Crick, H, 7	1	deGrom, NY	126
Turner, WAS	100	Foltynewicz, ATL	120
Blackmon, COL	99	Gray, COL	119
DOUBLES	117	Greinke, ARI	117
Almona, CHL	110	Velasquez, PHI	110
Markakis, ATL	29	Maeda, LA	107
Carpenter, STL	27		through Wed.

PIRATES 2, NATIONALS 0

WASHINGTON	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Eaton rf	4	0	1	0	0	.316
Pedricka, ARI	3	0	1	0	2	.204
Rendon 3b	3	0	1	0	0	.279
Harpier cf	2	0	0	1	2	.213
Adams 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.283
Goins ss	3	0	2	1	0	.270
Difo 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.248
Wieters c	4	0	0	1	1	.219
Gonzalez p	2	0	1	0	0	.067
Goodwin ph	1	0	1	0	0	.195
Kepley p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Miller p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	31	0	5	0	8	

PITTSBURGH

AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG	
Harrison 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.256
Marte cf	3	1	2	0	0	.282
Polanec cf	4	0	0	0	0	.233
Cervelli c	6	1	1	0	1	.247
Freese 3b	3	0	2	0	0	.272
Bell 1b	3	0	1	1	0	.251
Luplow lf	3	0	0	0	0	.147
Mercer ss	3	2	2	0	0	.266
Williams p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Meadows ph	1	0	0	0	0	.302
Rodriguez p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Santana p	0	0	0	0	0	.255
Crick p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Vazquez p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	29	2	7	2	6	

LOB: Washington 8, Pittsburgh 5; B: Gonzalez (1), Mercer 2 (1). HR: Marte (1), off Gonzalez; RBIs: Marte 2 (4), CS: Marte (5), S. Williams. Runners left in scoring position: Washington 4 (Rendon, Harper, Adams, Wieters); Pittsburgh 2 (Harrison, Mercer). RISP: Washington 1 for 7; Pittsburgh 1 for 6. Runners moved up: Soto. **IDP:** PHI: Pittsburgh 1 (Mercer, Harrison, Bell).

WASHINGTON IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Gonzalez, L, 6-6 6 2 2 1 4 3.72
 Kelley 1 1 0 0 1 6.31
 Miller 1 0 0 0 1 2.67

PITTSBURGH IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Williams, W, 7-7 5 4 0 0 3 4.36
 Rodriguez, H, 4 1 0 0 1 1 2.50
 Santana, H, 10 1 0 0 1 3.32
 Crick, H, 7 1 0 0 0 0 2.12
 Vazquez, S, 20-24 1 0 0 0 3.20
Umpires: H, Jerry Meals; 1B, Chris Segato; 2B, Gabi Morales; 3B, Ed Hickox. Time: 2:34. A: 21,083 (38,362).

BRAVES 9, BLUE JAYS 5

TORONTO	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Granderson rf	3	0	0	0	1	.241
Pillar ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	.243
Solarte 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.248
Axford p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Morales ph-1b	1	0	0	0	0	.242
Smook 1b	3	1	1	1	1	.242
Loup p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Hernandez lf	4	2	2	0	0	.256
Griehack cf-rr	4	1	0	0	0	.237
Gurrriel Jr. 2b-ss	4	1	2	0	0	.200
Diaz ss-3b	3	1	2	0	0	.245
Mallac p	4	1	0	0	0	.235
Gaviglio p	3	2	1	0	0	.333
Petricky p	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Mayza p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Travis ph-2b	3	1	1	0	0	.230
TOTALS	34	5	8	5	8	

ATLANTA

AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG	
Inciarte cf	2	1	1	0	0	.246
Santana cf	1	1	0	0	0	.165
Albies 2b	4	2	2	1	0	.288
Freeman 1b	5	1	2	1	0	.313
Markakis rf	5	1	1	1	0	.322
Flores c	3	1	1	0	0	.236
Camargo 3b	3	1	0	0	0	.252
Acuna lf	5	1	0	0	0	.259
Swanson ss	3	1	1	0	0	.247
Foltynewicz p	2	1	0	0	0	.063
S.Freeman p	3	2	1	0	0	.450
Petricky p	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Winkler p	1	0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	36	9	12	9	10	

ATLANTA IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Foltynewicz, W, 7-5 6 5 2 6 2.66
 S.Freeman, H, 7 1/2 0 0 0 0 4.86
 Winkler, H, 17 1 0 0 0 1 2.92
 Vizanoino 1 1 0 0 0 1 1.85

De Diaz (5), Maile (6). **LOB:** Toronto 4, Atlanta 10. **HR:** Inciarte (1), Markakis (2), Acuna (10), Santana (3). **HR:** Smoak (4), off Foltynewicz; Travis (6), off Foltynewicz; Albies (3), off Albies; Albies (2), off Loup; RBIs: Smoak (4), Travis (4), Inciarte (3), Santos (4), F.Freeman (6), Markakis (6), Flores (1), Foltynewicz (3).

TORONTO IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Gaviglio, L, 2-3 1/2 0 6 6 0 4.70
 Alexander, R, 1 0 0 0 0 0 4.02
 Peacock 1 3/4 3 1 1 0 2 3.17
 Sipp 1 1/2 0 0 0 0 3 2.11
 Miller, L, 0-4 5 2 1 2 5 4.09
 Harris 1/2 0 0 1 0 0 1 4.09
 McCullers pitched to 2 batters in the 5th. **Inherited runners-scored:** Peacock 2-0, Sipp 1-0, Harris 2-1. **WBP:** McCullers 2 (Chapman, Piscotty). **HP:** McCullers 2 (Umpires: H, Nic Lentz; 1B, Scott Barry; 2B, Chris Torres; 3B, Rowlin Dancy. Time: 3:13. A: 41,119 (41,168).

ATLANTA IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Foltynewicz, W, 7-5 6 5 2 6 2.66
 S.Freeman, H, 7 1/2 0 0 0 0 4.86
 Winkler, H, 17 1 0 0 0 1 2.92
 Vizanoino 1 1 0 0 0 1 1.85

Extra innings: C.J. Cron's three-run homer in the seventh inning carried the Rays to their fifth straight win, 4-2 over the Tigers. ... RHP Addison Reed landed on the DL for the first time in his seven-year career with tightness in his triceps. ... The Phillies activated RHP Vince Velasquez (forearm) from the DL. ... The Orioles placed RHP Andrew Cashner on the DL with a neck strain and recalled RHP Yefry Ramirez from Triple-A Norfolk. ... The Royals placed LHP Ian Kennedy on the DL with an oblique injury.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Boston	65	29	.691	—	9-1	W-9	31-12	34-17
New York	60	31	.659	3 1/2	6-4	W-1	33-13	27-18
Tampa Bay	48	44	.522	16	7-3	W-5	26-17	22-27
Toronto	42	49	.462	21 1/2	4-6	L-1	24-25	18-24
Baltimore	26	67	.280	38 1/2	2-8	L-1	14-31	12-36

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	50	41	.549	—	6-4	W-1	29-17	21-24
Minnesota	41	49	.456	8 1/2	6-4	W-1	26-21	15-28

SOCCER



JEWEL SAMAD/GETTY-AFP

Forward Mario Mandzukic shoots and scores past England goalie Jordan Pickford to give Croatia a 2-1 victory Wednesday in Moscow.

WORLD CUP CROATIA 2, ENGLAND 1

Improbable Croatia heads to its 1st final

Upstarts arise, rally in 2nd half to deal England a major disappointment

BY RONALD BLUM | Associated Press

MOSCOW — Croatia's legs seemed heavy, burdened by the accumulated toll of consecutive penalty-kicks wins needed to get this far. England had gone ahead with a free kick just five minutes in, dominated play and appeared headed to its first World Cup final since 1966.

Then the second half started and it was as if a different Croatian team had replaced the lethargic one.

Ivan Perisic tied the score in the 68th minute, Mario Mandzukic got the go-ahead goal in the 109th and Croatia shocked England with a 2-1 victory Wednesday that advanced a nation of just over 4 million to a World Cup final against France.

"Mentally strong team," midfielder Ivan Rakitic said. "It's just unbelievable to get back in the game in this way."

When the final whistle blew and they knew they were going to their first World Cup final, the Croatians ran to their jumping and cheering fans in their iconic red-and-white checkered jerseys.

Croatia joined an exclusive club of 13 nations that have advanced to a World Cup final in a tournament where powers Brazil, Germany, Argentina and Spain made early exits.

"They've had an incredible route to the final. They've shown remarkable character," said England coach Gareth Southgate, who for now will be remembered more for a fashionable waistcoat than ending a half-century of disappointment.

France, which won its only title at home in 1998, will have an extra day of rest after beating Belgium 1-0 on Tuesday.

THIRD PLACE

Games on FOX-32

■ Belgium vs. England, 9 a.m. Saturday

FINAL

■ France vs. Croatia, 10 a.m. Sunday

Croatia, coming off 360 intense minutes of soccer's highest level, faces its biggest sporting moment since becoming an independent nation in 1991.

Fans back home in Zagreb took to the streets to celebrate, lighting flares and waving flags in a sea of exuberance.

"We are a nation of people who never give in, who are proud and who have character," said coach Zlatko Dalic, who wore a checkered jersey to his post-match news conference. "There's no weakness in a team that is in the final."

England was not among the top 10 in ticket sales before the tournament, but the team's progress caused galling supporters to flock to Moscow.

The front of the stands behind one goal was filled with more than two dozen white banners with a red Cross of St. George, pledging support from many of the island's clubs, from Bradford City to Wolverhampton.

Promise seemed about to be fulfilled when Kieran Trippier curled in a free kick in the fifth minute for his first international goal, above leaping Dejan Lovren and Mandzukic and past the desperate dive of goalkeeper Danijel Subasic. Choruses of "God Save the Queen" began in England's end.

"We had a couple chances after that to get the second, give ourselves a bit more breathing room," England captain Harry Kane said.

And Croatia defender Sime Vrsaljko kept the score even nine minutes into extra time by clearing John Stones' header off a corner just in front of the goal line.

Croatia became the first team since Argentina beat Italy in 1990 to come from behind to win a World Cup semifinal match.

Football will not be coming home to England, and there will be no title to match the 1966 triumph at Wembley Stadium. Kane & Co. will deal with the same disappointment that felled Shearer and Platt, Gazza and Wazza, Beckham and Gerrard. And Southgate, whose penalty-kick failure led to England's previous semifinal loss in a major tournament, in the semifinals of the 1996 European Championship.

"Impossible to say anything to them that is going to make them feel better at this point," Southgate said after fourth straight loss in a major semifinal.

Croatia tied the score after Rakitic switched the ball from left flank to right, where Vrsaljko crossed. Kyle Walker attempted a diving header to clear. Perisic jumped and from behind raised his left boot over Walker's head to poke the ball past goalkeeper Jordan Pickford from about 8 yards for his fourth goal in the tournament.

England had its moments to come back, but Lingard failed to connect with a Kane through ball in 78th, and Kane mis-hit a header off a free kick in stoppage time.

Mandzukic scored after Walker stuck out a leg to block Josip Pivacic's cross. The ball popped up and Perisic outjumped Trippier to head the ball toward goal. Mandzukic alertly reacted to the unexpected ball in the penalty area, splitting defenders Stones and Harry Maguire, who had taken four short steps up. The ball bounced twice, Mandzukic ran onto it and one-timed a low, left-footed shot to Pickford's left.

Mandzukic was mobbed by teammates, who jumped on him in the corner and trapped photographers under them in the crush.

FIRE

Billionaire gets stake in team

Morningstar chair Mansueto will hold 49 percent of club

BY TIM BANNON | Chicago Tribune

Morningstar Chairman Joe Mansueto has acquired a 49 percent stake in the Fire, the team announced Wednesday.

Owner Andrew Hauptman will continue as club chairman and controlling shareholder with a 51 percent stake.

Financial details of the deal were not disclosed. In 2016, Forbes valued the team at \$240 million.

Mansueto, a billionaire, is the first new Fire investor since Hauptman bought the team in 2007 from Anschutz Entertainment Group.

"It's hard to imagine a better partner for me and our club than Joe," Hauptman said in a statement. "In addition to decades of experience as a respected business builder and leader, Joe brings a passion for soccer and cares deeply about the city of Chicago."

It has been a busy couple of weeks for Mansueto, who recently completed a \$255 million deal to buy the Wrigley Building.

"Andrew just felt that Joe was a perfect partner and that they were like-minded, shared the same values and Joe's appreciation and fanaticism for the sport was attractive," Nelson Rodriguez, the Fire's president and general manager, told the Tribune.

"We try very hard to be good neighbors in our community. ... And Joe's deep connection with the city and his love for the city, the purchase of the Wrigley Building, a historic landmark, that's really what drove this."

Mansueto was born in East Chicago and graduated from high school in nearby Munster, Ind. He has degrees in business from the University of Chicago.

According to a 2012 Tribune profile, he coached grade-school soccer in Chicago.

"Andrew has assembled a top-tier management team and dramatically increased the profile of the Chicago Fire Soccer Club, Major League Soccer and the game overall in the Chicago area," Mansueto said in a statement. "Soccer is a phenomenal game that continues to grow rapidly in the U.S. and around the world."

Mansueto is the executive chairman of Morningstar, a research firm he founded in 1984. He stepped down as CEO in 2016.

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UNION 4, FIRE 3

Late goal spoils Fire comeback

Associated Press

David Accam scored in the 95th minute, and Cory Burke had two goals to help the Union beat the Fire 4-3 at Toyota Park on Wednesday night.

Accam, a former Fire forward, dribbled through a pair of defenders and sent home a right-footed shot just inside the left post for his first goal of the season. His game-winner came a minute after the Fire appeared to have salvaged a draw with Bastian Schweinsteiger heading home Diego Campos' corner. Burke scored on a rebound in the 73rd minute that made it 3-2 for the Union (7-9-3) and a header at the end of first-half stoppage time that made it 2-1.

Aleksandar Katai made it 2-all for the Fire (6-9-5) in the 69th minute. Nemanja Nikolic tied it at 1 for the Fire in the 39th minute. Haris Medunjanin opened the scoring for the Union in the 31st minute.

Before the game, the Fire announced the permanent transfer of Katai from La Liga side Deportivo Alaves. The Serbian, whose loan was set to expire July 31, is under contract through the 2019 season with a club option for 2020.

Chicago Tribune reporter Jeremy Mikula contributed

All-Star Abreu more valuable to Sox as leader than trade bait

Haugh, from Page 1

the cute, lived-in bungalow on the cul-de-sac whose market price will fall well short of an inflated number the seller truly seeks for reasons difficult to explain. Unless it's an offer Hahn can't refuse, any deal involving Abreu would come as a surprise.

Hahn always seems more amused than annoyed when asked about Abreu trade speculation but clarified one thing Tuesday. Hahn sees no connection between any increased chatter involving Abreu and the slump that saw his batting average dip 60 points in 40 games, a bad stretch that included only three home runs and 20 RBIs. So the Sox would be selling low anyway, making a trade even harder to understand.

One other truth Hahn repeated more

than he confirmed when asked if he keeps an open dialogue with Abreu regarding his status.

"There's no misunderstanding about how we feel about him, and he knows that," Hahn said.

Really, the ongoing debate over whether to trade Abreu is no debate at all, a product of sports media's endless quest for Web clicks, ratings points and boredom cures. The Sox have stayed pretty consistent with their philosophy when it comes to their team leader.

Sure, they need minor-league assets and control Abreu contractually only through the 2019 season, facts that churn the rumor mill. But if the Sox believe Abreu has three or four productive seasons left in his bat, then they would be wiser considering

another alternative seldom mentioned: the contract extension.

Sign the dangerous hitter with a career slash line of .296/.353/.514 through the 2022 season instead of trading one of the franchise's best players in the post-2005 World Series era.

"I love this organization," Abreu said Tuesday through an interpreter.

If it's as mutual as Hahn suggests, the right move would be to let everybody know it with a contractual maneuver that removes any doubt.

As the July 31 trade deadline nears, go ahead and shop Avisail Garcia, whose right hamstring injury doesn't sound bad enough to prevent him from returning in time to get hot again before the end of the month. Garcia is only 27, but the Sox might

be smart to sell high, if they can. Get what you can for veteran pitchers James Shields and Joakim Soria, which won't be much. Even keep an open mind if a contender makes an enticing offer for power hitter Matt Davidson, a difficult player to project in the Sox rebuild.

But take Abreu off the market by extending him and send the slugger to Washington for the All-Star Game hoping the experience can help restore his confidence.

"It could be an affirming aspect to who he is," Renteria said.

Who Abreu is to the Sox, now and in the future, makes him worth keeping.

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		KC 7:10 WGN-9 AM-720	KC 1:10 NBCSCH AM-720	KC 1:10 NBCSCH AM-720		ALL-STAR GAME 7 AM-1000	
			@DAL 7 ESPN+ AM-1200				LOU 7:30
		@WAS 6 WCIU-26.2		@NY 2 NBA TV			SEA 11 a.m.

THURSDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB			
1 p.m.	Athletics at Astros		MLBN
6 p.m.	Yankees at Indians		MLBN

NBA SUMMER LEAGUE

3 p.m.	Heat at Pelicans		NBA TV
3:30 p.m.	Knicks at Celtics		ESPN2
5 p.m.	Grizzlies at Thunder		NBA TV
5:30 p.m.	76ers at Suns		ESPN2
7 p.m.	Spurs at Bucks		NBA TV
9 p.m.	Jazz at Magic		NBA TV

CYCLING

6:30 a.m.	Tour de France Stage 6		NBCSN
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GOLF

12:30 p.m.	Senior Players Championship		Golf Channel
3 p.m.	PGA John Deere Classic		Golf Channel
4:30 p.m.	Web.com Utah Championship		Golf Channel
6:30 a.m.	Scottish Open		Golf Channel
Thu.			

LACROSSE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

8:30 a.m.	Israel vs. Jamaica		ESPNU
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MOTORSPORTS

4 p.m.	NASCAR Trucks qualifying		FS1
4 p.m.	NASCAR Trucks Buckle Up Your Truck 200		FS1

USA SOFTBALL INTERNATIONAL CUP

6 p.m.	Canada vs. USA Blue		ESPN
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TENNIS: WIMBLEDON

7 a.m.	Women's semifinals		ESPN, ESPN2
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CYCLING: TOUR DE FRANCE

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS	
Fifth Stage: at Quimper, France	
A 127.1-mile ride from Lorient to Quimper, with five categorized climbs, all Category 3 and 4	

1. Peter Sagan, Slovakia, Bora-Hansgrohe, 4:48:06.	10. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Bahrain-Merida, same time.
2. Sonny Colbrelli, Italy, Bahrain-Merida, same time.	11. Julien Simon, France, Cofidis, same time.
3. Philippe Gilbert, Belgium, Quick-Step Floors, same time.	12. Geraint Thomas, Britain, Sky, same time.
4. Alejandro Valverde, Spain, Movistar, same time.	13. Pierre Latour, France, AG2R La Mondiale, same time.
5. Julian Alaphilippe, France, Quick-Step Floors, same time.	14. Chris Froome, Britain, Sky, same time.
6. Daniel Martin, Ireland, Movistar, same time.	15. Jelle Vanendert, Belgium, Lotto Soudal, same time.
7. Greg Van Avermaet, Belgium, BMC Racing, same time.	16. Egan Bernal, Colombia, Sky, same time.
8. Soren Kragh Andersen, Denmark, Sunweb, same time.	17. Nairo Quintana, Colombia, Movistar, same time.
9. Andrea Pasqualon, Italy, Wanty-Groupe Gobert, same time.	18. Richie Porte, Australia, BMC Racing, same time.
	19. Jakob Fuglsang, Denmark, Astana, same time.
	20. Rafal Majka, Poland, Bora-Hansgrohe, same time.

LATEST LINE

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE THURSDAY		
at Colorado	-113 Arizona	+103
at Pittsburgh	-118 Milwaukee	+108
Washington	-210 at New York	+190
Los Angeles	-185 at San Diego	+170
AMERICAN LEAGUE THURSDAY		
at Houston	-205 Oakland	+185
at Boston	-170 Toronto	+158
at Cleveland	-105 New York	+105
Tampa Bay	-114 at Minnesota	+104
at Los Angeles	off Seattle	off
INTERLEAGUE THURSDAY		
Philadelphia	-113 at Baltimore	+103

NBA SUMMER LEAGUE

VEGAS SUMMER LEAGUE PLAYOFFS (single-elimination) WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS	
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Cox Pavilion	L.A. Clippers vs. Washington, 12
Thomas & Mack	Houston 109, Brooklyn 102
	Detroit 64, Minnesota 59
	Toronto 85, Denver 77
	Chicago 95, Dallas 83
	Atlanta 107, Indiana 101
	Charlotte 87, Golden State 69

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE	
Cox Pavilion	Miami vs. New Orleans, 3
	Memphis vs. Oklahoma City, 5
	San Antonio vs. Milwaukee, 7
	Utah vs. Orlando, 9
Thomas & Mack	New York vs. Boston, 3:30
	Philadelphia vs. Phoenix, 5:30
	Hawks vs. Portland, 6:30
	L.A. Clippers vs. L.A. Lakers, 7:30

Friday: consolation games	
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NFL BEARS TRAINING CAMP SCHEDULE

Olivet Nazarene, Bourbonnais	
July 16: Rookie report. July 19: veterans	
July 21-July 22: Opening weekend	
July 23-July 26: Camp closed	
July 27-28: Family Weekend	
July 29: Military Appreciation Day	
July 29, July 31, Aug. 1, Aug. 3, 7, 8, 10: Camp closed	
Aug. 2: Preseason vs. Ravens (Hall of Fame Game)	
Aug. 4-Aug. 5: Blue & Orange Weekend	
Aug. 6: Practice	
Aug. 9: Preseason at Cincinnati	
Aug. 11: Final open practice	
Preseason remaining schedule:	
Aug. 18 at Denver; Aug. 25 vs. C.C.; Aug. 30 vs. Buffalo	

NFL BEARS TRAINING CAMP SCHEDULE

Also	
22. Romain Bardet, France, AG2R La Mondiale, same time.	
27. Tom Dumoulin, Netherlands, Sunweb, same time.	
31. Tejay van Garderen, United States, BMC Racing, same time.	
114. Chad Haga, United States, Sunweb, 4:17 behind.	
132. Ian Boswell, United States, Katusha Alpezin, 7:52.	
157. Taylor Phinney, United States, EF Education First-Drapac, 17:17.	
170. Lawson Craddock, United States, EF Education First-Drapac, 20:56.	

Overall Standings (After five stages)

1. Greg Van Avermaet, Belgium, BMC Racing, 18:22:00.
2. Tejay van Garderen, United States, BMC Racing, :02.
3. Philippe Gilbert, Belgium, Quick-Step Floors, :03.

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Atlanta	10	10	.500	2
Minnesota	12	8	.600	2½
New York	6	14	.300	6
Indiana	2	18	.100	10

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Seattle	15	6	.714	-
Phoenix	14	7	.667	1
Los Angeles	13	8	.619	2
Dallas	11	8	.579	3
Las Vegas	9	12	.429	6

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SOCCER

FIFA WORLD CUP

In Russia SEMIFINALS

Wednesday in Moscow

THIRD PLACE GAME

Saturday in St. Petersburg

CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday in Moscow

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

EASTERN

	W	L	PT	GF	GA
Atlanta	12	4	40	42	23
N.Y. City FC	11	4	37	38	24
N.Y. Red Bulls	10	5	32	34	17
Columbus	8	6	30	24	23
New England	7	4	28	30	25
Montreal	8	12	0	23	24
FIRE	6	8	5	23	29
Philadelphia	6	9	3	21	27
Orlando City	6	11	1	19	25
Toronto FC	4	10	4	16	29
D.C. United	2	7	5	11	23
WESTERN	W	L	TPTS	GF	GA
FC Dallas	10	2	5	35	28
Los Angeles FC	10	4	4	34	41
Kansas City	9	3	6	33	30
Real Salt Lake	9	8	2	29	34
Portland	8	3	5	29	22
Vancouver	7	7	5	26	29
Houston	7	6	4	25	36
LA Galaxy	7	7	4	25	31
Minnesota	6	11	1	19	23
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Colorado	4	11			

BEARS

COUNTDOWN TO BOURBONNAIS



7 DAYS TO GO

Fourth in a series of two-a-day position previews

Coming Friday: Tight ends and safeties

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

Staying healthy is vital for Floyd

BY COLLEEN KANE | Chicago Tribune

Biggest offseason developments:

The Bears parted with veterans Pernell McPhee and Willie Young and let Lamarr Houston go into free agency. They re-signed Sam Acho to a two-year, \$5.5 million contract, signed former 49er Aaron Lynch to a one-year, \$4 million contract and added Kasim Edeball as depth after a June tryout. While many thought edge rusher to be one of the Bears' greatest offseason priorities, they waited until the sixth round to draft one, Utah's Kyle Fitts.

Currently on roster: 8.

Projected on final roster: 4-5.

Roster locks: Leonard Floyd, Sam Acho.

On the bubble: Aaron Lynch, Isaiah Irving, Kyle Fitts, Kasim Edeball.

Practice-squad candidates: Andrew Trumbetti, Elijah Norris.



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Leonard Floyd showed some potential during his first two seasons.

What to like: Outside linebacker feels like one of the more precarious position groups, mostly because the Bears appear to be banking on a lot to go right.

McPhee, Young and Houston combined for 10 sacks in 2017 and provided leadership that will fall to Acho and even Leonard Floyd in his third season.

Acho returns after a season in which he had 45 tackles, three sacks and was a strong part of the run defense. He is the only player in the group without a bunch of question marks.

Few defensive issues feel as important as the health of Floyd, who had surgery on his right knee in 2017 to repair his medial collateral and posterior cruciate ligaments. He wore a brace while practicing this spring and said in June he expects to be full go by training camp.

Lynch is a wild card, a player who once excelled under defensive coordinator Vic Fangio but has battled injuries, weight issues and a suspension since. The Bears would love if Isaiah Irving capitalized on the lack of depth and put together a breakout second season. Fitts has to leave behind the health concerns that disrupted his college career.

Fangio said the Bears hope they can get the pass rush they need from the current group.

"Leonard, when he's been healthy, has proven to be proficient enough," Fangio said. "Lynch, he's had a checkered career to say the least, but there has been some display of talent throughout his career at times. Hopefully we can get that to be more consistent. Sam Acho made some improvements last year in that area. We'll see how Isaiah and these young guys come along."

Biggest question: How quickly can Floyd get back to where he was before his knee injury?

The 2016 first-round pick enters 2018 with 67 tackles, 11 1/2 sacks, two safeties, four passes defended and a forced fumble in 22 games. But Fangio conceded this spring that the missed time after Floyd's injury has hindered his development.

"It has — there's no way around that," Fangio said. "Everybody needs as many reps in practice as they can get. He's really anxious to do it. He's been begging the trainers and medical people to let him out there a little earlier. But I think he'll overcome it."

Floyd said he is ready to do his part on and off the field.

"Everything that comes with it," he said, "being accountable, knowing your playbook and going out and showing that I'm a leader and practicing like a leader."

Fresh face: Fitts said this spring the injuries that wiped out most of his 2016 season and limited him in 2017 at Utah were "just a run of bad luck, and it's over now."

He needs to return to his 2015 form, when he had seven sacks and four forced fumbles. Fangio said this spring it was too soon to tell what Fitts can be.

"He's working hard to learn what to do and he's shown some ability along the way," Fangio said. "We won't be able to tell until we get to playing some real ball."

You should know: Lynch had 12 1/2 sacks in his first two seasons with the 49ers and 2 1/2 over the last two years. One reason he and the Bears think this could be a fit is his prior relationship with Fangio, but he has to stay healthy. He was slowed this spring by ankle and hamstring injuries.

"I'm not here to prove anybody right or wrong," Lynch said. "I'm here to do what I can for me, my team and my family. But when we play (the 49ers), I do want to whoop the — (he pauses) — out of them, you know what I'm saying? I really want to get after them."

Quote of note: "Vic just knows how to approach everybody. Not everybody can be approached in the same way. I feel like he knows how to approach people and put guys in the right position that they're good at. ... Anybody he gets his hands on, he's going to put them in the right position, and I feel like that's why he's had so much success." — Lynch on Fangio.

Big number: 10 — Games Floyd missed the last two seasons.

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WIDE RECEIVERS

Upgrades should help out Trubisky

BY COLLEEN KANE | Chicago Tribune

Biggest offseason developments:

The Bears overhauled their receiving corps, signing free agents Allen Robinson and Taylor Gabriel and drafting Anthony Miller (second round) and Javon Wims (seventh). They parted with Kendall Wright, Dontrelle Inman and Markus Wheaton, but the most surprising breakup was with Cameron Meredith, who signed with the Saints as a restricted free agent. The Bears declined Kevin White's fifth-year option, making this his contract year. Mike Furrey is the new receivers coach.

Currently on roster: 12.

Projected on final roster: 6.

Roster locks: Allen Robinson, Taylor Gabriel, Anthony Miller.

On the bubble: Kevin White, Joshua Bellamy, Bennie Fowler, Marlon Brown, Javon Wims.

Practice-squad candidates: Tanner Gentry, Matt Fleming, DeMarcus Ayers, Garrett Johnson.



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Ex-Jaguars receiver Allen Robinson is expected to be a big-play target.

What to like: There's no doubt the Bears are in better shape with this group than they were last year. By Week 2 of 2017, the Bears had lost Meredith to an ACL injury and White to a broken shoulder blade.

They struggled to find reliable targets for Mitch Trubisky, and Wright was their leading receiver with 59 catches for 614 yards and a touchdown. That's now just a bad memory as Nagy implements his offense with a new cast of receivers with plenty to prove.

Robinson hasn't practiced in full since he tore the ACL in his left knee on the Jaguars' third snap of 2017. The Bears took it slowly this spring with Robinson, and his will be one of the most intriguing stories of camp.

Nagy and Furrey said they're looking for the speedy Gabriel to provide the leadership of a top-tier receiver and show he is capable of exceeding the gadget-player tag that is sometimes applied to him.

White's third attempt at coming back from a season-ending injury makes him perhaps the biggest lightning rod for outside criticism, but coaches are trying to get him to tune out chatter and focus on the present.

A former walk-on at Memphis, Miller is used to getting past obstacles and is confident he can do it again.

Biggest question: Is Robinson ready for a comeback season?

The Bears committed \$42 million over three years, including \$18 million fully guaranteed, with the confidence he is.

Robinson's best season was in 2015, when he had 80 catches for 1,400 yards and 14 touchdowns. His 2016 drop-off to 73 catches for 883 yards and six touchdowns came amid a 3-13 season for the Jaguars, and he didn't get the chance to improve upon that because of last season's injury.

The Bears can't fully know where Robinson is on the field yet, but they at least have seen him take the right approach.

"He's really, really smart," Furrey said. "You can tell he kind of has that alpha, pro personality, where he gets it. He knows you've got to come in early. He knows you have to be the last one to leave. He knows you have to study."

"It doesn't matter (if you're) five, six, nine years in. It doesn't matter if you hear it 10 times. You have to keep taking notes. He's been really good at that, and I've been really impressed with that."

Fresh face: After the Bears traded up to grab Miller with the 51st pick, general manager Ryan Pace touted his route quickness, big hands, run-after-catch ability and fiery mentality.

"He's a natural catcher," Nagy said. "There were times that you saw there were some inconsistent drops that he had (at Memphis), but there are a lot of wide receivers in this league that, unfortunately, have that. We'll work to improve that. But he's a confident kid that is talented. ... When the ball is in the air and there's a guy on him, he's able to really make that contested catch. It helps having larger hands to be able to do that."

You should know: White is not much interested in rehashing his first three years with the Bears, during which a pair of leg fractures and the shoulder blade injury limited him to five games.

But coaches and Trubisky spoke highly of the work the 2015 first-round pick put in this spring.

"The one thing that I've noticed about Kevin that I thought was neat is that if there was a dropped ball, it was the next-play mentality for him," Nagy said. "I kept a keen eye out for that to see how he was going to react to a play like that, and he's done well. He's been running routes well. He's been catching a lot of footballs, he's been focusing on what he needs to focus on and that's a big advantage for this offense."

Quote of note: "He's a great player. The thing that he brings to this team is his dominating factor, going up and getting balls and being the receiver that can take the toll of being a 10-catch-a-game receiver. That's one thing we will need going into the season." — Gabriel on Robinson

Big number: 4 — Touchdown catches by Bears wide receivers in 2017, one apiece for Wright, Inman, Joshua Bellamy and Deonte Thompson.

NFL NOTES

Lawyer: McCoy set up attack

Bills RB in dispute with ex-girlfriend over Atlanta home

Associated Press

The lawyer for the ex-girlfriend of LeSean McCoy said the Bills running back orchestrated an attack that left her bloody amid attempts to get her to leave his suburban Atlanta mansion.

Attorney Tanya Mitchell Graham said in a statement Wednesday that her client was assaulted Tuesday morning by a man who entered the home with no signs of forced entry. The man demanded jewelry that had been given to her by McCoy, who had requested the items back on many occasions.

The Associated Press is not identifying the woman, pending further details of the attack.

McCoy and the woman have been in court over his attempts to evict her from the home.

An image of the ex-girlfriend's bloodied and beaten face was shown in a social media post blaming McCoy for the assault.

McCoy denied the allegations Tuesday.

Jones attacked at airport:

Police said former Bengals cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones was attacked during a run-in with a facility-service employee at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

Atlanta Police spokesman Jarius Daugherty said Jones confronted ABM Industries employee Frank Ragin after Ragin made a "gesture" toward the football player Tuesday night. Police said words were exchanged before Ragin punched Jones, causing a cut to Jones' face.

Cellphone video footage shows that Jones and Ragin traded several punches. Jones ultimately knocked Ragin to the ground with a punch to the face, then hit the employee one more time before a man broke up the fight.

Daugherty said that at some point during the fight, Ragin ended up hitting a woman who was with Jones, injuring her hand. He says Ragin was the aggressor and Jones defended himself.

Jones and his friend declined medical treatment.

Ragin was arrested on two counts of battery and taken to a nearby hospital to be treated for injuries.

Jones, a one-time Pro Bowler, spent eight seasons with the Bengals.

He also has played for the Titans and Cowboys.

Even though police determined Jones wasn't at fault, the NFL veteran has had other off-the-field issues. He pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge after his confrontation last year with hotel security personnel and an obscenity-filled tirade against arresting police officers.

The NFL suspended Jones for one game for a violation of its personal conduct policy.

Supplemental draft picks:

The Giants spent a 2019 third-round draft pick on Western Michigan cornerback Sam Beal, and the Redskins selected Virginia Tech cornerback Adonis Alexander in the sixth round of the supplemental draft.

The Giants will surrender their third-round pick in next April's draft in Nashville, Tenn., while the Redskins will give up a sixth-round pick.

Both players were ruled academically ineligible for the upcoming college football season and entered the supplemental draft.

Not selected were Mississippi State safety Brandon Bryant, Grand Valley State running back Martayveus Carter and Oregon State linebacker Bright Ugwoegbu.

Beal's strength is in man coverage, featuring agility and good hands; some scouts projected him as a higher prospect than a third-rounder in the next draft. The Giants need depth in their secondary.

Alexander has good size at 6-foot-3, 196 pounds and is physical. He does his best work against passes in front of him and isn't shy about defending the run.

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Freddie Roach spars with Manny Pacquiao in 2011. Roach was named trainer of the year seven times. Pacquiao fought Floyd Mayweather Jr. three years ago in the richest fight in history.

It's a struggle, but Roach picks himself off canvas

BY LANCE PUGMIRE
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LOS ANGELES — A visit to Freddie Roach's Wild Card Boxing Club in Hollywood used to mean a major fight was looming.

Manny Pacquiao trained there for 16 years while Roach was named trainer of the year seven times by directing Pacquiao to a record eight division belts and the richest prizefight in history three years ago against Floyd Mayweather Jr.

Roach's mother, Barbara, was a constant at Wild Card's front desk, chiming in with Irish-accented quips to keep everyone, especially her son, on their toes.

Spotting a celebrity inside the gym, from Bob Dylan to Mark Wahlberg to Mickey Rourke, was routine, while finding an empty parking spot anywhere near the popular destination was like winning the lottery.

But all of them — Pacquiao, Mrs. Roach, the stars, even the parking attendant — are absent now as Roach, 58, glances around the empty downstairs gym he built for champions and reflects.

"This is still my job, still what I love to do. I want to be here by 7 o'clock to work with the young pro kids. Then, at night, I help the amateurs," said Roach, who has battled Parkinson's disease throughout his career. "I guess someday it will end, (but) I think retirement might be a death penalty. When people retire, they get bored ... so to get up at 6 in the morning and have something to do, it's worthwhile. If I can help somebody, I'll do the best job I can."

It was one year ago that Roach's empire began to crumble.

He cornered Pacquiao in Australia for a welterweight title defense in a packed, 50,000-seat stadium that was intended to generate riches and a routine victory against a former Olympian from Down Under, Jeff

Horn.

Instead, Pacquiao, then 38, showed more vulnerability than usual in absorbing some of Horn's punches. And Horn employed rough tactics by grabbing Pacquiao in headlocks and hitting him in holds as the Aussie emerged with a controversial upset by decision.

"Manny was pissed off after the fight that Freddie only bitched after the fight about Horn resorting to unlawful tactics — not during the fight to a referee who could've stopped it," longtime Pacquiao promoter Bob Arum said. "You know how Manny is. He's not going to say all this, but he felt Freddie wasn't the Freddie of before who tended to all those details."

Earlier this year, Pacquiao opted to break from Roach, opening training to regain a secondary welterweight belt Saturday in Malaysia against champion Lucas Matthisse by relying on a training crew led by his close friend and former assistant trainer, "Buboy" Fernandez.

Pacquiao's manager has said Fernandez running the corner will help him recruit more fighters as boxing's popularity soars in the Philippines.

Reached there, Pacquiao explained to the Times: "I'm not saying I won't come back to Freddie ... just for this fight, I'm taking a rest. We can work again in the future if he can still train."

"I'm not mad. That's why you haven't heard from me commenting about Freddie. I'll try to visit him after the fight if I have a chance."

Roach never heard he was fired from Pacquiao. He only read that the others had assembled without him, the lack of explanation heightening the sadness.

"Being let go is part of the sport. Usually when a fighter loses a big fight, someone gets blamed and usually it's the trainer," Roach said. "But Manny has never blamed anyone but himself in his 16 years with

me. Nobody was ever fired. We had wins and losses and he'd accept it, even when he got knocked out."

After the pair roared to prominence with stirring Pacquiao routs of Marco Antonio Barrera, Oscar De La Hoya, Ricky Hatton and Miguel Cotto, Roach coached Pacquiao back from a knockout loss to rival Juan Manuel Marquez in solitary 2014 sessions in the Philippines. They resulted in six knockdowns of Chris Algieri in Macao and the buzz necessary to finally force Mayweather into the ring with Pacquiao.

"The secret is that when we get to our training, I'm not the boss," Pacquiao told the Times before pummeling Algieri. "You have to accept that's part of boxing ... to stay here (as champion) for long, to improve more, the trainer is the boss. I believe in Freddie; I've trusted him from the beginning."

Yet something changed that afternoon in Australia. Roach could see it in Pacquiao's eyes in the postfight locker room as the man Pacquiao previously called his "master" discussed the toll of trying to balance a heavy workload as a senator in the Philippines with title-fight preparation.

"You know, Manny, being a senator and being a world-champion boxer is very difficult. ... I know you've always multi-tasked, but you might want to think about doing one before the other," Roach told Pacquiao.

The resulting silence struck Roach.

"Manny, are you mad at me?" Roach asked.

"He just smiled at me," Roach says now. "That was it. And I haven't spoken to Manny Pacquiao since."

Roach sacrificed to train Pacquiao in the Philippines last year. Before the trainer departed, he left his mother after a third cancer diagnosis — this time in her pancreas — after she conquered breast and uterine cancer.

"It was bad. My mother was so sick, she chose to not fight cancer this time and I

said OK, but after 14 days of watching her get sicker and sicker, I wish I hadn't said OK," Roach said. "I should've said, 'No, Ma, fight this one more time for me ...' But I just couldn't bring myself to do it, knowing how tough she was and thinking how bad it'd been that she'd been through the pain and the chemotherapy twice already."

Upon his return from the Horn loss, Roach maintained an evening ritual of walking back into his dying mother's home, comforting her in ways that brought tears to his close friend and assistant, Marie Spivey.

Roach spooned apple sauce into his mother's mouth nightly, gently let her sip from a water bottle and comforted her in conversation, even as delirium caused her to slip some and call her son by his father's name, Paul.

"She was his conscience," Spivey said of Roach's mother. "He was there every day, telling his mom he loved her."

Two days before Christmas, Barbara Roach died.

The fight work that fall had been marked by the farewell loss of Roach's four-division champion Miguel Cotto and an inspired night as boxing coach for returning UFC legend Georges St-Pierre, who threw a Roach-taught left hook at middleweight champion Michael Bisping's bad eye and then finished him by submission to recapture the belt at Madison Square Garden.

Finding cause to remain his vibrant self and retain his legendary work ethic in the face of his mother's death "was difficult," Roach said.

"But when I get here, I'm in a better place," he said. "I've had a bad back injury for the last few months, can barely tie my shoes and put my socks on, can't pick things up. And there's days if I have to bend down, I can't. But by the time I get in the car and get here, the back warms up and I can hit the mitts with my prospect

from the Mexican Olympic team ... so that's all I need."

That fighter, Raul Curriel, is, as Roach says, just a prospect. The only active champion Roach has in camp is little-known superfeatherweight Alberto Machado.

"A little disappointing, of course," Roach said of residing outside his sport's brightest lights. "It's fun to be famous. ... Last Sunday I went out to my mailbox with a cup of coffee and a guy drives up and says: 'You can't hide behind that cup. I know who you are.'"

But recently, Roach's best prospect, Lithuania's Eimantas Stanionis, left him, citing inattention, and relocated to a Houston training camp.

And after an impressive March junior-welterweight title victory by Central California's Jose Ramirez, the new champion took his belt and defected to Riverside to train under Robert Garcia for his first title defense.

"When fights get tougher, you need an overall team that has faith in you, can bring the best out of you and is motivated about you," Ramirez said. "Freddie has had so many champions in the past. I don't know if I gave him the same excitement."

Roach was caught by surprise.

"Tough kid who was getting better, but ... I lost him," Roach said. "Robert Garcia didn't steal him."

Roach says he won't poach anyone either.

Last year he was in England to watch heavyweight champion Anthony Joshua defeat long-reigning champion Wladimir Klitschko.

"Joshua was thrilled to meet me and I was thrilled to meet him," Roach said. "The kid's a gentleman. He wrote me a letter after that and said, 'How good could I be with Freddie Roach in my corner?'"

"I thought, 'Wow, that's pretty nice.' I'd like to tell him: 'You'd be better than ever. I would love to train you someday.' But I can't answer this letter now be-

cause I don't know if he's a free agent."

Roach doesn't bind his fighters to contracts. He had a fight-by-fight deal with Pacquiao, taking whatever payment they agreed was fair.

So Roach is left to focus on coming fight dates that are far from pay-per-view consideration.

Gone are the cameras that followed his every move for a candid documentary series by Hollywood director Peter Berg. "On Freddie Roach" explored the trainer's grinding work as he battles Parkinson's.

A week after Pacquiao fights, the 27-year-old Machado (19-0, 16 KOs) defends his belt July 21 versus Ghana's Rafael Mansah at Hard Rock Hotel in Las Vegas.

"It sounds like Freddie has time now," Arum said. "He's an excellent trainer, and if we have a fighter, we would certainly refer him to Freddie."

The most important conversation Roach seeks is one with Pacquiao.

"Marriages haven't lasted this long," Roach said. "If Manny asked me to get on a jet and train him for free, I'd be the first one on the plane. We have a lot of history. Manny's my friend. Money ... I have enough."

Pacquiao said if he defeats Matthisse, he would like to return to fight in the U.S. against lightweight champion Vasily Lomachenko.

"Did you talk to Freddie?" Pacquiao asked. "When you talk to him again, can you please say hello? And please say thank you."

Roach is carrying a gift for Pacquiao. On a recent flight, an elite pro darts player recognized the trainer and handed him a set of customized darts.

"I don't play, but I'll give these to Manny because he does," Roach said. "And I can't wait to see his face when I do because he'll know how much this means."

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Larrys Mabiola, left, celebrates with Portland Timbers teammate Samuel Armenteros after scoring in a recent match. Mabiola says he and his family have "the perfect life" in Portland.

Perfectly fine in Portland

French native Mabiola has found happiness in soccer, for his family

BY JAMIE GOLDBERG
The Oregonian

PORTLAND, Ore. — Over two years with Turkish Super Lig club Kayserispor, veteran center back Larrys Mabiola had developed into an invaluable leader on the back line and earned the respect of his teammates as team captain.

Off the field, he loved the natural beauty and hallowed history of Turkey and had grown to enjoy the culture, atmosphere and food in the large, vibrant city of Kayseri.

But there was still a feeling of emptiness. Mabiola's wife, Edwina, and young daughter, Layana, were more than 2,000 miles away in their home city of Paris. They had tried to join Mabiola in Turkey when he was competing with Turkish club Karabukspor, but the adjustment to a new school system had been too complicated for his daughter.

For five years the family lived separately as Mabiola moved from Karabukspor to Kayserispor. But after Edwina gave birth to the couple's first son, Jelany, in August 2016, Mabiola knew he had to seek out a new club to reunite his family.

That's how he found the Portland Timbers.

"I have no regrets about the decision we made to come to Portland," Mabiola said. "It's the perfect life."

A better life

Mabiola grew up just outside of Paris, less than 20 miles from the city's iconic epicenter and the fabled Champs-Élysées. But his Paris felt light years away from the glamour and elegance of the famed Parisian boulevards and monuments.

His parents had fled a violent civil war in the historically unstable Democratic Republic of the Congo and settled in Montfermeil, a commune in the eastern suburbs of Paris. Montfermeil was an enclave of almost entirely African immigrants, and Mabiola grew up in a tight-knit community surrounded by families from a wide range of countries.

His neighbors always treated him as one of their own, opening their doors and offering meals or even a place to sleep. It often felt as if he was part of a giant family.

But Montfermeil was also one of the poorest and most dangerous areas in the *banlieues* of Paris. There were frequent robberies and break-ins, and Mabiola was exposed to rampant drug dealing on the streets within his community.

For many children growing up in the area, their futures felt predetermined and bleak. Some of Mabiola's good friends ended up in prison later in life, others died young.

"I come from a very, very difficult area in Paris," Mabiola said. "You don't see a window where you can escape from it, so what you will do is get easy money as soon



Portland Timbers coach Giovanni Savarese says of defender Larrys Mabiola, above: "He's done a fantastic job to make sure that he gives everything we need in that position."

as possible. Even if you have to do very bad things, you'll do them.

"I'm lucky because soccer kept me away from a lot of trouble."

Mabiola's father, Jean, had played soccer in the Congo but had been forced to quit the sport and take a job to support his family. His love for the game never disappeared, and Jean made sure to immerse his son in the sport.

At 12, Mabiola, who had been competing for a local club, entered a fortuitous skills contest in his neighborhood.

He had to juggle the ball 50 times with both feet and run through a handful of challenging drills to demonstrate his talent for the game. Mabiola did so well that he was invited to participate in the final at Clairefontaine, the biggest training center in France. He was the only player at the event not connected with a professional club.

"All the other players came from professional clubs, so of course everybody started to look at me because it wasn't logical to them to have a guy at the final (who) wasn't even playing for a professional club," Mabiola said. "Everybody was calling my father. He started to realize that maybe this was a chance for me to have a better life and escape from everything."

At 13, Mabiola joined the prestigious Paris Saint-Germain academy. It was a defining moment in his life.

Over the next four years, the physically imposing defender became more disciplined as he took his game to a new level in the famed club's youth program. He soon began to envision a future in soccer.

Mabiola was 17 when Paris Saint-Germain signed him to his first professional contract.

The train from Paris

During his years in the Paris Saint-Germain academy, Mabiola grew accustomed to taking the train Friday nights from Paris back to Montfermeil to see his family.

That's how he first met Edwina.

He was 17 when he caught her eye on what turned out to be a fateful train ride. While Mabiola was competing in the academy, Edwina had been taking classes in Paris. It turned out their families were from a similar area and they had been riding the same train every weekend.

"That's how it started," he said with a broad smile.

Edwina was by Mabiola's side over the next few years while he began his career as a professional soccer player, fighting through three tough seasons as he dealt with injuries and struggled to earn playing time with Paris Saint-Germain. In 2009, Mabiola moved on to French club Nice. Edwina gave birth to Layana that same year.

But things changed dramatically in 2012, when Mabiola was offered the opportunity to sign with Karabukspor in Turkey. It was a chance for him to elevate his career and he couldn't turn it down.

"Everything was set up for me to live the perfect life in Turkey, but I was missing something," Mabiola said. "For five years I was playing every game. I was very happy in my career, but I wasn't really happy as a man. It was very difficult for both of us."

At the start of 2017, Mabiola began to look for a new opportunity. At that exact same time, the Timbers were reeling after an unexpected season-ending injury to center back Gbenga Arokoyo. The club knew it needed to sign a player to fill the void and hoped to bring in a veteran who could be a

powerful and consistent presence on the back line and in the air.

That's when the pursuit of Mabiola began in earnest.

"It came down to his character and profile," Timbers general manager and president of soccer Gavin Wilkinson said. "You can see when you're around Larrys that everyone gravitates toward him. He's charismatic and very likable. He's a leader in his own way."

Shortly after his contract in Turkey expired in June 2017, Mabiola joined the Timbers. Since then he has developed into a mainstay on their back line. He made 13 starts last year, helping the Timbers earn four clean sheets and finish the season in first place in Major League Soccer's Western Conference.

After a rocky start in his first two games of 2018, Mabiola has developed into the Timbers' most consistent defender this year, starting all 15 matches and anchoring the back line as the club has dealt with numerous changes on defense.

In the attack, the 30-year-old has grown into a weapon on set pieces as he has gained chemistry with his teammates. He's tied for third on the team with four goals.

On June 30, Mabiola outmuscled Sounders defender Chad Marshall to head in his second of two big goals and lead the Timbers to their first regular-season win at Seattle's CenturyLink Field. After the match, Timbers forward Samuel Armenteros joked that no one on the team had a bigger head than Mabiola.

"He's been very strong, not only defensively but finding goals as well," Timbers coach Giovanni Savarese said. "He's done a fantastic job to make sure that he gives everything we need in that position. He's been growing more and more in confidence."

A baby boy

The transition to Portland was hardly seamless.

Mabiola's wife had grown accustomed to the bustling city and dynamic urban lifestyle in Paris. It took time for the family to adapt to the culturally different and more low-key Portland and discover activities and restaurants that fit their tastes.

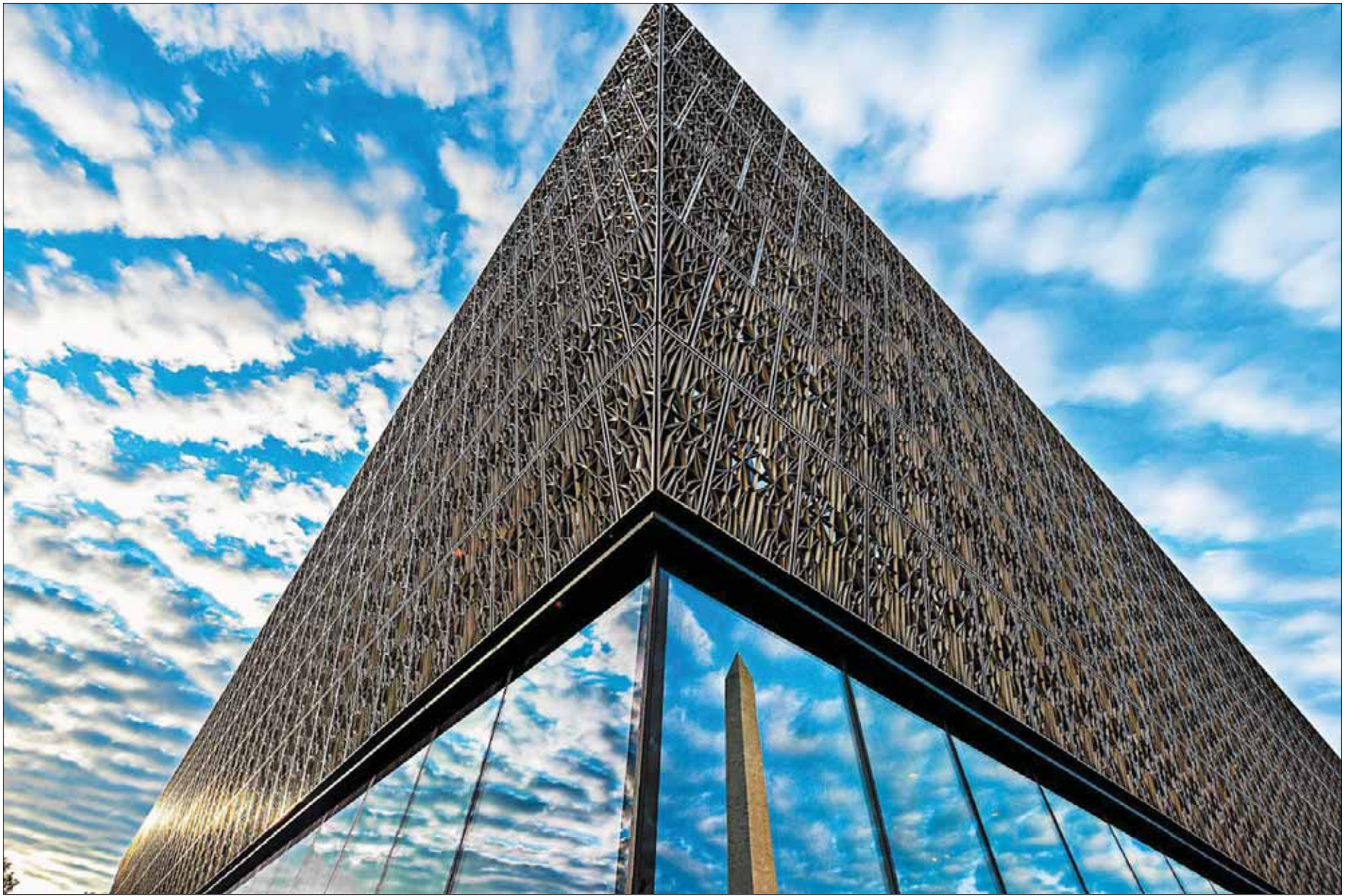
At times they couldn't help but think about the 5,000-mile gap that separated Portland from Paris, but over time that gradually changed. It is now clear to Mabiola that he and his family made the right choice.

"My wife is happy," Mabiola said. "My daughter loves the school. My son is very happy. This is the perfect thing that could have happened to us."

In March, the Mabalas welcomed their third child. They named him Jamal. He is the first of the three children to be born in the United States. That's something Mabiola thinks about often.

"To be able to raise and have a kid born in the United States, it's completely different than where I was born, where my parents were born," Mabiola said. "This is what I wanted."

"Besides the fact that I wanted to be a soccer player, I wanted to raise my kids in good conditions, in a beautiful city like this. It fills me with pride."



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Louise Bernard, the director of the Obama Presidential Center, helped develop the exhibits at the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of African American History and Culture.

LIGHT AMID DRAMA

National African-American museum hints of what's to come at Obama Presidential Center



BLAIR KAMIN
Cityscapes

WASHINGTON — The line to see the open casket that once held the tortured body of Emmett Till, the 14-year-old Chicagoan whose 1955 murder in Mississippi helped spark the civil rights movement, is long and moves oh-so-slowly. But scores of visitors to the National Museum of African American History and Culture still queue up.

The visitors file by, paying their

respects, as though they were at the South Side's Roberts Temple Church of God in Christ, where thousands gazed into this casket to see Till's mutilated face.

The display marks an emotional high point of the museum, which has drawn more than 3.5 million people since its Sept. 24, 2016, opening. To venture through it is a charged experience, entirely different from a stroll through a decorous place like, say, the National Portrait Gallery. Many visitors, particularly African-Americans, bring a palpable intensity to the displays, lingering over them as though they were poring over a freshly discovered scrapbook of family photos.

Critics typically assess build-

ings before they open, without people in them. To visit after the inaugural hype, as I did last week during a family trip, may be the best way to determine whether a design has staying power. This one does, fusing architecture and exhibits into a powerful, provocative whole, one that drops hints about what visitors will experience when the museum tower of the planned Obama Presidential Center in Chicago opens in 2021.

Louise Bernard, the director of the Obama museum, was part of the design team that developed the exhibits at the acclaimed African-American museum. And there are certain architectural similarities — more about those in

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Erica Sanchez, left, and Janice Aponte have raised over \$18,000 to benefit Hurricane Maria victims.

Hurricane relief through art

Nonprofit Arte al Rescate helps victims of Puerto Rico disaster

BY MORGAN SMITH
 Chicago Tribune

On Sept. 20, when Category 5 Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico, Erica Sanchez panicked. In the two weeks before Sanchez heard from her sister Tanya, the panic grew.

Tanya finally called Erica while she and her co-founder, Janice Aponte, were buying supplies for their families at Target. Both Sanchez and Aponte have relatives in Puerto Rico, and they wanted to be ready to send emergency supplies if needed.

"I had waited so long just to hear her voice ... I felt a wave of relief," Erica Sanchez says. Aponte and Sanchez rejoiced over the small victory in the checkout line. But they knew other Puerto Ricans weren't as lucky, and wanted to help more than just their relatives.

It was then, Aponte says, that the women decided to turn their distress into action. The Puerto Rican women from Humboldt Park began an organization that has raised over \$18,000 to benefit victims of Hurricane Maria.

At work Aponte and Sanchez would weep at the barrage of graphic news reports from Puerto Rico: gas line fires, displaced people wandering the streets without access to clean water or electricity. Their weep-

ing became so routine that someone from human resources called a meeting with the women to check in on them.

Aponte and Sanchez were disappointed to hear how aid appeared to be "dripping in" from larger organizations such as the Red Cross and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Sanchez says. "If we just write a check to a larger organization, then that's the end," Sanchez says. "You don't really know where it's going," Aponte adds.

An artist-in-residence at Workshop 4200 in Kelyvn Park, Aponte turned to her art for inspiration. She and Sanchez decided to start an art-driven

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Donald Trump often blared Elton John's "Tiny Dancer" at his rallies.

Trump holds a bizarre history with pop music

BY TRAVIS M. ANDREWS
 The Washington Post

Elton John

President Donald Trump is no stranger to making statements that leave his crowds cheering and everyone else puzzled. He continued that trend Thursday when he told a crowd in Montana, "I have broken more Elton John records. He seems to have a lot of records. And I, by the way, I don't have a musical instrument. I don't have a guitar or an organ. No organ. Elton has an organ. And lots of other people helping. No, we've broken a lot of records. We've broken virtually every record."

It's unclear what that means, if anything. But it's in line with his interest in Sir Elton John, and popular music in general — even if the musicians he likes don't always return his affections. Here are some of Trump's more interesting dalliances with pop music.

Though he was inexplicably bragging about breaking records set by an award-winning musician, Trump has said he is a fan of the "Benny & the Jets" singer. In his 2004 book "Think Like a Billionaire," Trump listed John alongside Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett as his favorites.

"I never get tired of listening to them and probably never will," Trump wrote. "Any album by any of them is bound to be fantastic."

He famously co-opted the title of John's song about a lonely astronaut into a nickname for Kim Jong Un, repeatedly calling the North Korean dictator "Rocket Man."

Trump's relationship with John goes deeper — he often blared "Tiny Dancer" at his campaign rallies. He also showered John and his now-husband David Furnish with congratulatory

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Benji Madden, left, and Joel Madden of Good Charlotte, which will play an Annapolis, Md., benefit July 28.

Good Charlotte set to headline benefit for Capital Gazette

Good Charlotte, a pop-punk band with deep Maryland roots, is the first major act committed to an Annapolis, Md., music festival honoring press freedom.

Mayor Gavin Buckley said the event, dubbed "Annapolis Rising: A Benefit for The Capital Gazette and Free Press," will take place July 28, one month after a shooting at the Capital Gazette newsroom that killed five people. Jarrod W. Ramos, 38, is charged with five counts of first-degree murder in the shooting.

Good Charlotte was founded by twin brothers Benji and Joel Madden, who were born in Waldorf, Md., but currently live in Los Angeles. Joel Madden said he moved to Annapolis at 18 and lived in the city for about four years.

The band released its debut album in 2000 with songs "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" and "Dance Floor Anthem."

Madden, 39, said he was checking his Twitter feed while on vacation in Italy when he learned of the Annapolis shooting.

He previously had talked to the mayor about opportunities to perform in Annapolis. Soon after the shooting, he reached out to Buckley to offer condolences. When the benefit concert idea came up, Madden said he was eager to sign up.

"I don't know what we can bring to it, other than we just want to be involved in supporting the city," Madden said. "Obviously, we're all shocked. We're all kind of speechless. These are moments when you really don't know what to do to help."

— Elisha Sauers, for *The Capital Gazette*



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Cardi B welcomes baby girl: Cardi B, above, is celebrating the birth of her first child. The 25-year-old rapper welcomed Kulture Kiari Cephus in a post on Instagram Wednesday. The girl was born Tuesday. The announcement comes two weeks after Cardi B confirmed she and rapper Offset had secretly married in September 2017. This is the fourth child for Offset.

Sharon Tate auction: Minidresses and a wedding dress are among the items from the estate of actress Sharon Tate that are going up for auction Nov. 17. Tate starred in the 1967 film "Valley of the Dolls" and was the toast of the swinging '60s social scene. She was murdered in Los Angeles by the notorious Charles Manson cult in 1969. A silk wedding minidress that Tate wore for her marriage to director Roman Polanski could draw up to \$50,000, according to auction house estimates.

Second suspect in XXXTentacion slaying: A second person has been arrested in the June shooting death of emerging rap star XXXTentacion, authorities in Florida announced Wednesday. Michael Boatwright, 22, is facing first-degree murder charges. Also charged in the killing outside a Deerfield Beach motorcycle shop is Dedrick Williams, 22. Authorities say robbery was the motive in the killing of the 20-year-old rapper.

July 12 birthdays: Singer Christine McVie is 75. Actress Cheryl Ladd is 67. Actor Topher Grace is 40. Actress Michelle Rodriguez is 40. Actress Rachel Brosnahan is 28.



ASK AMY

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Parent doesn't like friends' braggy kid

Dear Amy: We live in a well-off neighborhood. We all socialize together. My husband and I have one child. We like to travel and do exciting things. We do not lavish our child with an abundance of toys; we feel that experiences are more important.

We were close friends with another couple with two children, ages 8 and 6. These kids have amassed a huge amount of extravagant toys, such as electric go-karts. These things are not important to my husband and me, and we'd like them to not be important to our son.

Their 8-year-old, "Sammy," likes to tell anyone who will listen how much things cost. He will then proceed to not allow his friends to use these toys, for fear they will break them. This is extremely off-putting to me, so I have distanced my family from theirs.

Recently, the wife of this couple asked what she had done to offend me because we don't spend time together anymore.

I hesitate to tell her how I feel about her children's lavish toys and her son quoting the price of them. I don't want her to think I am envious, because I am not. I just have different values. How should I handle this?

— *Too Many Toys in Texas*

Dear Too Many Toys: You are judging your son's friendship based on your adult metric, and it is obvious that you hold a harsh judgment about how this other family operates. YOU don't want to be around this other child and listen to him showing off his

possessions and quoting prices of things.

But I think it's a good thing for children to be exposed to all sorts of families, in part because this can help them to notice differences between people, and learn to accept, or reject, through their own growing discernment.

Some 8-year-olds try to override their insecurities through superficial means. One way to react to a child this age is to respond: "Wow, an \$800 go-kart? That's a lot! I wish I had one of those — because I'd drive it to work!" When you respond with humor, you put it in perspective for the child. It's silly!

A child who withholds his toys from his friends will have a tough time keeping friends, however. And this is a matter you can leave up to your son. Maybe play dates would be more fun for both children at your house.

You should be honest with your friend. Tell her, "Sammy is having a hard time sharing his cool stuff. He likes to say how much things cost. I'm having a hard time with it!"

Dear Amy: I am a single retired granddad who loves his children and grandchildren with all my heart.

Being with them is one of the few pleasures I have in life. The problem is that if I visit one of my married children's home without giving them notice, they become upset and tell me I'm being disrespectful.

Even if I don't enter their homes and I stay outside to play with my grandchildren, I'm not welcomed. My grandparents visited

our home when I was young whenever they wanted, and we were always happy to see them!

Am I out of touch on what's acceptable?
— *Saddened Grandparent*

Dear Saddened: It is possible that back in the day when your grandparents popped in, the kids loved it (of course you did!) but your parents didn't.

Many families now consist of two working parents whose time (and energy) is stretched very thin. The imposition might spring from something as simple as the adults wanting to get the living room straightened up before you come in the door.

It might be a gift to all of your family members if you could set up a (loose) schedule to see your grandchildren — so that, for instance, every Tuesday and Saturday everyone knows Granddad is going to swing by. That would give everyone something great to look forward to.

Dear Amy: I was shocked by the scenario described by "Very Frustrated," whose wife, a teacher, was carrying on a relationship with a teen boy.

Thank you for trying to get him to wake up! Yes, this woman should not be anywhere near children.
— *Horrid*

Dear Horrified: This drama was taking place in "Frustrated's" own household. He needs to wake up.

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South Loop hopeful vies for TV win

By TRACY SWARTZ
Chicago Tribune

Warning: Spoilers ahead

North Riverside native Julia Danno celebrated her first "MasterChef" win as team captain on Wednesday's wedding-themed episode.

The 18 home cooks were split into two teams to serve appetizers and entrees to guests at Season 7 winner Shaun O'Neale's March nuptials. North Carolinian Juni Cuevas and Danno, who lives in the South Loop, were named team captains and got to select their teams.

In a twist, the judges made Cuevas and Danno lead the teams they didn't choose.

"I'm a little worried. I got this team that I didn't even pick. They're really, really young, and they all think they know everything. I don't want to be told, 'This is how we're supposed to do it. I'm in charge,'" Danno said.

Danno managed the red team, which included Midwestern University dental student Farhan Momin and food service research analyst Emily Hallock, who lives in Andersonville. The team got off to a rough start by seasoning its scallops too early.

"It's not in my DNA that I'm going to be a captain of a losing team," Danno said. Her team ended up serving seared scallops with lentils and snap pea salad in the appetizer round.

The team eventually found momentum and made seared duck with tricolor potatoes and mushrooms for the entree. Service seemed to go well until the end, when a few of the diners said their ducks were raw.

The contestants tried to salvage the dishes, but they had already thrown out their ingredients because they thought they were done with the challenge.

"The team is freaking out. We thought we had nailed it, and now I'm hoping it's not enough to make us lose tonight," Momin said.

The red team lucked out, though, because the blue team completely fell apart. Cuevas was replaced as team captain. The blue

team had difficulty executing seared scallops with pickled carrots and blood orange gastrique for the appetizer and seared duck with fondant potatoes and charred romanesco for the entree.

"Forget about it. I knew we were going to win," Danno said. "I know that we had some snags along the way, but I feel in the end, we had a great system going. I am so proud of my team."

Cuevas was sent home. Seventeen contestants remain on Season 9 of "MasterChef," which airs at 7 p.m. Wednesdays on Fox. The winner is slated to receive \$250,000.

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Richie Farina shows off his funnel duck rainbow sliders at the Pima County Fair in Arizona on "Carnival Kings."

It's all fair fare for this 'Top Chef' Chicago alum

By TRACY SWARTZ
Chicago Tribune

"Top Chef: Texas" alum Richie Farina returns to TV this week, but this time, it's all fun and games.

The Chicago-based chef reimagines Southwestern fair food on "Carnival Kings," a new Cooking Channel series that's scheduled to premiere at 8 p.m. Thursday. At each fair, Farina has 24 hours to come up with his own spin on the signature fare before facing off against the chef who created it. Fairgoers determine the winner on each of the eight half-hour episodes.

"Although you may think a lot of the food is the same at each (fair), each one is very different," said Farina, who lives in the Old Town neighborhood. "It's not just hamburgers, corn dogs and hot dogs everywhere. It's a lot of really cool regional food that I'm having a lot of fun exploring."

Farina, 35, grew up near the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa and moved to Chicago in 2008. He learned how to make creative, playful food while working for seven years at Moto, the former molecular gastronomy hotspot helmed by Homaro Cantu.

Farina was traveling around the country for Just, Inc., a San Francisco company that specializes in eggless mayonnaise, when he got an email about "Carnival Kings." It's a food competition — but not like "Top Chef." He was sent home early on the ninth season of the Bravo network series in 2011.

"There's no like, 'Oh you lost, you're going home and you suck' sort of thing. I think I'm kind of past the harshness of that competition," said Farina, who has been working at fellow "Top Chef" alum Sarah Gruenberg's Monteverde restaurant in the West Loop for more than a year.

Farina shot the "Carnival Kings" pilot in October at the State Fair of Texas, where the popular cuisine is the deep-fried bacon burger dog slider on a stick. Farina hopes to film at fairs in the Midwest if there's a second season.

"I'm a weird person, where I'm really like an 8-year-old kid trapped in a 35-year-old body," he said. "I just love the atmosphere. I love the games. I love... just the fun."

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Chicagoans find love on 'The Proposal'

By TRACY SWARTZ
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Actress LisaRaye McCoy and Chicago sales representative Anthony Bryant have a lot in common. They both attended Eastern Illinois University, and Bryant lives near McCoy's mother on the South Side.

But the couple didn't bond over these similarities until after Bryant proposed to McCoy the day he met her on the ABC network series "The Proposal." He was one of 10 suitors who competed to be McCoy's fiancé — even as her identity was concealed for most of Monday's episode.

"Each morning I wake up to the magnificent Chicago skyline and great sunrise, but they don't compare to your beauty. I want to wake up to you each morning," Bryant told McCoy shortly after their first kiss. "You've made me believe that love at first sight is possible. Now I want you to be my wife."

McCoy accepted Bryant's proposal — after he showed off his dance moves. McCoy

told the Tribune that she has heard positive comments from viewers since the episode aired. "We're encouraging people. We need to believe in love again in this nation."

This is not McCoy's first time in the spotlight. McCoy, whose sister is the rapper/actress Da Brat, grew up on the South Side and now lives in Los Angeles. She starred on the CW's "All of Us." She said she also appears in the upcoming Netflix series "Huge in France."

She was married to Michael Misick, former premier of the Turks and Caicos Islands. The couple split in 2008. McCoy said she was lonely when her friend, a producer of "The Proposal," suggested she appear on the show.

"I've tried everything else, from online dating to happy hours to having my friends hook me up and nothing happened, so I was like, 'Let's do it,'" McCoy said.

The series, which premiered last month, comes



BYRON COHEN/ABC

Chicago sales rep Anthony Bryant celebrates his engagement to actress LisaRaye McCoy on "The Proposal."

from "The Bachelor" creator Mike Fleiss and is a mix of the Miss America competition and "The Wizard of Oz." The identity of the show's male or female lead is concealed as 10 suitors selected by the show's matchmakers are paraded on stage. Contestants are sent home after they are asked to make a first impression, show off their beach body and answer personal questions.

For his part, Bryant recited a poem shirtless and talked about his young son. He stressed his Chicago roots when he got down on one knee with a Neil Lane ring.

"It was down to the last two guys that I had to

choose from. I looked at the other contender, which was (Florida firefighter) Adonis (Gonzalez), and he was just a little shorter than what I prefer, and so I went with Anthony," McCoy said.

McCoy said the episode was taped a few months ago. She said she enjoys the long-distance relationship with Bryant because she has a busy work schedule. She doesn't plan to move back to Chicago to be with Bryant, and they have yet to set a wedding date.

"We just really want to get to know each other and have some fun while doing so," she said.

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Powerful mix of exhibits, architecture

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a moment. Three years ago, an illuminating Art Institute of Chicago exhibition about the museum's chief design architect, the Tanzanian-born, London-based David Adjaye, foreshadowed the building's success. Adjaye, who collaborated on the project with the Freelon Group, Davis Brody Bond and SmithGroupJJR, practices a different kind of modernism than the abstract steel-and-glass boxes of Ludwig Mies van der Rohe. He wants his buildings to tell a story. To him, ornament is not a crime but a way to communicate. His buildings respect their surroundings but don't hesitate to challenge them with something new.

So it is with the African-American museum, which rises along the National Mall, not far from the Washington Monument's iconic white obelisk.

I first saw the museum at night, a fleeting drive-by encounter that revealed how the design differs from its neoclassical neighbors. The museum isn't an opaque mass of marble. It's a reliquary of light, which shines through the bronze-colored filigree of aluminum that sheathes its stacked, crownlike tiers. The tiers seem to float above the glass walls of the museum's ground-level floor. The effect is beaconlike, a visual tease that makes you wonder what's inside.

The Obama Center's architects, Tod Williams and Billie Tsien of New York, hope to achieve a similar effect with screen-like walls of letters that symbolize Obama's ability to transform ordinary

words into soaring rhetoric. Following Adjaye's template at the African-American museum, they have crafted a design that emphasizes an ascending path, both physical and symbolic, that will culminate with panoramic views.

Some critics have complained that the African-American museum's three-tiered crown, which was inspired by a wood sculpture made by an early 20th Century Yoruba artist, turns a dull brown when there's no sunlight to make the aluminum sparkle. That may be true.

But on the very bright, very hot day that I visited, the crown was a shimmering, patterned mix of browns and golds, like chain-mail fabric without the bling. Its ornamental panels, which pay tribute to decorative ironwork on buildings crafted by slaves and free African-American artisans in cities like New Orleans, possessed a delicate beauty when viewed at close range. Just outside the south-facing entrance, people clustered in seats beneath a broad canopy that provides much-needed shade and evokes the social role that porches played in African-American culture.

The exterior is a multicultural monument, expressing cultural diversity instead of concealing it beneath a cloak of orthodox neoclassicism or modernism.

Inside, the story of the African-American experience unfolds in three searing below-ground galleries that proceed chronologically from the Atlantic slave trade that began in the 1400s to the 2008 election of President Barack Obama. Above these galleries, but still underground, is an



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Contemplative Court's serene fountain provides respite from the museum's sometimes heart-wrenching exhibits.



JIM LO SCALZO/EPA

The museum pays tribute to the decorative ironwork of buildings crafted by slaves and free African-Americans.

atrium, with an adjoining cafe and a theater named for Oprah Winfrey, who is also the subject of a new exhibition at the museum. Other galleries, devoted to such subjects as the African-American experience in music, the military and sports, are found on the third and fourth floors of the five-story, above-ground portion of the museum.

Throughout, the architecture subtly frames the

narrative, as in the dark, low-ceilinged spaces, whose exhibits relate how Africans were abducted, enslaved and shipped across the Atlantic. With the sound of water echoing in the background, these spaces feel like being in the belly of a slave ship.

Even when you're released from this constricted environment, moving into a dramatic, high-ceilinged space that coincides with the founding of America,

the mood is dark, the story focused on the paradox of a society that was founded on the basis of liberty but still sanctioned slavery. A prevailing theme, presented pointedly but without rancor, is how black labor helped build the benefits of white society.

Ramps lead up to the two other below-ground galleries, one of which includes the moving display of Till's open casket. The ramps not only accommodate the movement of people with disabilities but also carve out vertical expanses that create anticipation for what's ahead. An open-cockpit plane that trained Tuskegee Airmen for combat in World War II hangs above one of the ramps.

The spatial drama continues on the upper floors, where visitors can gaze down canyonlike expanses to the atrium. Or they can look outside, through the filigree, to the Mall, the Washington Monument and other landmarks.

Adjaye had audaciously

promised a new perspective on those landmarks, and his design delivers. Having journeyed through the museum, we're invited to view these iconic structures — and the national narrative they symbolize — in a newly complex manner.

We see them, literally and figuratively, through an African-American lens.

Here, in contrast to museums that dazzle us with a flashy shell that bears little relation to what's inside, the building and its exhibitions, the container and the contained, reinforce each other to tremendous effect. The building stirs the soul and pricks the conscience.

A presidential museum is different from the story of a people, of course. But if the Obama museum can match this standard, it will be very good indeed.

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Trump's odd track record with pop music

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lations when they entered a civil partnership.

"I know both of them and they get along wonderfully. It's a marriage that's going to work," Trump, writing as the chairman of Trump University, blogged in 2005. "I'm very happy for them. If two people dig each other, they dig each other. Good luck, Elton. Good luck, David. Have a great life."

For his part, John has remained relatively quiet about Trump — at least by celebrity standards. But he did say in 2016 that he wished Trump wouldn't use his music at rallies.

"I don't really want my music to be involved in anything to do with an American election campaign," he told the Guardian. "I'm British. I've met Donald Trump, he was very nice to me, it's nothing personal, his political views are his own, mine are very different, I'm not a Republican in a million years. Why not ask Ted . . . Nugent? Or one of those . . . country stars? They'll do it for you."

The Rolling Stones (and more)

John wasn't the only one who wasn't thrilled about Trump using his music on the campaign trail. The Rolling Stones thought it was a decidedly un-rock-and-roll move when he blasted the band's raunchy hit "Start Me Up" in Trump Tower to introduce his victory speech after winning the Indiana primary in May 2016.

"The Rolling Stones have never given permission to the Trump campaign to use their songs and have requested that they cease all use immediately," the band said in a statement.

It was the latest in a string of musicians blasting the then-presidential candidate for using their tunes



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Trump has said he identifies with Peggy Lee's tender, yet nihilistic anthem, "Is That All There Is?"

to pump up a crowd. Canadian rocker/Bernie Sanders supporter/bowler hat connoisseur Neil Young was furious when Trump used his "Rockin' in the Free World" at campaign events.

"... Had I been asked to allow my music to be used for a candidate - I would have said no," Young wrote on Facebook. He later posted in all-caps: "YOUNG CONTINUES TO DENY TRUMP PERMISSION TO USE HIS MUSIC."

R.E.M. had similar words for Trump when he used "It's the End of the World as We Know It (And I Feel Fine)" at a rally. "Do not use our music or my voice for your moronic charade of a campaign," frontman Michael Stipe said.

Adele, Queen, the estate of George Harrison, Steven Tyler, Twisted Sister and more all demanded Trump not use their music at campaign rallies.

Eminem

Trump enjoys Eminem, as he bluntly stated in "Think Like a Billionaire," in which he wrote, "And by the way, I also love Eminem."

Eminem does not enjoy Trump.

Rather than release a statement like the rest of these songsters, Eminem recorded and released a four-minute freestyle rap called "The Storm," an utter dismantling of the president, which he debuted at the televised BET awards in October. In it, he called Trump a "racist grandpa," and rapped: "This is his form of distraction/Plus, he gets an enormous reaction/When he attacks the NFL, so we focus on that/Instead of talking about Puerto Rico or gun reform for Nevada/All of these horrible tragedies, and he's bored and would rather cause a Twitter storm with the Packers."



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Eminem recorded an anti-Trump rap called "The Storm."



MATT SAYLES/INVISION

Donald Trump has claimed credit for Lady Gaga's success.

The rap resonated with many people, leading some to (cheekily) suggest one Marshall Mathers should helm the country.

Lady Gaga

Trump appears to think that he is somewhat responsible for Lady Gaga's success — to her chagrin.

"I own the Miss Universe Pageant and have made it very, very successful. One day my people came to me and told me about a young woman they called Lady Gaga, who nobody had ever heard of. We put her on as the entertainer in the middle of the pageant, which is broadcast internationally. I thought, 'Wow, she is really, really good.' The next day, it was crazy. Everybody was talking about how good Lady Gaga was . . . Well, she became a big star and maybe she became a star because I put her on the Miss

Universe Pageant. It's very possible," he wrote in 2011's "Time to Get Tough." "She's a fantastic person, solid as a rock and I'm very proud of her success because I really believe I had at least something to do with it."

The pop star and Hillary Clinton supporter hasn't commented on this claim, but she has taken Trump to task again and again. She also staged a protest outside Trump Tower just before the election.

Kanye West

Unlike many of his contemporaries, West surprised everyone by wholeheartedly embracing the president. During the presidential campaign, the egos of both men were often compared — leading Trump to tell Rolling Stone, "Somehow there are comparisons made so often, which is interesting, com-

parisons with Kanye and myself. I don't quite get it."

West — whose most prominent political moment came in 2005 when he said "George Bush doesn't care about black people" during a live telethon raising money for victims of Hurricane Katrina — told the audience at his 2016 show in San Jose, California, "I told y'all I didn't vote, right? But if I would have voted, I would have voted on Trump."

The crowd booed loudly, but West never backed down. Two years later, he took to Twitter to support Trump, going so far as to post a photo of an autographed red MAGA hat.

He's been rapping about that hat ever since.

Peggy Lee

One of Trump's odder iterations with music takes the form of his favorite song: Peggy Lee's 1969 hit "Is That All There Is?"

The song is a nihilist's dream, inspired by Thomas Mann's "Disillusionment." It's essentially a spoken world ballad, with Lee listing wonderful and awful things that fail to impress her throughout life, such as falling in love, seeing the circus and watching her house burn down. The song's final verse ends with: "And when that final moment comes and I'm breathing my last breath/I'll be saying to myself/Is that all there is?"

Eventually, she turns to alcohol to find joy.

Trump appears to see it as a mirror of his feelings regarding his own success.

"It's a great song because I've had these tremendous successes and then I'm off to the next one. Because, it's like, 'Oh, is that all there is?' " he said in 2014. "That's a great song actually, that's a very interesting song, especially sung by her, because she had such a troubled life."

BOOK REVIEW

A timely look at immigrants from Mexico

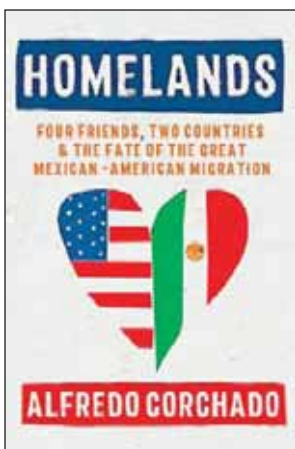
'Homelands' explores journey and struggles on both sides of border

BY JILL LEOVY
The Washington Post

Beneath the current headlines on family separation, a larger story of long-term population shifts is unfolding. Alfredo Corchado, a reporter with the Dallas Morning News, addresses what was once the most conspicuous portion of that shift — the diaspora from Mexico into the United States — in his timely new book about immigration, "Homelands: Four Friends, Two Countries & the Fate of the Great Mexican-American Migration."

Though migrants from Mexico have lately been overshadowed by their counterparts from countries farther south, who are bearing the brunt of new "zero tolerance" policies at the border, Corchado offers broad insight into the arc of immigration over the years. His narrative makes clear that U.S. immigration policies have long been rife with contradictions and prone to backfire, and that migrations tend to proceed regardless, following their own highly complex logic. They are events with their own story line, with a beginning, middle and, perhaps, an end.

The latest story of Mexican migration spans about four decades, and this roughly coincides with Corchado's career reporting from both sides of the border. In "Homelands" Corchado tells two stories at once — that of his life as a bicultural, naturalized American reporter and the larger saga of a migration



'Homelands'

By Alfredo Corchado, Bloomsbury, 293 pages, \$27

surge that occurred at the same time.

The approach mostly works because Corchado's personal reflections genuinely inform the broader issues. He rises in his profession as the exodus of migrants from Mexico into the United States hits its peak, and as he reaches middle age, we sense that the migration phenomenon is aging with him. Birth rates in Mexico plunge and the border tightens, reducing the flow of people moving north. Toward the end, Corchado returns to the Midwest meatpacking plants where he once met scores of Mexican laborers and finds Middle Eastern and African refugees instead. "We just ran out of Mexicans," a poultry plant worker tells him.

Corchado was brought to the United States in 1966, when he was 5, from the Mexican state of Durango.



DAVID SURO-PINERA PHOTO

Alfredo Corchado, a veteran journalist, works for the Dallas Morning News.

His father picked cantaloupes in California's Central Valley as part of the Bracero guest worker program, which, for more than two decades, beginning in the 1940s, allowed Mexican men to work in the United States legally on temporary contracts. Exploitative as the arrangement was — with its poor housing and dawn-to-dusk work — Corchado argues that it afforded the participants a dignity unavailable to later generations of immigrants who came illegally and that was less ravaging for rural Mexico, since those left behind could count on the *braceros* to return.

Corchado, his mother

and his siblings were eligible for green cards, and he soon realized that Mexico existed for him only in impressions from childhood — memories of geraniums and parrots. By his teens, he spoke English.

Corchado dropped out of high school but recovered his path when his family moved to Texas to open a restaurant. He enrolled in community college, and after the University of Texas, he joined the El Paso Herald-Post. Recruited by The Wall Street Journal as part of a diversity initiative in 1987, Corchado relocated to Philadelphia. There, he found solace with the friends mentioned in his

book's subtitle.

Two are fellow Mexicans: David Suro-Pinera, a restaurateur who dreamed of introducing Americans to the urbane culture of Mexico through its incomparable cuisine and spirits, and "Primo" Rodriguez Ocegueda, a Jesuit-educated human rights activist. The third is a Latino, New Mexico-born, Ivy League-educated lawyer, Kenneth I. Trujillo, who is "casually floating" in the mainstream in ways that elude the uneasy outsider Corchado.

The friends are regulars at Suro-Pinera's restaurant, downing tequila after hours and arguing about the big questions of cross-border

interactions.

Corchado's progressive leanings and preoccupation with cultural identity mercifully leave light traces on his narrative. Mostly, he reports rather than pontificates.

Though critical of the fickleness of U.S. immigration policy, Corchado also touches on the inconsistencies of Mexico — a nation where family is revered yet bigamy thrives, and where corruption thwarts investment.

Corchado reminds us of the ever-present contradictions of U.S. immigration policy. After all, it was Ronald Reagan who approved amnesty for illegal immigrants and wanted to liberalize trade with Mexico, and Bill Clinton and Barack Obama who doubled down on deportations. The consequences of these efforts were mostly unintended, Corchado argues. Drug imports to the United States mushroomed with NAFTA, and after amnesty, which was supposed to slow migration, a flood of sponsored relatives of immigrants poured north. Meanwhile, in Mexico, a brutal drug war erupted, villages emptied, and even dietary habits were altered, unleashing a diabetes epidemic.

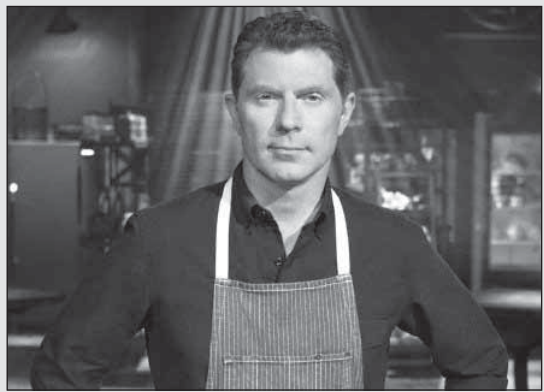
Among those most affected by these changes, he notes, were earlier U.S. migrants, who competed with newcomers for wages.

What's clearest throughout is the extent to which sweeping global economic forces overwhelm the best-laid plans.

Those historical forces are still at work by the book's end. Corchado reports that one of his brothers has done well in the U.S. as a delivery driver and has no worries that immigrants will take his job. But he still feels insecure. "How long before robots drive my truck?" he asks.

Jill Leovy is the author of "Ghettoside: A True Story of Murder in America" and a senior fellow at the University of Southern California Annenberg Center on Communication Leadership and Policy.

WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Bobby Flay

“Beat Bobby Flay” (9 p.m., Food): This show’s format gets flipped, if not turned on its head, in the new “Judges as Contenders,” wherein judges Seamus Mullen and Michael Psilakis opt instead to step up and make a stab at taking down Iron Chef Bobby Flay themselves. Food Network stars Marcus Samuelsson and Sunny Anderson weigh the duo’s skill sets before declaring which of them can better test Bobby.

“The Gong Show” (7 p.m., ABC): One only can imagine the sort of fun that late-night host Jimmy Kimmel will have as a celebrity panelist on this show. He joins Will Arnett (also an executive producer here) and Anthony Anderson — who’s been making the rounds of other game shows, while moonlighting from his hosting duties on “To Tell the Truth” — to pass judgment on decidedly offbeat acts in this new episode. “Tommy Maitland,” alias Mike Myers, is the host.

“Marlon” (8 p.m., NBC): Marlon (Marlon Wayans) doles out some questionable advice to Zack (Amir O’Neil) and his classmates on “Career Day” at school in a new episode by that name. Though he means well in counseling the students not to put full faith in being told they can’t do something, the results aren’t what Marlon anticipated — prompting him to back up and stress the importance of education. Essence Atkins, Diallo Riddle and Bresha Webb also star. Another episode follows.

“Black Lightning” (8 p.m., CW): Anissa (Nafessa Williams) tries to help Black Lightning (Cress Williams) prove his innocence in “The Book of Revelations,” while Jennifer (China Anne McClain) becomes Lynn’s (Christine Adams) intern. Gambi (James Remar) ends up in a very tight spot. Marvin Jones III and Damon Gupton also star.

“Law & Order: Special Victims Unit” (9 p.m., NBC): Kylie Bunbury — who gained considerable critical attention on the short-lived series “Pitch” — guest stars in “Chasing Demons,” which is partially drawn from headlines of recent months. A mistrial results in the case of a doctor (guest star Lorenzo Scott) charged with sexually abusing patients. Dean Winters (“Oz”) also guest stars.

“Shooter” (9:01 p.m., USA): Helped by some new intel about his dad’s involvement in the Vietnam War, Bob Lee (Ryan Phillippe) searches for the men who were really responsible for Earl’s murder in the new episode “The Importance of Service.” Meanwhile, Julie (Shantel VanSanten), concerned that her husband is becoming obsessed in this quest, follows up on a lead of her own.

TALK SHOWS

- “Conan”** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Andy Samberg; actor Nicole Byer; Dawes performs.*
- “The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon”** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Robert Pattinson; comic Pete Davidson; Brockhampton performs.*
- “The Late Show With Stephen Colbert”** (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.*
- “Jimmy Kimmel Live”** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Comic Kathy Griffin; comic Jim Jefferies; Vance Joy performs.*

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THURSDAY EVENING, JULY 12

		MOVIES							
		PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS	2	The Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon	Big Brother (N) (Live) ©	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit ©	S.W.A.T.: “Miracle.” ©	News (N) ▶	
	NBC	5	Little Big Shots: “Double the Fun.” (Season Finale) (N) ©	Marlon: “Career Day.” (N) ©	Marlon (Season Finale) (N) ©	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit ©	NBC 5 News (N) ▶		
	ABC	7	The Gong Show (N) ©	Match Game (N) ©	Take Two: “Ex’s and Oh’s.” (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) ▶			
	WGN	9	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	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	Coach ©	Coach ©	Murphy
	This TV	9.3	A Fish Called Wanda (R, ’88) ***	John Cleese. ©			Bandits (PG-13, ’01) **	Bruce Willis. ▶	
	PBS	11	Chicago Tonight (N)	The Secret Life of Dogs ©			10 Streets That Changed America (N) ©	Experience ▶	
	The U	26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)	The Game	The Game	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©	
	MeTV	26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cinci.	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	One on One	One on One	In the Cut	Family Time	Showtime (PG-13, ’02) *	Eddie Murphy ▶	
	FOX	32	The Four: Battle for Stardom: “Week Five.” (N) ©				Fox 32 News at Nine	Modern Family ©	
	Ion	38	Blue Bloods ©	Blue Bloods: “Hold Outs.”			Blue Bloods ©	Blue Blood ▶	
TeleM	44	Mi familia perfecta (N) ©	Sin Senos Si (N)			El señor de los cielos (N)	Chicago (N)		
CW	50	Supernatural ©	Black Lightning ©			Law Order: CI	Law CI ▶		
UniMas	60	Reto 4 elementos	La jefa del campeón			República Mundialista ©	▶		
WJYS	62	History	Skywatch	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Christian	Dn. Carson	Monument	
Univ	66	El rico y Lázaro (N)	La bella y las bestias (N)	Chapato (N)			Noticias (N)		
CABLE	AE	Live PD	Live PD	Live PD (N)	Live PD (N)	Live PD	Live PD	Live PD ▶	
	AMC	Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (G, ’71) ***	Gene Wilder.			Willy Wonka ▶			
	ANIM	Lone Star Law: Uncuffed (N)				Northwest Law (N)	Lone Star ▶		
	BBCA	The X-Files: “Vienen.” ©	The X-Files: “Alone.” ©			The X-Files: “Esence.”	X-Files ▶		
	BET	*(6:05) ATL (PG-13, ’06) **	Tip Harris, Lauren London.			Genius Talks (N)	Gen. Talks ▶		
	BIGTEN	Illinois	Campus	Illinois Football Classic (N) ©		Illinois Football Classic			
	BRAVO	Southern Charm ©		Southern Charm (Season Finale) (N) ©		Guide-Divorce (N)	Watch (N) ▶		
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©	Politics		
	CNBC	American Greed ©	American Greed ©			Deadly Rich ©	Greed ▶		
	CNN	American Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)			CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) ▶		
	COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Detroit (N)	The Office	
	DISC	Naked and Afraid: “Swamp Attack.” (N) ©						Afraid ▶	
	DISN	Andi Mack	Raven	Stuck	Big City	Bizaardvark	Raven	Andi Mack	
E!	Fifty Shades of Grey (R, ’15) **	Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan. ©			Fifty Shades of Grey ***				
ESPN	International Cup (N)	2018 World Series of Poker: Final Table. (N) (Live)				SportCtr (N)			
ESPN2	Basketball	NBA Summer League Basketball (N)			NBA Basketball (N) ▶				
FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) ©			The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News			
FOOD	Chopped: “True Grits.” ©	Chopped: “Lamb Slam.”			Beat Flay	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	X-Files ▶	
FREE	Cloak & Dagger (N)	Marvel’s Cloak & Dagger			Marvel’s Cloak & Dagger	700 Club ▶			
FX	The Proposal (PG-13, ’09) **	Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds. ©			The Proposal (’09) **				
HALL	Last Man	Last Man	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	The Middle	Golden Girls		
HGTV	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Music City		
HIST	Hot Wheels: 50th (N)	Swamp Mysteries (N)			(9:03) Alone (N) ©	Swamp ▶			
HLN	CNN Special Report ©	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic		
IFC	’70s Show	’70s Show	Billy Madison (PG-13, ’95) *	Adam Sandler. ©		Happy Gil ▶			
LIFE	Made of Honor (PG-13, ’08) **	Patrick Dempsey. ©			(9:03) Marley & Me (PG, ’08) ***				
MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow Show			The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)			
MTV	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	Wild/Out (N)		
NBCSCH	IndyCar Racing: Iowa Corn 300. (Tape)				Fight Sports MMA	Best of In			
NICK	Double (N)	Double Dare	Norm of the North (PG, ’16) *	Heather Graham. ©		Friends ▶			
Ovation	*(6) Friday Night Lights (PG-13, ’04) ***	Outbreak (R, ’95) **	Dustin Hoffman, Rene Russo. ▶						
OWN	20/20 on ID Presents	20/20 on OWN ©			20/20 on OWN ©	20/20 ▶			
OXY	NCIS: “Blood Brothers.”	NCIS: “Spinning Wheel.”			NCIS ©	NCIS ▶			
PARMT	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Woman (N)	Lip Sync (N)	Lip Sync (N)		
SYFY	Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG, ’12) **				Futurama	Futurama	Futurama		
TBS	Seinfeld ©	Seinfeld ©	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N) ▶		
TCM	The Great Escape (NR, ’63) ****	Steve McQueen, James Garner. ©				Soldier ▶			
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: “Supersized: Nicole & Ashley D.” (N)				Dr. Pimple Popper (N)	My 600-Lb ▶			
TLN	IMPACT	Wretched	Ink 180		Life Today	Like You	Humanit ▶		
TNT	Dumb & Dumber (PG-13, ’94) ***	Jim Carrey.			(9:15) Bad Teacher (R, ’11) ***				
TOON	Dragon Ball	Amer. Dad	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy		
TRAV	Mysteries at the Museum	Space Race (N)			Mysteries-Museum (N)	Mysteries ▶			
TVL	Everybody Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King			
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Queen of the South (N)			(9:01) Shooter (N)	Iron Man ▶			
VH1	Step Brothers (R, ’08) **	Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly. ©				Hot Tub Time Machine ▶			
WE	Growing Up Hip Hop (N)	Growing Up Hip Hop (N)	Growing Up Hip Hop ©	Hip Hop ▶					
WGN America	*(6) XXX (PG-13, ’02) **	Vin Diesel. ©	XXX (PG-13, ’02) **	Vin Diesel, Asia Argento. ©					
PREMIUM	HBO	Kingsman: The Golden Circle (R, ’17) **	Colin Firth. ©			(9:25) Sharp Objects ©			
	HBO2	Sharp Objects: “Vanish.” (8:05) VICE	(8:35) The Belko Experiment (’16) **			Rupture ▶			
	MAX	From Within (R, ’08) Elizabeth Rice. ©	The Great Wall (PG-13, ’16) **			C.B. Strike ▶			
	SHO	(7:15) Gone (PG-13, ’12) **	Amanda Seyfried. ©			The Affair: “404.” ©	Shameless ▶		
	STARZ	★ The First Wives Club ***	The Banger Sisters (R, ’02) **			Roman J. Israel, Esq. ▶			
STZNC	*(5:58) Be Cool (’05) **	Tomorrow Never Dies (PG-13, ’97) ***			Fantastic ▶				

Turning distress into action

Art, from Page 1

nonprofit organization that could collect donations and provide art-based relief to victims of Hurricane Maria, and Arte al Rescate (“Art to the Rescue” in Spanish) was born.

“We’re trying to rescue Puerto Rico so it only makes sense, right?” Aponte says. “Especially (with) the name being in Spanish, it creates curiosity about our work.”

Their first project, an art show, was in October at Hairpin Arts Center in Logan Square. Aponte put out a call for artists on Facebook and received an outpouring of support. Within two weeks, Arte al Rescate collected more than 100 pieces of artwork from such places as New York, Wisconsin, Texas, Spain and London.

Chicago also showed support. Aponte and Sanchez went door to door around Logan Square and Humboldt Park to businesses, advertising the art show and asking for donations or raffle items, “crying most of the time,” because of how kindly they were received, Aponte says.

Donations fueled the show by helping provide food vendors, a raffle, event staff and a live band. In one night, Aponte and Sanchez raised \$17,000. “The only thing we spent money on was paper plates,” says Sanchez. “100 percent of the proceeds went directly to Puerto Rico, which felt incredible.”

This is when the real work began for Arte al Rescate. Using their connections, Aponte and Sanchez identified people on the island whose homes were severely damaged. Arte al Rescate focused its initial efforts on two particularly vulnerable groups:



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Erica Sanchez, left, and Janice Aponte head Arte al Rescate, which means “Art to the Rescue” in Spanish.

children and the elderly. They used money from the show to send medical supplies to elderly citizens who lived alone. Aponte’s mother, Milagros, and her sister Denise, still in Puerto Rico, scouted families in need.

Aponte and Sanchez’s personal connections to the island as well as their openness are what prompted Mike Vazquez, a building manager at Workshop

4200, to offer his space as Arte al Rescate’s headquarters, he says. “I’ve been disappointed by the lack of transparency a lot of relief organizations display in their work, but Janice and Erica are passionate, and so open about what they do,” says Vazquez, who is of Puerto Rican descent.

Next, Arte al Rescate targeted schools on the island. “We wanted to find ways to give these kids

comfort and normalcy through donations and more importantly, give them routine back ... they basically had nothing,” says Sanchez.

They partnered with Colegio Mi Primera Enseñanza, a primary school in Puerto Rico where Sanchez’s sister, Tanya, teaches English, to donate school and art supplies. As of December, the school had one functioning toilet and no electricity. So Aponte and Sanchez surprised Tanya’s class with Christmas gifts.

“It’s hard to do well and be happy at school when your family is suffering on a daily basis,” the teacher says. “Their (Arte al Rescate) gesture gave some happiness back to the community.”

Aponte and Sanchez want to sponsor more school missions and supplies for artists who lost work after the hurricane. They especially want to assist families who “can’t prove they own their

homes and so can’t get federal support from FEMA, but also families who may have access to their electricity again, but their appliances have burnt out,” Sanchez says.

The women are eager to build more support for their mission, increase donations and prepare for their fall art show at the Green Exchange in Logan Square. “We don’t sleep,” Aponte says.

In one of the program’s most recent missions, Arte al Rescate donated supplies to support an arts program for “at risk” teenagers at Agustin Stahl High School. Aponte said that she wants

to highlight not only the physical devastation wrought by the hurricane, but also the impact on victims’ mental health.

“People didn’t get an opportunity to see the devastation firsthand, and if you didn’t really know about it ... through family or friends ... the desperation of what people were going through is glazed over in the news,” says Sanchez. “But art is a great outlet to cope with the underdiscussed depression and anxiety brought on by the hurricane.”

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (July 12): Profit from expressing your heart. Brainstorm and collaborate. Stay flexible to navigate team challenges. Support each other to manage priorities. You're especially hot this summer before shifting family finances motivate a lucrative push. Your collaboration grows more delightful this winter.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Wrap your love around home and family. A new domestic phase arises with this new moon. A seed planted long ago flowers.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Adapt to unexpected news. Listen to intuition. Profit through communications. Breakthroughs arise in conversation under this Cancer new moon.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Get creative with sales and marketing under this Cancer new moon. Don't touch your seed money. Step into new levels of prosperity.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Take charge. A new personal phase dawns with this new moon in your sign. Raise your talents, capacities and skills to new levels.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Discover something new about the past. Insights, breakthroughs and revelations sparkle under this new moon. Begin a philosophical, spiritual and mindful phase.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Stay objective. Take a group endeavor to new heights. Breakthroughs in friendship, social networks and community provide cause for celebration under the new moon.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. The impossible seems accessible. Professional opportunities shine under this new moon. Accept new responsibilities as you prepare. Develop a project from an idea to reality.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Study with a master. Get support with a dream. Education, travels and exploration invite exploration under this new moon. Consider new views and perspectives.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Find creative ways to grow your family's nest egg. A lucrative phase dawns with this new moon. Launch a profitable initiative together.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Compassion is integral for shared growth. Support each other through changes or transformations. Partnership blossoms under this new moon. Start another chapter together.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Power into physical routines. Fresh energy floods your work, health and vitality under this new moon. Nurture yourself before caring for others.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. This new moon sparks a family, fun and passion phase. A romantic relationship transforms.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, North deals

North		East	
♠ K 9	♥ A K Q 10 3	♠ 5 2	♥ J 6 4 2
♦ 9 7 3	♣ 10 8 2	♦ 10 8 5 2	♣ 9 7 6
South		West	
♠ A J 8 7 6 3	♥ 5	♠ Q 10 4	♥ 9 8 7
♦ A K 4	♣ A 5 3	♦ Q J 6	♥ A K Q J 4

Modern players have gotten more sophisticated when opener rebids one no trump. They use an artificial two-club bid with invitational hands and they use a two-diamond bid with game-forcing hands. Over two diamonds, North didn't want to bid no trump again without a stopper in either minor, so he intelligently rebid his excellent heart suit. This might

have deterred South, but he aggressively drove to slam once he found a spade fit.

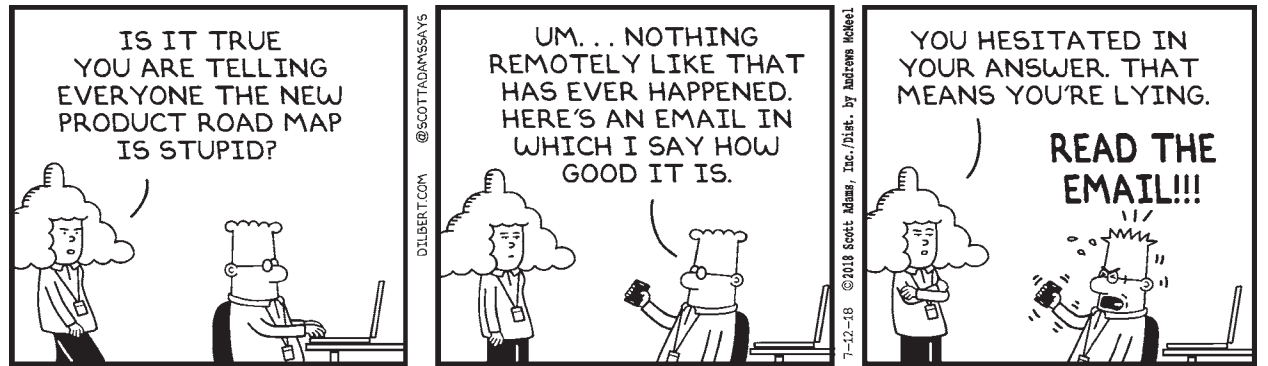
The slam is a poor one due to the loaded heart values opposite a singleton. South looked at the traditional way to play this trump suit — cash the king and then lead low to the jack. This would

require a 3-2 split and for East to hold the queen. This is about a 2-1 underdog. Declarer thought he could do better by playing for a 4-3 split in hearts. He won the opening club lead with the ace and cashed dummy's three top hearts, shedding his two remaining clubs.

When hearts proved to split 4-3, he continued with a fourth heart, ruffing East's jack with the jack of spades. This would have brought home the slam had East started with three spades to the queen. West over-ruffed and tried to cash a high club. South ruffed, cashed the ace of spades, and then led a spade to dummy's king. When this drew the outstanding trumps, South discarded his low diamond on dummy's 10 of hearts. Well done!

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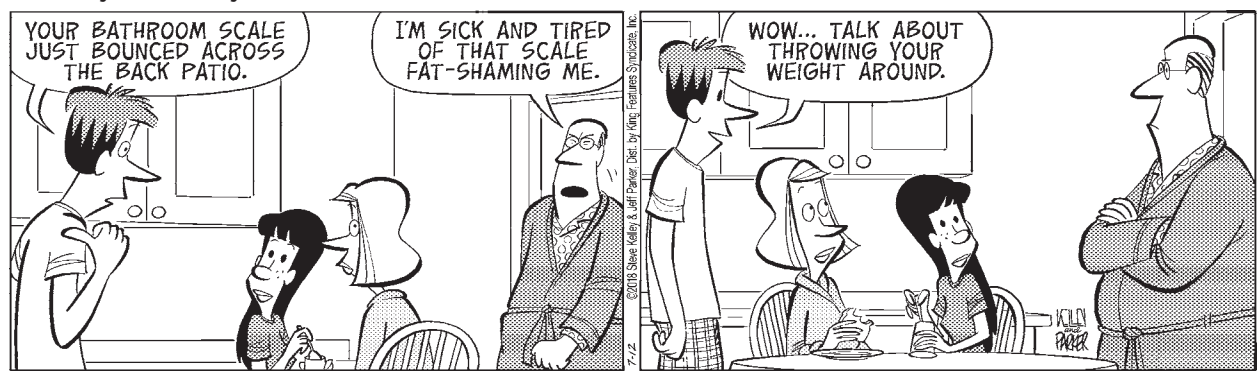
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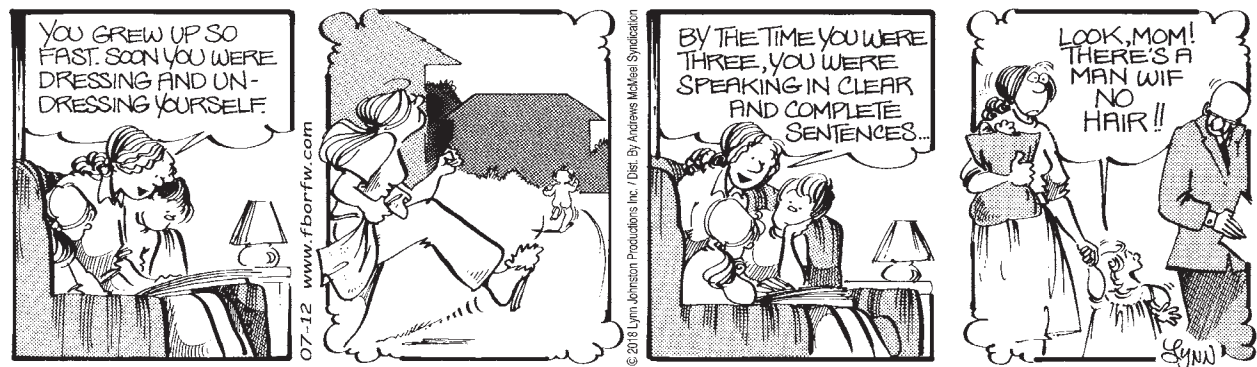
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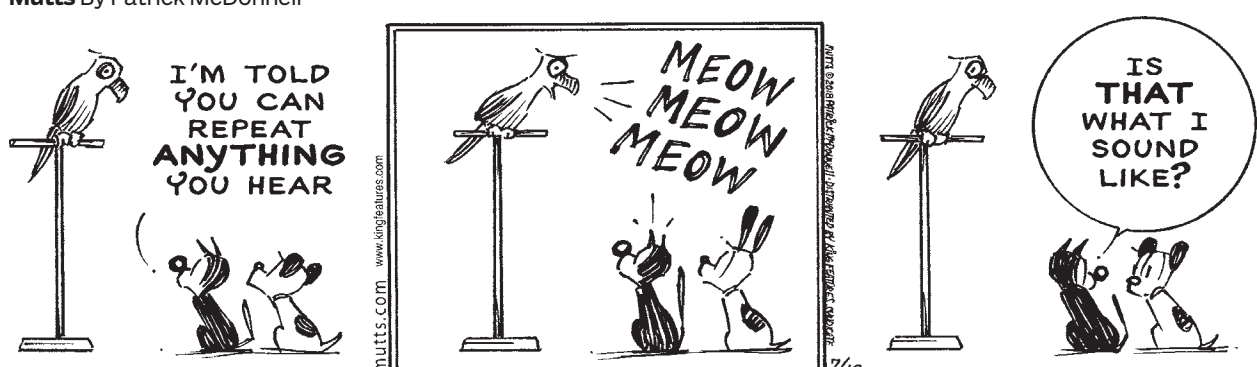
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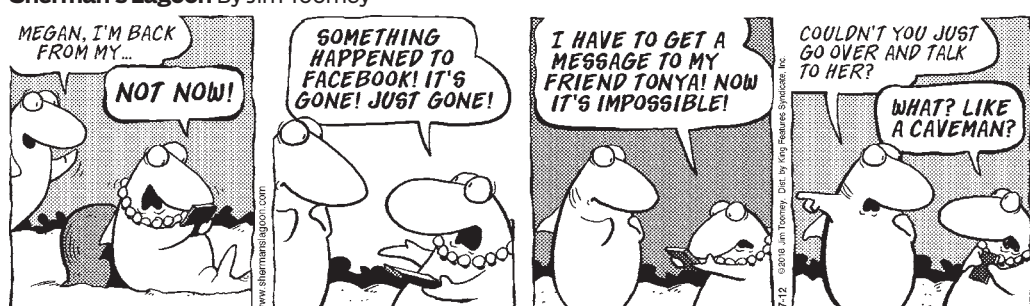
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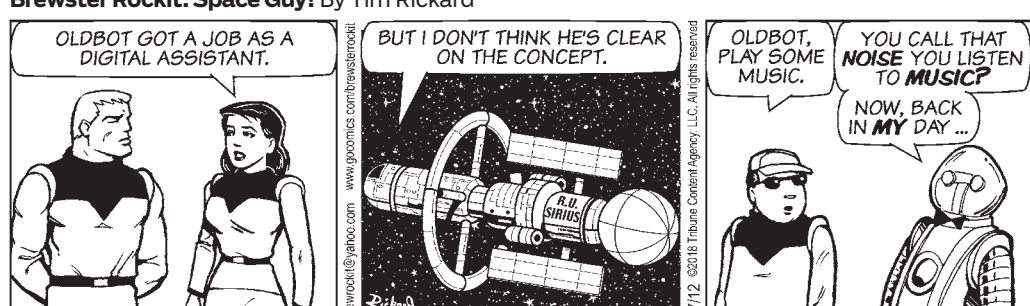
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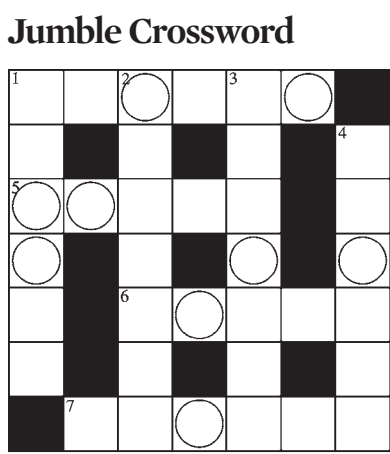
Trivia Bits

The action in the book and film "Black Hawk Down" takes place during armed conflict in what country?

A) Bosnia
B) Kosovo
C) Rwanda
D) Somalia

Wednesday's answer: The word lycanthrope derives from the Greek words for "wolf man."

Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS

1. Robert De Niro film
5. A, but not B
6. Band together
7. Remained

CLUE DOWN

1. Grotto
2. Small wood particles
3. Void, cancel
4. Surpass

ANSWER ACROSS

NOACSI
WEOLV
NUTEI
SETDAY

ANSWER DOWN

RAVCNE
ADSTWUS
FIUJLNL
EEDXCE

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

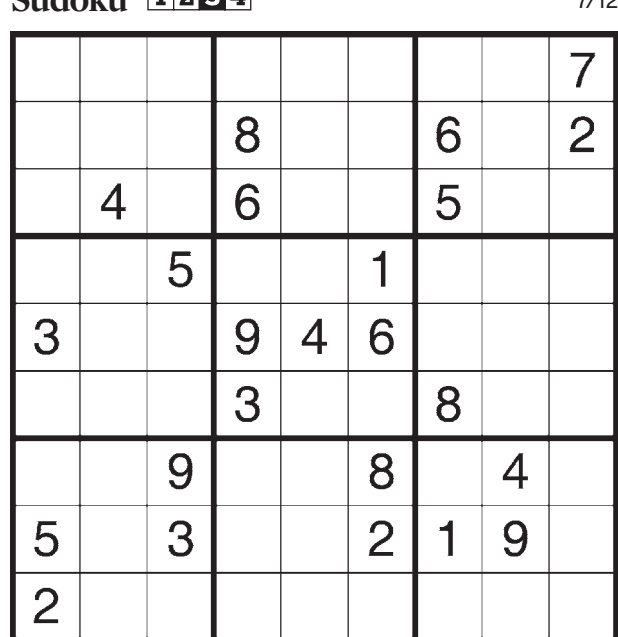
BONUS [Grid]

CLUE: There are about 1,500 of these on Earth.

ANSWERS: 1A-Cashino 6A-Urino 7A-Little 7B-Nully 7C-Nully 7D-Nully 7E-Nully 7F-Nully 7G-Nully 7H-Nully 7I-Nully 7J-Nully 7K-Nully 7L-Nully 7M-Nully 7N-Nully 7O-Nully 7P-Nully 7Q-Nully 7R-Nully 7S-Nully 7T-Nully 7U-Nully 7V-Nully 7W-Nully 7X-Nully 7Y-Nully 7Z-Nully

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

7/12



7	5	2	1	6	3	4	9	8
3	6	9	2	4	8	1	7	5
4	8	1	9	7	5	3	2	6
2	3	7	4	5	1	8	6	9
6	9	4	8	3	7	5	1	2
5	1	8	6	2	9	7	3	4
9	7	3	5	8	6	2	4	1
8	2	6	3	1	4	9	5	7
1	4	5	7	9	2	6	8	3

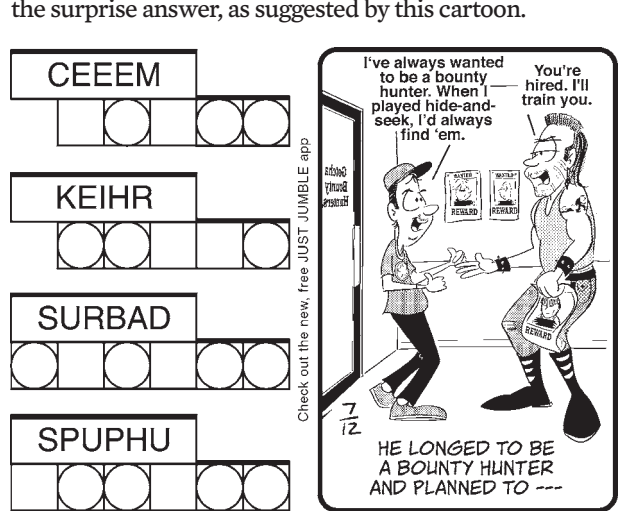
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Wednesday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here

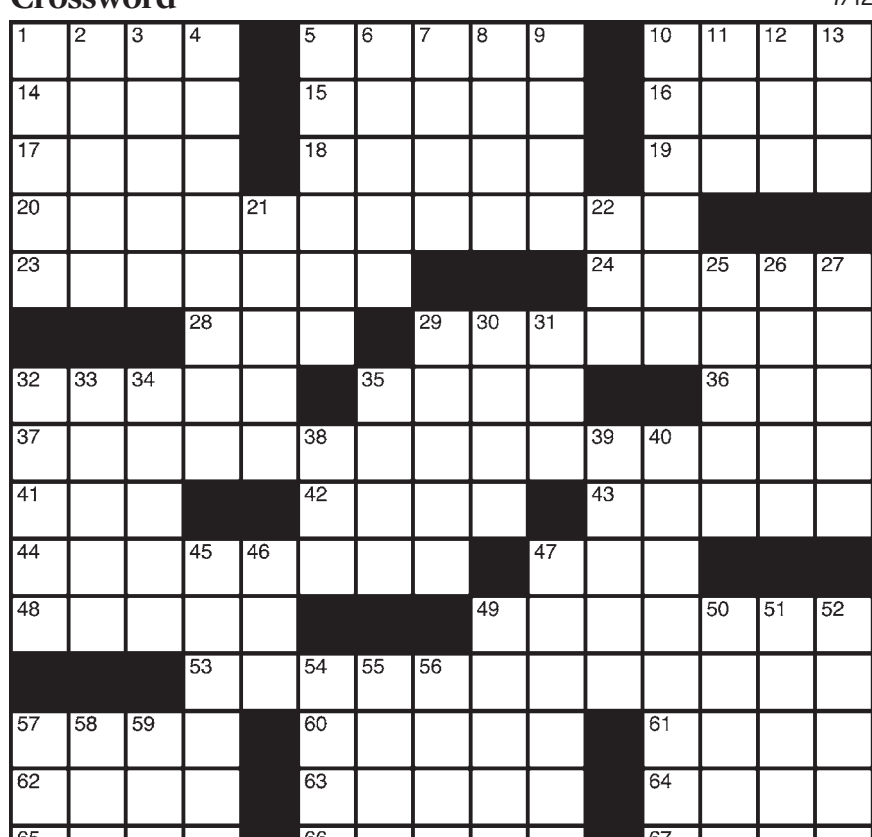
Wednesday's answers

Jumbles: FOYER LINER PADDLE JIGSAW
Answer: The inventor of the saddle had the — "RIDE" IDEA

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Crossword

7/12



Across

1 PlayStation handheld game
5 Appliance with a vent
10 Gremlins, e.g.
14 Airline to Israel
15 Gaucho's rope
16 World Cup skiing champ Lindsey
17 Do-fa link
18 Hawkeye
19 A.D. part
20 *Doctor Octopus or Doctor Doom
23 Chicago mayor Rahm
24 Obdurate
28 Nonverbal comm. method
29 **"The Big Country" Oscar winner
32 Holds up
35 Twofer coupon acronym
36 "Selma" setting; Abbr.

Down

10 Forward, in Firenze
11 MLK Day, e.g.
12 "Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown" channel
13 ___Caps
21 "Empire Falls" novelist Richard
22 Puerto Rico, e.g.: Abbr.
25 Almost round
26 Singer Furtado
27 Belgian violin virtuoso Eugène ___
29 Carried
30 "This could get ___"
31 King at Versailles
32 "Camelot" composer
33 Generous donor
34 Gettysburg Address unit
35 Wally's little bro
38 Southern Conf. school
39 Twist
40 Prepares to steal, probably
45 Affluent Los Angeles district
46 "Well, ___-di-dah!"
47 Nag
49 Desist
50 Professes
51 Monterrey title
52 ___ Perot
54 Valhalla VIP
55 Firehouse fixture
56 Front at sea
57 Good feeling
58 "I think," in texts
59 Might

Wednesday's solution

ITSY CLADDY BLENTO
SHEA SLEEK LLOYD
HOWYUBEEN OFAGE
TRAMP ARROWS HAS
ANGER WISES
RYE ABUZZ ROMANS
OHISEE EMBRYO
JUITS GABBED EKED
ONWARD RRATED
BOOKIE AARON AIL
BABAS DELTA
ICY BLUFFS UNCUT
MATZO ERROR PRONE
ASWAN MOOLA OVEN
CHOPIS EGGGON NEST

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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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THURSDAY, JULY 12 NORMAL HIGH: 85° NORMAL LOW: 64° RECORD HIGH: 97° (1995) RECORD LOW: 53° (1999)

One of warmest summers to get a little warmer

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 91 **LOW** 70

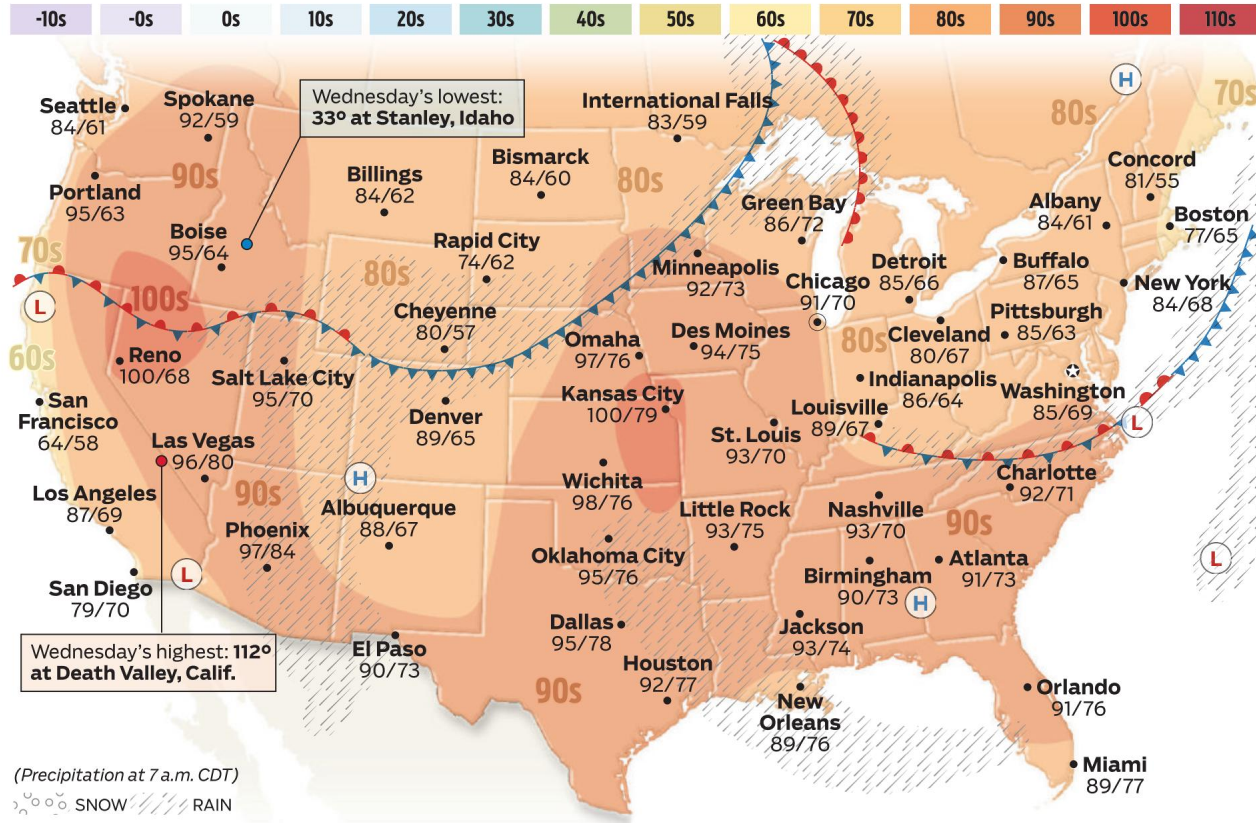
■ Air Quality Alert in effect for the Chicago Metro area

■ Light southerly winds initiate on the backside of weakening high pressure slowly departing off to the east.

■ Warmer and a little more humid with afternoon highs edging into the lower 90s away from the influence of Lake Michigan — a southeasterly lake breeze develops keeping readings in the upper 70s to lower 80s along the lakefront.

■ A rather humid night with lows mostly in the 70s.

NATIONAL FORECAST



As the Canadian-source high pressure gradually moves off to the east, winds will come around to the south Thursday, initiating the beginning of a warmup that will extend into the first part of next week.

Including Thursday, there will likely be four consecutive days with temperatures climbing into the 90s.

With dew points in the 70s, Friday through Sunday could see 100-degree heat indexes.

Wednesday temperatures in July have averaged about 4 degrees above normal, and June had readings 2.6 degrees above normal, making this meteorological summer (June to August) the 18th-warmest since Chicago records began back in 1871. We will probably move up in the rankings in the coming days, then cooler readings are expected the middle of next week.

FRIDAY, JULY 13

HIGH 95 **LOW** 73

A mix of clouds and sun, hot and humid. Afternoon highs in the middle 90s with a heat index over 100 degrees. Warm and humid overnight with a slight chance of t-storms north toward morning, SSW winds.

SATURDAY, JULY 14

HIGH 91 **LOW** 76

A hot, sticky day with scattered mainly afternoon/evening t-storms. Highs in the low 90s with a heat index approaching 100 degrees — a little cooler lakeside. Warm, muggy overnight with scattered thunderstorms.

SUNDAY, JULY 15

HIGH 93 **LOW** 72

Partly sunny. Hot and humid with a chance of thunderstorms — highs 90 to 95. Heat index again could peak over 100 degrees. Clouds, warm and humid with a chance of thunderstorms overnight. Southwest winds.

MONDAY, JULY 16

HIGH 89 **LOW** 66

Very warm and humid with thunderstorms likely. Highs 85 to 90. Chance of thunderstorms overnight. Southwest winds 12-22 mph shift north at night.

TUESDAY, JULY 17

HIGH 80 **LOW** 65

Clouds and a few remnant showers move off to the east early, becoming partly sunny. Breezy winds out of the north, cooler and less humid. Highs in the lower 80s — mid 70s at the lakefront. Fair skies overnight.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

HIGH 80 **LOW** 62

Sunny and mild. Afternoon highs 80 to 85 degrees well inland and middle 70s along the lakefront. Clear skies overnight. Light winds.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,

I noticed recently that the national daily high and low temperature extremes were at Death Valley, Calif., (high) and Bryce Canyon, Utah, (low), separated by 237 miles. Any information on closer locations?

— Tom Noie, Huntley, Ill.

Dear Tom,

We receive questions of this kind frequently. And there is a closer location: Bodie State Historic Park, Calif., located about 150 miles to the northwest of Death Valley, occasionally logs the daily national low temperature in the summer on the same day that Death Valley reports the highest temperature. Elevation differences account for it. Bodie sits at 8,375 feet, a mountainous location, and Death Valley lies 282 feet below sea level and is surrounded by mountains that prevent much daytime heat from leaving the valley.

Write to: ASK TOM
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WGN-TV meteorologists Steve Kahn, Richard Koeneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.



Hot and humid weather ahead; more 90s in store for Chicago

CHICAGO'S METEOROLOGICAL SUMMER TO DATE

Temperatures
How much warmer than normal?
+2.6° **+4.0°**

90°+ tally to date
O'HARE MIDWAY
12 **14**
1959-2017 average: **7** 1929-2017 average: **9**

Chicago-O'Hare average temp since June 1 - July 11, 2018
73.1°

Chicago rainfall since June 1
16th-wettest meteorological summer to-date
TOTAL O'HARE RAINFALL
7.90"
Long-term average June 1 through July 11 is: **4.98"**

THURSDAY/THURS. NIGHT
Severe weather troubles ahead for the Upper Midwest

POTENTIAL FOR EXCESSIVE RAINFALL
JET STREAM
MARGINAL RISK
SLIGHT RISK
STRONGEST LOW-LEVEL WINDS
Covers the period from 7 a.m. Thursday through 7 a.m. Friday

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION PROBABILITIES

Forecast	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
7 AM-7 PM	0%	5%	40%	60%	65%
NIGHT					
7 PM-7 AM	2%	11%	30%	30%	24%

FRIDAY AFTERNOON FORECAST
Predicted peak Heat Indices
Triple-digit heat index for Chicago

FRIDAY/FRI. NIGHT
24-hour t-storm chances
Covers the period from 7 a.m. Friday through 7 a.m. Saturday

SOURCES: TOM SKILLING, BULL SNYDER, JACOB POZEZINSKI, THOMAS VALLE/WGN-TV

CHICAGO DIGEST

THURSDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	89	62	Midway	86	71
Gary	84	70	O'Hare	87	87
Kankakee	86	63	Romeoville	88	67
Lakefront	78	69	Valparaiso	89	63
Lansing	85	64	Waukegan	80	61

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Thursday	0.00"	0.12"
Month to date	0.27"	1.19"
Year to date	26.75"	17.72"

THURSDAY SUNBURN FORECAST

TIME OF EXPOSURE BEFORE SUNBURN BEGINS	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7 a.m.	2 hours, 25 minutes	
1 p.m.*	20 minutes	
4 p.m.	Burn unlikely	

SOURCE: Dr. Bryan Schultz *Peak intensity

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wind	SE 6-15 kts.	S 5-16 kts.
Waves	1-3 feet	1 foot
Wed. shore/crib water temps	74°/69°	

WEDNESDAY PEAK POLLEN LEVEL

POLLEN	LEVEL
Tree	0
Grass	Low
Mold	Moderate
Ragweed	0
Weed	Low

SOURCE: The Gottlieb Memorial Hospital Allergy Count, Dr. Joseph Leija

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Wednesday reading	Unhealthy
Thursday forecast	Unhealthy
Critical pollutant	Ozone

SUNRISE/SET TIMES

Sun	5:27 a.m.	8:26 p.m.
Moon	4:54 a.m.	8:09 p.m.

THURSDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	7:44 a.m.	9:43 p.m.
Venus	9:04 a.m.	10:35 p.m.
Mars	9:44 p.m.	6:46 a.m.
Jupiter	3:04 p.m.	1:23 a.m.
Saturn	7:11 p.m.	4:27 a.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME

PLANET	DIRECTION
Mercury	9:15 p.m. 4.5° WNW
Venus	9:15 p.m. 14° W
Mars	2:15 a.m. 24° S
Jupiter	9:15 p.m. 31.5° SSW
Saturn	11:45 p.m. 25.5° S

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

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Chicago Tribune
HOMES



'OUR FOREVER HOME'

Major remodel transforms couple's beach house into luxurious waterfront property PAGE 4



NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE INSIDE


**TIP
of the
DAY**
Install a standby genera-

tor: A standby generator runs on natural gas or propane and is permanently installed to your home's electrical system. Here's a basic checklist:

1. Standby generators are professionally installed with permits pulled, so contact your local dealer for proper size and equipment needed.
2. After the location visit by the dealer and/or installer, the transfer panel switch and standby generator are set into place.
3. Any trenching holes (if needed) are dug and electrical lines, gas lines and controls are connected.
4. All gas lines and electrical connections are inspected and trenching holes are backfilled.
5. Your installer starts and tests the system.

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SEATTLE TIMES

Smart technology adds convenience and security

BY DAN DICLERICO
HomeAdvisor

How much are a few extra minutes worth to you in the kitchen? If you're racing to get out the door in the morning, maybe to catch the 7:27 a.m. train into the city or to get the kids to school, they're probably worth a lot. Likewise if the extra minutes are the difference between a perfectly cooked meal and one that's sat in the oven too long.

Security and convenience are the most common benefits of smart home technology. But time management is another major upside, especially in kitchens. No wonder designers are embracing the technology like never before. Indeed, smart home technology, including appliances that can be programmed remotely and voice-controlled faucets and light fixtures, was identified as a key emerging trend in the National Kitchen & Bath Association's most recent Kitchen & Bath Design Trends report.

What's more, real estate agents are starting to tout smart home technology in their sales listings, alongside popular features like hardwood flooring and outdoor entertainment spaces. So besides



DREAMSTIME

Some smart refrigerators feature LCD screens that make it possible to have groceries delivered to your doorstep without leaving the kitchen.

making your home more efficient while you live there, smart technology will increase its value when the time comes to sell.

Manufacturers have introduced several smart kitchen technology innovations that emphasize time savings and convenience. Take smart refrigerators. Several models feature built-in cameras that let you check the contents from the supermarket, saving you a trip when you discover you're out of milk, eggs or some other must-have ingredient. There are also

fridges with embedded LCD screens that make it possible to have groceries delivered to your doorstep without leaving the kitchen; the screens also let you browse recipes, sync family calendars and more.

Smart cooking appliances are another potential time saver. Wi-Fi-controlled ranges, for example, allow you to preheat the oven remotely, so it will be ready to go when you get home with the frozen pizza, or whatever else is on the menu for dinner. So-called scan-to-cook technology is

another smart innovation found on new ranges and microwaves; simply scan the barcode on the packaged meal and the appliance takes it from there, setting the correct temperature and cooking time — and even pinging your phone when dinner is ready.

As for gadgets, consider investing in a Wi-Fi-connected meat thermometer. The device lets you track internal meat temperatures on your phone, letting you focus on other tasks while dinner is in the oven — and ensuring perfect results every time.

Then there's voice control, a technology that's finding its way into the kitchen through smart speakers like the Amazon Echo and Google Home. These "digital assistants" can perform an array of cooking-related kitchen tasks. They also enable hands-free control of other kitchen components. For example, you can turn the lights or kitchen faucet on and off by voice command, helpful when your hands are busy with meal prep.

The nice thing about today's smart kitchen technology is that it's optional. If you, or others in your home, like to do things the old-fashioned way (checking the contents of the fridge before you hit the store, for example, or turning lights on at the wall switch), that'll work. When you're ready to take advantage of the intelligence, your smart kitchen will be ready.

FINDS

Universal docking station simplifies charging

BY GREGG ELLMAN
Tribune News Service

Many universal gadgets claim to do it all. This one seems true to its word — it does it all, and does it well.

The Udoq 400 universal docking station is universal because it works with all devices and all brands. If your house is divided between Android and Apple, no problem. Even if some have tablets and others have smartphones, again,

no problem.

You can even connect the Udoq to your computer, your original chargers or an additional multiport USB charger.

You customize the aluminum base to your household's specific needs. There are four sizes to choose from. What makes the building process easy is that you don't have to choose the size until you put in the devices to charge.

Drop-down menus on

Udoq's website let you choose your brand, device and model. After each choice, an animated version builds your charging base showing how much room you have left until the next model is needed.

Devices are charged independently with bumpers that hold the connector cable for that device.

I thought it was confusing until I read this on the Udoq site: "Udoq connector cables can be adjusted in

four steps inside the adapters to fit mobile devices with protection cases. This patented adjustability works with protection cases up to 8 mm thickness. The patented Udoq connector cables are inserted from the side, and positioned in the desired order."

The cables snake through the back of the dock, and then you just attach the power adapter, sold separately. I tried my Udoq 400 with my own



MARCUS KUCHLER PHOTO

USB power hub, and it worked perfectly. A six-port charger is a reasonable \$25.90.

Pre-configured versions of the charging docks are available for Apple and

Android. Devices must be charged in portrait mode.

Bases start at \$89. A wall mounting kit (\$44.90) and Qi wireless adapter (\$25.90) are also available. **udoq.com**

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STEVE RINGMAN/SEATTLE TIMES PHOTOS

In the great room of Chak and Lisa Cheung's remodeled home on Mercer Island, Wash., windows dominate the wall space to offer water views.

Back to the beginning

Designer reimagines waterfront home where she once baby-sat

BY SANDY DENEAU
DUNHAM

The Seattle Times

"LeeAnn blew us off," jokes Chak Cheung, who lives with his wife, Lisa, in a luxuriously livable waterfront home on Washington's Mercer Island.

Technically, he is right — but only to a point, seeing as how the interior design of the Cheungs' luxuriously livable waterfront home is by LeeAnn Baker Interiors. Also, in Baker's defense, she didn't blow off the Cheungs personally — just the house. Just for a minute.

"A call came in, which my assistant had taken," Baker says. "A couple wanted to do a slight remodel. I grew up on the island, and in middle school, I baby-sat for the prior owners. I didn't think

the house warranted putting more money into the existing structure; the main floor had too many small rooms that did not face the water. The house really needed a gut renovation. I said I was really busy. I was busy, but I hadn't met them. Eventually, Lisa and I reconnected, and once I met with Chak and Lisa, I was really excited to work with them."

Also in Baker's defense: She was right about the gutting.

The previous house had been built in 1951 — one level, one carport, one daylight basement, 3,000 or so square feet. After the Cheungs bought it in 2010, Baker says, they updated a few things and used it as a beach house for summer entertaining while they raised their two kids in



The previous house, built in 1951, was gutted and transformed from a single level to three levels.

Bellevue.

Once the Bellevue nest emptied, though, they were ready for more updates, an actual covered garage and monumentally enhanced views. Good thing Baker was on board.

"LeeAnn did everything for us," says Chak. "She recommended the architect Craig Stillwell of Stillwell Hanson Architects and the contractor Joseph McKinstry Construction Co. — an amazing architect, and a remarkable design. It fits all

our requirements and more."

After a major remodel, the formerly awkward baby-sitting house has grown into a confident stunner: three levels and 4,200 square feet of comfy, plush sophistication; windows to Lake Washington and beyond; and, top to bottom, carefully selected elements, materials and colors that embody Baker's signature Northwest Elegance aesthetic ("unpretentious and relaxed while still

luxurious," she says).

"Lisa has fabulous taste, and she wanted her home to be luxurious, like a New York town house, but still have finishes that would not have her guests feeling like they couldn't be at home here — elegant, but not fancy or untouchable," says Baker.

The newly open floor plan, with the master suite on the main floor and guest suites and a music room on the new upper level, also opened opportunities.

"In having a large house for two people, the open floor plan doesn't feel too overall big," Baker says. "We had to make formal rooms more casual for everyday use."

So the custom-made, cerused dining table, cozy for two and perfect for more, looks elegant but is sturdy enough to hide pesky everyday nicks and scratches. Fabrics are purposefully "soft and durable, nothing too precious" says Lisa. "This is so important to me when our friends gather." And the coffered ceiling over the dining table is wallpapered "to make it feel like a different room in the great room," Baker says.

Now that the view gets the respect it is due, "There

are more windows than walls for art," Baker says. "We were more dramatic with the light fixtures to play up the elegance of the home. It's like a lighting showroom in here, but they all work together. We picked the kitchen ones first and played off of that to create different experiences."

Chak was a little unsure, only at first, about the scones at the base of the gracefully dramatic stairway designed by Stillwell.

"I didn't like the lights before," Chak says. "Now I think it complements the others. In the beginning, I thought it was kind of devilish. I love that they're different. Each room has a different theme."

Overall, Baker says, "I call it black, white and brass." There's inlaid brass detail in the entryway tile. Touches of brass in the master-bathroom light and curtains. A black granite countertop in the kitchen. Black-painted mullions to "open up the view a little more" and evoke a "French metal-window feel."

"It's full of light," says Lisa. "This is exactly how we live. It's our forever home. We're not ever getting rid of this."

HOME REMEDIES

3 strategies for customizing your children's bedrooms

BY PAUL F. P. POGUE
Angie's List

Everyone benefits from a space that's uniquely their own — especially kids. Kids love to help plan and design their bedrooms. After all, the place where they sleep and play is their own little part of the world, and it gives them a sense of ownership when they're able to put a personal touch on it. Here are three ways to customize your child's room without breaking the bank:

Think about flexible options: Neutral walls and colorful accents make for the best building blocks of a child's room. Don't worry about adding bright color — the toys and accessories can do that!

When it comes to developing a theme, consider using easily changed elements. This flexibility will come in handy as kids grow and tastes change. If they're on a baseball kick, get baseball-themed blankets and pillows for now and swap them out for the next obsession later. If they're into trucks or dolls, place some on a shelf. You can also change these as their interests evolve.

Interior designers spe-

cialize in all aspects of home design and can offer pointers on how to involve your kids in the process.

Consider built-in furniture: Think about hiring a carpenter for built-in beds, dressers, bookshelves or seating. This way, you can maximize space while designing a room that will grow with your child for years to come. A twin-sized loft bed will be great at any age beyond toddlerhood, for example. Smaller children will enjoy using the space below the bed for toy storage (or an impromptu playhouse with a few cleverly hung curtains), and older kids and teens can use the space for a desk.

Window seats provide an outside view that connects kids to nature, and they can be decorated to suit their changing interests as well.

Built-in shelving saves space and offers great flexibility over the years. A toddler's Dr. Seuss books can be replaced by toys, which can be replaced by schoolbooks. As an added bonus, built-in shelves provide a safety bonus for smaller children, because they can't tip over.

Create a unique look with custom painting:

The paint job in your child's room provides the baseline for the rest of the look and design.

Look for paints free of volatile organic compounds. They're the best choice for anyone sensitive to allergies or prone to headaches.

Satin and semigloss paint finishes are excellent choices for kids' rooms — their water base makes them easy to clean with soap and water. Plus, satin paint is forgiving of imperfections.

To really fire up your child's creative instincts, consider chalkboard or dry erase paints. They'll let your budding young Picasso draw to their heart's content with an easy clean-up later.

You can also place a layer of magnetic paint primer underneath standard colors, which will allow you to stick artwork or magnetic art projects right against the wall.

For a truly unique experience, mural painters can offer a distinctive and personalized look for a child's room. Some will even mount art on canvas the size and shape of the wall, so it can be taken down and preserved when a child gets older.



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Growing turf grass is more difficult in heavily shaded areas and there can be a big difference in the amount of shade offered by different types of trees.

Too much shade from trees could leave a spotty lawn

BY TIM JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

I am having trouble getting grass to grow well in some shady areas of my garden, especially in one section of the front yard where I have planted a group of crabapples. The grass was just fine until the last couple of years when it has started to thin out. There is even some moss starting to grow under a couple of the trees. Is there anything that can be done to improve the grass?

— Cathy Johnson,
Morton Grove

It can be difficult to have a good-looking lawn in shady conditions, but I would not expect a group of crabapple trees to cast a deep enough shade to prevent decent grass from growing. The deeper the shade, the more difficult it will be to grow turf grass. There can be a big difference in the amount of shade different types of trees cast. As shade gets deeper because of increased tree growth over time, there will be more and more impact on the performance of the lawn.

Your grove of crabapples

has likely grown big enough to start more dramatically affecting the lawn. Reseeding then needs to become part of your routine spring lawn maintenance if you choose to keep the lawn going. If moss happens to be growing and thriving, then this indicates that the garden conditions are shaded, cool and moist. In these situations it may be best to let the moss be a ground cover.

Thinning your trees by pruning may increase the sunlight enough to improve the growth of the lawn. It is best to avoid overpruning your trees just for the sake of the lawn. The health and beauty of crabapples and other trees can be improved through routine pruning, which may in turn improve the lawn. Other options include planting a shade-tolerant ground cover such as pachysandra or Canadian ginger or installing mulch under the trees where grass is not growing. A mulched circle under the trees is a good idea, in any case.

When seeding the bare areas under the trees, it is important to cultivate the

soil in order to prepare a good bed for the seed. Spreading grass seed on top of compacted, bare soil will likely be unsuccessful with little to no germination. Loosening the top inch or so of the soil should be adequate, while minimizing stress on the roots of the trees. Next, purchase a high-quality mixture of grass seed, which combines different species and cultivars of grasses good for shade. When used in a mixture, the different grasses offer a variety of attributes that contribute to a diverse stand of lawn grasses that are able to withstand different stresses like shade better than one cultivar by itself. Be sure to keep the grass seed moist with frequent, light watering. Bluegrass can take two weeks to germinate, so it is important to stay on top of watering. Spread a light layer of compost or pelleted seed establishment mulch over the new seed to help keep it moist.

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DREAMSTIME

Elements like built-in furniture and shelving will grow with your child for years to come.

Even a DIY rookie can fix a sink stopper

BY TIM CARTER
Tribune Content Agency

Q: Tim, is it true, as you said in a past column, that you're a master plumber? If it is, I need your help. My bathroom sink stopper is not working right. When I pull up the knob in the center of the faucet, not much happens. It used to work great. The sink also drains slowly. Can you tell me how to fix all of these issues? Do you feel it's a DIY project? Be honest, as my skills are limited.

A: You have a good memory. I've been a master plumber since age 28 or 29, as well as being a builder, remodeler and carpenter. My interest in plumbing, I believe, was rooted in the 3D nature of creating a drainage and vent system in a home. If you ask me, it's like solving a real puzzle.

You can get the sink stopper working correctly and have the drain cleaned out with just a small amount of work. It's absolutely a DIY project even if you're a rookie. Often, it takes more time to get things out of the way and put them back than it does to make the adjustment.

My favorite go-to tool for this simple job is an adjustable set of pliers. I have one that has jaws shaped to grab hex nuts as well as larger rounded nuts. If you don't have this exact set of pliers, you'll just need an adjustable wrench as well as the standard pliers.

When you lie on your back and slide into the vanity cabinet, you'll see a strange set of rods and a perforated metal bar that

makes up the sink stopper mechanism. A chrome rod connects to the actual drainpipe that exits the base of the sink. The end of the rod connects to the sink stopper.

When you pull the control knob on the faucet up, the end of the chrome rod below drops down, taking the stopper with it. Push the control knob down, and the stopper lifts up. If you have a helper do this action while you look at the moving parts, you may see the control knob rod is slipping just a bit. Tighten the nut on the flat metal bar to solve this problem. The flat metal bar may have disconnected from the chrome rod that connects to the sink drain. Reconnect it.

The horizontal chrome rod that lifts the stopper connects to the drainpipe with a round nut. Turn that counterclockwise to pull this rod out of the drainpipe. Once you do this, you can lift the stopper out of the sink. A large glob of hair and goo may come with it. Clean all of this out and your sink should drain like new. Do everything I said backward to put everything back together, so you have no leaks.

I have photos and how-to videos online showing how to fix your sink stopper. Just go to go.askthebuilder.com/sinkstopper.

Q: Mr. Carter, can you share any thoughts about wet bars? I want to include one in my home and don't want to mess it up. Have you installed any, and what are some of the best practices? What's the biggest mistake you've



TIM CARTER/TRIBUNE CONTENT AGENCY

Put your head under your bathroom sink, and this is what you'll see. That horizontal chrome rod lifts the sink stopper.

seen someone make?

A: Mr. Carter was my dad. My name is Tim. You bet I've got some thoughts about wet bars. I've built quite a few for customers, and I put one in the last home I built for my family.

You can get into trouble quite fast with wet bars. The biggest mistake I've seen is homeowners thinking they can use standard kitchen base cabinets for

wet bars. They soon discover they can't reach the bar surface without some discomfort.

The first thing I'd do is to go visit no fewer than four real bars. Do this when they're not busy, and chat up the bartender. Ask if you can take photos and some measurements. Determine what's the best width for the bar top. Do you want your guests to be

able to have a plate of food on the bar, or just drinks? The width of the top determines this.

Pay attention to the width of the lower counter that the bartender works on. Note its height and the height of the actual bar. Ask the bartender what she or he loves and hates about the bar. What would the bartender change if given the chance?

You also need to decide what direction the bartender will face at your home. Most people want to face the guests they're serving. Preplanning and getting the bar dimensions right are well worth the time investment.

I have videos of wet bar ideas and concepts that you should see. Go to go.askthebuilder.com/wetbars.



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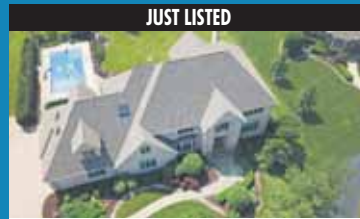
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Tips to finding a starter home

BY DEBORAH KEARNS
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First-time homebuyers might well wonder: Where are all the starter houses? They're right to ask, because starter homes are becoming increasingly scarce in many housing markets. Here are five tips for finding a starter home:

Be realistic about today's market. Sellers clearly have an advantage in the current market. Inventory is low, which keeps pushing home prices to record levels, according to the National Association of Realtors. Buyer competition is fierce as homes in the lower price ranges fly off the market.

Unfortunately, that leaves many first-time buyers — especially those with tight budgets — on the sidelines. If you're searching for your first home, be realistic about what you can afford and what amenities come with that budget.

Adjust your wish list. Buyers shopping for their first home must be open-minded about the location, size and condition of the home, said Tim Deihl, associate broker with Gibson Sotheby's International Realty in Boston.

"If your first home is the place you're going to have your family, maybe build an addition and stay there forever; that's one set of criteria. If your starter home will be a financial launch pad into a larger, better home, that's a different approach," Deihl said.

Another strategy: Look for an older home in a well-established neighborhood. Resales typically cost less than new homes, said Bradley Hunter, chief economist for HomeAdvisor.com, a home-improvement matching service based in Golden, Colo.

Older homes typically need more maintenance and repairs, which offset some of the savings. How-



MARK HUMPHREY/AP

ever, Hunter said, buyers might be able to do repairs and renovations over time, pacing themselves to make the cost manageable.

Hire the right real estate agent. Look for an agent who specializes in the neighborhoods you're interested in. Savvy agents should be able to answer your questions about neighborhood amenities, local schools and nearby home values.

A good agent shines when it comes to negotiating the deal and writing a strong offer letter backed with solid data. Your agent can suggest certain strategies to win in a competitive market, such as limiting contingencies or writing a personal letter.

Ask friends and relatives to recommend agents they were happy with. Also, interview two or three different agents. Find out how they prefer to communicate with clients and how often you'll get updates. Finally, research the agents you're considering online to see what past clients have said.

Rethink location. If you're thinking about starting a family in the future, don't focus too much on your home's location, size and school district just yet, Deihl said.

"Buyers may be in a position where schools won't impact them for six or seven years," Deihl said. "That's a good opportunity to buy in the city, make some money and roll that

into a community where they want to be longer-term with the kids."

Buyers who sacrifice location for price can find themselves far from major job centers with expensive transportation costs.

Sometimes that trade-off makes sense, but not always, said Cathy Coneway, a broker for Stanberry & Associates Realtors in Austin, Texas.

"You have to look at how much you make and how much you can afford to spend for gas," Coneway said. "You might actually be better off buying a house that's closer to town so you have more cash flow for property taxes, insurance and living expenses."

Make a strong offer.

When a well-priced starter house comes on the market, the quest to buy it can be "super competitive," Deihl said.

One way to strengthen an offer is to present a loan preapproval that includes everything but a title search, appraisal and hazard insurance, said Jay Dacey, a mortgage broker at Metropolitan Financial Mortgage Co. in Minneapolis.

A strategic phone call might help, too.

"We call the listing agent and say, 'Mr. and Mrs. Jones submitted an offer on your property. Not only are they preapproved, but they've gone through the underwriting approval process with our bank,'" Dacey said. "That makes the offer stronger."



NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

Ever-popular basements can become a cool retreat on hot summer afternoons

If Mom and Dad, kids and pets are suffering from cabin fever in the 100 degree heat and frequent deluges of rain that arrive with a Chicago summer, their basements may be the perfect place to chill out.

Basements add to the available living and storage space in a home, and an increasing number of new homes include at least a partial basement that can be used in a variety of ways.

Westleigh Farm

With the varied uses of a basement in mind, Westleigh Farm in Lake Forest includes a spacious finished basement in each of its single-family ranch-style homes. Westleigh Farm, being offered by North Shore Builders, is the ideal address for enjoying the uniquely luxurious Lake Forest lifestyle. The homes reflect the highest standards in both architecture and state-of-the-art appointments in a scenic setting with a historic flavor.

Westleigh Farm is located on the site of the King Family Estate, said to be the inspiration for F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic "The Great Gatsby." The 47-acre new home community features a Howard Van Doren Shaw stable that has been repurposed as the Country Estate entry feature. A David Adler-designed clubhouse is an architectural treasure that adds to the unique character of the community. More than half of Westleigh Farm is devoted to open space, meadows, ponds and walking paths to optimize the enjoyment of nature. Empty-nesters and other buyers from North Shore suburbs and Chicago are being attracted to the community of just 34 homesites, with 24 offered by North Shore Builders and eight sites for design/build custom homes.

"It was extremely important to us to provide opportunities for each homeowner to create a lower level that fits their life-

style and provides more value," says Joe Balistreri, project manager for North Shore Builders. "Our standard finished basement already includes a bedroom, full bath and recreation room. But to create that opportunity for personalization and added value we've provided options for home owners to opt for a second lower level bedroom, exercise room, cedar closet, wet bar and island in the rec room, and an elevator. We're even displaying a cigar and whiskey room in our model home, which will grand open in August."

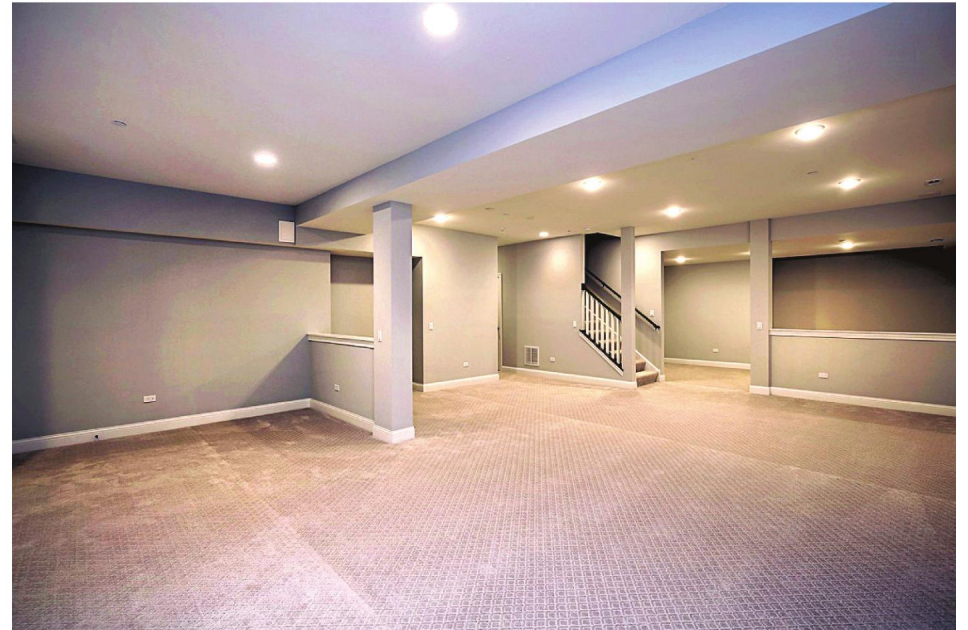
"Westleigh Farm offers sites for walk-out, look-out and traditional basements," he says. "Because there are only a select number of sites for walk-out and look-out basements, they're selling quickly, so buyers should act now for preview pricing."

There are three ranch floor plans ranging from 3,523 to over 4,497 square feet with finished basements. Each plan is offered in four different home styles: The Colonial Revival, Farmhouse Revival, Shingle Cottage and French Eclectic. Pre-grand opening prices start at \$1.1 million and they are including a free upgraded three-car sideload garage. A low maintenance lifestyle is provided by a homeowners' association.

Shodeen Homes

With new home communities in western Kane and DeKalb counties as well as southern Wisconsin, Shodeen Homes offers single-family homes and rowhomes that include basements that buyers may finish in a variety of ways.

"Approximately one-fourth of our buyers prefer to have Shodeen Homes



Finished basements are gaining in popularity with homebuyers who want to customize the space. Home builders offer many ways to assist with finishing the spaces.

finish their basements," says Jeremy Lund, sales manager. "Working with the builder can create a more harmonious effect as materials and features will be more consistent with the main level of the home. The finishing process is streamlined, with Shodeen obtaining the required permit, and the cost of finishing the basement can be wrapped into the mortgage.

"Buyers can have Shodeen Homes prepare and insulate the walls, and we offer packages that can add more features," he says. "For example, we can paint walls, carpeting, electricity and can lights. We offer price lists for the various packages and features such as bedrooms, baths and recreation rooms. In many ways, choosing features for the basement is much like selections for the main floor, with different options at our spacious Design Center."

West Point Builders

West Point Builders is building both single-family semi-custom homes with partial basements and townhomes with full basements at Ashcroft Place and The Townes at Ashcroft Walk in Oswego.

"The Townes at Ashcroft Walk, set for grand opening July 20, have a rare feature for area townhomes — full basements," says Pat Curran, president of West Point Builders. "This has been a huge factor in

the popularity of this new neighborhood because downsizers and other buyers are pleased to have the opportunity to customize this space.

"Among the other features that make The Townes at Ashcroft Walk uncommon is the variety of home designs, which include a ranch plan, a two-story home with a first-floor master bedroom and two traditional two-story plans. Priced from \$194,990, these homes offer a large amount of space for an affordable price," he says.

Curran says that many townhome buyers elect to finish their basements themselves after they move into their homes, but West Point Builders offers a full range of options for finishing basements.

"Some people want a basement for extra storage and don't finish it at all. Others prefer a finished space for a party room or for a play space for children and grandchildren. Others create a home theater room, office or man cave retreat.

Ashcroft Place also offers semi-custom, single-family homes, and a model home is open for viewing. Prices range from \$304,990 to \$359,990, and two ranch plans and a pair of two-story designs range in size from 2,003 to 3,200 square feet.

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Westleigh Farm in Lake Forest is a new community of luxury homes featuring four home styles.

Building your dream: New luxury home development offers choice and style

In a time of transition, some couples may flounder when faced with options regarding where exactly they want to call home. Perhaps the kids are off to college, or retirement is looming. Whatever the circumstances, these home buyers are looking for unique options, and the new community of luxury homes at Westleigh Farm in Lake Forest offers more than imaginable.

Built on the pastoral grounds of the original King Country Estate (famed for inspiring F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby"), buyers have a multitude of luxe interior and exterior style choices. First, Westleigh Farm offers four beautiful home styles: the classic Colonial Revival, Farmhouse Revival, Shingle Cottage, or French Eclectic.

And perspective buyers truly can't go wrong.

"All of our homes have a rich, luxurious look that partners really well with the surrounding landscape," says North Shore Builders' project manager, Joe Balistreri. "And each house is strategically placed to have sweeping views of the orchard."

Structural options include features such as a sunroom off the breakfast area or master bedroom, a covered great room deck or master deck, an exercise room or cedar closet in the lower level — even an elevator.

Next, homeowners can choose from three floor plans, selecting which size might best suit their specific needs.

"The three floor plans are all single floor ranch homes, and all include features like finished basements with a full bedroom and bath, spacious master suites with soaking tubs, and covered rear decks," says Balistreri. "All are designed to make life simple and very luxurious."

The homes are built with what Balistreri calls "luxury inclusions." That means inte-

grated smart home technology, like video doorbells and smart deadbolt locks, energy conserving features, and conveniences like zero step showers.

"We include Viking appliances throughout the kitchen, Andersen windows and doors, Lennox high efficiency furnaces, and Amish handcrafted cabinets," says Balistreri. "The standard kitchen countertop is granite. And we have upgrade options for everything, of course."

If this all sounds fabulous but you're concerned about maintaining your gorgeous new dream house, keep in mind that Westleigh Farm is also a low-maintenance community. "We include the landscaping maintenance and snow removal," says Balistreri. "Additionally, Westleigh Farm includes a community clubhouse. We took features from the original David Adler-designed lodge and repurposed it to include outdoor dining, a gathering space inside, and a kitchen."

If hosting your next gathering in a space inspired by one of Chicago's premier architects sounds appealing, you're not alone. The grand opening of Westleigh Farm is slated for mid-August, but presale of homes has already begun. Early buyers can currently take advantage of an incentive offering free 2-car garages. For more information, visit nswestleigh.com or call 224-616-5440.

Toll Brothers offers money-saving incentives in July

Toll Brothers, the nation's leading builder of luxury homes in 49 markets and 20 states, will be offering new home buyers money-saving incentives and low interest rates until July 29 at communities in Batavia, Elgin and South Barrington.

"New home buyers can select from a variety of housing styles, from maintenance-free townhome and active-adult options, to luxury ranch, two-story and first-floor master plans and enjoy special incentives per community as well as low interest rates through TBI Mortgage Company," says Keith Anderson, Toll Brothers' Chicago Group president. "Once buyers have selected their home design, our team of design consultants will work with them to personalize their home, from the practical to the simply beautiful, at the best possible value."

The Toll Brothers' Moment to Get More Sales Event is offered at the following suburban communities:

Tanglewood Hills in Batavia:

Tanglewood Hills offers 63 oversized homesites of quarter acre or more and a collection of ranch, two-story and first-floor master plans, ranging from 3,200 to over 3,600 square feet in size, with prices starting from

the low \$500s. Residents appreciate resort-style amenities, including two pools, a clubhouse, tennis courts, playgrounds and miles of walking trails.

Bowes Creek Country Club in Elgin:

Nestled in a picturesque setting amid views of the 18-hole public golf course designed by renowned golf course architect Rick Jacobson, Bowes Creek Country Club includes scenic walking trails, an on-site restaurant and bar, Porter's Pub, and a convenient location near the Randall Road shopping and entertainment corridor. Money-saving incentives are offered in the final phase of townhomes, priced from the upper-\$200s; the final phase of low-maintenance 55+ single-family homes, priced from the upper-\$200s; the single-family homes in the Fairways series priced from the upper-\$200s; and in the Masters Collection, offering new homesites and ranch and two-story homes, priced from



New home buyers enjoy money-saving incentives and low interest rates now through July 29 at Toll Brothers' communities in Batavia, Elgin and South Barrington.

the upper-\$300s.

The Woods at South Barrington: The Woods of South Barrington is a scenic master-planned community served by Barrington School District 220, ranked fourth best in Illinois. The Signature Collection features single-family luxury homes on homesites of one acre or more

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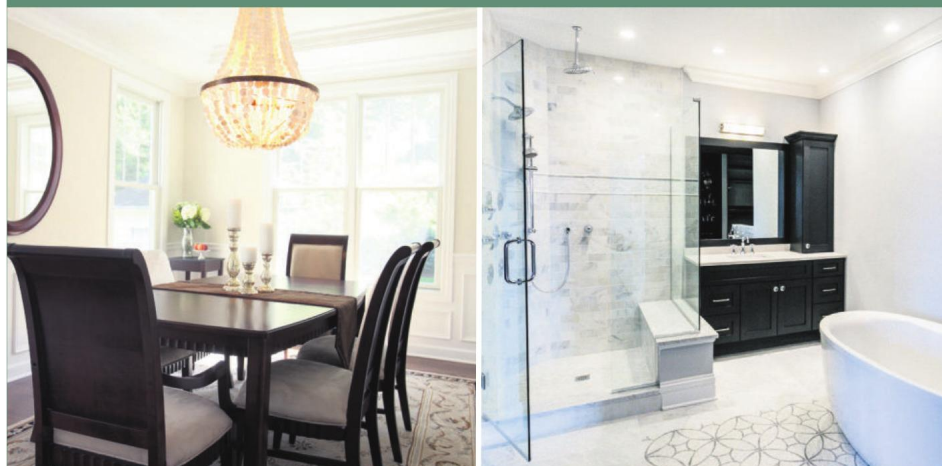
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The Townes at Ashcroft Walk grand opening to be held July 20

Interested townhome buyers who have been awaiting the opening of model homes at The Townes at Ashcroft Walk are invited to the grand opening of four professionally decorated model homes.

The grand opening will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, July 20, and light refreshments will be served. City officials will be on hand for the grand opening, and the public is cordially invited.

Grand opening incentives include full basements, an uncommon feature in area townhomes, and a free patio will be added for those buyers who purchase during the grand opening.

"During preview sales, the Townes at Ashcroft Walk have been selling quickly for several reasons," says Pat Curran, president of West Point Builders. "The Townes are located in a master-planned community close to downtown Oswego and within a short walk to elementary, middle and high schools. The townhomes offer quality-built designs for every buyer preference, and they are affordably priced, starting from \$194,990. The homes include two-car garages, generous outdoor living space and many have pond views. The grand opening will enable visitors to receive the full impact of these well-designed and appointed homes."

Another reason why the Townes at Ashcroft Walk have attracted attention is because the available home designs include a ranch plan, a design that is not available elsewhere in Oswego.

"The ranch plan and the home with the first-floor master bedroom are popular with empty-nesters and others who are downsizing," Curran says. "Some buyers who frequently entertain family or friends

from out of town like the flexibility of a plan that lives like a ranch but has private upstairs space for guests. And, the two-story plans are consistently popular with townhomes buyers."

The four townhome designs range in size from 1,395 to 1,935 square feet, with two or three bedrooms (optional third per plan), lofts per plan, two or 2½ baths, full basements and two-car attached garages.

The 1,775-square-foot Cypress is ideal for residents who desire convenient ranch living but who also want private space for guests among their family and friends.

Visitors during the Townes grand opening can also view a beautiful model home at Ashcroft Place, the sister neighborhood to The Townes. Ashcroft Place offers semi-custom, single-family homes, and a model home is open for viewing. Prices range from \$304,990 to \$359,990, and two ranch plans and a pair of two-story designs range in size from 2,003 to 3,200 square feet.

Grand opening incentives are still in effect for a limited time; they include \$10,000 in free options for single-family homes and no site premiums for sites with pond views.

Ashcroft Place and The Townes at Ashcroft Walk are located at Plainfield and Wooley Roads in Oswego, and the sales center is located at 193 Dorset Drive. Sales center hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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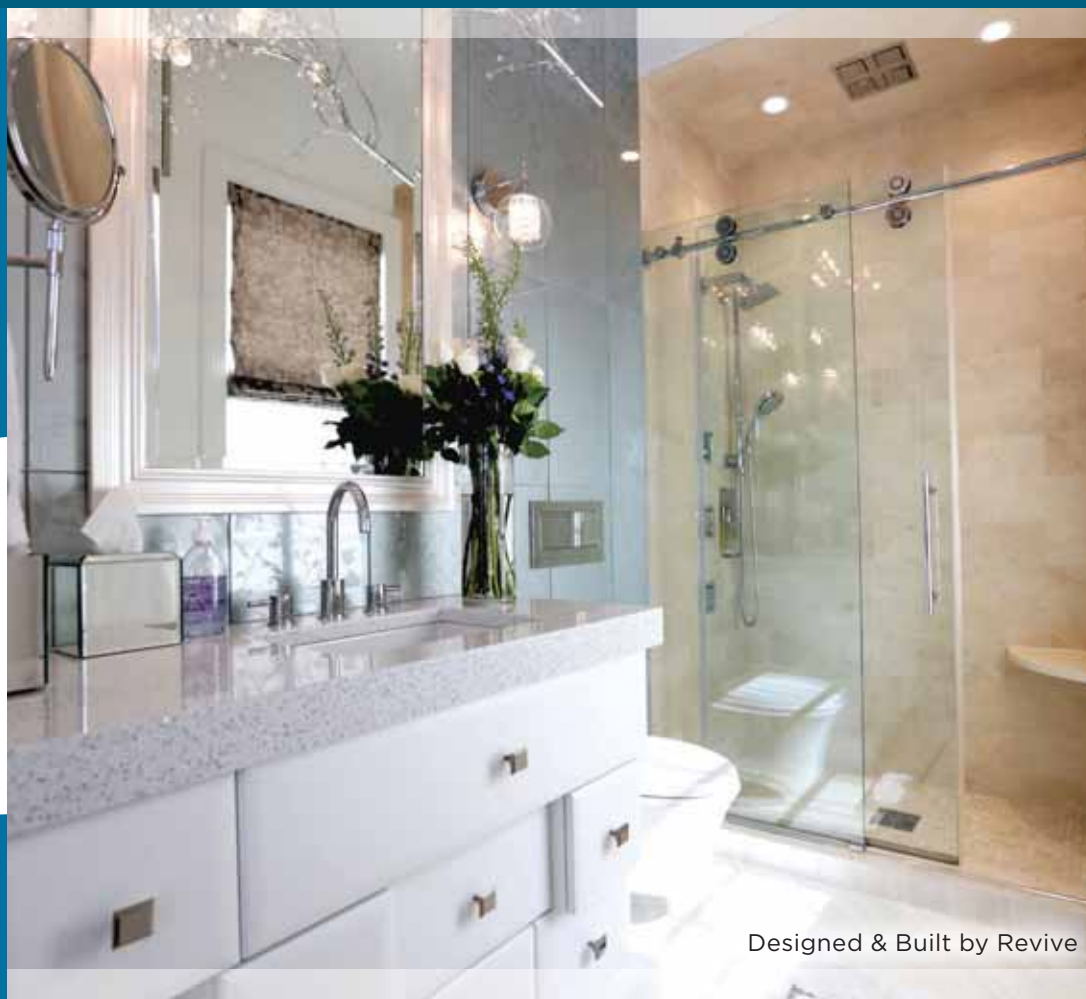
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