

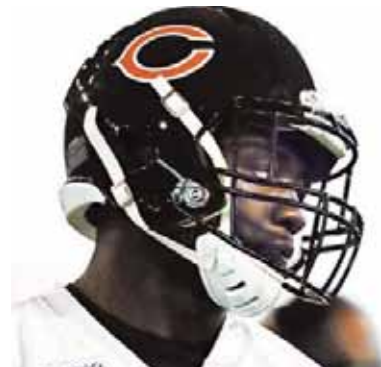
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Thousands of youths in gang databases

Critics say CPD records out-of-date, skewed, harmful

By ANNIE SWEENEY AND PAIGE FRY
Chicago Tribune

Nearly 33,000 juveniles arrested over about the last two decades have been labeled by Chicago police as gang members, according to police data.

The records, released as a result of an open records fight by the Chicago Tribune, provide the first look at gang data kept by the Police Department for those 17 or younger, most of whom were African-Americans and Hispanics from historically violent neighborhoods such as Lawndale and Back of the Yards.

At the time of their arrest, 13 of the juveniles were just 10 years old. About 60 were 11. And more than 300 were 12, a Tribune analysis of the records showed.

Experts cautioned that labeling juveniles as gang members can create a stigma that causes lifelong problems for them yet serves little purpose for police.

The Police Department defends its gang databases, saying they remain an important tool in fighting what drives much of Chicago's violence. However, the department has promised reforms in how people end up listed as gang members and in how they can remove their names.

The records released to the Tribune through a Free-

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Lead pastor Heather Larson and elders announced their resignations Wednesday during a meeting at Willow Creek church in South Barrington.

Willow Creek pastor, elders step down, offer apology

Say they failed to take founder to task for behavior with women

By MANYA BRACHEAR PASHMAN | Chicago Tribune

Answering critics' calls to let new leaders shepherd northwest suburban Willow Creek Community Church, lead pastor Heather Larson and other church elders resigned Wednesday and apolo-

gized for mishandling allegations that church founder Bill Hybels engaged in improper behavior with women.

Larson and the elders announced their resignations Wednesday evening

during a packed congregational meeting at the church's South Barrington campus. Audience members applauded the elders' decision. But some people audibly groaned over Larson's announcement, and one even approached the stage in protest.

"It has become clear to me that this church needs a fresh start," Larson said. "This is really impor-

tant," she said. "Trust has been broken by leadership, and it doesn't return quickly. There is urgency to move us in a better direction."

Hybels stepped down from the helm of the megachurch in April following a Tribune investigation that revealed allegations of misconduct with women — including church employees — that

spanned decades. Women have continued to come forward with allegations, among them Hybels' former executive assistant, who told The New York Times that she was sexually harassed and fondled by the pastor for over two years in the 1980s. Hybels denied those allegations.

The alleged behavior

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Many NU buildings hinge on donations

New sports facility opens, next project stalled on funding

By DAWN RHODES
Chicago Tribune

From just about any vantage point, Northwestern University's newest building commands attention.

Floor-to-ceiling windows greet visitors to the Ryan Fieldhouse and Walter Athletics Center, a 96,135-square-foot behemoth looming over the lakefront on the northeast end of campus. The indoor sports facility features, among other amenities, a regulation-size practice field with a domed ceiling to accommodate the booming punts of its improving football team.



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The new Ryan Fieldhouse at Northwestern University was completed at the cost of \$270 million, some of which came from frequent donors Patrick and Shirley Ryan.

Northwestern has visions of another grand building to the south: the University Commons. It was scheduled to be completed in 2019 at a cost of \$150 million, a relative bargain compared with the \$270 million price tag for the new athletic complex. But donor support has

been lacking. For now, it exists only as a three-dimensional scale model on display in the basement of the aging Norris University Center, which it will eventually replace.

The two buildings — one realized, the other conceptualized — reflect one challenge universities face as

they seek private dollars to grow their institutions. College leaders identify their biggest priorities and work to match prospective donors with a giving opportunity compatible with their own philanthropic interests. But not every item

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GOP fears rise amid tight Ohio outcome

With race still up in air, Dem fervor soars in midterms

By MICHAEL FINNEGAN
Los Angeles Times



Democrat Danny O'Connor, left, and Republican favorite Troy Balderson.

Republicans' brush with defeat in an Ohio House district that President Donald Trump easily won fits the nationwide pattern for special elections during his White House tenure: Democrats are faring far better than they did in 2016.

Even if the final vote count confirms that GOP candidate Troy Balderson squeaked to a slim victory Tuesday, the lackluster support spells trouble for Republicans from coast to coast as they fight to keep control of the House in November's midterm elections.

"Whether it's Montana or Kansas or South Car-

olina or Arizona, Pennsylvania, now Ohio, Democrats have been overperforming that 2016 baseline, and I think that's good news for Democrats," said Nathan Gonzales, editor and publisher of the nonpartisan Inside Elections guide.

The fervor of the president's opposition was a potent force in the Ohio contest. Turnout was high in the Columbus suburbs that favor Democrats, but modest in rural areas that backed Trump in 2016.

"Democratic energy

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How ERs handled gunshot victims

A surge in violence last weekend meant Chicago-area hospitals stayed busy. **Chicagoland**, Page 4

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Amid remodeling and expansion, the chain is accelerating its launch of more premium products. **Business**

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But Pentagon eyeing "U.S. Space Command" that would conduct military ops. **Nation & World**, Page 10



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JOHN KASS

Civility left off menu at Auntie Maxine's cafe

What does an alleged "white supremacist" like Candace Owens — who is a black conservative — eat for breakfast while being attacked by angry white leftists at a diner?

Salted caramel banana French toast? Quinoa porridge?

Or perhaps just an English muffin and coffee, to go, before the crazy white lefties throw more stuff?

It happened to Owens, spokeswoman for the conservative pro-Trump organization Turning Point USA, and the group's founder, Charlie Kirk, when they sat down to breakfast the other day at the Green Eggs cafe in Philadelphia.

Green Eggs restaurant manager Malik Joe told The Washington Post that at first, he thought the angry mob was a bunch of vegans. But given their diet, most vegans tend to be peace-loving, though the militant ones can go crazy if you provoke them with mentions of veal.

Joe quickly realized the people in his restaurant who were throwing things and screaming at Owens and Kirk were politically motivated. Someone dumped a cup of water on Kirk.

"The protesters were screaming 'White Supremacist' and something about immigrants," Joe was quoted as saying.

As the son and grandson of immigrants who made a living in the food business, serving customers regardless of their politics, I am horrified by this story.

My grandfather, Papou Pete Kefalas, a physically strong and wily man, ran restaurants. He believed that hospitality required him to protect his customers.

If rude customers attacked others, he had a habit of hanging their jackets from the coat hooks on the wall — with the rude customers in the jackets. There they would be safe, unharmed, left to kick with their feet off the floor, until police arrived.

But you can't do that nowadays. You'll get sued.

What happened the other day to Owens and Kirk at the Green Eggs restaurant is so wrong on so many levels.

But American politics apparently

won't be happy until it ruins everyone's meal and we eat breakfast like the Venezuelans, in complete fear, if at all.

And is it idiotic that a conservative black woman can be called a "white supremacist" by white lefties? Yes, but then much of American politics has become unhinged.

At Green Eggs, police arrived, and given this was a modern mob scene, people whipped out their phones and took video that went viral, and they also got their Twitter thumbs working.

Owens tweeted: "Charlie Kirk and I just got ATTACKED and protested by ANTIFA for eating breakfast. They are currently following us through Philly. ALL BLACK AND HISPANIC police force protecting us as they scream."

It's all become quite a story, and the protesters' comments captured on video are too vulgar for me to reprint.

It all comes just few weeks after Democratic U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters of California exhorted a crowd of supporters to rout those who support President Donald Trump.

"If you see anybody from that Cabinet in a restaurant, in a department store, at a gasoline station, you get out and you create a crowd and you push back on them, and you tell them they're not welcome anymore, anywhere," Waters said.

Owens and Kirk are not members of Trump's Cabinet, but they do support him, and they were forced to leave Green Eggs with a police escort, and without breakfast.

Apparently Auntie Maxine's menu is being followed to the letter.

"This is ...Maxine Waters' America," Kirk tweeted. "She called for these sort of attacks..."

He said that ANTIFA threatened them with "death."

"This is the face of the Democrats," he tweeted. "Conservatives aren't safe."

Democrats don't like this story for obvious reasons, although some went on TV to suggest it was all made up, but Owens put them in their place.

It's all quite stupid and brutal, but it does give America a taste for what's coming when the left takes over. And if they don't take over it could be

worse.

Conservatives might not be able to have a meal at an American lunch counter.

Democrats and Republicans, and Socialists too, should be allowed to eat in a restaurant without people with bullhorns screaming and throwing biscuits.

As I said earlier, my family are immigrants, and they went into the food business to make a living. They paid taxes and legend has it that they even fed the families of the city food inspectors, who always carried bags full of steaks out the door.

One evening at Papou Pete's place in Guelph, Ontario, called The Zenith, a group of drunks made a terrible scene.

Papou's brother, Uncle Bill, was in the kitchen, frying up some fish and chips.

The unruly crowd weren't politically motivated. They were motivated by rye whiskey.

One was a drunken Canadian woman, and she started it. One of the men with her said something extremely vulgar to my grandmother.

Another shouted at Papou Pete to show some respect, saying he fought in the war and wasn't going to take any (guff) from "a (deleted) DP."

This angered Papou Pete, who had fought in two wars, World War I and World War II, for Canada.

When the police came they found a couple of drunks on the ground and others on coat hooks, unharmed, sheepishly kicking their feet.

But the drunken woman was screaming in the back room.

"What's that?" shouted a policeman.

It was crazy Uncle Bill, sticking her head in the toilet.

Don't worry, she lived.

It was the talk of the town for a while. And from then on, customers could eat in peace.

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REX W. HUPPKE

I'd like to ask each and every Illinois politician and political candidate scrambling to condemn this past weekend's outbreak of gun violence in Chicago to please shut up.

All of you. Please. You're flapping your gums and pointing fingers and tossing out useless bromides and generally making nuisances of yourselves.

Take Democratic gubernatorial candidate J.B. Pritzker, who on Tuesday saw fit to leverage Chicago's insanely violent weekend — 74 shot, 12 killed — to go after Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, blaming the governor for the shootings. Pritzker said funding cuts to social service programs under Rauner's watch have led to an uptick in gun violence across Illinois.

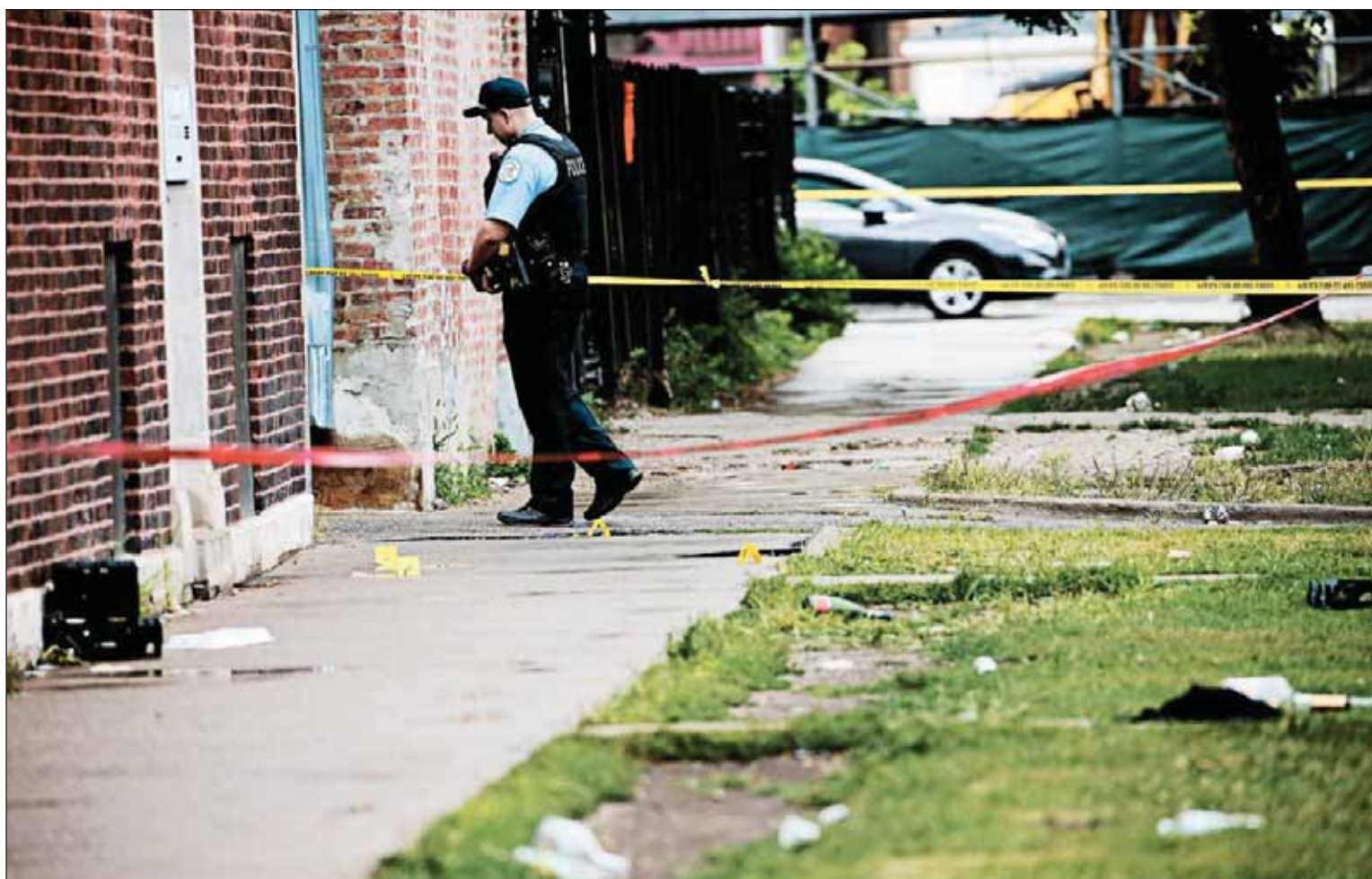
Please explain to me, Mr. Pritzker, how that's helpful right now. I'm one of the last people anyone would expect to stand up for Rauner, and I agree that properly funded social service programs are a key to stemming violence in Chicago and elsewhere, but what good does a transparently political jab like that do in this moment?

I'll answer that: none.

Rauner's campaign called Pritzker's comment "shameful," and I agree. Unless your mouth is able to utter some sensible, well-thought-out, comprehensive solutions to a problem that has plagued Chicago for decades — a problem no politician or political candidate past or present has seen fit to properly address — then silence is your best option.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel is dispatching hundreds of additional police officers into the neighborhoods overwhelmed by recent shootings, and that's good. He speaks with emotion I believe is sincere, and I don't envy him the burden of being in charge of a city so violent.

But he also talks about "a shortage of values about what is right and what is wrong" and points fingers at neighborhoods where people rarely come forward to out the ones pulling triggers. They



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A police officer surveys a shooting scene Sunday on the West Side. Between 3 p.m. Friday and 6 a.m. Monday, 74 people were shot and 12 killed.

Chicago is not better than what we saw this past weekend. Chicago is exactly what we saw over the weekend.

don't come forward because they're scared and don't trust the police, and a lot of that is on you, Mr. Mayor, because you're running the show.

How about a comprehensive plan? How about putting neighborhoods that are hope vacuums and dead-body factories ahead of improvements to the downtown riverwalk? How about something besides a news conference when the heat gets turned up after a particularly bad weekend?

"We are better than what we saw," Emanuel said.

What a useless, and factually

incorrect, statement. Chicago is not better than what we saw this past weekend. Chicago is exactly what we saw this weekend, and it has been that way, with varying degrees of intensity, for ages.

I know it. The people hearing gunshots each and every day on the South Side or losing children on the West Side know it. And all these politicians who try to explain away the problem or find a quick fix or pounce on the issue to place blame on an opponent? They know it too.

And what they give us as a solution is either nonsense or goals devoid of specificity.

Mayoral candidate and former police Superintendent Garry McCarthy mocked Emanuel for dancing at a music festival. Super. That's really helping things out, buddy.

Former Chicago Public Schools CEO Paul Vallas, also a candidate for mayor, went after Emanuel for not having enough detectives to handle the city's endless waves of shooting cases. He may well be

right, but he's addressing only a piece of a multipronged problem and doing so to serve his own ambitions, so it's of little help to anyone else.

Another mayoral candidate, former Police Board President Lori Lightfoot, released a statement saying: "Taking on gun violence goes far beyond policing: It's about ending poverty and reversing decades of disinvestment through quality schools, career training, social services, and jobs in neighborhoods that have been ignored for too long."

Correct! But those are a bunch of words that Chicagoans dealing with "decades of disinvestment" have heard a thousand times before. How about a statement explaining, in great detail, how you would do all those things? How would you pay for them? Who are the smartest people you can find to advise you on those plans?

Absent that, Lightfoot's statement is no more helpful than Pritzker's finger-pointing or

McCarthy's commentary on the mayor's decision to dance.

There is no more important issue in this city than the number of people murdered each day.

Yet there's no reason for any human being in Chicago to believe any politician has even the foggiest notion how to remedy the city's deeply dug-in problem of gangs and poverty and gun violence, or even the inclination to honestly figure it out. To confirm that statement, just look at the number of homicides year in and year out in the same parts of the city.

The problem can be fixed, but not without an all-encompassing plan, a lot of money and a lot of time.

Our chattering politicians aren't offering anything of consequence.

So I say to them, as nicely as possible: Please shut up. At least until you're ready to actually do some good.

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74 victims: How ERs handled them

Doctors try to keep pace as shootings surge

By **ELVIA MALAGON**
Chicago Tribune

Some came by ambulance, others by car, but in the span of about an hour Sunday morning, nine shooting victims arrived at Mount Sinai Hospital on the fringes of Chicago's West Side, where much of the past weekend's stunning violence unfolded.

"Four of which were critical and ... dying, and actually one of the four came with no heartbeat, wasn't breathing, and had gunshots all over his abdomen and chest," said Dr. Jonathan Bean, a trauma surgeon at Mount Sinai.

Extra doctors were called in to work at Mount Sinai, anchored at the corner of Ogden and California avenues, over the weekend to deal with the influx of shooting victims, Bean said, adding: "We needed extra people to triage and do evaluating."

The hospital ended up seeing at least 13 of the city's reported 74 shooting victims between 3 p.m. Friday and 6 a.m. Monday. It was one of the most violent weekends since at least 2016, according to data compiled by the Tribune. Citywide, a dozen of the 70-plus victims died.

The violence has prompted Mayor Rahm Emanuel and his top cop, Eddie Johnson, to redeploy hundreds of police officers to some of the city's most violent areas.

The mayor, who's facing criticism over the violence as he gears up for a reelection battle, said that on Monday he stopped in to thank medical staff at a few of the area hospitals.

"I was going to Mount Sinai and Stroger Hospital... to hug the doctors and nurses, the medical teams. While they acted professionally, they, too, have a soul," the mayor said, add-



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Police block the doors of the Stroger Hospital ER waiting area Sunday. Many were asked to leave due to crowds of family and friends of shooting victims.

ing that he wanted to "let them know how much I appreciated what they did this weekend."

On Tuesday, religious leaders showed up at Stroger to pray for the victims and the doctors. The Rev. James Brooks, of Harmony Community Church in Lawndale, said several of his parishioners attended a block party that later turned into the scene of one of the shootings that had multiple victims.

"It was just an overwhelming, unfortunate situation," Brooks said about this past weekend.

Stroger Hospital treated the largest number of gunshot victims — at least 21 or nearly one-third of the 70-plus shot across the city — this past weekend. Mount Sinai logged the second-largest number of victims.

The University of Chicago Medical Center

treated at least 12 victims. Other hospitals, from Roseland Community Hospital on the South Side to Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in the North Side's Lakeview community, saw a smaller number of victims.

At Stroger, the influx of victims meant only immediate family members could visit injured loved ones, hospital officials said. That was done so "the medical team could offer their full attention to the patients in our care," according to a statement from the hospital.

"We had an unusually high number of patients that came in," said Dr. Faran Bokhari, the chairman of the trauma and burns unit at Stroger. "It was not the highest ever. It certainly was within the range of what we see, unfortunately, sometimes on weekends."

At Mount Sinai, hospital officials also limited visitation to immediate family, which is the standard policy, said Dan Regan, a spokesman for the hospital.

And at one point Sunday, Mount Sinai went on "bypass" — meaning ambulances were diverted to different hospitals. Busy hospitals that are short on beds or overloaded with adult patients will go on temporary bypass, explained Larry Langford, a spokesman for the Chicago Fire Department.

Regan said another reason the hospital opted to go on bypass status was because it saw several walk-in victims — meaning they didn't arrive by ambulance. If they're dropped off by vehicle, the vehicle itself can be a crime scene and must stay put, even if it's outside the hospital entrance, until police process

it for evidence.

Hospital bypasses can be overridden if someone has suffered a traumatic injury and it's the best option to take the patient to that hospital, Langford said.

But, he added: "If they (the hospital) are literally overloaded, it's probably not best for the patient."

Bokhari, from Stroger, said the hospital did not go on bypass during the weekend and was capable of handling the high number of gunshot victims. He said the actual number of gunshot victims isn't as important as understanding why they were injured, and he called on lawmakers to tighten gun laws.

"It's not important what the number is. Even one patient injured is unacceptable," he said.

Bean said that at Sinai, the team of doctors he worked with debriefed after

the wave of patients to assess what they could have done better and what they did right. Doctors with the most experience were assigned the most critical patients, he said.

"It's a very taxing event," Bean said. "And it's very important for everyone to have a social support network, especially for the physicians at Mount Sinai. Everyone's there to help each other out. A lot of us are friends and there to support each other."

Sunday morning, when the emergency room saw nine shooting victims come through the emergency room, Bean was just halfway through his shift. He went on to work an additional 24 hours.

Chicago Tribune's Annie Sweeney contributed.

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Mikita had beautiful friendship with young fan battling cancer



HEIDI STEVENS

Off the hockey rink, away from the Hall of Fame induction and the United Center trophy unveiling and the Stanley Cup wins, Stan Mikita was a friend to Ross MacNeill.

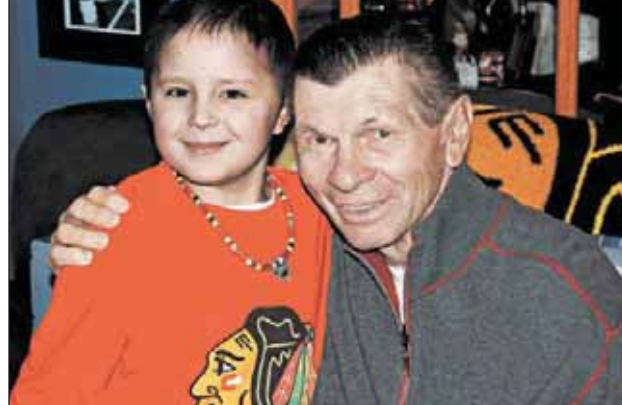
Ross was a hockey-playing kid from Wheaton who was diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumor in 2009, the summer before he started second grade.

I wrote about Ross last fall after interviewing his mom, Kim MacNeill, about the Ross K. MacNeill Foundation, which she launched in her son's honor to raise money for pediatric brain cancer research. The 4-year-old nonprofit hit the \$1 million mark in December.

When I went to MacNeill's house, she showed me framed photos of Ross and Mikita and told me stories about the friendship that blossomed between the two kindred spirits — separated in age by a few decades, connected by a love for hockey.

I thought about MacNeill on Tuesday night, when news arrived that Mikita had passed away at age 78. I asked her if she'd like to share a story or two about what Mikita meant to Ross, which I believe is an important part of the hockey great's legacy.

The first time Mikita



FAMILY PHOTO 2010

Ross MacNeill, of Wheaton, became friends with Chicago Blackhawks legend Stan Mikita while battling brain cancer.

came to meet Ross and his older sister, Rachel, was Dec. 16, 2010. MacNeill remembers prepping the kids to be respectful of his time and have anything they'd like him to sign lined up and ready to go.

"I remember telling them, 'He's a busy person, and he'll probably need to scoot along,'" MacNeill said Wednesday. "If he spends a half an hour with us, that's incredible."

He stayed for more than two.

"He sits down on the sofa next to Ross, and he starts telling hockey stories, and pretty soon the two of them have their shoes off and their sock feet propped up on our ottoman," MacNeill said. "Then, classic Ross, he says, 'Mom, do you think we could have a snack?'"

"Ross always offered his buddies snacks when they came over," she said. "That was Ross saying, 'Stan's my buddy, so we do what we do. We offer a snack.' I

think I served something impressive like Goldfish."

While Ross battled 2 1/2 more years of chemotherapy, radiation and experimental treatments, Mikita came back for periodic visits. Never with a photographer. Never with a Chicago Blackhawks representative. Sometimes with his wife, Jill.

On Christmas Day 2012, Mikita called to ask MacNeill if Ross and Rachel would like to meet Blackhawks standout Marian Hossa. A few days later, the two of them showed up at her house.

"Same thing — feet up on the ottoman, laughing, snacks, hockey stories between Stan Mikita and Ross, Stan Mikita and Marian Hossa," MacNeill said.

It was a beautiful reminder to MacNeill that her boy would know much love and joy during his too-short time on Earth.

Ross started playing hockey when he was 4. Shortly after he was diag-

nosed with cancer, he was finishing a stint at the old Children's Memorial Hospital in Lincoln Park when a hospital staffer put in a call to the Blackhawks. She told them Ross always slept with a jersey spread across his pillow, usually No. 33 — Dustin Byfuglien.

The team invited Ross and his family to watch a game and meet Byfuglien, and that was the beginning of the family's friendship with the team, particularly Mikita.

In May 2013, Stan and Jill Mikita attended Ross' wake, along with coach Joel Quenneville and his wife, Elizabeth, Hossa and several other players and executives from the team's front office.

The wake fell in the middle of the Blackhawks Stanley Cup playoffs. "There was a very extensive line for the wake for my son," MacNeill said. "Each of them were offered several times to cut in line, pay their respects to my family and be escorted out, and not one of them took people up on it. Even though they had to travel to a semifinals game in a few days."

MacNeill said an image popped in her head as soon as she heard about Mikita's death.

"I can only imagine, in heaven, the request went out, 'Who would like to welcome Stan Mikita?'" she told me Wednesday through tears. "And I know who got the job. I know who got the job."

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Ill. officials: Russian hackers hit data of 76K voters, not 500K

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State Board of Elections officials said Wednesday that federal officials investigating Russian hacking involving the 2016 election confirmed the state's initial assessment that 76,000 voters had their personal data compromised — despite a figure of 500,000 voters contained in a recent indictment.

State election officials and representatives from the FBI and Special Counsel Robert Mueller's office talked last week. Their discussion followed Mueller's July 13 indictment of 13 Russian operatives for alleged hacking.

The federal indictment alleged the website of an unnamed state board of elections had been infiltrated and hackers "stole information related to approximately 500,000 voters, including names, addresses, partial Social Security numbers, dates of birth and driver's license numbers."

But in a letter from Board of Elections Executive Director Steve Sandvoss to Gov. Bruce Rauner, legislative leaders and members of the state's congressional delegation, the board's original assessment was validated. "We want you to know that we received assurances from the federal officials that our initial assessment was correct and no additional notifications are needed," Sandvoss wrote.

"While declining to

provide details on their calculation of the figure in the indictment, the officials affirmed our public statement that the discrepancy 'may have been arrived at using a different methodology prescribed under federal criminal code,'" he wrote.

While the different numbers represent a technicality, the conversation with federal investigators provides the first formal notification that Russian operatives breached the statewide voter database in 2016 after years of speculation.

The hacking was discovered in July 2016. No voter data was manipulated, and since the state board doesn't tally votes, no election outcomes could have been affected.

Of the 76,000 voters who were notified by the state that their information was at risk, none reported any suspicious activity to the attorney general's office.

"With election security a major public concern as we approach the November election, we hope this (information) helps to allay concerns among you and your constituents about the safety of their voter registration data at this critical time," Sandvoss wrote. "We continue to enact measures to ensure the safety of all our systems and bolster public confidence in the integrity of our election system."

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2 new exotic species found in Great Lakes

Vital question for conservationists is how species arrived

By **TONY BRISCOE**
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Cornell University researchers have confirmed two new exotic species, both about the size of a flea, have established themselves in the Great Lakes, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The arrival and staying power of both species in western Lake Erie remains a mystery to scientists who say it is the farthest north either has been tracked in the Western Hemisphere. Though neither is considered an invasive species because they have been found in low abundance compared with native zooplankton, they now join the more than 180 foreign species that have crept into the Great Lakes, which has one of the highest numbers of non-indigenous species in the world.

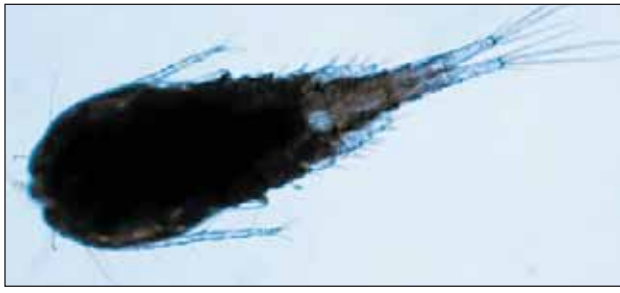
While experts say their introduction to the planet's largest system of fresh water is alarming, the discovery validates arguments from public officials and environmental groups who say monitoring is necessary for early detection.

Cornell has been monitoring zooplankton populations in all five of the Great Lakes since 2012, but the new species were located through a separate program funded by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, which has provided billions of dollars in federal funding for conservation and restoration.

This month, the U.S. Senate voted to fund the program with \$300 million, breaking with President Donald Trump's proposed budget that sought to cut funds to \$30 million. The appropriations bill still needs to be signed by Trump by Oct. 1 to secure funding, but at a public meeting this week Chris Korleski, director of the EPA's Great Lakes National Program Office based in Chicago, said he was "optimistic."

"We now have information about the presence of a non-native species that we didn't have before" and wouldn't have had without the restoration program, Korleski said Wednesday.

Every spring and summer, Cornell researchers in the EPA's research vessel, the Lake Guardian, tow nets across 72 areas in the Great Lakes to monitor zooplankton populations. But in recent years, as part of the restoration program, they've searched closer to shore, sifting through Lake Erie's pea-green waters.



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Cornell researchers detected new zooplankton species in Lake Erie, including the copepod *Mesocyclops pehpeiensis*.

While non-native zooplankton species are considered rare, Cornell researchers have discovered four in the past three years, all in western Lake Erie.

"Generally speaking, western Lake Erie has the most diverse assemblages of these species out there, probably because of how nutrient rich it is, and how different it is than the other Great Lakes," said Cornell taxonomist Joe Connolly. "It's shallow, it's relatively warm and you get a lot of strange things there."

Plankton serve as the base of the food chain because they are the staple of several small fish species' diets and they help sustain the Great Lakes' \$7 billion fishing industry.

Cornell's team of six trained taxonomists examine thousands of samples through high-powered microscopes. "When they see something unusual they definitely get kind of excited and try to figure out what it is," said James Watkins, a senior research associate. "It's often a big detective story."

It's unclear what risk these species could pose because their ecological impacts when they were introduced in the southern U.S. haven't been studied, according to Cornell researchers. The university will continue to track the extent of the population and further assess potential risk.

Henry Vanderploeg, a research ecologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said these species resemble some native species of zooplankton. For that reason, they don't outwardly have characteristics that would make them impervious to predators.

Because the new species are acclimated to warmer weather, Vanderploeg said, they may have a competitive advantage in the summer months. "They could potentially compete," Vanderploeg said. "Whether they will be the winners or not is another question."

A more pressing question for conservationists is how did the species arrive.

The two zooplankton species were detected in western Lake Erie between 2015 and 2017. *Mesocyclops pehpeiensis*, a predatory species native to tropical

and temperate areas of Asia that feeds on other species of zooplankton and the larvae of mosquitoes, has been found near Ohio's East Harbor State Park. *Diphanosoma fluviatile*, a filter-feeding zooplankton originally from Central and South America and the Caribbean, was found in the Maumee River near Toledo Harbor.

Mesocyclops is believed to have arrived in the U.S. on aquatic plants from Asia. Less is known about *Diphanosoma fluviatile*, which researchers speculate could have hitchhiked with migratory birds.

So far, all of the non-native zooplankton species have only been spotted in western Lake Erie. The population of *Thermocyclops crassus*, another non-native zooplankton discovered by Cornell researchers in 2014, has grown and spread somewhat. But researchers say it might be difficult for them to move too far given the lack of oxygen in the central part of Lake Erie and the deeper, clearer waters on the east side.

Farther north, in lakes Michigan and Huron, fast-filtering invasive mussel species have decimated zooplankton populations, dramatically cleaning their waters, which are now clearer than Lake Superior, researchers say.

In the past, invasive species such as zebra and quagga mussels have entered the Great Lakes by stowing away in the ballast tanks of international ships. But environmental groups have argued that once a foreign species has entered the Great Lakes, ships that trek from one to another could help the species spread.

"Today's announcement is a reminder for the Great Lakes region of the need for strong ballast water standards and ballast water treatment on board all ships operating on the Great Lakes," said Molly Flanagan, vice president of policy for the nonprofit Alliance for the Great Lakes, in a statement.

"Additionally, it is a reminder of the critical need for ongoing monitoring for new non-native species in the Great Lakes."

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Bill aimed at fair wages reaches Rauner

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Democrats are pressuring Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner to sign legislation that would prevent employers from asking a job applicant about his or her previous salary, saying it would help women who are often paid less than their male counterparts.

The move comes while Rauner and Democratic governor candidate J.B. Pritzker each seek to build support ahead of the November election, as the issue may resonate among moderate suburban women who represent a key voting bloc for any Republican running statewide.

"It is an issue they care about, but it's also an issue that you'll notice has been covered nationwide, the inequity of pay, about how women make less than men," said sponsoring Sen. Cristina Castro, D-Elgin. Castro added the measure also could help level the playing field for people of color and older workers who face tougher hurdles in the job market.

The idea is that someone who makes a low wage is often unable to get ahead if their new job's salary is based on what they were previously paid. Instead,

employers should simply offer new hires what they think the position deserves, advocates argue. Some business groups oppose the legislation, saying it could open employers up to more lawsuits. Sponsors said they made adjustments to the proposal in order to limit those concerns, but opponents contend those changes didn't go far enough.

Rauner vetoed similar legislation last year, saying while the "gender wage gap must be eliminated," Illinois should follow a law in Massachusetts that gives employers a bit more wiggle room.

The Massachusetts law makes it unlawful for an employer to seek a job candidate's compensation history, including pay and benefits, unless it is a matter of public record or the applicant is a current employee applying for another position within the company. But it also allows employers to seek pay history after they have offered a candidate the job and salary. That could allow employers to increase an offer to make it more appealing, or could reduce an employee's raise or bonus down the road if it is revealed he or she was earning much less before.

While lawmakers approved the measure earlier this year, they didn't send it to the governor's office until this week amid fears he'd veto it again. Democrats who control the General Assembly have a similar hold on legislation that would license gun retailers across Illinois, another idea Rauner has vetoed in the past.

A spokeswoman for Rauner said the wage history measure is one of hundreds under review by the administration and his office will "comment at the appropriate time."

Sponsors say they remain hopeful.

"With some of the changes we made this year, we are hoping that he will recognize the importance of the bill and its popularity and support both inside the General Assembly and with the general public and he will sign it this year," said Rep. Anna Moeller, an Elgin Democrat.

Pritzker, meanwhile, said the bill would be "one of the first I sign as governor" should Rauner again reject the proposal and Democrats retake the governor's office following the November election.

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Break Free from Neuropathy with a New Supportive Care Cream

A patented relief cream stands to help millions of Americans crippled from the side effects of neuropathy by increasing sensation and blood flow wherever it's applied

A recent breakthrough stands to help millions of Americans plagued by burning, tingling and numb legs and feet.

But this time it comes in the form of a cream, not a pill, suggesting the medical community may have been going about the problem all wrong.

The breakthrough, called Diabasens, is a new relief cream developed for managing the relentless discomfort caused by neuropathy.

When applied directly to the legs and feet, it causes arteries and blood vessels to expand, increasing the flow of warm, nutrient rich blood to damaged tissue.

However, what's most remarkable about the cream...and what makes it so brilliant...is that it contains one of the only natural substances known to activate a special sensory pathway right below the surface of the skin.

This pathway is called TRAP1 and it controls the sensitivity of nerves. In laymen terms, it determines whether you feel pins and needles or soothing relief.

Studies show that symptoms of neuropathy arise when the nerves in your legs deteriorate and blood flow is lost to the areas which surround them.

As the nerves begin to die, sensation is lost. This lack of sensation is what causes the feelings of burning, tingling and numbness.

This is why the makers of Diabasens say their cream has performed so well in a recent clinical use survey trial. It increases sensation and blood flow where ever it's applied.

**No Pills,
No Prescriptions,
No Agony**

Until now, many doctors have failed to consider a topical cream as an effective way to manage neuropathy. Diabasens is proving it may be the only way going forward.

"Most of today's treatment methods have focused on minimizing discomfort instead of attacking its underlining cause. That's why millions of adults are still in excruciating pain every single day, and are constantly dealing with side effects" explains Dr. Esber, the creator of Diabasens.

"Diabasens is different. Since the most commonly reported symptoms – burning, tingling and numb legs and feet – are caused by lack of sensation of the nerves, we've designed the formula increase their sensitivity.

And since these nerves are located right below the skin, we've chosen to formulate it as a cream. This allows for the ingredients to get to them faster and without any drug like side effects" he adds.

Study Finds Restoring Sensation the Key To Effective, Long Lasting Relief

With the conclusion of their latest human clinical use survey trial, Dr. Esber and his team are now offering Diabasens nationwide. And regardless



Topical Creams Offer Sufferers a Safer, More Effective Avenue of Relief: Diabasens increases sensation and blood flow wherever its applied. It's now being used to relieve painful legs and feet.

of the market, its sales are exploding.

Men and women from all over the country are eager to get their hands on the new cream and, according to the results initial users reported, they should be.

In the trial above, as compared to baseline, participants taking Diabasens saw a staggering 51% increase sensitivity in just one week. This resulted in significant relief from burning, tingling and numbness throughout their legs.

Many participants taking Diabasens described feeling much more balanced and comfortable throughout the day. They also noticed that after applying, there was a pleasant warming sensation that was remarkably soothing.

Diabasens Users Demand More

Many of Diabasens users say their legs have never felt better. For the first time in years, they are able to walk free from the symptoms which have made life hard.

"I have been using the cream now for about ten days. It has given me such relief.

I've had very bad foot pain from injuries and overuse of my feet for years which have contributed to severe itching/tingling and pain for some time. (My father also suffered from this pain and itching. I wish I would have had this for him.)

The first time I used the cream, I felt an almost immediate relief from this.

I now use it at least twice a day: once in the morning before work and once at night before I sleep.

I am so delighted with this. It has helped my walking, also. It has helped generate feeling again in my feet," raves Marsha A. from Texas

- Diabasens is shown to provide relief from:**
- Burning
 - Swelling
 - Tingling
 - Heaviness
 - Numbness
 - Cold extremities

Targets Nerve Damage Right Below the Skins Surface

Diabasens is a topical cream that is to be applied to your legs and feet twice a day for the first two

weeks then once a day after. It does not require a prescription.

The active ingredient is a compound known as cinnamaldehyde.

Studies show that neuropathy and nerve pain is caused when the peripheral nerves breakdown and blood is unable to circulate into your legs and feet.

As these nerves deteriorate, sensation is lost. This is why you may not feel hot or cold and your legs and feet may burn, tingle and go numb.

Additionally, without proper blood flow, tissues and cells in these areas begin to die, causing unbearable pain.

The cinnamaldehyde in Diabasens is one of the only compounds in existence that can activate TRPA1, a special sensory pathway that runs through your entire body.

According to research, activating this pathway (which can only be done with a cream) increases the sensitivity of nerves, relieving feelings of tingling and numbness in your legs and feet.

Supporting ingredients boost blood flow, supplying the nerves with the nutrients they need for increased sensation.

Amazing Relief Exactly Where You Need It

With daily use, Diabasens users report remarkable improvements in their quality of life without of the negative side effects or interactions associated with prescription drugs.

Readers can now enjoy an entirely new level of comfort that's both safe and affordable. It is also extremely effective, especially if nothing else has worked.

Discounted Supply of Diabasens for Local Readers

This is the official release of Diabasens. As such, the company is offering a special discounted supply to any reader who calls within the next 48 hours.

A special hotline number and discounted pricing has been created for all Illinois residents. Discounts will be available starting today at 6:00AM and will automatically be applied to all callers.

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ER or an urgent care clinic? Where to take an injured child

With summer the 'trauma season,' experts give tips

By ESE OLUMHENSE
Chicago Tribune

Summer is fading like so many bathing suits on a clothesline, but for kids, this time of year is not only when school break dol-drumms set in but also when they're at increased risk of preventable injury.

Some local pediatric emergency doctors say that half of the traumatic injuries they see each year happen between May and September. More specifically, July and August are when the number of deaths from excessive heat, drownings, motor vehicles, and unintentional shootings for those under 18 typically peak, according to the Itasca-based National Safety Council, which has tracked preventable injuries and fatalities in the U.S. for 98 years.

"Summer is trauma season," said Dr. Charles Nozicka, director of emergency medicine at Advocate Children's Hospital in Park Ridge. During summer, he sees kids rushed in for bone-breaking falls, near-drownings and even heat exhaustion, among other seasonal injuries.

When accidents happen, knowing where to go for treatment is key, doctors agree. But where is better for treatment of summertime injuries and illness — an urgent care clinic or an emergency room? Some insights:

What to expect from an urgent care center: Ur-

gent care centers, which often fill the gap between primary care doctors and emergency rooms, have convenience and cost in their corners. Not counting retail-based clinics, there are roughly 240 urgent care centers in Illinois, according to data from the Urgent Care Association. The industry group estimates that illness and injury visits at urgent care centers typically cost \$115 to \$160. Patients here can also be seen sooner.

What to expect from an emergency room: Meanwhile, there are only a handful of pediatric emergency rooms in the area, which have doctors who specialize in children's care. Emergency rooms, though more expensive, are better able to deal with severe injuries and symptoms, like allergic reactions, difficulty breathing, or poisonings. Things like sunburn or insect bites (unless breathing is impaired) can usually be dealt with at an urgent care clinic.

Where should I go? That considered, two common summer injuries will likely need to be treated in an emergency room, doctors said: badly broken bones, or bones that look out of place, and long or deep wounds. (For very young kids, doctors advise parents call their pediatrician first, if possible. Even after hours, many offices do respond with guidance.)

If you bring your child to an urgent care clinic for either of these conditions, you will likely be referred to an emergency room any-

way, said Dr. Elizabeth Powell, an emergency medicine physician at Lurie Children's Hospital. "Many urgent cares can't do suturing, so it just takes a lot of time, and parents don't need to have waited in two places." And, Powell adds, "if you've got a broken bone that needs to have the alignment fixed, that can't be done in an urgent care," either.

On the other hand, some urgent care centers do stitches for less serious cuts, and some also treat less severe bone breaks.

Still, if you make an ER your first stop, expect to wait a bit for help.

"Most ERs are staffed by general ER doctors," said Nozicka, the local emergency care physician. "They see all comers, so they're not very efficient. Unless you have a true life-threatening emergency, you're not going to be seen right away."

Emergency rooms, which, like urgent care centers, won't have your child's medical history, also get "one shot at you," Nozicka said. As a result, emergency physicians tend to rule things out and often won't make a diagnosis. In the process, he said, "They tend to use imaging more than usual, and they also tend to order a lot of labs, which makes your visit longer, and which makes your visit less pleasant, especially if you're a child."

Translation: higher costs, even though 97 percent of children in Illinois are insured.

During summertime, play it safe, experts say: With schools out and tem-

peratures up, it's almost inevitable that kids will be soaking up the summer outdoors, sometimes unsupervised. The best treatment for seasonal accidents, experts say, is to prevent them. Ensuring kids wear helmets and protective gear when on bikes, skates and scooters; keeping pools fenced off when an adult isn't present; and being sure to use the proper safety seat restraints in a vehicle were among the top recommendations. Storing the number for the Poison Control Center (1-800-222-1222) in a parent's cellphone is also helpful.

Vigilance is key, especially when children are near water, all agreed.

"Children always need to be supervised by an attentive caregiver," said Deborah Hersman, president and CEO of the National Safety Council. "That means not reading, not being on a cellphone and not consuming alcohol."

It also means making that expectation clear for other caregivers, said Hersman, a self-proclaimed "Safety Mom." When in groups, she advises caregivers declare exactly who is watching young ones, and not simply assume that someone in the group is. Drowning, for instance, can take place quickly and quietly.

"There are a lot of ways to prevent some bad things from happening that are very easy to do," Nozicka said. "A lot of these injuries in the summertime are preventable."

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Inducing labor makes C-section less likely: Study

NU professor says old advice about 41 weeks is flawed

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Although doctors for years have advised pregnant women that inducing labor before 41 weeks increased the likelihood of cesarean birth, a sweeping study released Wednesday found that induction at 39 weeks actually reduces the chance of a C-section, while also decreasing other complications for mother and baby.

"In the past, induction at 39 weeks in low-risk women hasn't been offered — it's actually been withheld, forbidden, and patients were actively dissuaded from it," said Dr. William Grobman, a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, a Northwestern Medicine physician and the study's lead author.

The study's findings, being published Thursday in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, may prompt doctors and professional medical societies to dramatically change the way they advise pregnant women interested in inducing labor, Grobman said.

"In a world where the foundation for that inclination is no longer true, it seems to make sense to me that we would take a more patient-centered, individualized approach," he said.

For the study, more than 6,100 women from 41 sites around the country — including Northwestern Medicine — were divided into two groups.

One group waited for labor to begin on its own; the other underwent elective induction at 39 weeks of gestation.

Study investigators chose 39 weeks because that is when babies have reached full term and have a lower frequency of neonatal complications.

The research found that in the women who were induced at 39 weeks, 19 percent had a C-section delivery, compared with 22 percent of the women who were not induced — a statistically significant difference, researchers said.

In addition, women who were induced at 39 weeks experienced less gestational hypertension than those who were not induced. For mothers who were induced, 9 percent of the group experienced hypertension, compared with 14 percent of the mothers who were

not induced.

And while 4 percent of babies born without induction needed respiratory support, only 3 percent of those who were induced required breathing help, the study said.

Christine Escobar, 37, a first-time mother from Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood, said she agreed to participate in the study because she knew that doctors had mixed opinions about the risks of labor induction.

As an associate professor of instruction in biological sciences at Northwestern University, Escobar said she liked the idea of contributing to important research while also helping other mothers have as much information as possible about pregnancy risks and complications.

She and her husband also appreciated the convenience of being able to schedule her induction at 39 weeks, allowing her family from the East Coast to plan travel for the baby's birth.

"I think it's empowering," said Escobar, whose daughter is now 15 months old and was delivered vaginally, without complications. "The more we can learn, the better safety we can bring to babies and moms."

Grobman, who led the team of more than 20 doctors involved in the research, said they were motivated to do the study because one in four women in the U.S. has labor induced. However, up until now, the risks and benefits of such inductions were not well-known.

"How in the world could we, or should we, be doing that as an obstetric community and not be telling people if it helps or hurts?" he said.

While smaller, earlier studies had suggested that labor induction did not increase chances of cesarean delivery, doctors still routinely steered patients away from it, using that unfounded belief, Grobman said.

Grobman said it remains to be seen how the obstetric and gynecological community will change its guidance in light of the new research.

But he and other study authors are pleased to be able to arm new mothers with helpful information about their and their babies' health and safety.

"It was done to provide women information, so they can make choices for their care," Grobman said.

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Chairman's use of county credit card scrutinized

Lake County Board chief Lawlor drops his re-election bid

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Calls for Lake County Board Chairman Aaron Lawlor's departure from the board were mixed with appeals for compassion Wednesday following Lake County State's Attorney Michael Nerheim's announcement of an independent investigation into Lawlor's use of a county-issued credit card.

The probe was announced late Tuesday, the same day Lawlor announced he was dropping his re-election bid while he undergoes treatment for drug addiction and extended his leave of absence from the board indefinitely.

Lawlor, a Republican, could not be reached for comment after the state's attorney announced the investigation.

"I don't see how he can serve effectively at this point," County Board member Steven Carlson, R-7th, said after "reluctantly" saying Lawlor should resign.

"I believe we should consider suspending him from his position during the pe-

riod of the investigation," said County Board member Sidney Mathias, R-20th. "At this point, the investigation into the use of his (county credit) card is serious enough to warrant a suspension."

County Board member Diane Hewitt, D-2nd, dismissed suggestions that Lawlor should resign while in treatment.

"No. We need compassion," Hewitt said Wednesday. "He needs to get himself well. This is a health issue."

Nerheim said that shortly after Lawlor's July 30 announcement that he would take a 30-day leave of absence to enter a rehabilitation center for drug addiction, the state's attorney's office, along with Lake County Sheriff Mark Curran and acting County Board Chairman Carol Calabresa, "became aware of suggestions that Mr. Lawlor may have been in some personal financial difficulty."

"They made initial inquiries, and allegations surfaced that Mr. Lawlor may have been using his county credit card for personal purchases," Nerheim said in a statement. "While unproved, such allegations are a matter of serious concern."

Nerheim said he met

with Calabresa and Curran and that they agreed to have an outside police agency review the credit card purchases, since the state's attorney's office represents the county.

According to Nerheim, the investigation has been going for about a week. He added that "coordination with that organization is expected to be completed by the end of this week, at which time additional information may be forthcoming."

"The investigation will be impartial, will be thorough and it will be done in a timely manner," Nerheim said in the statement.

Nerheim did not name the agency investigating Lawlor, saying it will be named later and that the agency requested it not be named at the start of the investigation.

County Board members Sandy Hart, D-13th; Bill Durkin, D-8th; and Mike Rummel, R-12th, also said this is not the time to seek a change in Lawlor's position on the board.

"We are in the middle of an investigation, and we have to see where that goes. We want him to get well, and then we'll see what comes next," Hart said.

"This is a tough job, and Aaron has been doing it well," Durkin said. "I want

to see him get help. He deserves empathy and compassion."

"I wish him my best. We should treat this like he has a broken leg," Rummel said.

Holly Kim, Democratic candidate for county treasurer, called on Treasurer David Stolman and the County Board to release and post online all credit card usage by county elected officials.

"The county staff and board leadership are avoiding answering questions. Any records regarding personal use of public money or misuse of taxpayer-funded credit cards should be made public immediately," she said.

Adam Didech, running against Mathias in the District 20 race, said he likes Kim's idea.

"I echo Holly Kim's call for an audit by the treasurer, but I think it's important the County Board hold their own investigation as well," he said in an email.

Earlier Tuesday, Lawlor announced he would not seek re-election in November to his County Board seat and extended his leave of absence indefinitely.

"Since entering treatment, I have learned the importance of not letting anyone or anything get between my serenity and my recovery," he said in a state-

ment. "Accordingly, I am withdrawing my candidacy for re-election."

"I would much rather lose my job than lose my life, and that was where my addiction was taking me."

Lawlor is finishing his third term on the County Board. His political career started with senior positions on the staffs of former U.S. Sen. Mark Kirk and the late Illinois Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka. He is a graduate of Lake Forest College and has a master's degree in business administration from the Lake Forest Graduate School of Management.

The first elected position he held was on the Cook Memorial Library Board in Libertyville, and he served as board president during the \$14 million Aspen Drive Library creation.

Lawlor got his start on the County Board through an appointment. In 2009, then-Chairman Suzie Schmidt named him to replace Pam Newton. He was named by the board to serve as chairman in 2012 at age 30, making him the youngest chairman in the County Board's history.

According to a biography posted on the county's website, Lawlor said he has focused on economics, improving access to mental health care and making



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Lake County Board Chairman Aaron Lawlor is being treated for drug addiction.

government more efficient and accountable during his public service career.

The biography highlights a 2014 NBC feature by Chuck Todd where Lawlor was named as one of six "rising stars" in Illinois politics. It also mentions that he is "one of the highest-ranking openly gay elected officials in Illinois."

Lawlor, a lifelong resident of Vernon Hills, represents District 18, which includes all of Vernon Hills and Indian Creek, as well as portions of Hawthorn Woods, Long Grove, Mundelein and unincorporated Lake County.

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Joliet teacher charged in wife's death

Woman, also a teacher, beaten, prosecutors say

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A Joliet junior high school teacher beat his wife repeatedly over three days before calling 911 when she became unconscious, Will County prosecutors allege in charging the man with first-degree murder.

Authorities say Michael Kazecki caused the blunt-force trauma injury that killed his wife, Rebecca Kazecki, who was also a junior high teacher in Joliet. She died Tuesday at a local hospital, a day after being admitted under what officials called "suspicious circumstances." She was 38.

Michael Kazecki, also 38, was booked into Will

County Jail on Tuesday evening on charges of aggravated battery causing great bodily harm and aggravated domestic battery, according to jail records.

But at a court hearing Wednesday, prosecutors added charges of first-degree murder and a judge set his bail at \$2 million.

Prosecutors allege that Michael Kazecki hit and kicked his wife repeatedly over the course of three days, starting on Saturday, after she attempted to intervene while he was disciplining one of the couple's three young children.

On Tuesday, Michael Kazecki called 911 to say his wife had suffered a medical issue and was unresponsive, prosecutors said.

Responding officers found Rebecca Kazecki on the floor next to a couch, Joliet police Deputy Chief Al Roegner said.

"It was determined that Michael and Rebecca had been having an argument

over the weekend in reference to ... things going on around the house and that it had turned violent, with Michael striking Rebecca several times ... at various times throughout the weekend," Roegner said.

Medical personnel at the hospital reported to police that her injuries were consistent with a severe beating, the deputy chief said.

Preliminary results of an autopsy Wednesday indicated Rebecca Kazecki died of a head injury caused by blunt force trauma, according to the Will County coroner's office. Officials there said that a final determination on the cause and manner of her death is pending the result of a Joliet police investigation.

Prosecutors, who asked for a \$5 million bond, said the defendant made statements to investigators and



Kazecki

"wrote a letter to police taking responsibility for incident."

However, in court Kazecki's attorney, Nathaniel Tate, said: "We greatly contest the nature of the charges."

He declined further comment following the hearing.

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services is also investigating allegations of neglect involving Michael Kazecki, the agency confirmed.

DCFS released a statement saying it "previously had contact with this family for allegations of neglect. The investigation was unfounded due to a lack of evidence."

The Kazecki children are in DCFS protective custody.

Rebecca Kazecki was an eighth-grade special education teacher at Gompers Junior High School and

had worked there for 14 years; Michael Kazecki teaches seventh- and eighth-grade language arts at Washington Junior High School and has worked there for a total of 10 years, Joliet Public Schools District 86 spokeswoman Sandy Zalewski confirmed.

"We're deeply saddened by the death of Gompers teacher Rebecca Kazecki and extend our condolences and sympathies to the family at this most difficult time," she said in a written statement.

She added that social workers are available to support staff and students as needed. The first day of class in the district is Aug. 20. The district includes 21 schools with about 13,000 students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade.

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Sincere Ash, 17, died Sunday after apparently being struck by a Metra train.

Fund set up to help pay for teen's funeral

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An online fundraiser to help pay funeral expenses for a Lane Tech College Prep High School student who died after leaving Lollapalooza has raised more than \$25,000.

Sincere Ash, 17, died Sunday evening after apparently being struck by a Metra train, officials said. His family had reported him missing Monday before the identity of the train strike victim was known.

A cousin of Ash, Marcella Hawk, called the outpouring of help "amazing."

"It's been such a blessing," she said. "It's really alleviated so much pressure and stress on us."

Hawk said the campaign was started Tuesday by two of Ash's close friends. By Wednesday evening, the fund had received donations of more than \$25,000 toward the goal of \$30,000.

Hawk said the family intends to give any excess funds to charity or use them to start a foundation to benefit a cause that would honor the memory of her cousin, perhaps something related to children or art.

"Sincere texted me a couple of weeks ago, like, 'You know, I've always wanted to start a foundation,'" Hawk said. "What a beautiful way to carry on his legacy."

Friends and family said Ash, who was getting set to start his senior year next month at Lane Tech, worked over the summer at a kids' day camp and lived with his mother and four younger siblings.

He'd planned to meet friends at Lollapalooza on Sunday, but they said they were told he was briefly detained at the festival. He was last seen there by friends Sunday afternoon, about two hours before his body was discovered north of the Clybourn Metra station on a railroad bridge spanning Armitage Avenue.

A Metra official said Ash's death appears to have been an accident.

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Early morning shooting, crash add to bloodshed

Chicago police investigate a shooting Wednesday on West Lake Street near North Kostner Avenue. Someone shot into a Jeep about 3:40 a.m., hitting three of the five people inside and causing the Jeep to crash into a pillar supporting "L" tracks, police said. A woman, 22, and a man, 21, died from their wounds. The victims were among five people killed and six wounded in shootings Tuesday and Wednesday, following a violent weekend.

Candidate joins race to counter Holocaust denier

BY JOHN BYRNE
Chicago Tribune

A La Grange lawyer is taking a long-shot dive into Illinois' 3rd District congressional race as a write-in candidate because, he says, he wants to challenge the views of the Republican nominee, who has past neo-Nazi ties and denies the Holocaust happened.

Justin Hanson, 35, said he was spurred to action while watching the unopposed GOP candidate, Arthur Jones, get more than 20,000 votes in the March primary election, an essentially perfunctory vote on his way to challenging incumbent U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski this fall.

The district stretches from Chicago's Southwest Side into the south and west suburbs.

"My wife and I were in the basement watching returns, and this guy got 21,000 votes," Hanson said. "And it was clear to me people didn't know who he was, and that this guy's values didn't reflect what this district's about."

Jones, of Lyons, is a former member of the American National Socialist Workers Party who has called the Holocaust "the biggest, blackest lie in history" and said he doesn't support interracial marriage or integration in schools.

Jones' candidacy has caused the Illinois Republican Party considerable embarrassment. The party quickly disavowed him, then watched as Republican U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of

Texas called on Illinois voters to write in another candidate or back longtime Democratic Rep. Lipinski in the November general election.

Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner initially answered "no" when a reporter asked if voters should cast ballots for Lipinski, then released a statement calling on residents of the 3rd District to vote for "anybody but Arthur Jones."

Hanson, who worked on the Washington, D.C., staffs of two Republican congressmen before coming back to Chicago to get his law degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law in 2012, said the state GOP dropped the ball by not getting someone else on the primary ballot.

"I don't think it was the party's finest moment to let Jones go unchecked in the primary, and I think they know that now," he said.

But he said the seven-term incumbent Lipinski, a conservative Democrat who faced a tough primary challenge from progressive Marie Newman, should also be speaking out loudly against Jones.

"I think Lipinski is just counting on weathering the storm through the general election, that's been his tactic for a while," Hanson said. "The problem is, when there's a candidate on the other side like Arthur Jones and we're in 2018, someone needs to take a leadership role in speaking out against that."

Lipinski released a statement Wednesday saying Jones' "vile, bigoted, anti-



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U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski

Semitic rhetoric" should be rejected without getting amplified.

"He has been promoting these hateful views for decades but his reach has been small and voters have rejected him time and time again when he's appeared on the ballot," Lipinski said. "I am hopeful he will not be able to use his current run to reach a much bigger audience for his hate."

Hanson acknowledged that running as a write-in puts him at a disadvantage.

"These are extraordinary circumstances," he said.

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Police use of 'bait truck' criticized

Alderman, ACLU condemn tactic in wake of video post

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A joint investigation by Chicago police and the Norfolk Southern Railroad that used a truck loaded with goods and left parked in Englewood as a lure for potential thieves has come under fire after video of the operation went viral.

"This bait truck operation is an unacceptable and inappropriate use of police resources," said Ald. Roderick Sawyer, 6th, chair of the City Council's Black Caucus. "In a moment where police capacity is clearly under extreme strain, these sort of tactics are the last thing we should be spending manpower and energy on."

A video shot earlier this month that was posted on the Facebook page of community activist Charles McKenzie appears to show officers arresting a man after he allegedly broke into a "bait truck" in the Englewood neighborhood. People on the video argue that community members are being set up for arrest.

Police have often used bait vehicles to catch people in the act of committing a theft. Susan Terpay, a spokeswoman for Norfolk Southern Railroad police, which worked with Chicago police on the investigation, defended the Englewood investigation, noting such operations are used to crack down on patterns of thefts in certain areas.

She said the two agen-

cies were going after people who have been breaking into containers in rail yards and nearby areas on the South Side. Terpay said three people were arrested during the operation.

"The suspects saw a parked, unmarked trailer and then proceeded to cut open the safety seal with box cutters, broke into the back of the trailer and only then did they find retail shoes in unmarked brown boxes, previously secured and hidden inside," Terpay said in an email.

The tactic is controversial, however, because some consider it a form of entrapment. After McKenzie's video footage was first reported by the news website Vox, the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois issued its statement condemning the practice.

"Police in Chicago must focus on building trust and better relationships within the communities they serve, not engage in stunts like bait trucks," said Karen Shelley, director of the ACLU of Illinois' police practices project.

Mayoral candidate Lori Lightfoot, former head of the Chicago Police Board, also blasted the operation.

"Especially after a week-end with seventy shootings and zero arrests, news of this bait truck operation is an appalling display of misplaced priorities and a step backwards on the path to trust and legitimacy," she said in a statement.

In one of two videos posted on Vox, a white semitrailer truck can be seen under "L" tracks as passers-by angrily walk toward a group of Chicago

police officers.

"Watch for the bait truck. They're getting everybody out here, man," one person says.

At one point, a man can be seen standing with his hands behind his back surrounded by officers.

Mckenzie could not be reached for comment Wednesday. A Chicago police spokesman referred all inquiries to Norfolk Southern, saying Chicago police only assisted the railroad in the investigation.

Cook County court records show that David C. King, 36, was arrested Aug. 2 and charged with burglary. An arrest report gives the following narrative:

The department was working with Norfolk Southern police on an investigation dubbed "Operation Trailer Trap" near 59th Place and Princeton Avenue. Officers saw two people approach the trailer and break its seal. The officers saw the two open the trailer door, then flee.

Minutes later, officers saw King, who is deaf and uses sign language, enter the trailer, and they radioed in his description. King ran from officers but was caught and arrested.

With an officer present who knows sign language, King told police he entered the trailer to take food.

During a bond hearing Aug. 3, King was released on his own recognizance. He is due in court again Thursday.

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Police work the scene where a 12-year-old boy, a 10-year-old girl, an 11-year-old boy and a 20-year-old man were shot last month in Lawndale.

Department defends databases

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dom of Information Act request included 20 years of arrest data in all for adults as well as juveniles, giving a glimpse at how the department gathers and stores information on the tens of thousands it says have been gang-affiliated.

It's a controversial practice that has led to an ongoing audit by the city's Office of Inspector General, a federal lawsuit against the city and a proposed city ordinance to limit its impact.

Critics and experts say that the gang labels are often too easily attached, racially skewed and out-of-date, yet the harm can be lasting when the Police Department shares flawed gang intelligence with other law enforcement agencies such as immigration officials. It can also be a damaging label during criminal investigations or at sentencing.

While the department released adult gang records to the newspaper in April, it had refused to provide similar data on juveniles, citing privacy laws. After the Tribune appealed to the Illinois attorney general's office for the juvenile records, though, the department released a new set of data.

The department said its most recent search took a more thorough look at arrest data, but it still didn't capture everyone labeled a gang member by Chicago police because it excluded street stops that didn't result in arrests. That means the department could have far more than 33,000 juveniles listed as gang members in its databases.

The newly released records updated the count on adult gang arrests as well. Since 1999, the department has listed just over 100,000 adults as gang members following their arrests, the latest search showed. By contrast, the release in April showed 128,000 adults listed as gang members, but those records appeared riddled with errors.

As for juveniles, they were affiliated with some 112 gangs, from 9,000 in the massive Gangster Disciples over the years to a dozen gangs that had just one member each listed, according to the arrest data.

Arrests of those 17 or younger who were labeled gang members peaked at

3,500 in 2006, the data showed. By contrast, through July this year, 277 juveniles — five of them just 12 years old — were arrested and labeled as gang members even as the controversy over gang data was heating up.

"Even in the face of growing public concern, an ongoing investigation, active litigation and a pending ordinance, CPD is still affixing the label 'gang-involved' to a large number of minors without any proof of effectiveness," said Stephanie Kollmann, policy director at the Children and Family Justice Center at Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law.

"It is appalling to contemplate the ways in which the safety of underage youth may be jeopardized due to police records ... created without public accountability or oversight."

Potentially a lifelong label

The department stores its information on gangs in several of its computer databases. Most of the gang intelligence comes from arrest data, as well as, to a lesser degree, from other intelligence reports or investigator street stops, a common practice in which officers question people to gather information.

Criticism of Chicago police gang data began gathering steam last year after immigration officials sought to deport a man who said he was wrongly listed as a gang member. Community members and activists quickly organized, launching a campaign to "erase the database."

Being in a gang is not illegal. But for years, leaders and members of organizations such as the Vice Lords, Gangster Disciples or Latin Kings — Chicago's so-called super gangs — have been convicted of running criminal enterprises funded by drug trafficking and protected by violence.

Today, the gangs are broken up into much smaller and less organized factions, police say, but the block-by-block feuding still drives much of the violence plaguing principally pockets on Chicago's South and West sides. Police cite some current 148 "active gang conflict areas" that make up about one-fifth of the city's 231 square miles for officers to track and plan deploy-

ments around.

Over the decades, the department has combated this by tracking gang membership with data from arrests and street stops. Officers are allowed to use broad discretion in documenting "known" gang affiliation. Anything from distinctive tattoos or other markings, intelligence from informants or admissions by those arrested or stopped could lead to the designation, according to departmental orders.

Officers who spoke to the Tribune but asked for anonymity because they weren't authorized by the department to talk said gang intelligence helps in planning deployments and sending officers to blocks where a retaliatory shooting might happen.

Chicago, like other major cities, has moved toward trying to reduce violence by targeting "high-rate repeat offenders" with, if necessary, punitive actions — or social service help.

But advocates and attorneys who have sued the Police Department challenge not only the broad discretion given officers but also what they consider to be an over-emphasis on documenting gang affiliation to combat crime. They note the combined databases now total nearly 134,000 arrest records on adults and juveniles.

"We don't think there is a need for gang intelligence on this scale," said Vanessa del Valle, an attorney at the MacArthur Justice Center at Northwestern University who filed the class-action lawsuit in June on behalf of four men. "It is bound to be riddled with errors. How is that beneficial to law enforcement?"

Most of those arrested and labeled as a gang member are black and Hispanic, leading to charges of racial bias by police in assigning the gang label.

Critics decry that the record will be permanent for the vast majority and contend that the tag should be given only to those convicted of a gang-related crime. Otherwise, it is not a worthwhile intelligence tool, they said.

Others point to the risk for youths who could wind up permanently labeled a gangbanger for an impulsive decision. A 2007 report by the Justice Policy Institute, a think tank, cited surveys that suggested

youths are often active in gangs for a year or less.

"This is a label that is going to carry over for the rest of their life," said Karen Sheley, director of police practices for the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois. "... People are treated differently once they are on this list."

The suit filed by del Valle and others seeks to force CPD to notify those listed in the databases so they can challenge their inclusion. It also demands stricter limits on how to label someone a gang member, requiring a sworn declaration by at least two detectives. The superintendent or general counsel would ultimately have to sign off on the designations.

Pride in gang affiliation

The Police Department released only arrest data to the Tribune. While it did not disclose how many gang members had been identified through street stops, the department said that in 87 percent of those stops, the adults had already been labeled gang members because of previous arrests.

The department could not provide a similar percentage specific to juveniles — which del Valle said is critical to know because she suspects the 33,000 figure would jump considerably when street stops are included.

"Juveniles are getting stopped on corners or in schools, but they are not getting arrested," she said.

The Police Department told the Tribune that 9 out of every 10 adults and juveniles listed in its arrest data had "self-admitted" to being in a gang.

Several of the gang officers who spoke to the Tribune said many gang members are surprisingly open about their affiliation — or give away obvious clues by what they wear or who they hang with.

"Unfortunately, for many of our youth, they're proud of their membership," one officer said.

Del Valle, though, called the 90 percent estimate "outrageous," saying most of the youths contacted by advocates denied admitting to police that they were in a gang.

Police "claim a lot of people self-admit because it is the easiest way, because

they don't need other objective factors," she said.

Instead, del Valle and others suspect the department has been relying too much on bias — and not enough on evidence — to label youths as gang members.

"The 60 11-year-olds is shocking," she said. "Why are you suspecting an 11-year-old as a gang member?"

'New parameters' to be set

Other cities have already moved ahead to reform their gang intelligence gathering. In Los Angeles, which has similar gang problems as Chicago, advocates began pushing for reforms to a statewide database in 2012. Today, the database has been cut in half, to about 100,000 names for the entire state of California. An appeals process to remove names from the database has also been established, but community advocates hope for even more reforms.

The call for reform in Chicago grew louder after city Inspector General Joseph Ferguson launched a series of community hearings in the spring as part of a formal audit into how Chicago police gather data on gang members. In addition, community organizations and activists joined together in the class-action lawsuit against the city.

Last month, Ald. Ricardo Munoz, 22nd, introduced a plan to force the department to increase oversight of the gang data. The ordinance would require that the department give notice to those listed in the database as well as an opportunity to challenge that designation.

In a statement, the department said it hasn't yet completed a review of how it gathers and keeps information on gang members but promised that "new parameters" would be set on how individuals are labeled as gang members and able to appeal their inclusion.

"Criminal justice and arrest data are important tools we use to help improve public safety," the statement said. "Just as important is ensuring the data is accurate and reliable."

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Protest organizers split over next move

Hardiman opposed to Kennedy march plan of Livingston

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Less than a week after a coalition of South and West side community leaders orchestrated a protest that shut down part of North Lake Shore Drive, march organizers Tio Hardiman and the Rev. Gregory Livingston have decided to go separate ways, a split both say resulted from differences in ideology.

The rift comes after Livingston, a West Side pastor and activist, announced a plan to shut down parts of the Kennedy Expressway bound for O'Hare International Airport on Labor Day. In a Tuesday statement, Hardiman said plans for the upcoming protest — an escalation of the tactic organizers used for the Aug. 2 Lake Shore Drive protest — were made without his approval. As a result, he and Livingston will no longer work together.

"We fell out over this; he used me," Hardiman, head of the Violence Interrupters, said in his release. "He is trying to use this as a steppingstone for his own career."

Hardiman, who has run for governor twice, said Livingston's plan to shut down the Kennedy is "ludicrous" and would result in protester arrests. He refuses, he said, to allow marchers to participate in tactics that could prompt "aggressive force by law enforcement authorities."

"He hijacked my movement," Hardiman said of the Lake Shore Drive protest. "Everybody out there knew that was my idea — except for him."

In a phone interview Tuesday, Livingston said he invited Hardiman to participate in the Aug. 2 demonstration and that Hardiman came up with the idea of the Lake Shore Drive protest. Livingston said he introduced the idea of marching to Wrigley Field. Though they successfully cooperated in the past, the two had differences, he said.

"He had his ideas, we had our ideas," Livingston said. "At some point, we realized we had different ideas."

In a series of Sunday night text messages exchanged by Livingston and Hardiman that Livingston shared with the Tribune, Hardiman appeared upset that he was not made aware of media events Livingston was coordinating.

"You are dead wrong pastor," Hardiman said. "I do not play with people like this."

"God made something great happen last week however you've made it unmistakably clear to me that two generals cannot be on the field at the same time," Livingston replied. "Godspeed."

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Suit alleges detainees monitored in holding cell bathrooms

By ROSEMARY SOBOL
Chicago Tribune

A proposed class-action lawsuit alleges that the Cook County sheriff's office requires its deputies to monitor by video camera all detainees using bathrooms in holding cells at courthouses.

The suit, filed Wednesday in federal court, said the detainees are kept in the holding cells while waiting to go to bond court soon after their arrests.

The suit alleges that hidden cameras give an unobstructed view of the toilets and that both male and female deputies monitor the video whether the detainees are men or women.

The suit names Sheriff Tom Dart and Cook County as defendants and alleges the monitoring violates protections against unconstitutional search and invasion of privacy.

Cara Smith, Dart's chief policy officer, "vehemently" denied that hidden or secret

cameras are focused on detainees in the toilet areas of holding cells at courthouses.

"Fixed cameras are present in the holding cells in courthouses as a critical tool to ensure the safety of staff, the safety of detainees and transparency of our operations," Smith said in an emailed statement.

At a news conference, one of the four named plaintiffs said she learned of the alleged monitoring from a friend whom she identi-

fied as a sheriff's deputy. Michelle Urrutia, 46, said she had been detained in a holding cell for an appearance on a misdemeanor traffic charge at the Leighton Criminal Court Building.

"You know we can see everything in the holding cell, including you guys using the washroom?" Urrutia said the deputy told her at a recent party.

Another plaintiff, Elizabeth Alicea, 41, said she spent about 12 hours in the

holding cell at the same courthouse after a shoplifting arrest and used the bathroom a couple of times.

"I was very embarrassed, humiliated and upset," she said.

Attorney Thomas Zimmerman Jr. questioned the security claims made by the sheriff, saying the detainees had been searched twice before being placed in the holding cells.

"People have an expectation of privacy regardless if they're in the sheriff's cus-

today," he said. "They don't know they're being monitored."

Zimmerman, who said the women have not seen any video of themselves, said he will seek to stop sheriff's officials from discarding any video footage after 30 days.

The suit also seeks to halt the alleged monitoring and compensate the detainees for "their humiliation and embarrassment."

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University projects hinge on donor funds

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on the wish list spurs equal enthusiasm among benefactors, experts say.

"No question that there are some areas of the university that don't benefit as much from philanthropy as others," said Mary Sue Coleman, president of the Association of American Universities and former president at the University of Michigan.

"(Universities) are going to work diligently to make the case with donors that the priorities for the institution are where they would really like the donor to invest," said Richard Legon, president of Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges. "But the challenge is a lot of donors increasingly have their priorities.

"At the end of the day the donor is going to prevail."

The athletic complex is one part of a five-year, \$3.75 billion capital campaign that has galvanized donations to support upgrades like a new musical arts center, a new business school headquarters, a renovated basketball arena and a new dormitory. A Northwestern University spokesman would not comment about the specifics of any campus project, but university leaders told The Daily Northwestern in November that the inability to secure a "big name gift" is one factor delaying the work at Norris.

Experts say university philanthropy is not one-size-fits-all. Differences among campuses, campaigns and donors bases, as well as changes in the economy and the higher education industry all can create different fundraising outcomes. Sometimes, it is just a matter of timing.

"It's about finding someone who has the means, has that interest and has that interest at the same time that you have that priority," said Noah Drezner, a Columbia University professor who has studied philanthropy in higher education. "In many ways, you need that perfect storm. Some storms are easier to find than others."

Private contributions to the nation's universities have soared with the economy in recent years. Top private institutions now raise around \$1 billion annually while major public schools raise mid- to high-nine figures.

Donors contributed \$43.6 billion to U.S. colleges and universities in 2017, according to an annual survey conducted by the Coun-



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The Norris University Center opened in the early 1970s but has failed to attract a primary donor for a major renovation.



A 3D scale model of the proposed University Commons is on display at the Norris University Center. It is one campus area that hasn't gotten much donor attention.

cil for Aid to Education. It was the highest total since the survey began tracking such figures in 1957.

Individual benefactors continued to make larger gifts last year as well, data show. There were more gifts exceeding \$10 million, growing that total from \$6.16 billion in 2016 to \$7.72 billion in 2017, according to fundraising consulting firm Marts & Lundy.

David Bass, senior research director at Council for Advancement and Support of Education in Washington, D.C., said donors usually spend years giving increasing amounts to a university before committing one of those eye-popping megagifts.

"These principal gifts are

something that really cements a very close relationship that these donors have with institutions. It's not just vanity to put your name on a building," Bass said. "You're also seeing these gifts as something that memorializes the donor as a partner and a part of the institution — in some cases, literally."

It's these longtime supporters who rallied to launch NU's new sports facility, which was dedicated Wednesday.

It was conceived and spearheaded by head football coach Pat Fitzgerald and longtime university benefactor Patrick Ryan. Ryan, with his wife, Shirley, has given hundreds of millions to NU over the years

for purposes that go beyond sports. Multiple campus buildings, including the new music building, an auditorium and a nanotechnology center bear their names. The exact size of their donation to the field house was not publicly revealed, however.

Other major contributors include Kimberly Querrey and Louis Simpson, Stephen and Susan Wilson, and Lanny and Sharon Martin, all of whom are responsible for previous multimillion-dollar gifts to a variety of initiatives. The Ryans and the Martins also are co-chairs of the university's capital fundraising campaign.

The student center, however, continues to languish.

panding engineering and applied sciences school.

But an effort to raise \$400 million to renovate undergraduate student housing remained incomplete, the Harvard Crimson reported. University leaders said at the time that they expected the goal would eventually be reached as specific buildings are slated for upgrades.

Drezner, of Columbia, said it is common for sub-categories within a campaign to over- and underperform even as the overall funding effort meets or beats its target.

The types of projects that fare better among donors will vary but experts agree most givers seek to make a tangible impact — be it physical buildings, student scholarships, endowed professorships or something else.

"A lot of our donors aren't as concerned about having their name on a building," said Jim Moore, president of the University of Illinois Foundation. "They really care more about what's going on in those buildings."

The holy grail of university philanthropy is the no-strings-attached gift: money a school can use however it wants. Those are rare, particularly with megadonations, but they do happen. Massachusetts Institute of Technology received an unrestricted \$140 million from an anonymous donor in 2017. David Booth's \$300 million gift in 2008 was earmarked to University of Chicago's business school but established no requirements for how the money was to be used.

But even those gifts that target a specific project sometimes allot dollars for other parts of a university, said Bass, of CASE.

"There are multiple components to a lot of these gifts," Bass said. "They will include a portion for faculty research and endowed chairs, student financial aid, capital projects. In that sense they are fulfilling a much larger need."

Experts also agree that it is incumbent on university leadership and development teams to change strategy when they see preferred initiatives not generating enough donor support.

"You just have to persist and keep telling the story," said Tim Seiler, clinical professor at the Lilly School of Philanthropy at Indiana University. "To some degree, you have to hope you just find the right match."

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Lead pastor, elders step down at Willow Creek

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detailed by the Tribune included suggestive comments, extended hugs, an unwanted kiss and invitations to hotel rooms. It also included an allegation of a prolonged consensual affair with a married woman who reversed herself and said her claim about the affair was not true when confronted by an elder in 2014. Hybels has denied the allegations against him but apologized to the congregation for taking a defensive stance "instead of one that invited conversation and learning."

On Wednesday, church elder Missy Rasmussen told the congregation that elders believe Hybels' sins go "beyond what he previously admitted on stage.

"We were not aware of many of the choices he made in private and therefore did not hold him accountable in meaningful ways," said Rasmussen, who has served on the elder board for seven years.

Hybels was the subject of a series of inquiries overseen by Willow Creek's elders, including one conducted by an outside law firm. He was cleared of any wrongdoing in those inquiries. With the elders' knowledge, he continued to counsel the woman who alleged, then retracted, her story of having a 14-year affair with Hybels. When members of the Willow

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— Elder Missy Rasmussen, speaking of Bill Hybels

Creek Association board questioned that conflict of interest, elders said he was fulfilling his pastoral duty because the woman was suicidal and had kept them informed every time the woman reached out to him.

On Wednesday, elders conceded that letting Hybels counsel the woman was wrong. They expressed regret for conducting their inquiries with the goal of finding definitive evidence of an affair, not with a goal of ensuring the pastor's behavior was "above reproach."

"We also weren't as objective as we should have been," Rasmussen said. "We viewed the allegations through a lens of trust we had in Bill that clouded our judgment and caused us to not act quickly enough."

Hybels had named Lar-

son and teaching pastor Steve Carter as his successors in October, before the allegations became public, but planned to stay another year to ready them for their roles. Since stepping down in April, he has had no role with the church that he founded in a rented movie theater nearly 43 years ago and built into one of the nation's most iconic and influential megachurches.

Larson had served as executive pastor of Willow Creek for five years, overseeing the church's \$77 million budget and 350 employees. Her role as lead pastor, or essentially CEO, included oversight of the church's main campus in South Barrington and the seven satellite campuses in the city and suburbs.

Carter stepped into the pulpit long dominated by Hybels but did not appear onstage Sunday. He announced his resignation later that day, citing "a fundamental difference in judgment between what I believe is necessary for Willow Creek to move in a positive direction, and what they think is best."

Scot McKnight, a Christian author and professor at Northern Seminary in Lombard who has preached at Willow Creek in past years, called for the resignation of Willow's leadership Monday and the creation of an independent council to guide Willow Creek out of the controversy.



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Audience members react Wednesday during a packed congregational meeting at Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington.

"The leaders are complicit," he wrote. "The leaders — Heather Larson, elders — supported that narrative and maligned the women. They, both (church elders) and (the Willow Creek Association), refused an independent investigation. They chose not to be transparent. Their time is up."

Wednesday's announcement seemed to heed that call.

Steve Gillen, pastor of Willow Creek's North Shore regional campus, will serve as Willow Creek's interim leader.

Rasmussen said all the elders would leave in waves, starting next Wednesday until the end of the year. She said there will be an external review of the church's governance to help future

leaders.

Vonda Dyer, a former director of the church's vocal ministry, was one of Hybels' accusers. She told the Tribune that Hybels called her to his hotel suite on a trip to Sweden in 1998, unexpectedly kissed her and suggested they could lead Willow Creek together.

"I'm grieved for Willow Creek tonight. Many of them are my friends. This is not the outcome I would have hoped for," Dyer said Wednesday. "I hoped that Bill Hybels could have come to repentance, honoring the church, the generations of people who built Willow Creek over the last 40 years. If Bill and the leadership had come clean 2013, or any time from then until tonight, these tragic events could have been avoided."

Amy Staska of Schaumburg has been part of Willow Creek for 24 years. She has chosen to continue worshipping there but decided to withhold her contribution until the elder board was gone. She believes their resignations signal sincere repentance.

"I love the church and its work, and wanted to continue to be present and pray for its healing," she said. "But I had made the hard decision to divert my tithe until the current elders were all off the board. I didn't expect what happened tonight. I'm grateful for the church, and that I can continue to financially support this ministry in good conscience — and so sad."

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Pentagon plans alternatives for 'space force'

'U.S. Space Command' would draft war plans, conduct military operations

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WASHINGTON — The Pentagon plans to create a new military command responsible for war fighting in space, but it is dragging its feet on building a more ambitious "space force," a new military service that President Donald Trump has endorsed repeatedly in tweets and campaign rallies.

Trump's idea for a futuristic space service has raised concerns among military officials and senior Pentagon commanders, especially in the Air Force. They fear losing responsibility for space and the nearly \$8.5 billion of its budget that now goes for building and launching satellites, along with other space systems.

Vice President Mike Pence will renew the administration's call for a space force in a speech at the Pentagon on Thursday. Deputy Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan will lay out interim steps, including a new space command and a new joint agency for buying satellites, that the Pentagon plans to create by the end of the year.

According to a Pentagon report to be released Thursday, the new "U.S. Space Command" would be responsible for drafting war plans for space and for conducting military operations in space, much like Central Command draws from all military services and is responsible for fighting wars in the Middle East.

Trump's broader call for a space force as a new military service — joining the Army, Air Force, Navy

and Marines — faces an uncertain future. It can be implemented only with the approval of Congress. Senior lawmakers in the Senate have voiced staunch opposition to the idea, which is unlikely to be taken up until next year.

If Congress eventually approves a space force, it would probably have 30,000 to 40,000 personnel, drawn mostly from the Air Force but also from the Army and possibly the National Reconnaissance Office, the little-known intelligence agency responsible for building and launching spy satellites.

That would make the space force by far the smallest military service, behind the Marine Corps, which has an active duty force of 186,100 this year.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis played down the disagreements between the Pentagon and the White House on Tuesday. "We are in complete agreement with the president's concerns about protecting our assets in space," he told reporters, adding, "I don't have all the final answers yet."

Current and former Pentagon officials say consolidation of space functions now performed by the Air Force, Navy and other military branches into a single independent service would add layers of bureaucracy and might not immediately improve the military's capabilities.

"The Pentagon is complicated enough," Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson told reporters in June 2017, when asked about a potential space force. "This will



President Donald Trump touted his "space force" at a GOP rally in Ohio last weekend.

make it more complex, add more boxes to the organization chart and cost more money. If I had more money, I would put it into lethality, not bureaucracy."

Some current and former Air Force officers cautioned Congress to go slow in reshaping the military's space operations.

A space force must be "planned and executed deliberately," retired Air Force Lt. Gen. David Deptula and Lt. Col. Michael Martindale, an associate director at the Air Force Academy, said in a statement released Wednesday by the Air Force Association, an independent nonprofit professional military and aerospace group.

"By itself, standing up a U.S. Space Force will not necessarily improve the resource deficiencies" in space operations and "could pull space professionals from the community of warfighters they have worked so hard to integrate with over the past quarter century," the statement said.

If designed like other military services, a space force would be responsible for training and equipping personnel for warfare in space but would not engage in combat. Instead, its personnel would be assigned to the new space command the Pentagon is proposing, or to existing combat commands.

Trump has never explained why he favors cre-

ation of a space force as a fifth military service, but the concept often draws loud cheers at rallies.

Hopes by Pentagon officials that the idea would fade away were dashed in June when Trump during a meeting of the National Space Council, a government advisory body, directed Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to create a "separate but equal" military service for space.

"We got you," a seemingly uncomfortable Dunford replied.

Trump has not let the matter drop, saying at a campaign rally Saturday for a congressional candidate

in Ohio that he had "directed the Pentagon to begin the process of creating the sixth branch of the United States Armed Forces called the space force. Space, very important."

The Pentagon now has 11 so-called combatant commands. Eight focus on geographic regions and three have global responsibilities, such as Strategic Command, which oversees planning for nuclear war.

Instead of relying on a separate space force, the new space command would draw military personnel with space expertise from the Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Army, and would be headed by a four-star commander.

Gates wraps up testimony in Manafort tax, bank fraud case

BY RACHEL WEINER
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ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Without a parting glance, Rick Gates left the witness stand Wednesday after three days of testimony that prosecutors hope will seal a guilty verdict against his former boss, Paul Manafort, on tax and bank fraud charges.

Gates, the star witness at Manafort's trial, portrayed Manafort as a demanding boss who directed a years-long scheme to hide millions of dollars from the IRS in foreign bank accounts, and use that money to spend a fortune on expensive suits, homes and home entertainment systems.

Gates also admitted to embezzling hundreds of thousands of dollars from Manafort with phony invoices and padded expenses.

The case is a critical public test of the work done by special counsel Robert Mueller, as Manafort is the first person charged by Mueller's office to go to trial. More than a dozen witnesses have told the court how Manafort and Gates, two political consultants who once held senior positions in the Donald Trump campaign, spent years stashing cash overseas and living beyond their means.

Manafort's defense strategy has been to blame Gates for any wrongdoing. Defense lawyer Kevin Downing took one final shot at Gates before he left the stand Wednesday, accusing him of engaging in more marital infidelity than Gates acknowledged earlier. Under previous questioning, Gates had admitted to an affair 10 years ago.

Downing asked if he had told the special counsel's office that "you actually engaged in four extramarital affairs?" The attorney appeared to be trying to



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Rick Gates ended three days of testimony against former boss Paul Manafort.

show that even in his court testimony, Gates was still not telling the full truth. But after a lengthy sidebar before U.S. District Court Judge T.S. Ellis III, Downing asked a different question, whether Gates' "secret life" continued into the 2010-2014 time period.

Those are the years prosecutors have focused on in attempting to prove that Manafort hid about \$15 million in income from the IRS.

"Mr. Downing, I'd say I made many mistakes, over many years," Gates answered.

Gates worked for Manafort for more than a decade before the pair was indicted last year on bank fraud and tax charges. In February, Gates pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI and conspiring against the United States. Under sentencing guidelines, he could get roughly five to six years in prison for those crimes, but he said he hopes his cooperation with the government will result in less time behind bars.

While the Manafort trial grew out of the special counsel investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election and whether any Trump associates conspired with those efforts, those issues are not part of these proceedings.

When the questioning of Gates ended around 11 a.m.

Wednesday, he was dismissed from court. Gates did not look at Manafort as he left the room.

The judge berated prosecutors when he learned that the prosecution's next witness — IRS agent Michael Welch — had been watching the trial from the gallery.

Prosecutors asked the judge to allow Welch as an expert witness — meaning he, unlike other witnesses, would be allowed to offer his professional opinion to the jury. Assistant U.S. Attorney Uzo Asonye then revealed that Welch had been seated in the courtroom for the duration of the proceedings.

Ellis erupted, saying that he typically bars all witnesses — save the case agent — from observing and thought he had done so in this case.

"I want you to remember, don't do that again. When I exclude witnesses, I mean everybody," Ellis said.

Manafort, Welch testified, paid out more than \$15.5 million to vendors between 2010 and 2014, without reporting and paying taxes on that money. Manafort also classified another \$1.5 million in income falsely as a loan, Welch said.

The IRS agent said that figure was a conservative estimate.

Even under that conservative analysis, he said, Manafort did not report millions of dollars in offshore income.

That accounting dovetailed with the testimony of FBI forensic accountant Morgan Magionos, who found 31 foreign bank accounts from the 2010 to 2014 time period that listed Manafort, Gates, or Manafort's longtime employee Konstantin Kilimnik as the beneficial owners of those accounts.

Prosecutors have said they expect to finish presenting their case Friday.

Man at compound said to have trained kids for school shootings

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TAOS, N.M. — The father of a missing Georgia boy was training children at a New Mexico compound to commit school shootings, prosecutors said in court documents obtained Wednesday, as authorities waited to learn if human remains found at the site were those of the boy.

The documents say Siraj Ibn Wahhaj was conducting weapons training with assault rifles at the compound near the Colorado border where authorities say they found 11 hungry children living in filthy conditions in a raid Friday.

Prosecutor Timothy Hasson filed the court documents while asking that Wahhaj be held without bail after he was arrested last week with four other adults facing child abuse charges.

"He poses a great danger to the children found on the property as well as a threat to the community as a whole due to the presence of firearms and his intent to use these firearms in a violent and illegal manner," Hasson wrote.

Prosecutors did not bring up the school shooting accusation in court Wednesday during an initial appearance by the abuse suspects. A judge ordered Wahhaj held without bond pending further proceedings.

In the court documents, authorities said a foster parent of one of the 11 children removed from the compound had told authorities that the child had been trained to use an assault rifle in preparation for a school shooting.

Authorities say human remains found at the compound were being analyzed by medical examiners to determine if they are those of Abdul-ghani Wahhaj, who is severely disabled and went missing in De-



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Siraj Ibn Wahhaj is now being held without bond on child abuse charges.

center in Jonesboro, Ga., near Atlanta.

In a Georgia arrest warrant, authorities said the father had told the boy's mother that he wanted to perform an exorcism on the child because he believed he was possessed by the devil. He later said he was taking the child to a park and didn't return.

The father was among those arrested at the compound. He is accused in Georgia of kidnapping the boy and a warrant for his arrest was issued.

The warrant said the missing boy had severe medical issues, including a defect caused by lack of oxygen and blood flow around the time of birth. It said he cannot walk and requires constant attention.

For months, neighbors worried about the squalid compound built along a remote New Mexico plain, saying they took their concerns to authorities months before sheriff's officials raided the encampment, described as a small camping trailer in the ground.

Authorities said during the raid Friday that they had found the father armed with multiple firearms, including an assault rifle. They also said they believed there was a shooting range on the site.

The group arrived in Amalia in December, with enough money to buy groceries and construction supplies, according to Tyler Anderson, a 41-year-old auto mechanic who lives nearby.

He said he helped the newcomers install solar panels after they arrived but eventually stopped visiting.

Anderson said he met both of the men in the group, but never the women, who authorities have said are the mothers of the 11 children, ages 1 to 15.

Anderson did not recall seeing the Georgia boy who was missing. But he said some of the smaller children from the compound turned up to play with children at neighboring properties after the group first arrived.

"We just figured they were doing what we were doing, getting a piece of land and getting off the grid," Anderson said.

As the months passed, however, they stopped seeing the smaller children playing in the area. They also stopped hearing guns fired off at a shooting range on the property, he said.

Jason Badger, who owned the property where the compound was built, said he and his wife had pressed authorities to remove the group after becoming concerned about the children.

The group had built the compound on their acreage instead of a neighboring tract owned by Lucas Morton, one of the men arrested during the raid.

"I started to try and kick them off about three months ago and everything I tried to do kept getting knocked down," Badger said.

A judge dismissed an eviction notice filed by Badger against Morton in June, court records said. The records did not provide further details on the judge's decision.

Yemen's young pay price in war

Fighting has ravaged the health system, turning hospitals into graves for kids

BY SUDARSAN RAGHAVAN
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ADEN, Yemen — When Kenan was born four months premature, there were no doctors at al-Sadaqa Hospital to care for him. So his grandmothers tried to save him.

They placed the infant in an incubator, but it was broken. They tried a second one. It wouldn't heat up.

It had been 24 hours since a doctor had last visited the hospital. A day earlier, a physician was beaten up during an argument with the militiamen who were supposed to guard the hospital, and the doctors walked out in protest.

Yemen's civil war had already crippled the hospital, the largest civilian public hospital in southern Yemen. Now it was completely paralyzed, illustrating the fragility of a health system broken by war and utterly incapable of caring for the victims of what the United Nations calls the world's worst humanitarian crisis.

Hospitals and clinics have been bombed and mortared. Shortages of essential drugs, vaccines and medical equipment are widespread. In most government health facilities, staff haven't been paid in a year.

Kenan's grandmothers scrambled to find a working incubator.

"We brought him to the third one," said Um Salah Hussein, one of his grandmothers, "and that's where he died."

"There was no oxygen and there was no help," chimed in Um Mohammed Zaid, his other grandmother, staring at the baby's corpse, wrapped in a red cloth, still inside the incubator.

The baby's twin brother had died a day earlier.

The dispute at the hospital was the latest tragedy for

a health care system that has been steadily eroded by a conflict pitting northern rebels against Yemen's internationally recognized government.

In the turmoil that followed the 2011 Arab Spring uprisings, Shiite rebels, known as the Houthis, forced out the government from the capital, Sanaa. A regional coalition led by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates and supported by the United States entered the war to restore the government. They aimed to prevent Iran's Shiite theocracy, widely believed to be backing the Houthis, from expanding its influence in a sphere dominated by Sunni Muslim countries.

The war deepened a humanitarian crisis that has put more than 22 million people — 75 percent of Yemen's population — in need of assistance. More than a third of them are at risk of starvation, according to the United Nations. Thousands have already died from treatable diseases such as cholera, meningitis and diphtheria, and more than 3 million have fled their homes.

One of the better funded public hospitals, al-Sadaqa attracted the poorest and most desperate patients. On any given day, the hospital received anywhere from 500 to 800 patients.

But it labored under almost unimaginable difficulties. For the past three years, it was the fiefdom of the local militia that guarded it, one of the many armed groups seeking influence in Aden. The militiamen routinely harassed doctors and nurses, and allegedly looted equipment. The hospital was forced to hand out salaries of \$15 a month per militiaman and could never fire them. "We either had to pay or someone would be killed," said Jamal Abdul Hamid, the hospital administrator.

Finally, the doctors had



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One of the better funded public hospitals, al-Sadaqa attracts the poorest and most desperate patients in Yemen.

had it. Now, with most of its 70-plus doctors and medical trainees on strike, the facility had stopped accepting new arrivals. That potentially jeopardized the lives of thousands of patients who could not afford a private hospital.

On a sultry day in the children's wing of al-Sadaqa Hospital, 15 babies were suffering from severe malnutrition. But the worst case was 3-year-old Ayesha Ahmed. Her legs were thin as twigs. With each breath, her ribs protruded through her belly, stretching out her thin, dry skin.

Her parents had borrowed \$40 for the car to transport them from their village, 200 miles away, and another \$75 to buy medicines for their daughter. They arrived at the hospital the day before the dispute, and doctors helped her. Ayesha's diarrhea ended and she stopped vomiting. She was also drinking fortified milk.

But with her life still teetering precariously, her parents were considering taking Ayesha to another hospital. That would be a financial challenge. "We

only have \$10 left," explained Naziha Mahyoub, her mother.

Mundhir was born premature and was the size of a deflated football. His tiny face was attached to a tube that ran to an oxygen bottle, but his body was not moving.

"The oxygen has stopped for the past 10 minutes," said his mother, Fikria Sa'el, 39, worry evident in her voice. "No bubbles are coming out."

A nurse rushed to the machine that regulates the oxygen flow. His twin brother, Nadhir, had died nine days earlier.

Suddenly, bubbles emerged in the bottle. Mundhir's bony chest moved up slightly, and his sister thanked Allah.

But three days later the staff would discover that Mundhir was bleeding inside his intestines, nurses said. A doctor sneaked into the hospital, her face covered by a black veil to avoid the militiamen outside, administered a blood transfusion and left.

Fresh blood flowed through an IV attached to

his left arm. Mundhir's eyes opened. He had survived for 29 days.

In the intensive care unit, 5-month-old Taif, who had a congenital heart disorder, needed a blood transfusion and heart surgery.

Her parents had tried to transfer her to a private hospital the day before. But some were too expensive. Others refused to accept her in such a serious condition. A Malaysian charity offered to perform the surgery for free but said that Taif needed to weigh at least 15 pounds. She weighed 6.

How could their daughter gain weight, her parents wondered, when there were no doctors to help her? "They left us without medicine, and no one to follow her case," her mother would bitterly say later.

A day later, Taif nearly died. She had been vomiting, badly in need of blood, and her heart had stopped, said her mother, Fatma Jalal.

"When the nurse came and saw her, they tried to revive her," she said. "The heartbeat came back slowly."

Eight-month-old Alin was in the next bed. She had been in a coma when she arrived, but she had improved when the doctors treated her, before they left the hospital. Now, her condition was deteriorating again. Her medical report read: "In severe shock."

She had contracted malaria and was running a high fever. She stared blankly at the ceiling.

"Before she became sick, she used to say 'Mama' and 'Papa,'" said her father, Nidhal Mohammed. "Now, she doesn't say a word."

Postscript: The doctors ended their walkout after an armed force linked to the Saudi and UAE-led coalition took over the hospital's security.

Ayesha's parents brought her back to al-Sadaqa after the protest ended and her health started to improve.

Taif took a turn for the worse and died even as she received the blood transfusion she had so long needed.

Alin was transferred to other hospitals for treatment.

Mundhir died on the day the strike ended.

U.S. to slap new sanctions on Russia over U.K. poison case

BY TRACY WILKINSON
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WASHINGTON — The U.S. on Wednesday cleared the way for a new round of sanctions against Russia after the State Department formally concluded that Moscow violated the international ban on chemical weapons with a nerve agent attack earlier this year against a former Soviet spy and his daughter.

That determination, which Congress had been pushing the Trump administration to make since March, triggers mandatory sanctions under a 1991 U.S. law.

International monitors already had blamed Russia for the attempted assassination in Britain of Sergei Skripal and his adult daughter, Yulia, in March.

At that time, several countries took diplomatic action against Moscow, including the U.S., which expelled 60 Russian diplomats.

Russia has denied any role in the attack.

The new sanctions will target national security and "sensitive" equipment —

goods, electronics and technologies that Moscow seeks to import from the United States, senior State Department officials said.

It could hit as much as 70 percent of Russia's state-run economy and 40 percent of its workforce, said one of the officials, who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity in keeping with State Department rules.

U.S. lawmakers had asked the Trump administration to make the formal determination to trigger sanctions in March.

After the White House missed a two-month deadline to take action, Rep. Ed Royce R-Calif., who chairs the House Foreign Affairs Committee, sent a second letter two weeks ago, pressing the president to act.

Critics say the administration's slow response was another example of Trump's reluctance to confront Russian President Vladimir Putin.

On Wednesday, Royce praised the new sanctions.

"The administration is rightly acting to uphold international bans on the use of chemical weapons,"



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Police sealed off an area near a shopping center after former Russian spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter, Yulia, were found critically ill March 4 in the English city of Salisbury.

Royce said in a statement. "The mandatory sanctions that follow this determination are key to increasing pressure on Russia. Vladimir Putin must know that we will not tolerate his deadly acts, or his ongoing attacks on our democratic process."

Administration officials downplayed the delay in imposing the sanctions, saying it was because of the

complicated nature of the measures. They noted that in previous applications of the same law — against Syria and North Korea — deadlines also were missed.

The officials also sought to dispel any idea that Trump dragged his feet or that there were internal disputes over whether to impose additional sanctions. "This is not about different bits of the admin-

istration going in different directions," the official said.

Trump also delayed enacting earlier sanctions ordered by Congress to punish Moscow for its interference in the 2016 U.S. election and continued meddling.

The new order will contain exceptions to the sanctions, including space programs and foreign aid. The sanctions will go into effect

in about two weeks while Congress is notified.

If Russia cannot demonstrate it has stopped using chemical or biological weapons within 90 days, the administration would be required to levy more sanctions, the official said.

The use of chemical or biological weapons violates the Chemical and Biological Weapons Control and Warfare Elimination Act of 1991.



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The study looked at 1,450 kids who were at least 1 and whose moms were infected with Zika while pregnant.

Study: 1 in 7 Zika-exposed U.S. babies have health issues

BY MIKE STOBBE
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NEW YORK — One out of every 7 babies born to U.S. mothers who were infected with Zika during pregnancy developed some kind of health problem, according to the first long-term look at those children.

Tuesday's study focused on the children of women in Puerto Rico and other territories, where most of the U.S. cases were seen when the disease swept across the Americas more than two

years ago.

Most people infected with Zika don't get sick. In others, it can cause a mild illness, with fever, rash and joint pain. But infection during pregnancy can lead to severe brain-related birth defects.

Earlier studies focused on those birth defects. The new research is unique in that it's a large study that looked for conditions that became apparent only later, said Margaret Honein of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one of the

authors.

The researchers looked at 1,450 kids who were at least 1 year old and whose mothers were infected with Zika while pregnant. Most were in Puerto Rico, but the count included American Samoa, the Marshall Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Micronesia.

Of those children, 6 percent had birth defects, such as abnormally small heads, damaged brains or eye irregularities. That's about 30 times what's seen in children generally.

The percentage rose to 14 when the researchers also counted later-developing problems possibly caused by Zika, including seizures, developmental delays and difficulty swallowing or moving.

Researchers also found that not enough kids were being checked for problems. Medical services have been disrupted at times in hurricane-battered Puerto Rico. Still, it means kids who need therapy or treatment may not be getting it, Honein said.

Most Zika infections are spread through the bites of infected mosquitoes, but it can also be spread through sex or blood transfusions. The CDC previously has advised couples planning to conceive to abstain from sex or to use condoms for at least six months after a male partner comes down with Zika. On Tuesday, health officials reduced the recommendation to three months in the wake of research that found the risk of sexual transmission is shorter than originally feared.

GOP fears rise amid squeaker in Ohio race

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and enthusiasm is far superior to that of Republicans, and that's because anger is a stronger motivator than love in politics," said David Wasserman, who tracks House races for the nonpartisan Cook Political Report.

That dynamic has encouraged Democrats, who hope to seize House seats held by Republicans in districts that Trump lost to Hillary Clinton in 2016. Some, if not all, could be easier for Democrats to win than the one in Ohio, which Trump carried by 11 points.

"We've got the intensity, and they don't," said Sean Clegg, a Democratic consultant working on some of the California races. Trump's racial provocations and separation of immigrant children from their parents at border crossings, he suggested, are sure to damage the GOP.

"It's hard to go back from Charlottesville and putting kids in cages," he said. "You've got about 55 percent of the country who are looking at this and saying, 'This is a horror show.'"

Also disturbing for Republicans were the results Tuesday from House primaries in Washington state. Two GOP incumbents, Reps. Cathy McMorris Rodgers and Jaime Herrera Beutler, finished with less than 50 percent of the vote,



GOP candidate Troy Balderson celebrates his slim lead Tuesday over Danny O'Connor in Newark, Ohio. The margin in the House race may signal GOP troubles in midterm races.

a sign of danger in November.

Republicans conceded Wednesday that the Ohio vote was worrisome.

Trump might have "driven suburban women and other elements of the Republican coalition away from the party," said Doug Preisse, the Republican chairman in Ohio's Franklin County. But it's not unusual for a new president to suffer setbacks in his first midterm election, he said, and the GOP appears to

have kept the Ohio seat.

"It's a warning, but it's not a disaster siren," Preisse said.

Michael Steele, who was Republican National Committee chairman when the GOP retook control of the House under President Barack Obama in 2010, said the party needed to quickly figure out how to match Democrats' enthusiasm in an election that's just three months away.

"There is a lack of energy on the Republican side that

we are not acknowledging," he told MSNBC.

The Cook Political Report estimates that Republicans hold 68 seats in districts that are less favorable to the GOP than the one that gave the party a scare in Ohio. Democrats need to pick up 23 seats to capture control of the House.

In a string of special elections for House seats, Republicans have consistently fallen short of their 2016 vote. Even before the Ohio election, nonpartisan

analysts were projecting a Democratic takeover of the House in November.

In Ohio, Democratic candidate Danny O'Connor raised far more money than Balderson, so outside groups came to the Republican's rescue, spending over \$3.5 million on his behalf.

That kind of assistance is all but impossible for GOP forces to provide on a national scale for the November elections.

"They don't have enough money to spend a few million dollars on every race in the fall," Gonzales said. "We're talking about a universe of 65-plus vulnerable Republican seats. Republicans just don't have that kind of cash."

The lackluster showings by GOP candidates has also reignited a debate within the GOP over whether Trump will be a drag on the party's chances in November and should stay out of some of the country's most hotly-contested races.

Inside the White House, Trump aides are mapping out plans for the fall that would offer a variety of options to Republican candidates, be it a visit from the president's daughter, Ivanka Trump, to a blue state or a presidential tweet for a red-state ally.

Many Republican strategists said the results illustrate the limits of Trump's ability to boost candidates,

particularly in suburban areas where the president's popularity has suffered.

Trump took a different lesson from the outcomes, crowing in tweets that his presence on the campaign trail and his record could lift his party and prompt a "giant Red Wave!"

"As long as I campaign and/or support Senate and House candidates (within reason), they will win!" Trump wrote.

White House officials huddling Wednesday acknowledged that GOP candidates will likely need different types of support depending on the dynamics of each race, according to two people briefed on the debate, who requested anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss internal deliberations.

Ivanka Trump visited Illinois on Wednesday, speaking at Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey, alongside Illinois GOP Rep. Rodney Davis. While the visit was an official White House endeavor, Davis is a self-described "Main Street Republican" facing a tough re-election.

His Democratic opponent, Betsy Dirksen Londrigan, raised more money than he did during the last quarter.

The Washington Post contributed.

Trump's legal team responds to Mueller interview request

By CHRIS MEGERIAN
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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's lawyers on Wednesday continued to parry with special counsel Robert Mueller on his request for an interview, further prolonging negotiations after months in which Trump's team has tried to limit the scope of potential questions.

"We have responded in writing to the latest proposal from the Office of Special Counsel regarding its request to interview the President," said Jay Sekulow, one of the president's lawyers, in a statement. "It is not appropriate, at this time, to comment publicly about the content of that response."

The latest exchange provided another opportunity for Rudy Giuliani, the former New York City mayor who is also representing the president, to call on Mueller to start bringing his investigation to a close.

"Millions of pages of documents along with testimony from dozens of witnesses have been provided," Giuliani said in a statement. "We're restating what we have been saying for months: it is time for the Office of Special Counsel to conclude its inquiry without further delay."

Mueller was appointed in May 2017 to investigate Russia's 2016 election interference and whether anyone from Trump's campaign conspired with the Russians. He's also been examining whether Trump obstructed justice by interfering with the probe.

The back-and-forth over an interview has dragged on for months, and the latest letter from Trump's team is unlikely to resolve the issue.

Sekulow described the exchange on his syndicated radio show Wednesday. "That will be our response. And then they'll respond back," he said. "We'll see



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Attorneys Rudy Giuliani, left, and Jay Sekulow are trying to limit questions that special counsel Robert Mueller can ask President Donald Trump if an interview takes place.



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how this develops in the days ahead."

After a meeting with prosecutors earlier this year, Trump's lawyers drafted a list of roughly four dozen potential questions the president could be asked.

Many of the queries were related to whether Trump obstructed justice, such as, "What did you mean when you told Russian diplomats on May 10, 2017, that firing Mr. Comey had taken the pressure off?" That was a reference to Trump's remark to Russian diplomats a day after he fired FBI Director James Comey, who previously oversaw the Russia probe.

Those types of questions have been a sticking point for Trump and his allies.

"The legal team and the president have been saying and believe that obstruction isn't the focus and shouldn't be part of this," said a friend of the president's who recently spoke with him. The friend requested anonymity to describe a private conversation.

About one-quarter of the questions on the list focused on what the president knew about Russia's efforts to interfere with the campaign.

One question — "When did you become aware of the Trump Tower meeting?" — references the June

2016 gathering that Donald Trump Jr. hosted with a Kremlin-linked lawyer who was said to have incriminating information on Democratic rival Hillary Clinton.

The president has denied having prior knowledge of the meeting, but his story has shifted before. When the meeting was revealed last year, he helped draft a statement from his son saying the discussion was focused on adoption policy.

But Sunday he tweeted that the meeting was "to get information on an opponent" something he defended as "totally legal and done all the time in politics."

Despite Trump's defense, U.S. law prohibits foreign nationals from making contributions to political campaigns here, which bars donations and other things of value.

The president's friend said Trump is more confident than his lawyers in his ability to handle an interview.

"Trump thinks he can go in and just clear things up," the friend said, adding that "Trump believes in his ability to charm and persuade in person."

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GOP congressman from N.Y. charged with insider trading

By TOM HAYS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Republican U.S. Rep. Christopher Collins of western New York state was arrested Wednesday on charges he fed inside information he gleaned from sitting on the board of a biotechnology company to his son, helping family and friends dodge hundreds of thousands of dollars in losses when bad news came out.

Collins, 68, is a staunch supporter of President Donald Trump who was among the first two sitting members of Congress to endorse his candidacy for the White House.

He pleaded not guilty to an indictment unsealed in Manhattan federal court. The indictment charges Collins, the congressman's son and the father of the son's fiancée with conspiracy, securities fraud, wire fraud and making false statements to the FBI.

Prosecutors said the charges stem from Collins' decision to share with his son insider information about Innate Immunotherapeutics Limited, a biotechnology company headquartered in Sydney, Australia, with offices in Auckland, New Zealand.

Collins was the company's largest shareholder, with nearly 17 percent of its shares, and sat on its board.

According to the indictment, Collins was attending the Congressional Picnic at the White House on June 22, 2017, when he received an email from the company's chief executive saying that a trial of a drug the company developed to treat multiple sclerosis was a clinical failure.

Collins responded to the email saying, "Wow. Makes no sense. How are these results even possible???" the indictment said. It said he then called his son, Cameron, and, after several missed calls, they spoke for more than six minutes.



MARY ALTAFFER/AP

Rep. Christopher Collins, a staunch supporter of President Donald Trump, pleaded not guilty Wednesday in New York.

The next morning, according to the indictment, Cameron Collins began selling his shares, unloading enough over a two-day period to avoid \$570,900 in losses before a public announcement of the drug trial results. After the announcement, the company's stock price plunged 92 percent.

Prosecutors said the son passed the information to a third defendant, Stephen Zarsky. Their combined trades avoided over \$768,000 in losses, authorities said. They said Zarsky traded on it and tipped off at least three others.

U.S. Attorney Geoffrey Berman told a news conference that Collins was supposed to keep the trial results secret. "Instead, he decided to commit a crime," he said. "Representative Collins, who, by virtue of his office, helps write the laws of this country, acted as if the law did not apply to him."

Collins, a conservative first elected in 2012 to represent parts of western New York between Buffalo and Rochester, has denied wrongdoing. When the House Ethics Committee began investigating the stock trades a year ago, his spokeswoman called it a "partisan witch hunt."

"We will answer against charges filed against

Congressman Collins in court and will mount a vigorous defense to clear his good name," his attorneys, Jonathan Barr and Jonathan New, said in a statement Wednesday. "It is notable that even the government does not allege that Congressman Collins traded a single share of Innate Therapeutics stock. We are confident he will be completely vindicated and exonerated."

Collins has a track record of publicly backing Trump, most recently calling for an end to special counsel Robert Mueller's probe into campaign collusion and blaming the Obama administration for failing to push back on Russia.

"I share President Trump's continued frustration as the left continues to try to nullify the 2016 Presidential election with claims of Russian interference," he said.

House Speaker Paul Ryan said he was removing Collins from the House Energy and Commerce Committee, calling insider trading "a clear violation of the public trust."

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said the charges against Collins "show the rampant culture of corruption and self-enrichment among Republicans in Washington today."

Ferguson prosecutor in probe of teen's slaying is ousted

By JIM SALTER
Associated Press

FERGUSON, Mo. — Four years after the deadly police shooting that triggered racial unrest in Ferguson and helped give rise to the Black Lives Matter movement, a black city councilman scored an election upset and ousted the white prosecutor criticized over his handling of the case.

Wesley Bell's stunning defeat of seven-term St. Louis County prosecutor Bob McCulloch in Tues-

day's Democratic contest all but assures Bell of victory in November. The Republicans have not put up a candidate.

"People did not think it could be done," the 43-year-old Bell said Wednesday. "The message we would tell people is, 'You don't have to believe it, yet, just support it.'"

Bell said what resonated with voters was his platform of reforms, such as holding police more accountable, revising the cash bail system and ending

prosecution of low-level drug crimes. "The easy narrative is to say it's just about Ferguson," he said.

Still, the change began four years ago.

On Aug. 9, 2014, Michael Brown, an unarmed black 18-year-old man, was shot to death by white Officer Darren Wilson after a street encounter led to a fight. Wilson said he fired in self-defense, while some witnesses said Brown had his hands up. The killing led to months of protests.

A St. Louis County grand

jury declined to indict Wilson. Many protesters accused McCulloch of steering the panel to its decision. McCulloch, 67, has denied any effort to sway the grand jury.

The uprising in Ferguson fired the political ambitions of some of the black activists.

Bruce Franks Jr., who led several protests in Ferguson, defeated a longtime incumbent to win election to the Missouri House in 2016. Another protest leader, Cori Bush, lost Tues-

day in her bid to unseat nine-term U.S. Rep. William Lacy Clay, but received 37 percent of the vote.

Bell received 57 percent to McCulloch's 43 percent in St. Louis County.

"I think the Ferguson events certainly had something to do with this," University of Missouri-St. Louis political scientist David Kimball said. "Certainly that case got a lot of attention and generated a lot of criticism of McCulloch, so I've got to believe that was a factor."



JIM SALTER/AP

Councilman Wesley Bell defeated St. Louis County prosecutor Bob McCulloch.

NEWS BRIEFING

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Israel airstrikes hit Gaza after Palestinians fire rockets

JERUSALEM — Israel struck targets in the Gaza Strip after dozens of rockets were launched Wednesday from the coastal territory ruled by the Islamic militant Hamas group, the Israeli military said.

The exchange came amid continued attempts by Egypt to broker a broad cease-fire deal between Israel and Hamas.

Sirens wailed in southern Israel, warning of incoming rockets from

Gaza, and Israeli media reported six people were wounded by shrapnel in the border town of Sderot.

The military said that it identified 36 rockets fired from Gaza and that the Iron Dome defense system intercepted several of them.

Gaza residents reported several Israeli airstrikes after the Palestinian rocket barrage, and the territory's Health Ministry said three Palestinians were slightly injured.

Returned Korean War dog tag belonged to U.S. Army medic

WASHINGTON — The lone military identification tag that North Korea provided with 55 boxes of human remains last month belonged to Master Sgt. Charles H. McDaniel, an Army medic from Indiana who was killed in the opening months of the Korean War.

The Army on Wednesday handed McDaniel's slightly corroded dog tag to his sons, Charles Jr. and Larry, who were so young

when their father perished that they have little memory of him. Charles, 71, told reporters he was moved to tears when he got the phone call at home in Indianapolis last week informing him that his father's dog tag had been returned.

The dog tag is no assurance that McDaniel's remains are among those contained in the 55 boxes that North Korea turned over to the U.S. last month.

Justices uphold Brock Turner's sexual assault conviction

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Capping a controversial campus assault case that garnered international attention, a California appellate court Wednesday upheld Brock Turner's conviction, including the felony count that forced him to register for the rest of his life as a sex offender.

Turner can appeal the decision to the state Supreme Court. But the high court is considered unlikely to take up the

case in light of a 17-page ruling that concluded his conviction was supported by "substantial evidence."

"The jury could reasonably have inferred from the foregoing evidence that defendant intended to rape Jane 1," the three-justice panel ruled.

His lawyer had used the novel grounds that the former Stanford swimmer wanted "outercourse" with his intoxicated victim, not intercourse.



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Abortion debate: Opponents, left, and supporters, right, of a bill legalizing abortion in Argentina gather Wednesday outside Congress in Buenos Aires as the Senate began debating the measure. The lower chamber has already passed the proposal.

Saudi doctors get brief grace period to remain in Canada

TORONTO — Canadian health authorities said Wednesday that hundreds of Saudi doctors and residents who make up the largest segment of foreign medical trainees in the country will remain in Canada until the end of the month, giving hospitals a few weeks to cope with the sudden staffing loss caused by a diplomatic spat.

The 800 medical trainees are among more than 15,000 Saudis whose government has ordered them to quickly leave the country due to Canada's criticism of the ultraconservative kingdom's arrest of women's

right activists.

The Saudi Embassy bureau that places the country's students in Canada convinced the kingdom's government to let the medical trainees stay until Sept. 1, said Dr. Salvatore Spadafora, the vice dean of post-MD education at the University of Toronto's faculty of medicine.

Spadafora oversees 216 of those Saudis in the Toronto Academic Health Sciences Network.

He said the loss of the trainees will cause disruptions at Canadian hospitals, particularly in some specialized fields, but said it's

too early to fully know the impact.

While the Saudi government says the students, whose education it is paying for, can now study in other nations, the change will dramatically alter the future for many.

Some of the residents and doctors are entering their final and fifth year of their programs and the change will derail some careers, Spadafora said.

The Saudi state airline also said in a statement on its official Twitter account that it would suspend all flights to Toronto starting Monday, Aug. 13.

Venezuela ruling party cracks down on opposition

CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuela's pro-government constitutional assembly stripped two opposition lawmakers of their immunity from prosecution on Wednesday, accusing them of having roles in a drone attack that authorities say was an attempt to kill socialist President Nicolas

Maduro.

The National Constituent Assembly voted unanimously to lift the protection for Julio Borges and Juan Requesens, who have seats in the opposition-controlled legislature.

The move came after the Supreme Court ordered the arrest of Borges, who lives

in in exile in Colombia's capital, Bogota.

Requesens was arrested Tuesday.

Maduro has accused the two of being tied to a weekend incident in which two drones loaded with explosives exploded while he spoke at an outdoor military celebration.

NYC to curb ride-share services with cap on licenses

NEW YORK — New York City is reining in the growth of Uber, Lyft and other app-based ride services with a temporary cap on new cars picking up fares.

The City Council approved a package of bills Wednesday that included a one-year moratorium on new licenses for for-hire vehicles while the city studies the rapidly changing industry.

The Council also voted to set a minimum driver wage equivalent to the yellow cab wage for app-based drivers.

Backers of the proposals said both the traditional yellow cab industry and drivers for app-based services are suffering as Uber cars flood the city's streets.

But opponents said Uber and Lyft provide needed service to neighborhoods outside Manhattan that are poorly served by yellow cabs.

Nomination: U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres selected Chile's former President Michelle Bachelet on Wednesday to be the world body's next human rights chief, a high profile and often controversial job. The nomination must be approved by the 193-member General Assembly.

Gas claim: A nearly \$120 million settlement has been reached in litigation stemming from a blowout at a Los Angeles storage field where a massive methane release lasting four months forced thousands from their homes three years ago, the utility responsible, Southern California Gas Co., announced Wednesday.

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EDITORIALS

CITY COUNCIL'S LATEST
ANTI-BUSINESS SLAP

The Chicago City Council is considering an ordinance that would punish employers who don't have crystal balls. It's a bone-headed proposal.

Are you a boss? Do you manage people? Do you run a business? Pay attention.

The ordinance would require Chicago employers to post work schedules for their employees at least two weeks in advance. Employers would be required to pay their employees for at least one hour extra if the schedule changed or work was added or subtracted. Companies also could face fines of \$500 for each employee affected in each pay period if they fail to comply. If employers make changes with 24 hours' notice or less to on-call workers, the workers would have to be compensated.

Companies with hourly employees or salaried workers earning less than \$50,000 annually would be affected. That would sweep thousands of Chicago businesses under the new rules, the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce says.

There's a lot more heavy-handedness in the 17-page ordinance affecting hiring, part-time workers and flexibility. Before they begin work, for example, new hires must be given in writing the median number of hours they can expect to work and a list of days and times they will not be expected to work.

Those rules are in addition to regulations already imposed on Chicago employers, including a higher minimum wage than the rest of the state, mandatory paid sick leave and the day-to-day taxes, fees and regulations that are costly to businesses.

We're not sure how many employers, frankly, could meet the requirements of the ordinance without being punished. Retail shops, restaurants, nonprofits, child care providers, hospitals, temp agencies, security firms — you name it — operate on their own terms because they must. They have unique needs, clientele and demands. They handle their own employee sched-

uling and should be able to continue doing so without interference from City Hall.

Employees call in sick. They miss the bus. They have emergencies. This is Chicago. Snow happens.

Workloads change, too. A deadline gets moved up. A flu epidemic hits a local hospital. It's tax season, tourist season or budget season. Hours go up and down.

Employers often have to adjust work schedules, sometimes on the fly. It isn't always ideal for either side, but life is unpredictable. Now the City Council is going to try to legislate it?

Ald. John Arena, 45th, is the chief sponsor of the latest version of what is being called the Chicago Fair Workweek Ordinance. Twenty-nine of his colleagues have signed on so far. This is the body of aldermen, remember, who squealed and complained several years ago when the legislative inspector general asked them to turn over time sheets for staff in their offices. Many aldermen didn't even keep time

records or refused to produce them. But now they want to intervene in how private companies schedule their workers.

The ordinance exempts most governments in Chicago including the Park District, City Colleges of Chicago, Chicago Housing Authority and Chicago Transit Authority, as well as state, local and federal governments with offices located in Chicago. So there's no question this is a lopsided whack at private industry.

Supporters of the ordinance — similar proposals have been passed in San Francisco and New York — point to cases where low-wage workers struggle with hours and pay that fluctuate week to week. That is a hardship but a reality of the working world. It's not a justification for City Hall to police and meddle in employer scheduling.

Aldermen, before you add another misguided mandate on local businesses, put this ordinance where it belongs: in the trash can.

What happened to the elk?

Tuesday's Tribune dished up a mystery: What killed three elk on display in the Cook County Forest Preserve District's Busse Woods last fall?

First reaction: Wait. The forest preserve has captive elk?

Second: Why?

Before we are inundated with calls and emails from animal lovers, let us stipulate that we are elk fans — if those elk roam the wild, where they belong.

The small herd of Busse Woods elk, however, munches and meanders in a 17-acre enclosed pen with an open pasture and shady woodlands. The elk are a popular attraction for local families — and a tradition since the first elk were transported from Yellowstone in 1925.

County officials say they aren't sure what caused the deaths of the three elk, part of a six-member herd, the Tribune's Gregory Pratt reported. Autopsies were inconclusive. But officials suspect the elk died of dehydration because the county's elk-keepers didn't give them enough water.

The upshot: Two workers were punished. One was suspended for eight days. Another got a written reprimand for negligence and not providing enough water to the elk. Two other workers were not disciplined.

So that's four — count 'em, four — workers who apparently could have, would have, should have made sure the animals were cared for. And four workers who apparently failed.

Cook County Commissioner Timothy Schneider, whose district includes Elk Grove Village and Busse Woods, says the county was too lenient in disciplining the workers. "Their job was to count to six every day and carry a bucket of water," he tells us. "It's as simple as that. They couldn't even do that."



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We can't help but hear the echo of generations of parents warning children that if they couldn't care for a pet dog/cat/fish/lizard, then they couldn't have one. Seems like Cook County has proved that it can't handle the responsibility of elk care.

So what now? District officials say they'll replenish the herd by bringing more elk from Texas later this fall. But Schneider says the district shouldn't bring in more elk until officials can better publicly explain why those elk died last year. We agree. And we'll go a step further than Schneider: We

think the forest preserve should care for what remains of the herd until it expires, then get out of the business of keeping captive elk. The animals are better off roaming in the wild, where they can find their own food and water instead of relying on humans. The forest preserve isn't a zoo.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Administration officials clearly do not know what they want for Iran beyond the disappearance of the Islamic Republic. If the government there were to fall tomorrow, the Trump administration would descend into bitter infighting as each official claimed that his particular client was the destined leader of new democratic Iran. Some, including National Security Adviser John Bolton and his friends, would end up backing the MEK, a group hated by most Iranians and resembling a combination of the Jonestown cult and the Khmer Rouge. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has demonstrated that this administration has no knowledge of or interest in history. If it did, it would have learned the lesson that meddling in other countries' internal politics usually ends with a failed state, a new dictator, or a feeble client hated by his own people and in need of constant American support. As I used to tell my students, "Those of you who forget history are condemned to repeat ... sophomore year." This group seems constantly ready to repeat at least sophomore year.

John Limbert, LobeLog

Disinterested study is a foundational good in university education precisely because it allows teachers and students to pursue the truth and to set aside calculations of utility and advantage. ... Consider the distortions that creep in when we are too personally invested: We massage data to support our conclusions; we imagine that "telling our own story" stands as unqualified truth; we ask research questions that we know will issue in favorable political outcomes. We can never escape ourselves. And scholarship without disinterest also cuts off the very highest modes of inquiry: Must we always use geometry to build a bridge or carpet a room, or is there still a place for wondering about the nature of the triangle and circle as such, and even about what universals lie beyond the triangle and circle? As one of my most perceptive students put it, "I want to be able to think about things that aren't only related to me."

Elizabeth Corey, National Affairs

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Trump's sinkhole of sleaze



STEVE CHAPMAN

The State Dining Room in the White House is adorned with a quotation from John Adams: "May none but Honest and Wise Men ever rule under This Roof." His wish has often gone unfulfilled.

"Under Grant's two administrations, there flapped through the national capital a whole phantasmagoria of insolent fraud," wrote Edmund Wilson in his book "Patriotic Gore." Americans who remember nothing else about Warren Harding can name the scandal that engulfed his administration: Teapot Dome. Richard Nixon resigned for crimes that would have gotten him prison time had he not been pardoned.

But champions of these tainted presidents can take heart. Since Jan. 20, 2017, Americans have seen an endless torrent of corruption beyond anything previously imagined. No president has ever had a surer instinct than Donald Trump for finding and empowering scam artists, spongers and thugs.

As a candidate, he promised, "I'll choose the best people for my administration." Maybe he inadvertently omitted the word "not." Looking for the best people in Trump's circle would be like looking for icebergs in the Everglades.

Three Trump associates — Michael Flynn, George Papadopoulos and Rick Gates — have pleaded guilty to charges of lying to investigators. Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price



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A John Adams quote adorning the White House's State Dining Room includes the words: "May none but Honest and Wise Men ever rule under This Roof."

was brought down by his habit of using private jets and military planes for travel. EPA chief Scott Pruitt resigned over a raft of shameless ethical offenses.

Trump's first staff secretary, Rob Porter, and his first nominee for labor secretary, Andrew Puzder, withdrew after revelations that their ex-wives had accused them of violent abuse. But this is a president, keep in mind, whose first wife accused him of rape.

The trial of his former campaign manager has provided more evidence of Trump's sure instinct for compulsive shysters. Paul Manafort was indicted for allegedly laundering millions of dollars in income and evading taxes. Gates, Manafort's trusted aide and Trump's deputy campaign chairman, testified this week that he helped Manafort commit those crimes.

Manafort stands out for his peculiar shopping proclivities. Among his more ridiculous outlays was more than \$1.3 million in men's apparel, including a

\$15,000 ostrich-skin jacket that most men would not wear if you paid them \$15,000. Gates admitted he embezzled from his former boss, which suggests that Manafort was no better at finding honest help than Trump is.

You could hardly surround yourself with so many disreputable figures as the president has unless you opened a halfway house for felons. But his preference for the shady sort is what you'd expect of someone whose business career has been a chronicle of bankruptcy, bullying and deceit.

After vowing never to settle a lawsuit filed by Trump University students who said they had been scammed, he agreed to pay \$25 million to bring it to an end. His lawyer Michael Cohen paid porn actress Stormy Daniels \$130,000 not to share her story of having sex with Trump. Cohen is under investigation on an array of possible crimes.

Flying under this cluttered radar is Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, who just settled one of a string of law-

suits by business associates charging that he stole from them. Forbes magazine found that "these allegations — which sparked lawsuits, reimbursements and an SEC fine — come to more than \$120 million. If even half of the accusations are legitimate, the current United States secretary of commerce could rank among the biggest gifters in American history."

In June, the New York attorney general sued the Donald J. Trump Foundation, accusing it of "sweeping violations of campaign finance laws, self-dealing and illegal coordination with the presidential campaign," as The New York Times reported.

Among the alleged offenses was using charitable funds to settle lawsuits and buy portraits of Trump. The foundation earlier paid a fine for an illegal campaign contribution.

Marc Owens, who previously was director of the tax-exempt organization division of the IRS, told CNN, "The Trump Foundation may be unique in the variety and scope of its transgressions of state and federal law." He added, "In my opinion, there are no effective defenses that Donald Trump and/or his foundation can deploy to either the attorney general's petition or to federal tax charges."

"Unique in the variety and scope of its transgressions." That would do as the motto of an administration that, even if it manages some tangible achievements, will forever be remembered as a sinkhole of sleaze.

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House Speaker Paul Ryan, left, with President Donald Trump at the U.S. Capitol in June.

The invisible heroism of Paul Ryan

BY DANIEL W. DREZNER
Special to The Washington Post

In March, I wrote the following about House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis.:

“Of course a GOP legislative leader would be expected to work closely with a GOP president. The degree to which Ryan has prostrated himself to the cause of ... what, exactly? A unified GOP caucus? A president who articulates positions on immigration, trade, foreign policy, that are at variance with Ryan? A president whose rhetoric debased the national discourse on a daily basis?”

“Why, exactly, is Paul D. Ryan being so quiet? What does he hope to accomplish at this point? I don’t know. I would love to hear from someone who does.”

Lo and behold, we get to hear from someone who knows: Paul Ryan himself. The New York Times’ Mark Leibovich profiled Ryan for the magazine; the question was clearly on Leibovich’s agenda. And Ryan had clearly prepared an answer:

“Ryan made a determination after Trump’s election that to defy the president too forcefully would invite a counterreaction. He tends to speak of the commander in chief as if he were sharing a coping strategy on dealing with a Ritalin-deprived child. ‘It boomerangs,’ Ryan says of being too critical of Trump. ‘He goes in the other direction, so that’s not effective.’ He added, ‘The pissing match doesn’t work.’”

“Ryan prefers to tell Trump how he feels in private. He joins a large group of Trump’s putative allies, many of whom have worked in the administration, who insist that they have shaped Trump’s thinking and behavior in private: the ‘Trust me, I’ve stopped this from being much worse’ approach. ‘I can look myself in the mirror at the end of the day and say I avoided that tragedy, I avoided that tragedy, I

avoided that tragedy,’ Ryan tells me. ‘I advanced this goal, I advanced this goal, I advanced this goal.’”

“I locked in on the word ‘tragedy.’ It sets the mind reeling to whatever thwarted ‘tragedies’ Ryan might be talking about. I asked for an example. ‘No, I don’t want to do that,’ Ryan replied. ‘That’s more than I usually say.’”

What to make of Ryan’s claims? On the one hand, it’s the perfect dodge. Unless he provides more detail, the reader simply has to take it on faith that Ryan is telling the truth. It’s a completely unverifiable claim, which makes it a perfect claim for a politician to make.

On the other hand, there is a ring of truth to what Ryan says. Consider what Axios’ Mike Allen wrote in August 2017 during the depths of the Charlottesville, Va., fiasco, about why White House staffers were not resigning:

“You have no idea how much crazy stuff we kill: The most common response centers on the urgent importance of having smart, sane people around Trump to fight his worst impulses. If they weren’t there, they say, we would have a trade war with China, massive deportations and a government shutdown to force construction of a Southern wall.”

A lot of that crew left in the next six months, and hey, a lot of those worst-case scenarios have come to fruition. And this is not the first administration in which I have heard this line of thinking. Veterans of the first term of the George W. Bush administration have also told me that their finest moment of public service was shooting down a crazy, dangerous idea that was gaining momentum. Heck, I played a part in this during my stint at Treasury during the first six months of Bush 43. It’s a thankless but necessary task to prevent someone in power from doing something really

stupid. If Ryan actually did that, props to him.

On the third hand, however, this dog won’t hunt. Ryan is not a White House staffer or a bureaucrat, he’s the speaker of the House, a co-equal branch of government, last time I checked the Constitution. If Ryan had said no on a few things, it was not as if Trump could have fired him or forced him out. Sure, Ryan might have faced a more contentious House GOP caucus. It seems clear, however, that no one else who really wanted to be House speaker would have had the juice to oust Ryan. The very fact that Ryan talks as if he is Trump’s subordinate suggests the degree of supplication he has accepted in the Age of Trump.

There are plenty of areas where Ryan could have said no — on tariffs, on Russia policy, on protecting the special counsel’s investigation, on whether the press is the enemy of the American people — without rupturing his relationship with Trump. He could have stuck his neck out a bit more in the name of decency. Maybe he did stop some of Trump’s truly crackpot ideas from ever seeing the light of day.

What we have seen from Trump, however, is an awful lot that should appall Ryan. Instead, he chose a different path. He went along with all of Trump’s illiberal rhetoric for a budget-busting, growth-enerivating tax cut. History will judge that choice harshly. I hope Ryan enjoys the extra pieces of silver he earned for making Trump’s political life more tolerable. The rest of the country will have to borrow that sum many times over just to pay the bills.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Quality of life

Much has been written about the loss of residents from the city of Chicago and the state of Illinois. I myself have been contemplating such a move, but am not yet retired, so must stay for a while longer, in any case.

I have to think about what could be done to improve life for us average folks to make us want to stay. One thing for certain is that we could sorely use more and better parks.

I recently returned from Philadelphia and spent some time in Rittenhouse Square, a Center City park. It was a lovely place to sit and read, people watch, or eat a treat.

Then I came home and walked to Portage Park, a few blocks from my home. It’s been some time since I’ve gone there, and now I remember why. First, I had to walk almost the entire block before finding a bench to sit on. They are few and far between. No picnic tables for families. Nowhere for folks attending the farmers market to eat the goodies they purchased. The drinking fountains were shut off. Lead. How long before they will be repaired? Bad, since there really aren’t any options to purchase food or drink there. No shelter for the folks playing sports. No public garden space. Not enough trees to provide shade.

Oh, there is a small dog park and a few tennis courts. And a playground that was closed for repair. It said for a week. I wonder how long it will really be? The swimming pool, as I recall, severely limits time in the water for the convenience of the lifeguards and ends up being a hassle to take kids there. I didn’t see anyone using the fieldhouse.

The lawn is mowed, and the small flower garden is cared for, but the park ends up being a square of grass and not much more.

I spoke with a few people who are trying to organize to improve the park and make it more user-friendly. It seems as though the Park District folks don’t care about anything but their paycheck and their patronage jobs, leaving those of us living in the community footing the bill through taxes and not getting much of anything in return. The alderman claims he has little influence. Really?

If you want people to stay in Chicago, make it a city for everyone, not the select few.

— Barb Orze, Chicago

Claim to fame

In case you missed it, Chicago was recently declared the rat capital of the United States. So now in addition to being known as the home of Al Capone as well as a mecca for gang violence, our city has yet another dubious distinc-

tion to overcome.

Needless to say there will be no medal ceremony or trophy presentation, and you can forget about a commemorative statue outside City Hall. After all, no one wants to scare off potential tourist trade.

This sorry episode reminds me of a similar rat problem that occurred a year ago. It got so bad that during a City Council meeting, one particularly insightful alderman actually suggested out loud that what was sorely needed was an army of cats to wipe out the rodent population.

Throwing felines at the problem might prove to be even more cataclysmic, if you get my drift. For one thing, how do you remove the excess cats once the varmints are gone? And, of course, there are the additional costs of all that kitty litter.

You’d think that with all that deep thinking going on there’d be a solution by now, right?

— Bob Ory, Elgin

Small moments

While riding my bike last week on a stretch of rural highway, I pulled to the gravel shoulder for traffic to clear so I could cross. My heart skipped beats between Hail Marys as the caravan of construction trucks roared past without caution, the vacuum almost pulling me with. I felt invisible.

Still hunkered to my bicycle, I waited for the chance for safety on pavement. A quiet threshold eventually presented, as I pushed my foot to pedal, a joyful confetti of flying grasshoppers fluttered up out of nowhere to accompany me in triumphant celebration. In this small-moment miracle, I was again one with the universe.

I thought of Amy Krouse Rosenthal, prolific author and filmmaker, creative optimist, who died March 13, 2017, of ovarian cancer. Although I have never met her, I will never forget her as a champion for connection to the universe, to each other, to the monumental in small moments.

In 2016, Mayor Rahm Emanuel declared Aug. 9 Amy Krouse Rosenthal Day in Chicago for her “steadfast commitment to literature, film and our city.”

In this state of world affairs, or should I say world “unfair,” we are still all here, together, breathing the same air, each with a tender heart that can be touched or broken. We all matter. In the spirit of Amy Krouse Rosenthal, her yellow umbrella and the “Beckoning of Lovely” movement, let’s “make the most of our time here.” Bitter is not better. Beckon lovely.

— Karen Gripko, Kenosha, Wis.

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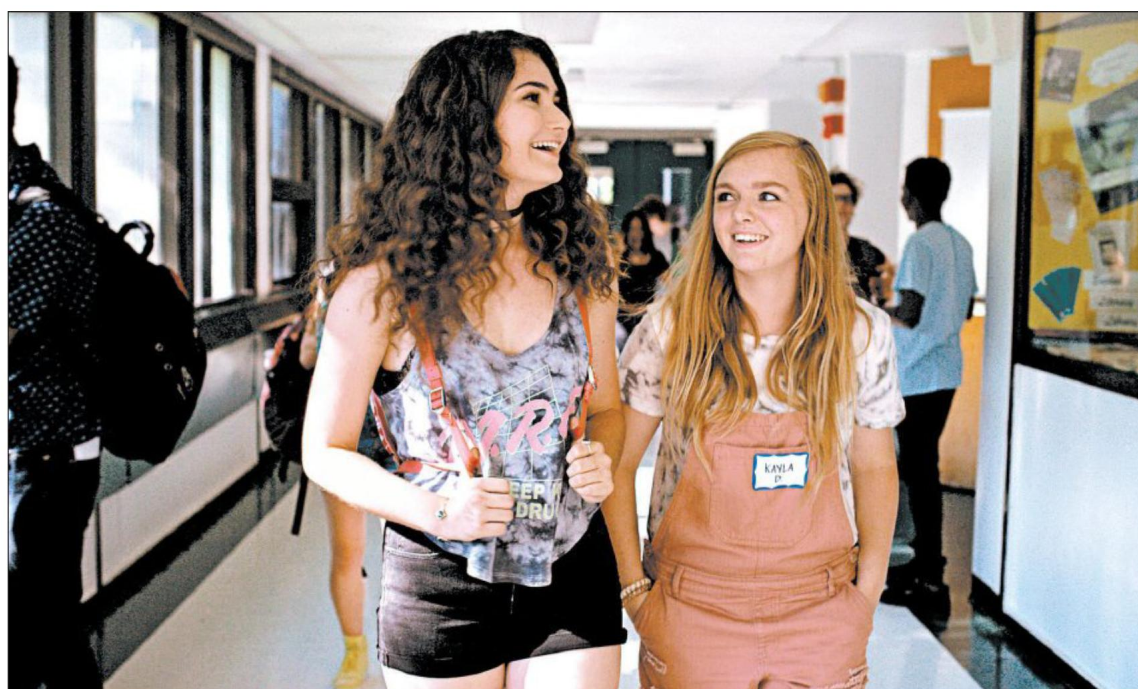
Why restrict eighth-graders from seeing ‘Eighth Grade’?

BY MAX WEBER

Social media plays a huge part in teenagers’ lives. It allows access to almost anyone — from friends, classmates and neighbors to actors, YouTubers and reality TV personalities. Is this “insight” doing any good? That access might make my generation feel connected and less lonely, but not always. Teenagers are also opening themselves up to wanting what others have, unfair comparisons, unwanted criticism that can walk the line of bullying, and letting “likes” and a number of followers define us.

Bo Burnham, the director and writer of the new movie “Eighth Grade,” clearly gets this. Social media is a central character in his movie.

But a few weeks ago, I learned that the film had received an R rating, meaning that anyone under 17 must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. As a kid going into eighth grade who experiences the complications of social media every day, I find it deeply upsetting that the actual demographic the movie is about can’t see it (without an adult) because of minor language and a mildly inappropriate scene.



LINDA KALLERUS/A24

Emily Robinson, left, and Elsie Fisher appear in Bo Burnham’s film “Eighth Grade,” which received an R rating.

I was lucky and able to attend a showing of “Eighth Grade” at the Chicago Film Critics Festival in May. I found it to be one of the most accurate movie depictions ever of teens — the film doesn’t sugarcoat anything. This authen-

tic point of view of eighth grade is actually helpful.

It’s upsetting that the Motion Picture Association of America, the group that rates movies, can’t recognize that we need access to real characters and messages.

Do we swear? Yes. Do we think about sex (and how scary it can be)? Yes. Portrayals of teens that aren’t authentic only take viewers like me out of the movie — and worse, they can make a person feel like something is

wrong with them because their life is nothing like what is being shown on screen.

When it rates movies, the MPAA should give on-screen violence more consideration than the kinds of words that most kids hear anyway, in school or from their friends. America has some very bad violence issues right now. Showing violence on a massive level, while language and natural things (such as sex and nudity) get an R rating, seems to do more harm than good.

Young people need to be able to see movies such as “Eighth Grade” that show that you’re not alone when it comes to being awkward and that you don’t have to change yourself to be happy. It makes you realize you have the ability to handle tough situations, that not everything is perfect, and that’s all part of life.

We teenagers should be able to decide who we want to experience that message with. Maybe it’s by ourselves, with friends or even with our parents. But it should be my decision, not a ratings board’s decision.

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PERSPECTIVE

'Workplace wellness' doesn't work

BY MEGAN MCARDLE

Have you ever participated in a "workplace wellness program" or known somebody who tried one? Did you notice any difference? If not — and you wouldn't be alone — a team of enterprising policy analysts in Illinois may have found an explanation. They ran a neat little experiment on employees of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and wrote up the results in a recent working paper for the National Bureau of Economic Research.

First, 12,459 benefits-eligible university employees were invited to complete a 15-minute online survey about health and wellness. Roughly 4,800 bothered to fill out the survey, at which point they were randomly divided into seven groups. Six of the groups were offered varying levels of incentives to participate in a new wellness program. "Those who successfully completed the entire program earned rewards ranging from \$50 to \$350," the researchers noted, "with the amounts randomly assigned and communicated at the start of the program." Members of the seventh group were told they might be contacted for future surveys and were otherwise left alone.

After the program had run its course, the researchers — Damon Jones, David Molitor and Julian Reif — compared the people who were offered the wellness program with the people who were left alone. Thirty-nine wellness-related outcomes were measured, from sick days to health care spending. The re-



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searchers found no significant effect in 37 of the 39 outcomes. The two variables that showed "significance" weren't actually all that significant: One was "an increase in the number of employees who ever received a health screening," the paper reports, and the other "an increase in the number who believe that management places a priority on health and safety."

The result from Illinois contrasts sharply with some of the earlier literature on these sorts of programs. A 2010 meta-analysis published in *Health Affairs* found that medical costs fell by \$3.27 for every dollar spent on wellness pro-

grams, while the cost of absenteeism declined by \$2.73.

But that earlier literature was vulnerable to a problem known as selection bias: The companies that offer wellness programs, and the employees who use them, might not be representative of the population as a whole.

For example, thanks to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, we know that higher-wage employees are more likely to be offered a wellness program at work. And thanks to decades of social science research, we also know that people with higher incomes tend to be healthier. This is true even

when they use precisely the same health care as those who don't earn as much: The famous Whitehall Studies of British civil servants from the 1960s to the 1980s found that senior bureaucrats fared much better than those in the lower tiers, even though they were all covered by Britain's National Health Service.

There can also be selection effects between those obnoxiously fit folks who leap at the opportunity to fine-tune their health and those who are too sick, or uninterested, to participate. That's what the Illinois study found: Average annual medical spending for

those who didn't participate in the wellness program was about \$1,400 higher than for people who participated, even before they joined.

Which is exactly why the study needed to be designed as a randomized experiment. If you look at the results of wellness programs without controlling for the types of people who use them, it can seem as though they're making people healthier when they're just scooping up healthy employees and running them through useless hoops.

Companies might even see real benefits in terms of health care costs — but only

because the incentives offered for wellness-program participation make their workplaces more attractive for healthy people than sick ones.

If selection bias really is driving the apparent benefits, then the incentives often offered for participation essentially redistribute wealth and resources upward, from the sick to the healthy and, by extension, from lower-earners to the more affluent. Government policies encouraging wellness programs should be discontinued. But even without government help, companies might decide it is in their interest to keep them going. Decades of government policy have given employers a substantial financial interest in your health, between your health insurance, your workers' compensation premiums and the liability problems that sick employees can create.

That's not to say employers are cynically using these programs to discriminate against the unhealthy. Selection bias is insidiously seductive that way: It can make useless or even counterproductive interventions look as if they're working spectacularly.

But it does mean that no matter what future research shows, employers will probably find reasons to keep these programs going. Because even if they don't produce any actual wellness, they might still be very healthy for the bottom line.

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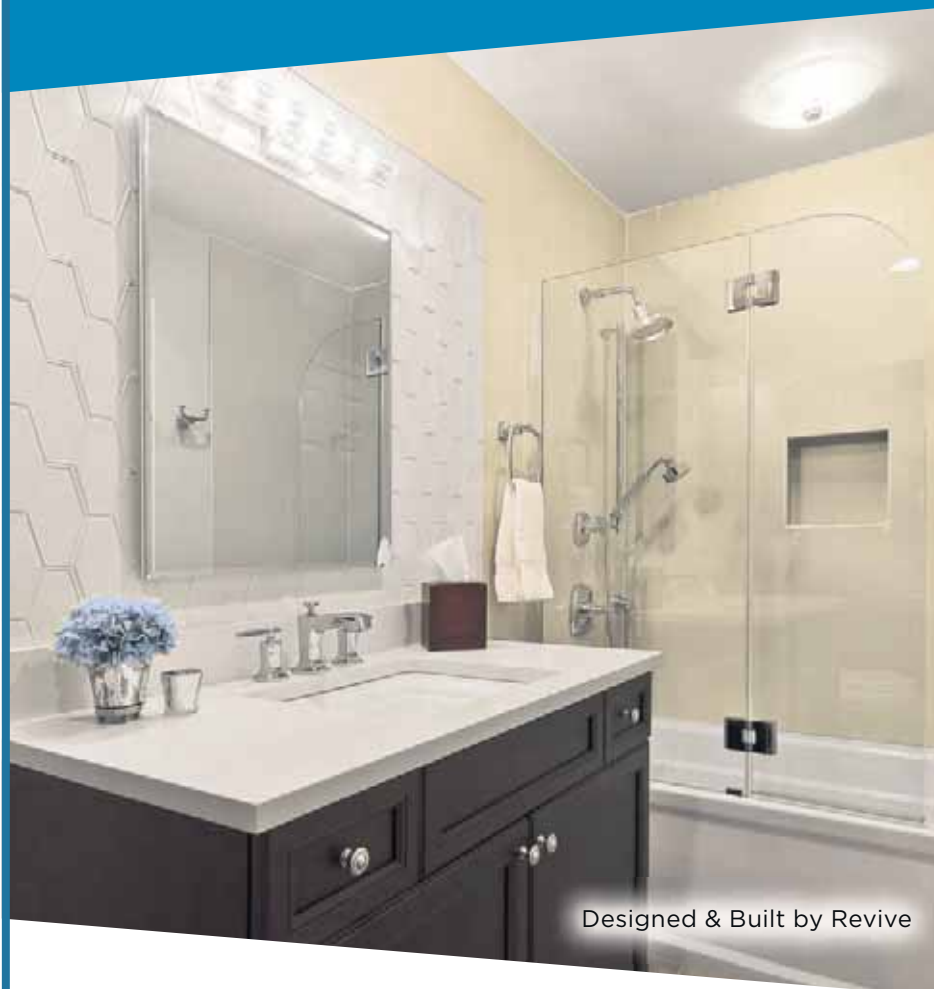
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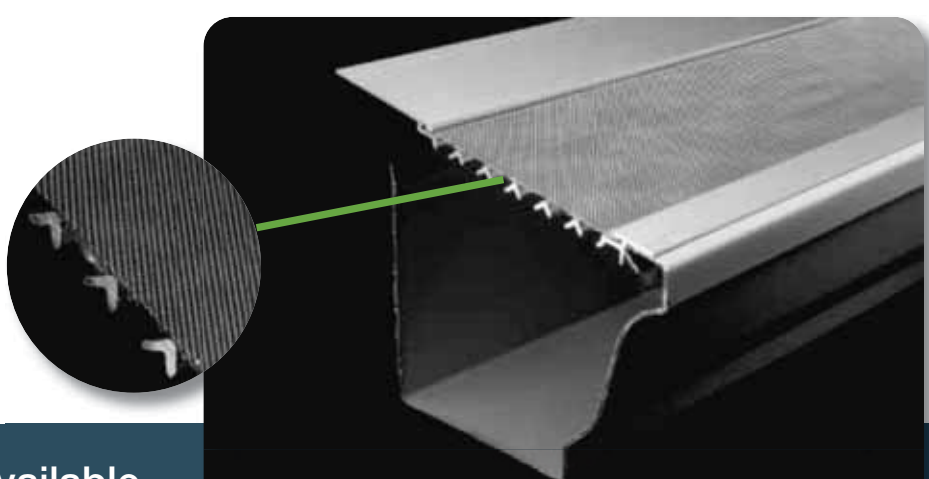
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Tom Zimmerman, of St. Charles, shops for produce at the Aldi store in St. Charles on Wednesday.

A PUSH FOR FRESH FOOD, FEEL AT ALDI

Chain unveils new products in investment to attract customers

By GREG TROTTER
Chicago Tribune

Some 10 years ago, Aldi didn't sell olive oil; today it sells four kinds. The Batavia-based discounter also now sells vegan kale burgers, organic hummus and a slew of gluten-free products.

Amid a major remodeling and expansion effort nationally and in Chicago, Aldi is also accelerating its launch of more premium products marketed as fresh, natural and organic. By early next year, Aldi will have significantly more fresh food offerings and new products in all of its nearly 200 Chicago-area stores, which are in the process of being remodeled, Aldi executives said Wednesday.

Make no mistake: Aldi is still the thrifty-minded store where shoppers pay a quarter to check out a shopping cart and, if they don't bring their own, buy their shopping bags at checkout, too. Samples are only doled out at store openings to keep costs down. A gallon of milk still costs about 95 cents.



"The motivation is to resonate more and more with what the customers want. ... We think we found the sweet spot of concept that resonates throughout income levels." — Jason Hart, Aldi U.S. CEO

But Aldi is also betting that recent investments in new products and more aesthetically

pleasing stores will attract a broader base of customers.

"The motivation is to reso-

nate more and more with what the customers want. ... We think we found the sweet spot of concept that resonates throughout income levels," said Aldi U.S. CEO Jason Hart at a media tour of the recently remodeled store in St. Charles on Wednesday.

Aldi is about halfway through its \$5 billion plan to remodel existing stores and expand its store count from 1,800 to 2,500 by the end of 2022.

Already, Aldi has seen positive results in stores that have been remodeled and stocked with the new products, though Hart declined to give specifics on how much those changes have increased average numbers of transactions and basket sales, the average amount purchased by individual consumers. Aldi, a privately held company, is historically tight-lipped with such figures.

The new look is allowing Aldi to expand into more suburban middle- and upper-income communities, Hart said.

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Tribune owner weighs new bid for company

Source: Now debt-free, Tronc received offer by private equity firm

By ROBERT CHANNICK
Chicago Tribune

Less than two months after selling the Los Angeles Times, Tronc is weighing an offer to sell the Chicago Tribune and the rest of its newspaper holdings to a private equity firm, sources close to the company said Wednesday.

A bid of between \$19 and \$20 per share is on the table, according to sources. That represents about a one-third premium to the stock's \$14.77 per share closing price Tuesday, and a total offer that could be upward of \$700 million for the entire company.

Tronc spokeswoman Marisa Kollias declined to comment Wednesday. The company is releasing its second-quarter earnings after the market closes Thursday.

Sources said that at least one other private equity bid for Tronc may be in the works as well. Politico reported in July on the possibility of an offer for the company from a private equity firm.

The Chicago-based newspaper chain, formerly known as Tribune Publishing, completed the \$500 million sale of the Los Angeles Times and San Diego Union-Tribune to

biotech billionaire Patrick Soon-Shiong in June, leaving it a smaller but virtually debt-free company. Tronc reported in June it had about \$240 million in cash on hand after receiving the proceeds from the Los Angeles Times sale and paying off debt.

In addition to the Chicago Tribune, Tronc's other major daily newspapers include the Baltimore Sun, Hartford Courant, Orlando Sentinel, South Florida's Sun Sentinel and the New York Daily News, which it bought last year for \$1 and the assumption of operational and pension liabilities.

Last month, Tronc laid off about half of the editorial staff at the Daily News in a cost-cutting move.

In June, an investor group's \$208.6 million deal to buy former Tronc Chairman Michael Ferro's nearly 26 percent stake in the newspaper chain fell through when the buyer, McCormick Media, was unable to fully finance the transaction. The agreement, struck in April, priced Ferro's more than 9 million shares of Tronc at \$23 each.

In addition to owning the Los Angeles Times and other California properties, Soon-Shiong remains the second largest shareholder in Tronc with a nearly 25 percent stake.

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Boeing is working to streamline production at the Renton, Wash., factory where it assembles the 737 jetliners.

Boeing faces new production snarls

Surge in output and supplier hiccups has created a 737 logjam

By JULIE JOHNSON
Bloomberg News

Boeing is working through cascading supplier problems that will hamper third-quarter deliveries of its 737 jetliner, the planemaker's largest source of profit.

Airbus SE and Boeing are starting to feel the consequences of a record-breaking output surge for their narrow-body aircraft as suppliers strug-

gle to keep pace. Airbus parked about 80 of its popular A320neo family — down from a peak of 100 jetliners — as it awaited delayed engines from Pratt & Whitney.

Hiccups at the suppliers that provide the fuselage and engines for Boeing's 737, combined with record output, have contributed to a production logjam at the planemaker's Seattle-area factory. At least 40 unfinished aircraft are parked around the facility and an adjacent air strip as mechanics scramble to install parts that

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Sinclair still working to get Tribune deal done

Groups in talks at deadline to overcome regulatory hurdles

By TED JOHNSON
Variety

WASHINGTON — Sinclair Broadcast Group and Tribune Media face a midnight deadline on whether to continue to pursue their \$3.9 billion merger deal despite the FCC's refusal to approve the transaction.

The sides have the ability to walk away after today, per the terms of the initial agreement inked in May 2017. Sinclair would not comment on the status of the deal during its second quarter earnings call with Wall Street analysts on Wednesday morning.

But is in talks with Tribune Media on how to overcome regulatory hurdles to its \$3.9 billion deal to buy Tribune's 42 TV stations.

Sinclair CEO Chris Ripley says the companies are working to find approaches that are best for the company, employees and shareholders. He made the comments Wednesday as Sinclair reported quarterly financial results.

The growing consensus in the marketplace is that Sinclair will give up on the effort to buy all of Tribune's 42 stations and WGN America cable channel. That raises the possibility that Tribune would move to sell off its stations in piecemeal fashion, which could still leave openings for Sinclair.

"In regards to the acquisition of Tribune Media Company, we are working with them to analyze approaches to the regulatory process that are in the best interest of our companies, employees and shareholders," Ripley said in a statement.

The FCC last month set up a big hurdle for the deal in voting to send aspects of the transaction to a judge for an administrative hearing. That step came after FCC chairman Ajit Pai raised questions about the veracity of some of the information provided to the commission by Sinclair.

The \$3.9 billion transaction would combine two of the country's largest broadcasters into a giant with more than 200 stations. Public interest groups have lined up against the merger, and Democrats contend that Sinclair was trying to infuse local stations with a conservative bent.

The new administrative process could add a year or more to the regulatory review. The process before administrative judge Richard Sipple

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Ride-hailing background check law takes effect

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois legislation designed to ensure ride-hail drivers undergo adequate background checks is now law.

A statement from Illinois Senate Democrats says it took effect Tuesday. It requires that those applying to be ride-hail drivers provide their full name and social security number, as well as their date of birth.

The statement says that before the new law prospective drivers were only required to give their address, age, driver's license number, motor vehicle registration and automobile insurance liability.

State Sen. Daniel Biss, an Evanston Democrat, was a sponsor of the bill. He says requiring the additional information means that "ride-sharing companies are now held to the same standard that other licensed transportation services have been held to for years."

— Associated Press



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Ethan Bauer, 9, of Geneva, picks out chips at the Aldi store in St. Charles on Wednesday.

Push toward fresh, organic

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Because of their low prices and relatively small footprint, Aldi stores have long been a mainstay in some of Chicago's low-income neighborhoods, but those stores will also benefit from the changes, he said.

Last year, Aldi held 4.1 percent of the grocery market share in the Chicago area, down slightly from previous years, trailing larger format stores such as Jewel-Osco, Walmart, Costco and Mariano's, according to data from Chain Store Guide.

"As Aldi continues to add more fresh items and more premium and specialty products, they'll increase their average basket sizes, while also becoming a more attractive destination for a greater proportion of the population, thereby increasing transactions, which will drive sales growth," said Jon Hauptman, senior director of market research firm Inmar Analytics.

About 90 percent of

Aldi's products are private label, meaning the grocery chain works with suppliers to develop and market store-branded products, often at a lower cost and a faster pace than nationally branded products. Aldi's new Earth Grown Kale Veggie Burger, for example, only took nine months to go from concept to shelves, Hart said.

A four-pack of the Aldi veggie burgers sells for \$3.59, compared with \$4.42 for the nationally branded competitor, Dr. Praeger's Kale Burger, according to average prices provided by Aldi.

On a tour of the St. Charles store and in a rare glimpse of the test kitchen at the Batavia headquarters, Aldi executives touted the new products and the work that went into getting them quickly to shelf. The affordably priced wine section is much larger than it once was, as is selection of produce, dairy and meat.

For its private label goods, Aldi workers in the test kitchen sample more

than 50,000 variations of products each year as the company launches new items and reformulates older ones, executives said. As the company has shifted toward more premium and natural qualities in food, the number of variations being tested has increased about 15 percent a year in recent years.

In some ways, Aldi appears to be becoming more like Trader Joe's, a distant cousin of sorts in the corporate family tree. Both chains trace their origins back to the Albrecht brothers in Germany who built a grocery empire and then split the company in half: Aldi South, which operates as Aldi in the U.S., and Aldi North, which operates as Trader Joe's.

Both chains are smaller-format stores that rely heavily on private label products, though Trader Joe's has historically been more aggressive in luring customers with on-trend products.

"Just about everybody has finally woken up to the fact that private label is

where it's at for millennials and Generation Z. They're brand agnostic," said Phil Lempert, a grocery store analyst who runs the Supermarket Guru website. "This store is being built for those two generations. It's not being built for a 60-year-old."

Not everyone would agree with that assessment. In the St. Charles store, Jan Dillavou, 68, strolled the aisles with her meticulously organized grocery list. Dillavou, mother of four and now a grandmother, has been shopping at Aldi stores for more than 25 years because of their low prices, she said.

She doesn't care for all of the new products — the Greek yogurt, for example, isn't to her liking. But she likes to have options and shops at fewer stores since Aldi began increasing its selection.

"I love it," Dillavou said. "They just keep adding new things."

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Sinclair and Tribune Media still efforting

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also will be public, and could pose a risk for the company in other ways.

Last month, Pai announced that he had "serious concerns" about the transaction. The commissioners voted unanimously to send the merger to an administrative law judge for a hearing. That hearing process has typically killed previous transactions. An adverse ruling also could raise the question of whether Sinclair's existing broadcast licenses could be challenged.

The FCC claimed that Sinclair engaged in "a potential element of misrepresentation or lack of candor" in its effort to secure government approval. That centered on the way that Sinclair laid out its plans to divest certain stations, a necessity if it was to comply with media ownership limits.

Among other things, the FCC zeroed in on the business ties between Smith and businessman Steven Fader in connection with the plan to sell Tribune's WGN-TV Chicago to a new entity controlled by Fader for \$60 million.

That plan sparked concern from merger opponents because the purchase price was so far below fair market value for a Chicago TV station. Fader is CEO of Atlantic Automotive Group, in which Smith has an equity interest and also sits on its board. The commission's order noted that Fader had no prior broadcast TV experience, and the transaction was structured as to give Sinclair sway over the station's operations.

Sinclair denied that it misrepresented the facts in its merger filings.

Sinclair's ties to President Trump had been an issue throughout the regulatory process, and Trump publicly expressed his unhappiness at the FCC for failing to approve it. He called it "sad and unfair," and added, "This would have been a great and much needed Conservative voice for and of the People. Liberal Fake News NBC and Comcast gets approved, much bigger, but not Sinclair. Disgraceful!"

One of Trump's former communications spokespersons, Boris Epshteyn, is chief political analyst at Sinclair.

Pai, who Trump appointed as FCC chair, told a congressional hearing that he stood by the decision, and last week he said that he has not had any contact with the White House following the president's tweet.

The merger was first inked in May 2017, and the transaction immediately became a focus of a lobbying battle in D.C. As Sinclair defended the transaction as necessary consolidation in the face of competition from cable and tech, opponents waged social media campaigns. Some other conservative news outlets, like Newsmax, The Blaze and One America News Network, publicly opposed the transaction.

One voice that did not weigh in publicly was 21st Century Fox. An initial rival to Sinclair for the Tribune stations, Fox later reached an agreement to acquire a handful of Tribune-owned Fox affiliates as part of Sinclair's divestiture plan.

The Associated Press and Cynthia Littleton contributed to this report.

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As a result, banks generally don't charge any fees for opening a CD, nor for maintaining it through its term.

That said, a couple specific instances could incur a fee or penalty in your CD account. The most common is the early withdrawal penalty, which is triggered if you withdraw any of the CD's balance before maturity.

Each bank's early withdrawal penalty is self-determined, and is typically calculated as a number of months' interest deducted from the CD's balance before the bank returns your funds. But the penalties vary widely, so it's important to check a bank's policy before opening a certificate with them.

Another fee that a small number of CDs charge is for paper statements. Occasionally, a CD will carry a condition that only electronic statements are allowed — it might even be called an eCD. So requesting paper statements could land you in monthly fee territory.

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737 production hits problems

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arrived late or out-of-sequence, The Seattle Times reported last week.

Boeing now expects to deliver fewer of the 737 than it makes during the third-quarter, before accelerating shipments by the end of the year, said Greg Smith, Boeing's chief financial officer. The company is working to streamline production at the Renton, Wash., factory where it assembles the narrow-body aircraft, while also investing to help suppliers tackle bottlenecks.

At the 52-jet monthly production tempo that Boeing adopted in recent months for its 737, "a day, an hour, two hours matter," Smith told a Jefferies conference Wednesday. "We have a recovery plan in place for them and us, and it's about executing on that plan."

The planemaker's shares dipped 1.2 percent to \$346.72 at 12:39 p.m. in New York.

Among the supplier glitches confronting Boeing are airframes shipped hours late or out-of-sequence by Spirit AeroSystems Holdings.

CFM International, an engine maker venture of General Electric Co. and France's Safran SA, has also fallen a few weeks behind schedule in its Leap engine shipments to both plane-makers.

All told, Boeing has about \$1.8 billion of 737 inventory sitting on the tarmac at Renton, Ron Epstein, an analyst with Bank of America Merrill Lynch, said in an Aug. 6 report.

"The problem may likely get worse for Boeing before it gets better," Epstein wrote. "That said, Boeing is building inventory until it receives engines and other

components; however, once the parts arrive and deliveries are made, Boeing will have large cash inflows from airline customers and working capital."

With the 737 Max and A320neo family jets largely sold out through 2024, Boeing and Airbus are contemplating another set of production step-ups next decade. While the European plane-maker has publicly discussed boosting output to a 70-jet or even 75-jet pace, Boeing has been more cautious.

The Chicago-based plane-maker is studying the capital investment, tooling and supplier hurdles it would need for future rate hikes — as well as how long the higher output could be sustained, Smith said.

"The demand is there," he said. "But if your supply chain and yourself can't meet that demand, there is no upside."

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Kid psych techniques under fire

Advocates worry about link between online use and depression

BY LINDSEY TANNER AND MATT O'BRIEN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Children's advocates want the American Psychological Association to condemn the tech industry's practice of using persuasive psychological techniques to keep kids glued to their screens.

The advocates, citing research that links excessive use of social media and video games with depression and academic troubles, say it's unethical for psychologists to be involved in tactics that risk harming kids' well-being. Skeptics say the research is inconclusive, and they note that psychologists have been involved in other industries' marketing and advertising for decades.

The group seeking intervention includes 60 U.S. psychologists, researchers, children's advocates and the Children's Screen Time Action Network, a project of the Boston-based Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood. The network was publishing a letter Wednesday to the American Psychological Association, coinciding with the association's annual meeting in San Francisco.

"There are powerful psychology principles and technology that are being used against kids in ways that are not in their best interests," said Josh Golin, executive director of the Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood.

That technology uses computers to figure out what motivates people and influence their online behavior. It's built on age-old tenets of behavioral psychology that marketers and advertisers have long used



TATAN SYUFLANA/AP

A letter from the Children's Screen Time Action Network to the American Psychological Association notes evidence that teen boys can overuse video games "at the expense of obtaining real-world competencies," including education and jobs.

to get people to buy their products. The difference is smartphones are ubiquitous, and unlike human marketers, they don't get tired, said B.J. Fogg, a behavioral scientist at Stanford University who has been called the technology's pioneer.

Fogg said he has aimed to use persuasive tech to enhance people's lives. But he also said he has warned that it has a "dark side," including potential loss of privacy and the potential for encouraging behavior that isn't in users' best interests.

The letter to the psychology association cites a recent study that found that teen girls who spend a lot of time on digital devices, including on social media, are at risk for depression and

suicidal behaviors. That study couldn't show whether depressed girls might be more prone to using social media than other teens.

The letter also notes evidence that some teen boys overuse video games "at the expense of obtaining real-world competencies," including college educations and jobs.

"Families don't understand why their kids are so strongly attracted and pulled to these devices," said Richard Freed, a Walnut Creek, Calif., psychologist who signed the letter. He said the World Health Organization's decision in June to declare excessive video gaming an addiction shows that the problem is real.

Under Fogg's model, technology can change a person's behavior by tapping into hard-wired motivations, simplifying the activity, and getting people to perform it with a "well-timed" trigger. That could mean an app prompting a person to go running or it could be an alert persuading someone to spend more time on social media based on their innate desire to win acceptance and avoid social rejection.

It's not just the big tech firms. BuzzFeed reported Tuesday, based on a confidential company memo, that founders of a startup recently acquired by Facebook boasted of using a "psychological trick" — custom social media profiles and mysterious calls to ac-

tion — to get high schoolers to download a polling app. Facebook later shut down the app.

In job postings, tech companies have sought psychologists and people with psychology training for user experience research. Microsoft's Xbox user research division is led by psychologists. Amazon looks for hires who "geek out over user research, psychology, ethnography." Google's preferred qualification for some positions includes a doctorate in experimental psychology.

"We strive to learn and understand our users' needs, behaviors, and emotions to yield insights that inform product strategy and guide the design of the experiences we create," says

one Google job posting online this week.

Facebook and Google didn't return requests for comment Tuesday on whether they use psychological persuasion techniques to build digital products for children. Microsoft, Apple and Amazon declined to comment.

This year, those companies have promoted better digital well-being amid rising concerns about kids' digital distractions.

The Internet Association, an industry trade group, said its member companies endeavor to create safe and positive online experiences.

"This is an important conversation, and the internet industry remains committed to developing and sharing best practices, partnering and collaborating with experts, and developing resources and programs that will ensure positive online experiences," the association's Noah Tharan said in the statement.

Apple is introducing new tools meant to make its iPhone less addictive after two major shareholders earlier this year called on the company to curb smartphone addiction among children. Facebook, YouTube and Microsoft have introduced similar tools.

The American Psychological Association has no policy on using psychological research to develop persuasive digital technology.

But in a statement responding to the advocates' letter, association CEO Arthur Evans Jr. said the group "is concerned about the increasing amount of time children are spending on digital devices."

He said the association is examining psychology's role in technology development, and that an association committee will discuss the letter and whether to recommend any action.

Missouri voters reject law limiting labor powers

BY DAVID A. LIEB
Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — The steady march of new "right-to-work" laws in Republican-led states hit a wall in Missouri, where voters resoundingly rejected a measure that could have weakened union finances after national and local labor groups poured millions of dollars into the campaign against it.

Missouri's law against compulsory union fees was defeated Tuesday by a 2-to-1 margin, nearly a year after the measure adopted by the state's Republican governor and Legislature had been scheduled to take effect. It was put on hold after unions successfully petitioned to force a public referendum.

The election results effectively vetoed the Missouri measure and halted a string of stinging losses for organized labor. Since 2012, five other once historically strong union states had

adopted right-to-work laws as Republicans gained strength in state capitols, raising the total to 27 states with such laws.

The Missouri referendum marked the first chance for voters to weigh in on union powers since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in late June that public sector employees cannot be compelled to pay fees to unions. Missouri's ballot measure essentially would have extended that to all private sector employees in the state.

"Working people made their voices heard at the ballot box today and overturned right to work. It's a truly historic moment," Missouri AFL-CIO President Mike Louis said.

Missouri voters had last rejected right to work in 1978, when national union membership was more than double its current rate of 10.7 percent.

Business groups and conservative interest groups pledged to try again



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

Missouri's Proposition A law against compulsory union fees was defeated Tuesday.

to enact it in Missouri, potentially as soon as the 2019 legislative session.

"The defeat of Proposition A is merely a minor setback on the road to providing workers with the freedom they deserve," said Jeremy Cady, the Missouri director of Americans for Prosperity, which is part of the conservative Koch network.

At issue are so-called fair-share fees, which are less than full dues but are intended to cover unions' nonpolitical costs such as

collective bargaining. Unions say it's fair for workers to pay the fees, because federal law requires them to represent even those employees who don't join.

But supporters of right-to-work laws counter that people should have the right to accept a job without being required to pay a union.

Studies looking at the economic effects of right-to-work laws have found mixed and sometimes conflicting results.

The Washington-based

Economic Policy Institute, which opposes right to work, found that wages in right-to-work states average 3.1 percent less than elsewhere after accounting for other workforce differences.

But a case study focused on Oklahoma's 2001 right-to-work law found it resulted in a significant reduction in private sector unionization rates but had no short-term effect on either the total unemployment rate or average private sector wages.

Twitter CEO: Jones hasn't violated rules

BY KELVIN CHAN
Associated Press

LONDON — Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey defended his company's decision not to ban right-wing conspiracy theorist Alex Jones and his "Infowars" show, as many other social media platforms have done, saying he did not break any rules.

Facebook, Apple, YouTube and Spotify took down over the past week material published by Jones, reflecting more aggressive enforcement of their hate speech policies after rising online backlash and raising pressure on Twitter to do the same.

Jones' Facebook account has also been suspended for 30 days but he still has a "verified" Twitter account. A separate Twitter account for "Infowars" is also still running.

"We didn't suspend Alex Jones or Infowars yesterday," Dorsey said in a series of tweets late Tuesday. "We know that's hard for many but the reason is simple: he hasn't violated our rules. We'll enforce if he does."

Dorsey said Twitter did not want to take "one-off actions to make us feel good in the short term, and adding fuel to new conspiracy theories." He said he wanted the company to avoid succumbing to outside pressure but instead impartially enforce straightforward principles "regardless of political viewpoints."

He also linked to a blog post Tuesday by the company's vice president for trust and safety, Del Harvey, outlining the company's policies.

"Twitter is reflective of real conversations happening in the world and that sometimes includes perspectives that may be offensive, controversial, and/or bigoted," she said. "While we welcome everyone to express themselves on our service, we prohibit targeted behavior that harasses, threatens, or uses fear to silence the voices of others."

Jones has 858,000 followers on Twitter.

Icahn warns Cigna investors on Express Scripts deal

BY TOM MURPHY
Associated Press

Carl Icahn is urging Cigna shareholders to reject the health insurer's attempted multi-billion dollar takeover of Express Scripts, saying it's paying too much for a company with a shaky future.

The billionaire and activist investor warned that Express Scripts, a pharmacy benefit manager, could face substantial regulatory risks and intense competition from Amazon. Cigna said in March that it would pay \$52 billion for Express Scripts, a deal on which shareholders will vote Aug. 24.

"Cigna is dramatically overpaying for a highly challenged Express Scripts that is facing existential risks on several fronts," Icahn said in

a letter to investors

The investor also warned that Express Scripts could lose business from other insurers, who might shy away from the company if a rival like Cigna starts running it.

Icahn is not a disinterested party.

He has built up a stake in Cigna, whose shares have risen almost 5 percent since the Wall Street Journal first reported Icahn's opposition to the deal last week. He is also betting that shares of Express Scripts will fall, he acknowledged Tuesday. In the same period, shares of the St. Louis pharmacy benefit manager have fallen more than 3 percent.

Cigna did not immediately return calls from The Associated Press Tuesday.

Pharmacy benefit man-

agers, or PBMs, run prescription drug coverage for big employer and insurers, among other clients.

They've become a focal point for criticism as drug prices continue to rise, particularly for the rebates drugmakers give PBMs in order to get their products included in a formulary, or list of covered medicines. Critics say these rebates play a major role in keeping drug prices elevated, and regulators have talked about eliminating them.

Express Scripts says that the blame for rising prices rests with drugmakers, and its formularies give preferences to drugs with lower prices and better value.

Icahn noted that the government's direct challenge "to the highly flawed rebate system" along with Ama-

zon's "almost certain" entrance into the market as a competitor make any arguments in favor of the Express Scripts deal appear weak. He said it is imperative that every Cigna shareholder vote against the deal.

"This amounts to nothing more than a huge bail-out for the Express Scripts shareholders at the expense of Cigna's," he said.

Icahn suggested that Cigna Corp., based in Bloomfield, Conn., instead consider multi-year partnerships with a pharmacy benefit manager, possibly even Express Scripts, while the sector deals with the challenges it's facing.

Amazon has not announced plans to create a PBM, but talk of the online giant's potential entrance into this market has created

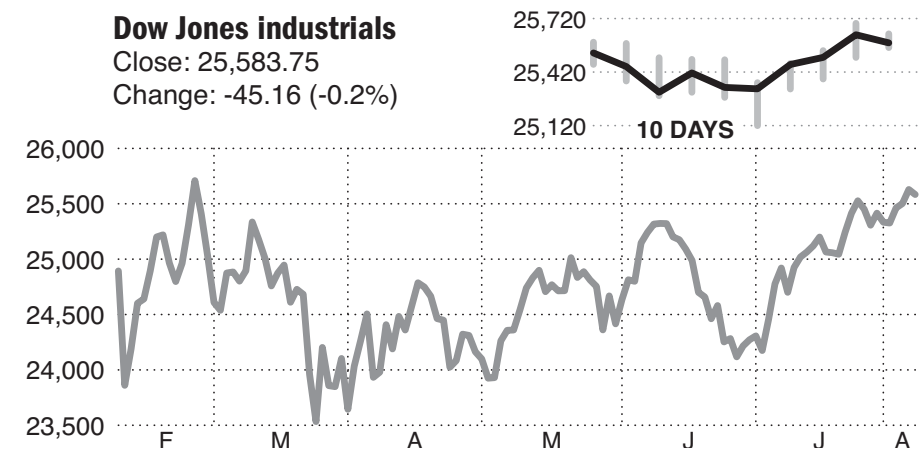
a level of uncertainty in the sector.

Amazon has formed a new venture with JPMorgan Chase and Berkshire Hathaway to figure out ways to attack rising health care costs for their U.S. employees and possibly for many more Americans. It also announced last month that it will buy the online pharmacy PillPack. Icahn noted that will compete with Express Scripts' mail-order pharmacy business.

Cigna executives have said the Express Scripts deal will give the company better financial flexibility and improve its free cash flow, among other advantages. They also say the combination will improve service and give doctors a more complete picture of patients.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 25,634.11 Low: 25,557.48 Previous: 25,628.91



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
↑ +4.66 (+.06%)	↓ -.75 (-.03%)	↓ -1.42 (-.08%)
Close: 7,888.33	Close: 2,857.70	Close: 1,686.88
High: 7,901.69	High: 2,862.44	High: 1,689.34
Low: 7,864.46	Low: 2,853.09	Low: 1,677.67
Previous: 7,883.67	Previous: 2,858.45	Previous: 1,688.30

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
↔ ... to 2.97%	↑ +3.00 to \$1,212.60	↓ -.47 to 110.96/\$1	↓ -.0019 to .8606/\$1	↓ -2.23 to \$66.94

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +.99	NASD +2.35	S&P +1.58	DOW +3.58	NASD +2.23	S&P +3.02	DOW +16.03	NASD +24.18	S&P +15.51

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 18	569.75	578	564.50	570	+1.75
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 18	370.50	373.75	370	371.25	+0.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 18	384.50	387.50	383.75	385	+0.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Aug 18	28.59	28.72	28.39	28.45	-0.14
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Aug 18	332.30	338.00	331.50	337.10	+4.40
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Sep 18	69.09	69.37	66.32	66.94	-2.23
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Sep 18	2.893	2.951	2.884	2.949	+0.52
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Sep 18	2.0935	2.0985	2.0067	2.0195	-0.845

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	64.84	+1.0	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	92.13	+0.8	MB Financial	O	48.73	+4.2
AbbVie Inc	N	93.73	-0.33	Equity Residential	N	66.55	-0.36	McDonalds Corp	N	158.92	+2.88
Allstate Corp	N	99.21	+0.44	Exelon Corp	N	42.85	+0.08	Middleby Corp	O	120.43	+14.72
Aptargroup Inc	N	102.96	-0.59	First Indl RT	N	32.78	+0.09	Mondelez Intl	O	42.39	-0.55
Arch Dan Mid	N	49.97	-0.28	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	35.11	-1.14	Morningstar Inc	O	134.00	-0.75
Baxter Intl	N	72.67	+1.13	Gallagher AJ	N	71.65	+0.06	Motorola Solutions	N	119.82	-1.18
Boeing Co	N	347.78	-2.98	Granger WW	N	352.54	+3.27	Navistar Intl	N	42.44	-0.44
Brunswick Corp	N	63.33	-0.54	GrubHub Inc	N	127.89	-0.75	NISource Inc	N	26.47	-0.07
CBOE Global Markets	O	92.70	-0.92	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	94.34	+2.3	Ntnn Trust Cp	O	111.47	+3.6
CDK Global Inc	O	64.20	+0.58	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	78.46	-0.17	Old Republic	N	21.68	-0.07
CDW Corp	O	85.22	-0.76	IDEX Corp	N	152.52	-0.75	Packaging Corp Am	N	110.73	-1.47
CF Industries	N	48.57	-0.14	ITW	N	140.40	+0.06	Stericycle Inc	O	61.71	-0.27
CME Group	O	163.74	+0.32	Ingredion Inc	N	99.99	-2.15	TransUnion	N	73.75	-0.24
CNA Financial	N	46.36	+0.57	John Bean Technol	N	108.45	-0.55	USG Corp	N	43.21	-0.04
Caterpillar Inc	N	139.71	-0.67	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	155.32	-15.10	Uita Salon Cosmetics	O	236.00	-3.05
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	36.63	-0.28	KapStone Paper	N	34.67	-0.15	United Contl Hldgs	N	82.79	-0.47
Deere Co	N	144.81	-1.31	Kemper Corp	N	77.40	+1.25	Ventas Inc	N	57.90	-0.50
Discover Fin Svcs	N	75.50	+0.70	Kraft Heinz Co	O	60.28	-1.04	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	66.49	-0.56
Dover Corp	N	83.08	-0.01	LKQ Corporation	O	33.95	-0.42	Waltrust Financial	O	89.94	+0.93
Equity Commonwealth	N	31.54	-0.02	Littelfuse Inc	O	223.73	-0.36	Zebra Tech	O	157.38	-9.24

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STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
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Bank of America	31.80	+0.29
Ambev S.A.	5.10	+0.05
Gen Electric	13.05	-0.11
Newell Rubbermaid	20.79	-0.89
Pfizer Inc	41.41	+0.57
Ford Motor	10.05	+0.03
Twitter Inc	31.84	-0.83
AT&T Inc	32.36	-0.04
Alibaba Group Hldg	177.52	-2.40
Chesapck Enrgy	4.66	-0.04
3D Systems	17.96	+4.39
CVS Health Corp	68.17	+2.72
Sthwstn Energy	5.43	+0.11
Weatherford Intl Ltd	3.16	-0.01
Petrobras	12.12	-0.26
Gerdau SA	4.56	+0.17
Vale SA	13.95	-0.04
Sprint Corp	6.08	-0.05
MGM Resorts Intl	28.95	-0.68
Wells Fargo & Co	59.19	+0.37
Banco Bradesco ADS	8.12	-0.15
Freeport McMoRan	15.39	+0.03
Host Hotels & Rsts	20.55	-0.83

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	177.52	-2.40
Alphabet Inc C	1245.61	+3.39
Alphabet Inc A	1261.33	+5.49
Amazon.com Inc	1886.52	+24.04
Apple Inc	207.25	+0.14
Bank of America	31.80	+0.29
Berkshire Hath B	208.94	+0.22
Exxon Mobil Corp	80.73	-0.54
Facebook Inc	185.18	+1.37
JPMorgan Chase	117.79	+0.24
Johnson & Johnson	131.17	-0.29
Microsoft Corp	109.49	+0.61
Pfizer Inc	41.41	+0.57
Royal Dutch Shell B	69.50	+0.34
Royal Dutch Shell A	67.23	+0.33
Unitedhealth Group	258.81	+1.16
Visa Inc	140.68	+0.40
WalMart Strs	90.05	+0.28
Wells Fargo & Co	59.19	+0.37

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	34.23	-0.05	+21.8
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	27.80	-0.01	+9.7
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	151.65	-0.02	+0.2
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	60.94	-0.07	+2.5
American Funds FdmtInvsA m	64.75	-0.03	+14.9
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	55.73	-0.03	+2.0
American Funds IncAMrcA m	23.29	...	+7.0
American Funds InvCAMrcA m	41.57	-0.09	+14.6
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	46.72	+0.01	+14.8
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	46.15	+0.01	+15.2
DFA EMktCorEq	21.76	+0.01	+2.3
DFA IntlCorEqIns	14.08	...	+5.7
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.44	-0.01	+1.1
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	44.77	-0.09	-0.4
Dodge & Cox Stk	212.92	+1.14	+16.2
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.38	...	+4.4
Fidelity 500IdxIns	99.98	-0.02	+17.7
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Fidelity TtIMktIdxPrm	82.43	-0.04	+18.1
Franklin Templeton IncA m	2.34	...	+4.4
Metropolitan West TtRetBdl	10.36	+0.01	-0.6
PIMCO Inclnstl	12.00	...	+2.3
PIMCO TtRetIns	9.97	-0.01	-0.6
Schwab SP500Idx	44.50	-0.02	+17.7
T. Rowe Price BCGR	112.20	+0.17	+26.8
T. Rowe Price GrStk	71.48	+0.02	+22.5
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	264.23	-0.07	+17.7
Vanguard DivGrInV	27.74	-0.01	+14.3
Vanguard GrdIdxAdmrl	80.74	-0.01	+21.7
Vanguard HCAmrl	91.87	+0.02	+12.0
Vanguard INTTEAdmrl	13.87	-0.01	+3.3
Vanguard InsdIdxIns	260.84	-0.06	+17.7
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Vanguard InsTtISMInPls	63.74	-0.03	+18.2
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Vanguard MDCpIdxAdmrl	201.53	+0.40	+14.5
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	150.01	+0.08	+25.9
Vanguard STInVGrdAdmrl	10.46	...	+1.1
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	77.01	-0.15	+19.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.99	-0.01	+6.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.93	...	+7.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	34.54	...	+8.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.32	...	+9.8
Vanguard TtBMDIdxAdmrl	10.41	+0.01	-1.0
Vanguard TtBMDIdxIns	10.41	+0.01	-1.0
Vanguard TtInIdxAdmrl	21.82	...	+2.4
Vanguard TtInIdxAdmrl	29.50	...	+4.8
Vanguard TtInIdxIns	117.97	+0.02	+4.8
Vanguard TtInIdxInsPlus	117.99	+0.02	+4.8
Vanguard TtInIdxInV	17.63	...	+4.7
Vanguard TtISMIdxAdmrl	71.69	-0.04	+18.2
Vanguard TtISMIdxIns	71.70	-0.04	+18.2
Vanguard TtISMIdxInV	71.66	-0.04	+18.0
Vanguard WngtInAdmrl	73.55	+0.05	+9.5
Vanguard WlslyncAdmrl	64.38	-0.03	+4.5
Vanguard WndsrllAdmrl	69.40	-0.06	+13.3

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.01	2.00
6-month disc	2.17	2.17
2-year	2.67	2.67
10-year	2.97	2.97
30-year	3.11	3.12

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1212.60	\$1209.60
Silver	\$15.376	\$15.317
Platinum	\$832.70	\$831.40

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.00
Discount Rate Primary	2.50
Fed Funds Target	1.75-2.00
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.42

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Canada (Dollar)	1.3011
China (Yuan)	6.8360
Euro	.8606
India (Rupee)	68.479
Israel (Shekel)	3.6775
Japan (Yen)	110.96
Mexico (Peso)	18.4434
Poland (Zloty)	3.67
So. Korea (Won)	1117.35
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.59
Thailand (Baht)	33.22

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2744.07	-35.3/-1.3
Stoxx600	389.69	-8/-2
Nikkei	22644.31	-18.4/-1
MSCI-EAFE
Bovespa	79151.71	-1194.8/-1.5
FTSE 100	7776.65	+58.2/+0.8
CAC-40	5501.90	-19.4/-0.4

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PAUL LAXALT 1922-2018

Nevada governor, U.S. senator, Reagan ally

BY STEVE FRIESS
The Washington Post

Paul Laxalt, a Republican governor and two-term senator from Nevada who, as one of Ronald Reagan's most influential advisers and Capitol Hill allies, was dubbed the president's "First Friend," died Aug. 6 at a hospital in Reston, Va. He was 96.

The death was confirmed by Tom Loranger, a family spokesman. Laxalt suffered a debilitating fall in 2012.

Laxalt, the son of immigrants, often called himself a "Basque shepherd's kid." That folksy description masked a fierce ambition and political savvy that made him a popular governor in the late 1960s and a national player later in his career.

In 1974, he was the only Republican to win a Senate seat previously held by a Democrat in the post-Watergate anti-GOP wave that year. In Washington, Laxalt was known primarily as a key opponent of the Panama Canal Treaty and as an early and enthusiastic cheerleader for a potential Reagan presidency. The two men, governors of bordering states, shared a brand of self-reliant, western conservatism.

Laxalt chaired Reagan's unsuccessful insurgent campaign in 1976 against President Gerald Ford, a fellow Republican. The morning after former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter defeated Ford in the general election, Laxalt encouraged Reagan to try again for the White House four years later.

Laxalt went on to chair Reagan's victorious White House campaigns in 1980 and 1984. Despite his status as a junior senator, he saw his clout rise exponentially through his presence at key White House meetings. Time magazine proclaimed him "suddenly one of the most powerful men in Washington."

Laxalt became an indispensable conduit between the White House and Congress. He concerned himself mainly with defense and economic policy, sidestepping wedge social issues and befriending colleagues across the aisle — among them Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., a regular tennis partner.



ASSOCIATED PRESS 1981

Paul Laxalt was an Army medic in the Pacific during World War II.

Laxalt's most dramatic moment on the world stage involved the Reagan administration's efforts to persuade the corrupt and autocratic Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos to make democratic reforms or step aside. American support for Marcos tumbled after opposition leader Benigno Aquino Jr. was slain in 1983 after returning to Manila from exile in the United States.

The senator traveled to the Philippine capital in late 1985 to express dismay at the pace of change and the failure to find and try Aquino's killers. He remained in regular contact as Marcos called a snap election marred by widespread voting fraud and that prompted massive, crippling protests.

In February 1986, Marcos was barricaded in the presidential palace in Manila and asked Laxalt by phone what he should do. "Mr. President," Laxalt said, "I am not bound by diplomatic restraints. I am talking only for myself. I think you should cut and cut cleanly."

To Marcos' agitation, the comment signaled what Washington expected of him. He ceded power to Aquino's widow, Corazon, and took asylum in the U.S. shortly thereafter.

Still basking in favorable attention, Laxalt announced he would not seek a third Senate term and instead mount a bid for the White House.

He billed himself as Reagan's successor and conservative heir apparent, but he soon withdrew because of lackluster fundraising. He called his bid "the four most miserable months of my life" and, ever the loyal party soldier, co-

chaired the successful campaign of Vice President George H.W. Bush.

Paul Dominique Laxalt was born in Reno, Nev., on Aug. 2, 1922. The eldest of six children, he often helped care for his siblings while their father herded sheep in the Nevada mountains.

Laxalt served as an Army medic in the Pacific during World War II, then received a law degree from the University of Denver in 1949. Returning to Carson City, he married Jackalyn Ross and went into practice with her father, a prominent Republican who became a federal judge. Laxalt served as Ormsby County, Nev., district attorney in the early 1950s.

In 1962, he was recruited to run for lieutenant governor on a ticket headed by the former cowboy movie star Rex Bell. When Bell died during the campaign, Laxalt declined to advance on the ticket and challenge the much-liked Democratic incumbent, Grant Sawyer, in the general election.

Laxalt won the lieutenant governorship and two years later launched a bid to unseat Democratic Sen. Howard Cannon. Laxalt positioned himself as the candidate for conservatives, embracing GOP presidential candidate Barry Goldwater and the John Birch Society. He lost by just 84 votes while Goldwater was crushed by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Laxalt moderated his views before his next race, in 1966, for the governorship. On an anti-big-government platform, he narrowly defeated Sawyer. Reagan was elected California governor that same year.

Laxalt chose not to run for a second term in 1970 because of personal problems. His wife was struggling with alcoholism, and he had grown distant from his children because of his demanding career. "When my little ones called me 'Governor,' I decided I wanted out," he told The New York Times.

He and his first wife were divorced in 1972. He married Carol Wilson, his former secretary, in 1976. Besides his wife, survivors include six children from his first marriage; a stepdaughter; and 12 grandchildren.

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ARVEY, ESTELLE

Estelle Arvey, nee Shapiro, age 91; beloved wife of Edward; loving mother of Beth (David) Inlander and Steven Arvey; devoted grandmother of Michael (Lani) Inlander, Amy (Jonathan) Lester, and Savitri and Jyoti Arvey; proud great grandmother of Max, James, and Nora; dear sister of Sybil (Elliott) Goodman; sister in law of Francis (the late Robert) Salpeter. Estelle grew up in Superior, WI and came to Chicago to attend Northwestern University where she met Eddie, her husband for 69 years. She was an active resident of Highland Park for nearly 60 years. Memorial service Friday 12:30 PM at Am Shalom, 840 Vernon Avenue; Glenco, IL 60022. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Brain and Behavior Research Foundation, 800-829-8289 or donate.bbrfoundation.org. Arrangements entrusted to Lakeshore Jewish Funerals, 773-625-8621



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BALA, BONNIE L.

BONNIE L. BALA (nee Rymko), beloved wife of the late Michael Bala; devoted daughter of the late Arlene (nee Randt) & the late Florian Rymko; loving sister of Debbie & Kim Rymko. Bonnie will be missed by her cousins & many friends. Funeral services for Bonnie were privately held. Arrangements entrusted to **Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd.** (773) 767-2166 or www.ZarzyckiManorChapels.com.



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Bigelow, Dan R.

Dan R. Bigelow — beloved husband of Alice (nee Rilling); loving father of Sabrina; devoted son of the late Robert and Carole Bigelow; dear brother of Shari (George) Steinbichler, Greg (Deborah) Bigelow and Karen (Gary) Theiss; fond uncle, cousin and friend of many. Visitation Saturday 1-4 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** 625 Busse Hwy Park Ridge. Funeral service at 4 p.m. Interment private. In lieu of flowers donations preferred. Info 847-685-1002 www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Caputo, Linda

Linda Caputo, nee Pantone, beloved wife of Nick for 43 years. Loving mother of Nick (Christina) Caputo and Danielle (Steve) Calderone; cherished Nana of Ella, Gianna, Nico, Dominic, Luca and Mila; fond sister of Edward "Butch" (Candy) Pantone; dear aunt, cousin and friend of many. Visitation Sunday 3:00-9:00 p.m. at **HURSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**, SW corner of Mannheim & Roosevelt Roads, Hillside/Westchester. Prayers from the funeral home Monday 9:00 a.m. to St. Vincent Ferrer Church, River Forest. Mass 10:00 a.m. Entombment Christ the King Mausoleum Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society preferred. Funeral info: 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com.



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Carlson, Ronald K.

Ronald K. Carlson. Beloved husband of Nancy nee Becker. Loving father of David Carlson, Deborah (Anthony) Santangelo, Lauren (fiancé Brian) Carlson, Michael Carlson & the late Christopher Carlson. Cherished grandfather of Christopher, Alexandra, Amanda, Ashton, Anthony & Emery. Dear brother of Arthur (Nancy) Carlson & James (Wendy) Carlson. Fond uncle of many nieces & nephews. Family will greet friends & neighbors Saturday August 11 at **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St. in Oak Lawn from 12:00 pm with a Memorial Service at 4:00 pm. Inurnment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to The Michael J. Fox Foundation, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014 would be greatly appreciated. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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Cerqua, Frank

Frank Cerqua Jr. Veteran of U.S. Marines. Dearly Beloved Husband of Barbara J. Nee Culotta. Loving Father of Sherry Panico, Randy, and Russ (Julie). Cherished Grandfather of 9 Great-Grandfather of 7. Dear Brother, Brother in Law, Uncle and Friend of Many. Visitation Friday 3 until 8 P.M. at **CARBONARA FUNERAL HOME** 1515 No. 25th Ave. Melrose Park. Funeral Saturday 9 A.M. from the funeral home to Sacred Heart Church Mass 10 A.M. Int. Queen of Heaven Cem. Past President of West Suburban Board of Realtors. In Lieu of Flowers, Donations to Gary Senese Foundation, Serving the honor and Needs of Veterans would be appreciated. Please visit Frank's Memorial at carbonarafuneralhome.net or 708-343-6161

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Daly, William Hayes

William Hayes Daly. On Friday, August 5, 2018, William Hayes Daly of Palos Hills, Illinois passed away suddenly at the age of 85 years. Bill will be forever lovingly remembered by his nephews Daniel (Lisa) Gorsky, James (Kimberly) Gorsky, and Kevin (Lisa) Gorsky and by his grand nieces and nephew Shannon, Megan, Brian, Grace, Nicole, and Cassandra. Bill will also be forever remembered by his dear friends in Illinois and Florida. Born in Evergreen Park, Illinois to William and Irene Daly, Bill was adored by his sister Alyce (Edward) Gorsky who preceded him in death. He was a devout Catholic and patriot who served in the U.S. Army from 1954-1956 prior to his career in the paper industry and then later with the State of Illinois. As a loyal alumnus of Leo Catholic High School in Chicago and St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer IN, Bill greatly enjoyed the camaraderie of his former classmates. He was an avid sailor, proud South-side Irishman, and enthusiastic Chicago Bears fan.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in memory of Bill on Friday, August 10th, at 11:30am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 8245 W 111th St, Palos Hills, IL. Visitation will be held prior to Mass from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Hills Funeral Home located at 10201 South Roberts Rd., Palos Hills, IL 60465. Interment with Military Honors Resurrection Cemetery (Romeoville, IL). Memorial donations in memory of Bill may be made to Waterleaf Women's Center, 3598 E. New York St., Aurora, IL 60504. www.onechoiceonline.org/

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Gardner, Mildred

Mildred Gardner, beloved wife of the late Hugh; loving mother of Hugh "Smookey" and Gail Gardner, Marne Roberts, Mary Lynn (Charlie) Kormanik and Pam (Bill) Liss; dear grandmother of 13 and great-grandmother of eight; fond sister of Dorothy Kurfman, Corky (Jim) Carroll and the late Bill Dailey and sister-in-law of Herb (Molly) Gardner; aunt of many. Veteran Army Nurse WWII. Visitation Saturday 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. at **HURSEN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY**, SW corner of Mannheim & Roosevelt Roads, Hillside/Westchester. Prayers from the funeral home 9:30 a.m. to St. Pius X Church, Westmore & Madison, Lombard. Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Funeral info: 800-562-0082 or www.hursen.com.



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Garrison, Terry

Terry Garrison, of Mundelein, Illinois, loving husband of Robin, passed away at age 67 on August 8, 2018 at his home after a courageous battle with illness. Born in Chicago, Illinois, he was the son of the late Lois Jean Gibson and the late Arlin Bruce Garrison. He graduated from Mundelein High School in 1969 and Western Illinois University and had a successful career as a printing salesman. Terry is survived by his daughter, Jennifer and her husband Robert Blessing of Grayslake, Illinois; grandson, Jordan Blessing; and granddaughter on the way. He is also survived by his brother, Dale and his wife Doris Garrison of Gilbert, Arizona, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, Bruce, husband of Ginny Garrison. He will be remembered for his passion and talent as a musician and artist. A private family celebration of life will be held at a later date. A special thank you to the Vitas hospice nurses. For information, please call 847-223-8122 or go to www.strangfuneral.org



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GERSHANOV, FRED F.

Born Fedor Boris in Trnava, Slovakia June 1, 1936; emigrated to Chicago following the War; beloved partner of Suzanne Lauren; cherished son of the late Leo and Antonia; dear brother of the late Peter (Ann) Gershanov; devoted father to Anthony Spencer (Rachel Nadelman) Lauren and the late Jennifer Dana (Christian Peterson) Lauren; dedicated uncle of Ellen (Jeffrey) London and Holly (Norman) Nelson; great uncle of Daniel, Sarah, Joshua, and the late Adam London; cared for by Jun Ginco; and deeply loved by Lily, Jake, and Peyton. Fred graduated from Northwestern School of Law, Senior Vice President of Frederick Cooper Lamp Company. Service and interment Friday 1:30 pm at Westlawn Cemetery and Mausoleum, 7801 W. Montrose Avenue; Norridge, IL 60706. (Use west gate entrance). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made Smile Train, smiletrain.org, 800-932-9541; or, PAWS Chicago, pawschicago.org, 773-935-7297; or, to Seasons Hospice, seasons.org, 855-812-1136. Arrangements entrusted to Lakeshore Jewish Funerals, 773-625-8621.



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Gramberg, Dorothy

Dorothy Gramberg age 99 of Villa Park. Cherished daughter of the late Paul and Bertha Gramberg. Dearest friend of the late Lillian Wardill. Beloved sister of the late Eleanor (John) Kerr and Charles (Catherine) Gramberg. Dear aunt of Edward (Corrine) Gramberg, Robert Gramberg, Patricia (late Joseph) Gaynor, the late Betty (Late Richard) Sullivan and the late Earl (Late Thea Nelle) Kerr. Also survived by several generations of nieces and nephews. Dorothy was a pioneer in women's softball during the 1930s and 40s, predating the All American Professional Girls Baseball League. Born and raised in the south side neighborhood of Mt. Greenwood, Dorothy and her teammates traveled all over the city to play ball. She played first base for many prominent Chicago teams, including the Chicago Down Drafts, who were runners-up for the World Amateur Title at Soldier Field in 1938. The Down Drafts played many of their games at Schubert Field located at 74th and Aberdeen. The Down Drafts played many teams in 12 inch fast pitch, including their nemesis, the "Rivals", sponsored by Rival Dog Food. Dorothy was benefits manager for Chicago Bridge and Iron. The family appreciates the loving care of Ethel Diomampo for 14 years. Visitation on Saturday August 11, 2018 from 10 a.m. until time of service 11 a.m. at Community Congregational Church 410 S. Cornell, Villa Park, IL. Interment Beverly Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials to Community Congregational Church appreciated. Arrangements by Steuerele Funeral Home 630-832-4161 or www.steuerelefh.com

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Greenberg, Eugene H.

Eugene H. Greenberg, 94. Beloved husband of Sonia nee Meister. Loving father of Mark (Robin Muhlfeld) Greenberg, Elena (Steven) Kaiser and Dr. Miles (Dr. Melissa) Greenberg. Proud grandfather of Jacob, Ari, Mikaela, Chai and Naya, Justin, Jordan, Jack and Jaden. Dear brother of Harold (Nancy) Greenberg. Services Friday 12 noon at **Chicago Jewish Funerals** 8851 Skokie Blvd., (at Niles Center Road) Skokie. Interment Sunset Memorial Lawns. Memorials in his memory to Jewish United Fund, 30 South Wells St., Chicago, IL 60606. www.juf.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com



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Isenstein, Sally

Sally Isenstein nee Wicker passed away on August 8; beloved wife of the late Melvin for 60 years; loving mother of Brenda (Jeff) Eisner and Karen (Jim) Cohen; grandmother of Nicole (Geremy) Jordan, Liza Cohen, Steven Cohen, Zachary (Chana Bluma) Eisner and Reina (Elie) Mendelson; great grandmother "GG" to Jared and Ava Jordan, Judah, Audrey, Noam, Miya and Ezra; devoted daughter of the late Nettie and Louis Wicker and the late Meite and Henry Isenstein; cherished sister-in-law of Charlotte and Myrna; a dear aunt, great aunt and friend to many. Chapel service, Friday 10 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Entombment Shalom Memorial Park. For information or condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.



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In 1790 the Columbia returned to Boston Harbor after a three-year voyage, becoming the first ship to carry the American flag around the world.

In 1842 the United States and Canada resolved a border dispute by signing the Webster-Ashburton Treaty.

In 1848 the Free-Soil Party nominated Martin Van Buren for president at its convention in Buffalo, N.Y.

In 1854 Henry David Thoreau published "Walden," which described his experiences while living near Walden Pond in Massachusetts.

In 1944 258 African-American sailors based at Port

Chicago, Calif., refused to load a munitions ship following the explosion of another ship that killed 320 men, two-thirds of them black. (The sailors were court-martialed, fined and imprisoned for their refusal.)

In 1945, three days after the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, the United States exploded a nuclear device over Nagasaki, killing an estimated 74,000 people.

In 1969 actress Sharon Tate and four other people were found murdered in Tate's Los Angeles home; cult leader Charles Manson and a group of his disciples were later convicted of the crime.

In 1974 President Richard Nixon's resignation took effect; Vice President Gerald Ford became the nation's

38th chief executive.

In 1985 retired Navy Lt. Cmdr. Arthur Walker was convicted in Norfolk, Va., of seven counts of espionage for selling secrets to the Soviets.

In 1997 an Amtrak train with nearly 300 people aboard derailed on a bridge near Kingman, Ariz.; more than 100 people were injured.

In 1998, in China, engineers dynamited levees along the Yangtze River to ease the worst floods in 44 years.

In 2000 Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. announced it was recalling 6.5 million tires that had been implicated in hundreds of accidents and at least 46 deaths.

In 2010 former Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, who was the chamber's longest-serving Republican, was killed along with four others when the private plane they were on crashed near Dillingham, Alaska. Former NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe and three others survived the crash.

In 2011 polygamist leader Warren Jeffs, head of the breakaway Mormon sect the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, was sentenced to life in prison for sexually assaulting two underage girls he claimed as "spiritual" brides at the sect's Texas compound.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS	
Aug. 8	
Powerball	10 21 30 43 63 / 17
Powerball jackpot:	\$223M
Lotto jackpot:	\$10.25M
Pick 3 midday	452 / 5
Pick 4 midday	5478 / 6
Lucky Day Lotto midday	01 07 17 25 35
Pick 3 evening	273 / 9
Pick 4 evening	2316 / 0
Lucky Day Lotto evening	08 09 12 19 23
Aug. 10 Mega Millions:	\$63M
WISCONSIN	
Aug. 8	
Megabucks	03 21 23 27 39 45
Pick 3	189
Pick 4	8284
Badger 5	02 06 16 19 21
SuperCash	10 18 22 29 31 34

INDIANA	
Aug. 8	
Lotto	03 14 24 27 38 44
Daily 3 midday	396 / 4
Daily 4 midday	6059 / 4
Daily 3 evening	949 / 5
Daily 4 evening	5223 / 5
Cash 5	10 22 28 30 38
MICHIGAN	
Aug. 8	
Lotto	04 07 10 27 37 47
Daily 3 midday	040
Daily 4 midday	7947
Daily 3 evening	114
Daily 4 evening	7155
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Lane, Robert J.

Robert J. Lane age 82, beloved husband of Clare nee Cleary, dear father of Robert J. Jr. (Sheila Butler), Tammy Lane RN (Patrick Keane), Kathleen Lane (Michael Balliu), Kevin (Rose) and Timothy (Nicole) Lane and Betsy Lane (Jason Titzer), fond brother of Jack (Gail) and the late James (Lucy) Lane, devoted grandfather of Tiffani (Ryan) Sweeney, Jacob Balliu, Matthew, Jack, Shannon, Clare, Sean, Emmett, Laura, Ainsley and Eamon Lane, Kylie and Charles Titzer, great-grandfather of Keira Sweeney and numerous beloved nieces and nephews. Memorial Visitation, Sunday, August 12 from 4 to 8pm at the **JOHN E. MALONEY FUNERAL HOME**, 1359 W. Devon Avenue, Chicago and Monday, August 13 at St. Margaret Mary Church, 2324 West Chase Avenue from 10:00 am until time of Mass at 11:00am. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers contributions to Angelman Syndrome, Box 608, Downers Grove, IL 60515/ Phone 630-852-FAST or an online donation can be made to www.cureangelman.org email: info@CureAngelman.org. Funeral info: 773-764-1617



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Martino, Emil L.

Emil L. Martino, Age 92, Proud WWII, U.S. Army Veteran. Beloved husband of the late Ramona (nee Wentink); loving father of Donald (Jean), John (Carmela), Richard (Judith) and Nancy; cherished grandfather of Thomas (Jacquelyn), David, Jennifer, Alice, Michael, Carolyn, Laura, Timothy and the late Emily; dear brother of the late Sara (James) Kubik; fond uncle of many. Visitation Friday from 3 to 9 P.M. Funeral Prayers Saturday 10:30 A.M. at **Nelson Funeral Home** 820 Talcott Road, Park Ridge. Procession to Mary, Seat of Wisdom Church for 11 A.M. Mass of Christian Burial. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery for info www.nelsonfunerals.com or 847)823-5122.



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Meagher, MD, Sharon E.

Sharon E. Meagher, MD, passed away peacefully at home on August 8, 2018. She was the beloved life partner of Rich Werner. Sister of Jim (Kathie) Meagher. Aunt of Sean. Sharon was a loving and caring person and will be missed by all. Memorial visitation will be held on Sunday, August 12th from 1-7pm at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago. In lieu of flowers, donations to PAWS or the Shriner's Childrens Hospital would be appreciated. For funeral info 773-736-3833 or visit Sharon's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com



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Mikita, Stanley "Stan"

Born, Stanislav Guoth in Sokolce, Czechoslovakia on May 20, 1940 to Jurag and Emilia, Stan passed away on August 7, 2018 at the age of 78 surrounded by his loving family: Jill, his wife of 55 years; children Meg (Emily & Erin Johnson), Scott (Hannah & Lily Mikita), Jane Gneiser and her husband Scott (Charlie, Billy & Tommy Gneiser), Christopher and his wife Jennifer (Kayla & Megan Mikita). Loving brother of Jurag Guoth and Viera Uhliriova of the Slovakia and Irene Palkovic of Canada. Husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle and teammate. Stan Mikita was all of these and so much more. While working as a Congressional Secretary in 1962, Jill met Stan at a political event that she had organized. It was not love at first sight, but by the second date they both knew they had found their loves. Jill was the glue that held the family together while Stan traveled. Working as a team they built a family that grew with love, strength and understanding. As a father, Stan taught his children by example about acceptance, compassion and patience, often reminding them that it doesn't cost anything to be nice to people. He stressed that everyone is equally worthy of respect and kindness; that people are more alike than they are different. Stan also imparted his sense of humor and love of storytelling, often amusing his children with obvious jokes ("What's a henway?") and stories about S-car-go. When Stan became a grandfather, he was able to fully enjoy his grandkids' adventures, without the pressures of being "on the road." This was a huge source of joy to him. It was not uncommon to see him on the floor, frolicking with the grandkids. He enjoyed their sports, their concerts and their school events. Stan was fortunate enough to have family in both Canada and Slovakia. He always retained a deep love and connection to them. Stan became a US Citizen in 1982 and always said this was one of his proudest achievements. Practicing what he preached, Stan always treated his teammates like family. He welcomed all new players, offering advice and encouragement. Stan opened his home to dozens of young players, and with Jill's support, provided a home away from home. However, he also delighted in pranking the rookies, taking them on snipe hunts and cutting off their ties while they slept on the train. Beloved not only as a sportsman, but even more so as a person, and despite having suffered from dementia for the past four years, Stan died as he lived, with patience, humility, tenacity and good-humor, with one last smile for his loving family just moments before the end.

A public Visitation will be held Sunday, August 12th, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the United Center inside the Atrium at 1901 W. Madison St. (public parking available in lot C). A private family Funeral and Interment will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the Mikita Family asks that donations be made to Illinois Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association www.alz.org/illinois, The Wounded Warrior Project www.woundedwarriorproject.org, The American Hearing Impaired Hockey Association www.usadeafhockey.org, and Hinsdale Hospital Foundation for Amita Health Adventist St. Thomas Hospice <https://www.keepingyouwell.com/ahh/make-a-gift/ctl/donate/mid/16373/id/24> donations are appreciated. Arrangements by Sullivan Funeral Hinsdale, 630-323-0275 or www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com



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Morelli, Carmella

Carmella Morelli (nee Tenuta), age 96, of LaGrange Park, former resident of Berwyn for 52 years. Beloved wife of the late Anthony Morelli for a great 57 years. Loving mother of Maria M. (Clark) Carter and Kathleen Ivanelli. Devoted grandmother of Christopher (Dana) Carter, Jennifer Ivanelli, Carolyn (Rick) Arnold, and Carl III (Amanda) Ivanelli. Cherished great-grandmother of Zachary, Matthew, Scott, Kelsey, Giada, Francesca, Geno, Carl IV, Luciano, and Brunello. Dear sister of Ida Ruffolo, John Tenuta, the late Julia Covelli, and the late Frederick Tenuta. Beloved aunt of many nieces and nephews. Fond friend of many. Visitation 3pm to 9pm Friday, August 10, 2018 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Meet at Funeral Home 9:15am Saturday, August 11th for prayers and procession to St. Francis Xavier Church, LaGrange for 10am Mass. Interment to follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Hillside. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Thomas Hospice at P.O. Box 130, Hinsdale, IL 60522. Funeral Info: (708) 352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Olivero, Michael, Rev.

Rev. Michael Olivero age 70. Pastor Emeritus, St. Cecilia Church, Mt. Prospect. Beloved son of the late Arthur and Alice Olivero; loving brother of the late Gary Olivero; fond uncle of Stephanie Gates (David Zarazua); great-uncle of Andrea and Victor Zarazua; dear cousin of Patricia Churlin, Ronald Churlin, Deborah Hines-Troiani, Jacqueline Hines-Burgess, Lois Leyh, William Leyh, and Charleen Graff. Fr. Mike served as Associate Pastor at St. Cyprian Parish, Queen of the Rosary, Elk Grove, and St. Cecilia Parish, Mt. Prospect. Pastor at St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish, Des Plaines and St. Cecilia Parish, Mt. Prospect. Visitation Sunday August 12, 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Prayer service at 7:00p.m. at St. Cecilia Church, Golf Rd. (Rt. 58) at Meier Rd., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Visitation Monday August 13, 11:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass at 1:00 p.m. at St. Cecilia Church. Interment St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery, Palatine. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Cecilia Church and PRMAA (Priests Retirement Fund), Archdiocese of Chicago, 835 N. Rush St., Chicago, IL 60611. Funeral information (847) 255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com.

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Pietras, Robert

Robert Pietras, age 81 of Crest Hill, IL., passed away peacefully at home on Thursday August 2, 2018. Beloved husband of Christine Pietras; loving father of Robert (Sharyn) Pietras and Thomas (Kathryn) Pietras; loving grandfather of three; cherished uncle of Suzanne (Sam) Schiller; Robert was preceded in death by a very loving family and was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday August 11, 2018 10:30 a.m. at St. Ambrose Church 1711 Burry Circle Dr. Crest Hill, IL. Inurnment Resurrection Cemetery, Justice, IL. In lieu of flowers donations to Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation or Joliet Area Community Hospice would be appreciated. www.andersonmemorial-homes.com 815-577-5250

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Pintozzi, Sr., Anthony "Tony"

Anthony "Tony" Pintozzi, Sr., age 87, of McHenry, passed away peacefully August 6, 2018, with his wife by his side. Tony was born on February 24, 1931, to the late Charles and Maria (Meccia) Pintozzi. On November 29, 1952, he married the love of his life, Maureen Etten, at St. Nicholas of Tolentine in Chicago. He is survived by, Maureen, his loving wife of 65 years; dear children: Mary (Jon) Meyer, Debbie (Michael) Cajthami, Donna (Buzz) Frett, Maureen (Mike) Pabst, Annette (Steve) Cuda, Cathy (Tom) Campbell, Patti (Bill) Preston, Butch (Missy) Pintozzi; 18 cherished grandchildren; and 16 beloved great-grandchildren. He is further survived by his siblings: Anne Marie (George) Cina, Charles (Rose Marie) Pintozzi, and Nick (Connie) Pintozzi; as well as his brother-in-law, Joe (Jean) Etten. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his in-laws, Joseph and Mary Etten, and sister-in-law, Marcella (Wayne) Dixon.

Visitation will take place on Thursday, August 9, 2018 from 3pm to 8pm at Church of Holy Apostles 5211 W. Bull Valley Rd. McHenry IL. Funeral Mass will be on August 10, 2018, at 11am at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 3500 W. Washington St. McHenry IL. Interment will follow at St. Patrick Countryside Cemetery in McHenry. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be directed to Tony's Alma Mater, St. Rita of Cascia High School 7740 S. Western Ave, Chicago, IL 60620 or to Montini Catholic School (Tuition Assistance), 1405 N Richmond Road, McHenry, IL 60050. **Colonial Funeral Home** is assisting the family with arrangements. For more information, visit www.colonialmchenry.com or call 815-385-0063

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Roelofs, Marv

Marv Roelofs, 77, founder of TAMES/HRS, passed away at home in Sioux Falls, SD, on July 25, 2018. A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, August 11, at 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3801 E 26th Street, Sioux Falls. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the Celebration of Life service on August 11. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Avera@Home Hospice Sioux Falls or TANA (Trinity Alumni Nurses Association) at Trinity Christian College, 6601 West College Drive, Palos Heights, IL, 60463. www.heritagefsd.com

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Sejut, Muriel Dionne

August 02, 1925 - August 04, 2018
Muriel D. Sejut passed away August 4 at the age of 93. She was preceded in death by her husband (late Chester), her daughter (late Barbara Davies) and her beloved (late four sisters). Loving mother of Susan (late Thomas) McLaughlin, Mary Ann (Edward) Szwawica, Diane Sejut and Mark (Leslie) Sejut. Beloved grandmother of ten and great-grandmother of thirteen. Funeral on August 10, 2018 at 8:30am from Pietryka Funeral Home 5734 W. Diversey to St. Francis Borja Church for Mass at 11am. Entombment at All Saints Cemetery.

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Simpson, William 'Bill'

77, husband of Barbara; father of Bill (Heidi), Laura (Dave) Lynn, Steve, Beth (James) Ferguson, Barbara (Joel) Davenport, Kathy and Karyn McFarland; papa to Brittney, Samuel, Matthew, Luke, Elijah, Andrew, Jacob and Thomas "Charlie"; brother of Margaret (Bill) Bivin; additional blessings Megan, James, Grace and Logan Dolosic, Sarah, Mike, Eden and Elias Villafuente. Memorial Visitation from Noon until time of Memorial Service at 4PM at Crosswinds Church of Chicago 10835 S. Pulaski. Your love and prayers are appreciated in lieu of flowers or gifts. Info **Heights Crematory** (708) 755-0600

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Strubbe, Elaine G.

Elaine Grace Simon Strubbe passed away peacefully on August 1, 2018 in Naples, Florida. She was 97. She was born on March 30, 1921 in Racine, Wisconsin to Grace and Peter Simon. As a young girl she and her family moved to Chicago, Illinois where she attended St. Viator's elementary school and then later Alvernia High School. After attending Illinois Institute of Technology she wed the love of her life, Dr. James Marshall Strubbe, in January of 1946 with whom she had nine children. She possessed an adventurous spirit, as one would need, traveling to Mexico for an extended trip with her husband, six children and a seventh on the way. As a devout Roman Catholic she was selfless and at times generous to a fault. Losing her husband to cancer after only 25 years of marriage she faced the task of raising her nine children alone, which she did with a quiet grace and strength which was her hallmark. A child of the Great Depression, she saved everything and was considered by her family to be the original recycler-an old Kool Whip container was never discarded. She was never too busy to listen or counsel those in need; she had a wonderful facility to see the best in people and was never judgmental.

She is survived by a brother-in-law Thomas Strubbe (Kathy) and seven of her nine children, James (Tonya), Kathleen Malone, Virginia Horth (Kenneth), Francine, Elaine Burgess (Michael), Charles and Paul (Bridget) as well as eight grandchildren, Jeremy Carbone, Sean Malone (Kelly), Emily Sustar (John), Michael Burgess (Teah), Matthew Horth, Ryan Burgess (Morgan), James Burgess (fiance Nichole) and Peter Horth as well as eight great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother Lawrence Simon (Jean) her husband, James, son David Peter Strubbe and daughter Mary Ann Strubbe as well as her parents.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held in Naples, FL. Graveside services will be at All Saints Cemetery, 700 N. River Road, Des Plaines, IL on Friday, August 10, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to Vitas Healthcare Hospice of Naples or Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice, Florida.

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Tolley Sr., John F. 'Jack'

Proud U.S. Navy Veteran honorably discharged in 1962, Retired in 1993 as a Lieutenant in the Chicago Police Dept. & member of the American Legion post 854. Beloved husband of Gloria (nee Maza). Loving father of Laura (Fred), John Jr. (Christine), Carrie (Larry) & James (Role). Cherished grandfather of Madelyn, Larry, Brittany, Michael, Patrick, Joseph, David, Seamus, Killian, Meara & Bridie. Adoring great grandfather of Hayden. Devoted son of the late Catherine Evans Pasek. Dear brother of Catherine Peppler & Rita Holz. Visitation Friday, August 10th from 3 until 9 p.m. and Saturday, August 11th from 10:30 a.m. until time of chapel service 11:30 a.m. at the **Kerry Funeral Home & Cremation Care Center**, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Lake Katherine Nature Center, 7402 Lake Katherine Drive, Palos Heights, IL 60463 would be appreciated. www.kerryfh.com ~ (708) 361.4235 ~ www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral



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Verson, Ronald L.

Ronald L. Verson, 80. Beloved husband for 13 years of Barbara Baer; devoted father of Ranya (Ted Squires) Verson, Marissa (Ben) Harrison, Ilanna Fiorenza (Chris), and Serena (Maxi) Armas; proud grandfather of Bryce and Blaise Harrison, Rachel and Joe Fiorenza, and Eden, Alex, Isabel, and Max Armas; loving brother of Alan (Paula) Verson and Howard (Anna) Verson; caring uncle of Matthew and Beth Verson; will be deeply missed by many cousins and family members. Ron worked for UOP for over 40 years. A memorial service will be held Friday, August 10, 3 PM, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, www.michaelfox.org, or to UCAN Chicago, www.ucanichicago.org. For info: 847-256-5700.



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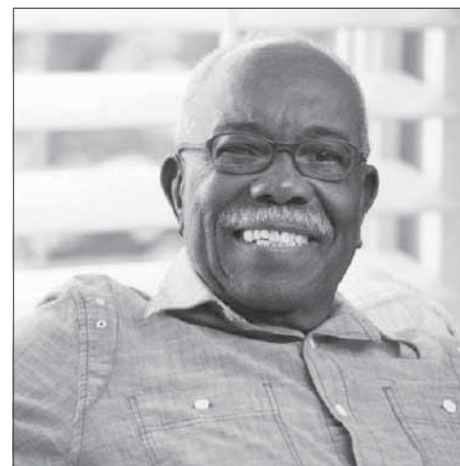


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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Charisma Franklin

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Megan Franklin (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00649

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on July 11, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXF in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Kimberly Lewis in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 08/29/2018, at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 8 COURTROOM H, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, you stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS August 9, 2018

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Cherish Franklin

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Megan Franklin (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00648

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UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS August 9, 2018

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Daniel Vaughans AKA Daniel Giovanni Vaughans AKA T Giovanni Vaughans

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Marissa Vaughans (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 15JA00144

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Marissa Vaughans (Mother), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on September 29, 2017, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXF in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Robert Balanoff in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 08/29/2018, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 12 COURTROOM L, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS August 9, 2018

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Miranda Charo

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

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00623

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers , respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on July 8, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXF in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Robert Balanoff in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 08/29/2018, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 12 COURTROOM L, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Terrance Coleman

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Yureka Coleman (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00603

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Terrance Ross (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers , respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on June 28, 2018, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXF in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Andrea Bufone in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 08/29/2018, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 4 COURTROOM D, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Daniel Vaughans AKA Daniel Giovanni Vaughans AKA T Giovanni Vaughans

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Marissa Vaughans (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 15JA00144

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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IN THE INTEREST OF Daniel Vaughans AKA Daniel Giovanni Vaughans AKA T Giovanni Vaughans

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Marissa Vaughans (Mother)

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JUVENILE NO.: 18JA00623

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TAKE NOTICES

TO: OCCUPANT: BROOKS ENTERPRISE, LLC; BROOKS ENTERPRISE, LLC A/K/A BROOKS ENTERPRISES, LLC; WILLIAM E PAULIN SELF DECLARATION OF TRUST; JOEY'S MOVERS & TRUCKING, INC.; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD003359 FILED: 06/05/2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD 06/03/2016 Certificate No. 14-0002882 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 7333 RIDGEWAY AVE., SKOKIE, IL 60076 Legal Description or Property Index No. 10-26-309-008-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 12/04/2018. 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 or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 12/04/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 12/19/2018 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 12/04/2018 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 ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 25th day of July, 2018. Pub: 8/7, 8, 9/2018 57328784

TO: OCCUPANT: PARKWAY BANK & TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE U/T/A DRINKA 06/27/2016 A/K/A TRUST NO. 15564; KRINA MILUTINOVIC; DANIEL MILUTINOVIC; MARIA FULLER; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD003579 FILED: 06/05/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/03/2016 Certificate No. 14-0002882 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 6434 W GUNNISON ST., HARWOOD HEIGHTS, IL 60706 Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-07-423-013-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 12/04/2018. 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 or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 12/04/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 12/19/2018 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 12/04/2018 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 ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 25th day of July, 2018. Pub: 8/7, 8, 9/2018 5732806

TO: OCCUPANT: AMERICAN STANDARD ENTERPRISE INC.; AMERICAN CREDIT; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD003589 FILED: 06/05/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/07/2016 Certificate No. 14-0009614 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 1618 N CENTRAL PARK AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60647 Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-35-328-042-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 12/04/2018. 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 or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 12/04/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 12/19/2018 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 12/04/2018 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 ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room

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TO: Mary A. Rodgers; Chicago Title Land Trust Company, as Successor Trustee to Citizens National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago, as Trustee u/a dated 03/01/1985 and known as trust no. 322, c/o CT Corporation System, Reg. Agent; Kelly Pete; Kimberly D. Pete; Lawrence E. Rodgers; Cathy Rodgers; Chetwyn V. Rodgers; John A. Rodgers; Curtis J. Rodgers; Danny Calhoun; June J. Calhoun; Paul Rodgers; City of Chicago, City Clerk; City of Chicago, Corporation Counsel; City of Chicago, Water Dept.; Courtney Coleman; Shawanna Hoseney; Daphne Rodgers; Luke Rodgers; Tynisha Strange; Occupant, 4835 W. Jackson Blvd., Apt. 1E, Chicago, IL 60644; Occupant, 4835 W. Jackson Blvd., Apt. 2E, Chicago, IL 60644; Occupant, 4835 W. Jackson Blvd., Apt. 3E, Chicago, IL 60644; Occupant, 4835 W. Jackson Blvd., Apt. 1W, Chicago, IL 60644; Occupant, 4835 W. Jackson Blvd., Apt. 2W, Chicago, IL 60644; Occupant, 4835 W. Jackson Blvd., Apt. 3W, Chicago, IL 60644; USA, IRS; US Attorney-Northern District of Illinois; US Attorney General, Justice Dept.; 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. 2018COTD004324 FILED: July 20, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: June 8, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 14-001129 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: 424 S. AUSTIN BLVD., UNIT 15, OAK PARK, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 16-16-215-024-0000 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 28, 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 28, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on January 30, 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 28, 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 ICIB Investments, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: July 23, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 8/7, 8, 9/2018 5728088

TO: Jean A. Montgomery; Columbus Court Condominium Association, c/o Michelle Berringer, Reg. Agent; Occupant, 424 S. Austin Blvd., Unit 15, Oak Park, IL 60304; 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. 2018COTD004263 FILED: July 18, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: June 8, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 14-0002947 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: 424 S. AUSTIN BLVD., UNIT 15, OAK PARK, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 16-17-131-025-1006 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 28, 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 28, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on January 30, 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 28, 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 ICIB Investments, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: July 19, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 8/7, 8, 9/2018 5728088

TO: Daniel Donati; Michael Donati; Nancy Donati; Ronald Donati; Occupant, 1012 S. Mayfield Ave., Chicago, IL 60644; 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. 2018COTD004323 FILED: July 20, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: June 8, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 14-0015171 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: 1012 S. MAYFIELD AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 16-17-406-023-0000 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 28, 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 28, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on January 30, 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 28, 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 ICIB Investments, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: July 23, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 8/7, 8, 9/2018 5728101

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TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Company, as Successor Trustee to First National Bank of Cicero, as Trustee u/a dated 06/18/1970 and known as trust no. 2841, c/o CT Corporation System, Reg. Agent; Regina A. Scannicchio; Old Second National Bank, as Successor Trustee to ABC Bank; Occupant, 1247 S. 61st Ave., Cicero, IL 60804; 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. 2018COTD004259 FILED: July 18, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: June 3, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 14-0001406 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: 1247 S. 61ST AVE., CICERO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 16-20-106-026-0000 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 28, 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 28, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on January 30, 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 28, 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 ICIB Investments, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: July 19, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 8/7, 8, 9/2018 5721885

TO: Russell Streuly; Russell W. Streuly, as Trustee of the Russell Streuly Trust; Russell W. Streuly; Katherine Carnion; Occupant, 1420 S. 99th Ct., Cicero, IL 60804; 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. 2018COTD004260 FILED: July 18, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: June 3, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 14-0001423 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: 1420 S. 99TH CT., CICERO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 16-20-216-013-0000 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 28, 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 28, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on January 30, 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 28, 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 ICIB Investments, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: July 19, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 8/7, 8, 9/2018 5721893

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TO: OCCUPANT; AURORA RODRIGUEZ A/K/A AURORA CONTRERAS; MARCO RODRIGUEZ; AXEL RODRIGUEZ; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS INTERESTED; TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD00345; FILED: 05/23/2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF Cook Date Premises Sold 12/29/2015 Certificate No. 155-0001080 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2006-2008 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4711 W. 19TH ST. CICERO, IL 60804 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-22-304-021-0000 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 11/20/2018. 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 or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 11/20/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 12/10/2018 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 12/04/2018 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 ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 American Tax Lien, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 17th day of July, 2018. Pub: 8/7, 8, 9/2018 5718208

TO: Ericka Matthews; Calvina Murray; Marvell White; Occupant, 4136 W. 19th St., Chicago, IL 60623; 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. 2018COTD004333 FILED: July 24, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: June 8, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 14-0015218 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: 4136 E. 19TH ST., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 16-22-411-017-0000 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 31, 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 31, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on January 30, 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 31, 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 ICIB Investments, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: July 24, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 8/7, 8, 9/2018 5731890

TO: 4205 Cullerton LLC; 4205 Cullerton LLC, c/o Vera Pandev, Reg. Agent; City of Chicago, c/o City Clerk; City of Chicago, c/o Corporation Counsel; Advance Property Maintenance LLC, c/o Legent WP Realty, Inc., Reg. Agent; Michael J. Gunderson; Leroy Bracey; Latasha Fisher; Jimcee Fort; Nykel Fort; Rahem Fort; Imeen Guzman; Victoria Vashta; Noel Ugu; Gabriel Wrencher; Carrell Bracey; Ailiana Brumley; Pauline Hall; Jimcee Harmon; Jackson; Levi; Occupant, 4205 W. Cullerton St., Apt. 1, Chicago, IL 60623; Occupant, 4205 W. Cullerton St., Apt. 2, Chicago, IL 60623; Occupant, 4205 W. Cullerton St., Apt. 3, Chicago, IL 60623; 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. 2018COTD004335 FILED: July 24, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: June 8, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 14-0015229 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: 4205 W. CULLERTON ST., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 16-22-418-019-0000 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 31, 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 31, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on January 30, 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 31, 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 ICIB Investments, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: July 24, 2018 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 8/7, 8, 9/2018 5731905

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TO: OCCUPANT; SERGIO MEDINA; EDUARDO ALVAREZ; ISAI PILLADO; TRUSTEE; City of Chicago; Illinois Department of Revenue; Illinois Attorney General; EDUARDO ALVAREZ; DOMESTIC LINEN SUPPLY CO., INC. D/B/A DOMESTIC UNIFORM RENTAL; EDUARDO'S COMPLETE AUTO BODY REPAIR INC. C/O JOSE TAPIA; TONALA AUTO SERVICE INC.; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED; TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD003604 FILED: 06/05/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/08/2016 Certificate No. 14-0015434 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3855 W. GERMAK RD. CHICAGO IL 60623 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-26-102-002-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 12/04/2018. 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 or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 12/04/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 12/19/2018 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 12/04/2018 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 ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 25th day of July, 2018. Pub: 8/7, 8, 9/2018 5733146

TO: OCCUPANT; CELIA MELCHOR; JOSE RAMIREZ; LAS FRIDAS AND GUER, INC.; LAS FRIDAS, INC.; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED; TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD003605 FILED: 06/05/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/08/2016 Certificate No. 14-0015518 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 4312 W. OGDEN AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60623 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-27-202-059-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 12/04/2018. 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 or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 12/04/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 12/19/2018 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 12/04/2018 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 ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 25th day of July, 2018. Pub: 8/7, 8, 9/2018 5733156

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TO: OCCUPANT, UNIT 1; OCCUPANT, UNIT 2; OCCUPANT, UNIT 3; EUGENE THURMAN; JETER ARVATER; City of Chicago; U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-9; APRIL CALLOWAY; JACQUELYN DAVIS; KATHY JETER; LAMARR JETER; FNA DZ, LLC; EUGENE THURMAN AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED; TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD003461 FILED: 05/23/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 01/07/2016 Certificate No. 155-0009703 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2010-2013 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2253 S. KIRKLAND AVE. CHICAGO, IL 60623 Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-27-201-024-0000 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 11/20/2018. 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 or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 11/20/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 12/10/2018 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 11/20/2018 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 ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 American Tax Lien, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 17th day of July, 2018. Pub: 8/7, 8, 9/2018 5718323

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TO: Katherine Wodecki; Estate of Joseph Wodecki; Kay F. Ford; Judith L. Johnson; Town of Cicero, c/o Town Clerk; Occupant, 5117 W. 29th St., Apt. 1, Cicero, IL 60804; Occupant, 5117 W. 29th St., Apt. 2, Cicero, IL 60804; 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. 2018COTD000328 FILED: July 24, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: June 3, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 14-0001544 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: 5117 W. 29TH ST., CICERO, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 16-28-415-006-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on December 31, 201

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TO: Envia Villa; Antonio Lopez; Town of Cicero, c/o Town Clerk; Maria Marquez; Melissa Brannan; Occupant, 5103 W. 30th Pl., Cicero, IL 60804; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property...

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TO: Nikolas Kornichuk; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., c/o Genapact Registered Agent, INC.; TCF National Bank; Tanja Gonzalez; Nikolas Kornichuk; Makayah Lebeda; Occupant, 3736 S. 58th Ave., Cicero, IL 60804; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property...

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TO: OCCUPANT; RAFAEL CORONA; LUZ CORONA; PHOENIX NPL, LLC; MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC; JC AUTO & TIRE SHOP; INC.; MB FINANCIAL BANK, N/A; F/K/A THE MID-CITY NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO F/K/A MANUFACTURERS BANK; ARABIC TEMPLE; OCCUPANT; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED...

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TO: OCCUPANT; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY; AS TRUSTEE U/T/A DATED 10/30/2013 A/K/A TRUST NO. 8002363273; CITIC 8002363273 WHEELER HOMES, INC.; TRACY WEBER A/K/A TRACY T WEBER; FIRST MIDWEST BANK; City of Chicago; Daley Thomas; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED...

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TO: Eufemia Gaytan; Maria Aguirre; Juan Banda; Lupe Gamba; Juan Ifanado; Occupant, 2704 S. 60th Ct., Cicero, IL 60804; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property...

TO: Elsa Sandoval; Ursula Sandoval; JP Mortgage Services Bank, N/A; Occupant, 3817 S. 57th Ave., Cicero, IL 60804; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property...

TO: OCCUPANT; U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; TRUSTEE AMERICAN HOMEOWNER PRESERVATION TRUST SERIES 2013D; DENISE JARMON GREER; JOSE MONTALVO; FNA DZ LLC; U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF AMERICAN HOMEOWNER PRESERVATION TRUST SERIES 2013D...

TO: OCCUPANT; FATHIA NATOUR; ALLA NATOUR; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISES AND/OR LEGATEES OF EMMAD NATOUR A/K/A AMMED NATOUR; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISES AND/OR LEGATEES OF SADDAT NATOUR; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISES AND/OR LEGATEES OF MOHAMED NATOUR; HANI NATOUR; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Cook County State's Attorney, BENEFICIAL FINANCIAL, INC. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BENEFICIAL ILLINOIS INC.; BOULEVARD ARTS CENTER; PATRICIA LIEN, Purchaser or Assignee. DATED THIS 25th day of July, 2018. Pub: 8/7, 8, 9/2018 5732847

TO: OCCUPANT; FEDORIA LEAVELL; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISES AND/OR LEGATEES OF FEDORIA LEAVELL; FNA DZ, LLC; LAWRENCE HILL; City of Chicago; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED...

TO: OCCUPANT; JBS 1 PROPERTY LLC A/K/A JBS 1 PROPERTIES, LLC; GIANT BEAUTY; OCCUPANT; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED...

TO: OCCUPANT; CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO LASALLE NATIONAL BANK AS TRUSTEE U/T/A DATED 03/07/2013 A/K/A TRUST #107756 UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISES AND/OR LEGATEES OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS WOELFLE; JOSEPHINE DELANO; MICHAEL GREENE; BUMPER TO BUMPER AUTO PARTS SPECIALTIES; G & P AUTO PARTS, INC. D/B/A TARGET AUTO PARTS; TARGET AUTO PARTS; BARRA MOTOR AUTO SALES; SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO THE THOMAS WOELFLE TRUST AGREEMENT DATED 08/26/1996; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISES AND/OR LEGATEES OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS WOELFLE AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED...

TO: OCCUPANT; MARIA BACA; JACQUELINE BACA; SAM DEFRANCISCO; MARY'S COFFEE INC. C/O MARIA BACA; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED...

TO: OCCUPANT; UNIT 1; OCCUPANT; UNIT 2; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISES AND/OR LEGATEES OF MARY'S COFFEE INC.; BETTIE MAE LIGGINS; ESTER LIGGINS; FERD ANNISON; RAYMOND ARRINGTON; BOBBIE BARBER; HAVEN FULLER; BARBARA LIGGINS; DWAYNE LIGGINS; ESTER LIGGINS; JANICE LIGGINS; JEROME LIGGINS; JOYCE LIGGINS; SHARON LIGGINS; DESHAWN MCCLINTON; LEE ETHEL ARRINGTON; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED...

TO: E R & D L Johnson; Estate of Dicie L. Johnson; Dicie L. Johnson; Wanda Graham; Glendine Graham; Absolute Resolutions Corporation, c/o URS Agents, LLC, Reg. Agent, State of Illinois, c/o Department of Revenue; Illinois Dept. of Revenue, Lien Unit; Illinois Attorney General, Occupant, 8749 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60619; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property...

TO: Loans 4 U Inc.; Loans 4 U, Inc., c/o Lev Wolkowicz; American Enterprise Bank; Occupant, 1207 W. 108th Pl., Chicago, IL 60643; David D. Orr, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property...

TO: OCCUPANT; RUSSELL FERRO; HINSDALE BANK & TRUST COMPANY, A WINTRUST COMMUNITY BANK F/K/A SUBURBAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY; ILLINOIS DISPOSAL SERVICES CORPORATION F/K/A ILLINOIS DISPOSAL; EZEKIEL MORRIS TRANSPORTATION, INC.; VILLAGE OF CALUMET PARK; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED...

TO: OCCUPANT; UNITED SENIOR SERVICES, INC. AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED...

TO: OCCUPANT; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISES AND/OR LEGATEES OF SHIRLEY HICKS A/K/A SHIRLEY FARMER; SHIRLEY HICKS; TCF National Bank; ELAINE HEARD; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISES AND/OR LEGATEES OF MARY JEFFREY; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED...

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TO: OCCUPANT; 1200 INC.; POPULAR BANK A/K/A POPULAR COMMUNITY BANK F/K/A C/O POPULAR NORTH AMERICA; SABU LUKOSE; SUNNY JACOB; PETER JOY; DEARBORN WHOLESALE GROCERS, INC.; ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY; State of Illinois; City of Chicago; METRO CHICKEN; COMPANYS; HAROLD'S CHICKEN AND FAMILY RESTAURANT ENTERPRISES D/B/A HAROLD'S CHICKEN; OCCUPANT; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED...

TO: Albert Muneerah McCoy; Alex B. Riley; Muneerah T. McCoy; a/k/a Muneerah Riley; Alex B. McCoy; Occupant, 13222 S. Vernon Ave., Chicago, IL 60627; Anjia Hill; Divine Underwood; nancy's subscription; Accel; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property...

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TO: OCCUPANT; NICHOLAS JOSEPH CRNJAK; LINDA CRNJAK; JOSEPH CRNJAK; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD003588 FILED: 06/05/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/07/2016 Certificate No. 14-0008807 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 10759 S BURLEY AVE., CHICAGO, IL 60617 Legal Description or Property Index No. 26-18-205-024-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 12/04/2018. 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 or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 12/04/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 12/19/2018 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 12/04/2018 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 ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 25th day of July, 2018. Pub: 8/7, 8, 9/2018 5732934

TO: OCCUPANT SCARBOROUGH FARE RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION; SCARBOROUGH FARE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION; ERICKSON MANAGEMENT COMPANY; SCARBOROUGH FARE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER OR CONSOLIDATION WITH SCARBOROUGH FARE RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION; AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD003571 FILED: 06/05/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/03/2016 Certificate No. 14-0008625 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 5545 SCARBOROUGH LN., OAK FOREST, IL 60452 Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-09-100-125-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 12/04/2018. 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 or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 12/04/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 12/19/2018 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 12/04/2018 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 ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 25th day of July, 2018. Pub: 8/7, 8, 9/2018 5732732

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TO: OCCUPANT; JOHN BANSEER III A/K/A JOHN BANSEER; PAMELA BANSEER; JOHNNY'S BODY SHOP, INC. AND ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED. TAX DEED NO.: 2018COTD003573 FILED: 06/05/2018 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold 06/03/2016 Certificate No. 14-0001186 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. Not Applicable Inst. No. Not Applicable THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 6519 OAK FOREST AVE., TINLEY PARK, IL 60477 Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-30-409-010-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 12/04/2018. 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 or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 12/04/2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county, in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704 Chicago, Illinois 12/19/2018 at 9:30 am. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 12/04/2018 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 ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434 Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 WHEELER FINANCIAL, INC., Purchaser or Assignee. Dated this 25th day of July, 2018. Pub: 8/7, 8, 9/2018 5732749

TO: Eunice Adams; Deadrick Adams; Dionte Adams; Occupant, 14217 Ingleside Ave., Dolton, IL 60419; 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. 2018COTD004330 FILED: July 24, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: June 6, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 14-0004521 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: 14217 INGLESIDE AVE., DOLTON, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 29-02-303-012-0000 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 31, 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 31, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on January 30, 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 31, 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 ICIB Investments, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: July 24, 2018. Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 8/7, 8, 9/2018 5731831

TO: Mary Kolavov; M.R. Rogers, a/k/a Michael Rogers; Occupant, 248 Elizabeth St., Calumet City, IL 60409; 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. 2018COTD004331 FILED: July 24, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: June 6, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 14-0005679 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: 248 ELIZABETH ST., CALUMET CITY, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 30-17-311-012-0000 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 31, 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 31, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on January 30, 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 31, 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 ICIB Investments, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: July 24, 2018. Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 8/7, 8, 9/2018 5731866

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TO: Michael E. Thomas; Josephine Thomas; Occupant, 438 Normal Ave., Chicago Heights, IL 60411; 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. 2018COTD004326 FILED: July 24, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: June 3, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 14-000240 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: 438 NORMAL AVE., CHICAGO HEIGHTS ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 32-16-124-023-0000 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 31, 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 31, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on January 30, 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 31, 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 ICIB Investments, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: July 24, 2018. Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 8/7, 8, 9/2018 5731737

TO: Jose Garcia; Patricia Garcia; Village of South Chicago Heights, c/o Village Clerk; Lucille Mueller; Occupant, 3022 Commercial Ave., South Chicago Heights, IL 60411; 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. 2018COTD004327 FILED: July 24, 2018 TAKE NOTICE COUNTY OF COOK DATE PREMISES SOLD: June 3, 2016 CERTIFICATE NO(S). 14-000378 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: 3022 COMMERCIAL AVE., SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS Legal Description or Property Index No(s). 32-32-205-030-0000 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 31, 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 31, 2018. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois on January 30, 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 31, 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 ICIB Investments, Inc. Purchaser or Assignee 100 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 Dated: July 24, 2018. Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1111 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 Pub: 8/7, 8, 9/2018 5731749

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BEARS

Sign of the times?

The contract stalemate between the Bears and rookie LB **Roquan Smith** drags on. Is the financial protection Smith's agents want a typical request? Rich Campbell and Dan Wiederer attempt to answer that and nine other holdout questions. **Back Page**



EXHIBITION GAME 2
Bears at Bengals
6 p.m. Thursday, FOX-32

■ Mitch Trubisky's exhibition debut tops Colleen Kane's list of what to watch for during Thursday's game. **Back Page**

Roquan Smith, shown during rookie minicamp in May, has now missed 12 practices in training camp.

JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE



Ditka's Mikita memories

On fellow Chicago legend: 'I was lucky to be his friend'



DAVID HAUGH
In the Wake of the News

They liked to carouse at the Cottage, a hangout on Clark Street in the 1960s that attracted the biggest names Chicago sports had to offer.

Mike Ditka and Stan Mikita, two of the city's toughest professional athletes ever, developed a soft spot for each other sharing stories and drinking beer. They were born only seven months apart, meeting in 1961 when Ditka arrived as a Bears rookie and Mikita basked in the glory of a Stanley Cup title the Blackhawks won in his second NHL season. They loved that bar, on the North Side and on top of the world as far as they were concerned, regularly full of Bears and Hawks, Cubs and White Sox — and even the occasional Bull.

"The Cottage was quite a place, always loaded with athletes, a good restaurant too," Ditka told the Tribune on Wednesday. "We liked the German guy (Fred Hattenberger) who owned it. Stan and I hung out there together a lot, until we went somewhere else. I could get him in a lot of trouble, but I tried not to. We weren't too bad. We closed a couple places."

Ditka chuckled.

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GLENN HALL

Mike Ditka, left, stood at Stan Mikita's wedding, with Glenn Hall, second from left, and Bobby Hull, fourth from left.

ROYALS 9, CUBS 0

Cubs can't create any separation

Plenty of problems evident in shutout by lowly Royals

By **MARK GONZALES** | Chicago Tribune

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Maybe it's too much to expect the Cubs to create some distance between themselves and the rest of the National League Central.

"I don't think you're going to see a lot of space created the rest of the year by anybody," manager Joe Maddon said. "I think it's going to be like what you're seeing."

The Cubs have yet to blend quality starts with productive hitting on a consistent basis. The latest example occurred Wednesday night in a 9-0 loss to the Royals that wasn't as lopsided as the score.

Jose Quintana allowed only three hits through six innings before losing effectiveness in the seventh, when Adalberto Mondesi launched a three-run home run.

Meanwhile, rookie Heath Fillmyer and two relievers limited the Cubs (66-48) to three hits as their lead was cut to 1 2/3 games over the Brewers (66-51).

"We've got to mesh it up," Maddon said. "We didn't have it going on there. It was not a really strong offensive performance by us."

After allowing an infield hit to Anthony Rizzo to start the game, Fillmyer held the Cubs hitless until David Bote's one-out single in the seventh.

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OPENING SHOT | Steve Rosenbloom

It appears the NHL hacked the NBA offices because the Christmas Day basketball schedule features some Eastern Conference games. More, **Page 2**



■ Bulls to open season on road against 76ers, get shut out of Christmas Day slate for second year in a row. **Page 5**

TOP OF THE SECOND



STEVE ROSENBLIOM

Hoping Howard catches up

You know what's interesting about the Bears' second practice game, which is actually their first because they're actually going to play the starters Thursday in Cincinnati?

Yeah, the most obvious point, the thing that gets you to watch and care about a largely useless game, is quarterback Mitch Trubisky. I don't expect rookie coach Matt Nagy to show much of his playbook or give his important players many snaps, but whatever we see has to be more interesting than John Fox taking a knee three times, punting to play field position for 59 minutes and hoping to win 3-0.

And while all the talk has been about free-agent No. 1 receiver Allen Robinson, free-agent tight end Trey Burton and rookie Anthony Miller, I don't think I'll see the things I wanted. Those things are several passes to running back Jordan Howard to see whether he can, I don't know, actually catch them.

Running backs coach Charles London said he has run drills where Howard tries to catch tennis balls to improve his hand-eye coordination, figuring that catching the larger football would be easier as a result. It reminds me of Rip Torn's Patches O'Houlihan advocating in "Dodgeball" to practice dodging wrenches because "if you can dodge a wrench, you can dodge a ball."

But anyway, London said Howard has made progress catching the ball, and Thursday would've been the first chance to see whether it will be evident in actual tackle football games.

Alas, Howard banged knees in practice this week, according to Nagy, and his playing status is up in the air. But the demand that he displays better hands than we've seen is critical to making Nagy's offense as multiple and unpredictable as it can be.

Howard has to make defenses respect his hands the way they respected Matt Forte's. Otherwise, the presence of Howard or Tarik Cohen in the backfield could well be a neon sign flashing run or pass to the defense.

I would have liked to have seen it this week, but we had better see it this season.

Tweet from Panthers wide receiver Torrey Smith: "I love the Carolinas. You can have a good day at practice and hunt a hog in the evening."



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears running back Jordan Howard's status for Thursday's game in Cincinnati is uncertain.

In striking out four times against the Yankees on Tuesday, White Sox second baseman Yoan Moncada raised his major-league-leading total to 161. Red Sox ace Chris Sale, for whom Moncada was traded, has an American League-leading 207 strikeouts, but Sale is on the disabled list, so Moncada has a chance to make up ground.

Two Pirates minor-leaguers hit for the cycle in the same game Tuesday, but the White Sox wouldn't promote them until they checked more boxes, and let me tell you those prospects have work to do when it comes to the boxes that demand solutions for global warming and world hunger.

Elk Grove Village is sponsoring a college bowl game. Yes, that Elk Grove Village, the northwest suburb of endless industrial parks. Good news is the teams get to play the game in the Bahamas.

But if the game actually were to be played in Elk Grove Village in December, a destination for nobody for a game that wouldn't interest anybody at a time when everybody wants to escape, then I think Illinois could get an invitation.

What's up, Doug Drabek?

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ASK THE REPORTER
BRAD BIGGS

For Mack, better back up truck



Would the Bears seriously consider Khalil Mack, given the asking price will be high? Following the Rams blueprint, a big trade is all that is left. He would fit perfectly in Vic Fangio's scheme and be able to be turned loose with Leonard Floyd's pass-coverage strengths. @peanutholmes16

If the Raiders consider offers for Mack, who has 40½ sacks in four seasons and has not missed a game, it would take a village to get him. The Bears are already without their second-round pick in 2019, so I imagine they would have to package their first-round pick plus more (maybe considerably more) to land Mack. Let's not kid ourselves: Mack would be a fit in any defense. And I wouldn't want to see Floyd in coverage a whole lot. He's best used going after the quarterback. Maybe the Raiders get frustrated and decide to see what they can get in return for Mack. The Bears would have to offer a whole lot.

Is Javon Wims the real deal? If so, are the Bears loaded at WR? @shfret

A lot of folks are excited after the seventh-round pick had seven catches for 89 yards in the exhibition opener against the Ravens. It was a flashy debut for the tall Georgia product and caught the attention of the coaches and staff. Wims has performed well in practice, too, but we need to maintain perspective. All seven of his catches came in the second half against defensive backs who face an uphill battle to make the 53-man roster in Baltimore. Wims moves pretty well, but he doesn't have good short-area quickness and has to prove he can get open against better defensive backs. He can't rely solely on his ability to win one-on-one balls with his 6-foot-4 frame and good hands. Wims has a chance to push for a roster spot, and it would be nice to see the Bears add a draft pick to the depth chart behind second-round pick Anthony Miller. The joint practices with the Broncos next week in Denver will be another chance for him to showcase his ability.

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YANKEES 7, WHITE SOX 3



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The Sox's Yoan Moncada walks to the dugout after striking out during the first inning Wednesday night.

Take a whiff

Moncada's K total keeps piling up as Yanks finish sweep

BY PHIL ROGERS
Chicago Tribune

Sometimes you just have to wear it. Yoan Moncada is in that sad place in life, having lost the plot in his approach at the plate. Yet he carries himself in dignified fashion, making his slump easier to watch than if he were attacking Gatorade coolers and breaking bats over his knee.

It's how the White Sox roll. They were overmatched by the Yankees in three games at Guaranteed Rate Field but played hard and didn't get flustered by their plight in a 7-3 loss Wednesday night.

Giancarlo Stanton's grand slam off Lucas Giolito put the Yankees in control and Luis Severino took it from there as the Yankees completed the three-game sweep. In the second year of their rebuilding process, the Sox believe they'll grow into the team that can consistently defeat weaker opponents.

"We are of a mind that at some point in time we are going to be on the (right) side of that coin, we're going to be able to compete," Sox manager Rick Renteria said. "We battled. We may not have come out with any victories but we kept battling against these guys."

No one would have blinked if Renteria had given Moncada the night off, as he entered the game mired in a slump that has him on pace to break Mark Reynolds' major-league strikeout record of 223 in 2009.

But Renteria believes there is something to be learned from everything, including a 19-game, 9-for-74 slump with 33 strike-

THE BOX SCORE									
NEW YORK									
	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG			
Gardner lf	3	1	0	0	3	.245			
Stanton dh	4	1	1	4	1	.279			
Hicks cf	4	1	1	1	2	.248			
Bird 1b	5	0	1	0	1	.215			
Torres ss	3	1	1	0	1	.274			
Andujar 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.289			
Walker 2b	4	1	1	0	1	.222			
Romine c	4	1	1	1	2	.256			
Robinson rf	4	1	1	1	0	.190			
TOTALS	35	7	7	7	12				
WHITE SOX									
	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG			
Moncada 2b	4	0	1	0	2	.218			
Sanchez 3b	4	1	1	0	1	.242			
Abreu 1b	3	2	1	1	0	.269			
Palka dh	4	0	2	1	0	.238			
Garcia rf	4	0	0	0	2	.257			
Delmonico lf	4	0	1	0	2	.231			
Anderson ss	4	1	1	1	1	.240			
Smith c	3	0	0	0	1	.292			
a-Narvaez ph	1	0	1	0	0	.288			
Engel cf	3	0	0	0	3	.217			
b-LaMarre ph	1	0	0	0	0	.270			
TOTALS	35	3	9	3	12				

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WHITE SOX	200	010	000	-	3	9	1

a-singled for Smith in the 9th, b-lined out for Engel in the 9th. **E:** Anderson (15). **LOB:** New York 8, WHITE SOX 6. **2B:** Abreu (33), Delmonico (8). **HR:** Stanton (27), off Giolito; Hicks (19), off Giolito; Anderson (15), off Severino. **RBI:** Stanton 4 (73), Hicks (51), Romine (30), Robinson (2), Abreu (67), Palka (45), Anderson (47). **SB:** Torres (3), Andujar (2). **CS:** Moncada (4). **Runners left in scoring position:** New York 4 (Bird, Romine 3); WHITE SOX 3 (Garcia, Engel, LaMarre). **RISP:** New York 3 for 9; WHITE SOX 1 for 6. **Runners moved up:** Stanton, Smith. **NEW YORK** IP H R ER BB SO ERA
Severino, W, 15-5 7 7 3 3 0 8 3.11
Green 1 1 0 0 1 3 2.70
Holder 1 1 0 0 0 1 3.50
WHITE SOX IP H R ER BB SO ERA
Giolito, L, 7-9 5 6 7 7 3 7 6.23
Gomez 1 0 0 0 3 0 4.26
Santiago 2 1 0 0 0 5 5.29

Inherited runners scored: Santiago 1-0. **HBP:** Giolito (Gardner). **WP:** Severino. **Umpires:** H, Mike Estabrook; 1B, Angel Hernandez; 2B, Bruce Dreckman; 3B, Chad Fairchild. **Time:** 3:05. **A:** 27,038 (40,615).

HOW THEY SCORED
WHITE SOX FIRST: Moncada struck out. Sanchez singled. Abreu doubled, scoring Sanchez. Palka singled, scoring Abreu. A. Garcia reached on fielder's choice. Palka out at second. Delmonico struck out. **Two runs.**
White Sox 2-0.
YANKEES SECOND: Torres walked. Andujar struck out. Walker singled. Torres to second. Romine singled, scoring Torres. Walker to second. Robinson singled, scoring Walker. Romine to second. Gardner hit by pitch. Romine to third. Robinson to second. Stanton homered, scoring Romine, Robinson and Gardner. Hicks grounded out. Bird filed out. **Six runs. Yankees 6-2.**
YANKEES FIFTH: Hicks homered. Bird struck out. Torres walked. Andujar reached on Anderson's error. Torres to second. Walker lined out. Romine lined out. **One run. Yankees 7-2.**
WHITE SOX FIFTH: Anderson homered. Smith struck out. Engel struck out. Moncada singled. With Sanchez batting, Moncada caught stealing second. **One run. Yankees 7-3.**

WHITE SOX NOTES

Engel flying high after spectacular plays

BY PHIL ROGERS
Chicago Tribune

Adam Engel feels touched by the baseball gods to have been able to rob Yankee hitters of home runs in consecutive games, as the White Sox center fielder did to Greg Bird on Monday and Kyle Higashioka on Tuesday at Guaranteed Rate Field.

"It just felt kind of surreal to do it again," said Engel, whose Twitter handle is ManofSteal.15. "I can't believe I had another opportunity to make another play like that. It was just a crazy coincidence it happened on back-to-back nights, but anytime you make a nice play for your pitcher it's always fun."

The two catches were almost identical, with the ball high above the center-field wall when

Engel went up to get it.

"They came down at similar angles," he said. "I just had to jump up and bring (the ball) back. It was really kind of spooky how similar those plays were."

Reynaldo Lopez hadn't allowed a hit when Engel robbed Higashioka in the fifth inning.

"I just wanted to take off my glove and go out there and kiss him," Lopez said.

"He gave me a hug," Engel said, laughing.

Sweet dreams: When Lopez is on his game, as he was while holding the Yankees to one run in seven innings, he can be dominating. The right-hander is 4-9 with a 4.30 ERA, but his potential intrigues manager Rick Renteria.

"(He) started off right from the get-go," Renteria said. "I think he

it's going to help him."

Moncada lined a 3-1 fastball from Severino for an opposite-field single in the fifth. Even though he was caught stealing to end the inning, it was at least a ray of daylight in his 1-for-4 night.

Moncada swung through a tight slider from Severino for a first-inning strikeout, then swung and missed a high two-strike fastball from Shane Greene in the eighth, raising his strikeout total to 163. He's on pace to finish with 232, which would top Reynolds' nine-year-old record by nine.

"Right now I'm not feeling as good with my approach at home plate," Moncada said before the game. "That's probably one of the reasons that I've been striking out more than I want to."

Moncada is searching for it, whatever it is.

"I can't just pick out one thing," he said. "It's more like a feeling. I don't have that feeling right now. I have to keep working to regain that feeling again, to feel comfortable."

Moncada admitted he'll be quicker to choke up on the bat and to try to fight off tough two-strike pitches going forward. But says he isn't overly concerned about the strikeouts.

"I know the strikeout is an out," Moncada said. "It doesn't matter if it is looking or swinging. It bothers you, of course, because you are competing. But it's not something I overthink about."

Renteria understands his leadoff hitter is getting thrown into baseball's deep end as a 23-year-old. He's right about it being a learning process, and if Moncada is as mentally tough as he seems, there's no reason to overreact.

Phil Rogers is a freelance reporter for the Chicago Tribune.

ROYALS 9, CUBS 0

CUBS NOTES

Maddon: Darvish has to take time

BY MARK GONZALES
Chicago Tribune

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Yu Darvish passed his latest test Wednesday, but don't expect the injured Cubs pitcher to return by the end of the month.

"You've got to take your time with it," manager Joe Maddon said after watching Darvish throw 33 pitches in a live batting practice session to Tommy La Stella and Victor Caratini. "You don't go zero to 60 mph. You always look for 75 pitches, (if) he's capable of 75 before that first start in the minor leagues."

Maddon added that if Darvish, who hasn't pitched for the Cubs since May 20 because of right triceps tendinitis, can reach the 90-pitch area, "You take the wraps off."

"That's the normal progression," Maddon said. "Absolutely you've got to treat it like spring training right now."

Oddly, Darvish didn't speak to beat writers or reporters from his native Japan after his outing, when he was treated with electronic stimulation around his elbow.

The Cubs' medical staff spoke to Darvish after 15 pitches, and he threw more breaking pitches during the latter part of his session.

Maddon projected Darvish would throw another live batting practice session.

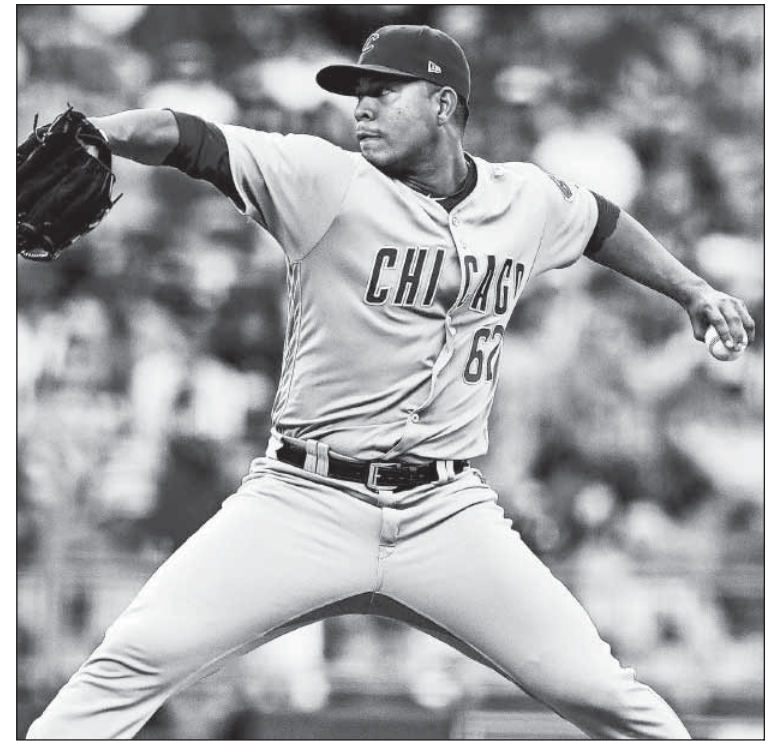
"You don't want to push it too hard right now," Maddon said. "And 33 (pitches) leads to 45 that leads to 60, whatever. So I'd imagine you'd see something similar again before you get him out there competing."

La Stella gave the Cubs a scare when he fouled Darvish's 17th pitch off his right foot and was on the ground in pain for a few minutes. He walked off the field and remained in the starting lineup against the Royals as the designated hitter.

In other medical news, utility player Ben Zobrist didn't start so that he could rest a stiff left hip. It shouldn't prevent him from returning to the lineup Friday against the Nationals.

Trust exercise: Pitching coach Jim Hickey has told the relievers they can solve some of their control problems by starting to trust their defense more. Cubs relievers have walked 196 batters in 419²/₃ innings going into Wednesday's game, second most in the NL.

"We have these elite defenders running all over and we're not letting them play," Hickey said. "Let them make a play."



JOHN SLEEZER/KANSAS CITY STAR

Cubs starter Jose Quintana, who took his eighth loss of the season Wednesday night against the Royals, delivers during the first inning.

Cubs' weaknesses show in shutout by Royals

Cubs, from Page 1

The Cubs are 4-3 in their last seven games against the Padres and Royals, both in last place in their divisions.

"Do you think we should just dwell on it, especially on this team?" Rizzo said.

The next nine games against the Nationals, Brewers and Pirates — all vying for a playoff berth — could dictate how hard the Cubs will have to push during the stretch drive.

They're already looking ahead slightly by altering the rotation after this weekend's series against the Nationals.

It appears Kyle Hendricks will remain on a normal five-day schedule despite days off Thursday and Monday and will pitch the series finale against the Brewers on Wednesday.

Quintana, who is 4-1 with a 0.92 ERA in seven career starts against the Brewers, would be lined up to start the two-game series Tuesday.

The juggling also means left-hander Mike Montgomery, whose workload has been monitored closely since he made the transformation from reliever to starter on May 28, could have his next start pushed back to Aug. 18 against the Pirates.

In the meantime, "we're due for a roll somewhere, so just keep staying with the process," Rizzo said.

But the lack of offense at the bottom of the order has left Rizzo with few run-producing opportunities.

Nos. 8-9 batters Ian Happ and Addison Russell continue to struggle. Happ is 2-for-26 and was easily thrown out trying to advance to second on an errant throw to end the fifth.

Happ doesn't have an extra-base hit since July 23 — also the last time Kris Bryant played before going on the 10-day disabled list with left shoulder inflammation.

Russell is 2-for-13 and has only

THE BOX SCORE									
CUBS									
	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG			
Rizzo 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.264			
Baez 2b	3	0	0	0	0	.298			
a-Aimora ph	1	0	0	0	0	.299			
Heyward rf	2	0	0	0	1	.281			
b-Caratini ph	1	0	0	0	0	.257			
Bote 3b	4	0	1	0	0	.338			
La Stella dh	3	0	1	0	0	.285			
Contreras c	3	0	0	0	1	.278			
Schwarber lf	2	0	0	0	0	.243			
Happ cf	3	0	0	0	0	.237			
Russell ss	3	0	0	0	1	.262			
TOTALS	29	0	3	0	3				
KANSAS CITY									
	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG			
Merrifield 2b	5	0	0	0	0	.300			
Gordon lf	3	0	0	0	0	.249			
Perez dh	4	0	0	0	0	.230			
Dozier 3b	3	2	2	0	0	.223			
Duda 1b	4	1	1	0	0	.235			
Bonifacio rf	3	3	2	1	1	.209			
Phillips cf	3	2	2	1	1	.212			
Mondesi ss	4	1	1	3	2	.259			
Butera c	3	0	1	3	1	.185			
TOTALS	32	9	9	8	5				

CUBS	000	000	000	-	0	3	1
Kansas City	020	000	34x	-	9	9	0

a-lined out for Baez in the 9th, b-grounded out for Heyward in the 9th. **E:** Russell (14). **LOB:** Cubs 4, Kansas City 4. **2B:** Bonifacio (9), Butera (7). **3B:** Phillips (2). **HR:** Mondesi (4), off Quintana. **RBI:** Bonifacio (9), Phillips (8), Mondesi 3 (14), Butera 3 (17). **SF:** Butera. **Runners left in scoring position:** Cubs 3 (La Stella 2, Schwarber); Kansas City 2 (Merrifield 2). **RISP:** Cubs 0 for 5; Kansas City 4 for 7. **Runners moved up:** Bote. **DP:** Kansas City 1 (Mondesi, Duda).

HOW THEY SCORED									
CUBS									
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA		
Quintana, L, 10-8	6 1/3	6	5	5	2	4	4.28		
Chatwood	1 1/3	3	4	4	2	1	5.21		
KANSAS CITY									
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA		
Fillmyer, W, 1-1	7	3	0	0	2	3	3.13		
McCarthy	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.72		
Peralta	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.70		

WP: Fillmyer. **Umpires:** H, Joe West; 1B, Nic Lentz; 2B, Mark Ripberger; 3B, Doug Eddings. **Time:** 2:31. **A:** 24,294 (37,903).

HOW THEY SCORED
ROYALS SECOND: Dozier singled. Duda lined out. Bonifacio walked. Dozier to second. Phillips walked. Dozier to third. Bonifacio to second. Mondesi struck out. Butera doubled, scoring Dozier and Bonifacio. Phillips to third. Merrifield filed out. **Two runs. Royals 2-0.**
ROYALS SEVENTH: Bonifacio singled. Phillips singled. Bonifacio to third. Mondesi homered, scoring Bonifacio and Phillips. Butera struck out. Chatwood pitching. Merrifield filed out. Gordon walked. Perez filed out. **Three runs. Royals 5-0.**
ROYALS EIGHTH: Dozier walked. Duda singled. Dozier to second. Bonifacio doubled, scoring Dozier. Duda to third. Duda scored and Bonifacio to third on Russell's error. Phillips tripled, scoring Bonifacio. Mondesi struck out. Butera sacrifice fly, scoring Phillips. Merrifield popped out. **Four runs. Royals 9-0.**

two extra-base hits since the All-Star break. He also committed a throwing error that enabled a run to score during the Royals' four-run eighth off Tyler Chatwood.

Quintana was haunted by two walks in the second that loaded the bases and set up a two-run double by Drew Butera, a .185 hitter.

"I feel how I threw it is not the same as the score," said Quintana, who said he felt uncomfortable throwing out of the stretch in the second, which led to the walks.

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BASEBALL

PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

NATIONAL LEAGUE	2018 TEAM	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS	W-L	IP	ERA
AH Sanchez (R)	6-3	2.89	9-5		2-1	18.1	3.93	
WS Gonzalez (L)	12:05p	6-8	4.04	9-13	0-2	16.1	6.06	
SD Erfin (L)	2-3	3.34	1-2		1-0	10.2	0.84	
MI Guerra (R)	1:10p	0-7	3.42	12-9	0-1	18.0	4.50	
LA Stripling (R)	6-0	0.00	10-6		1-1	14.2	5.52	
COL Anderson (L)	7:40p	0-0	0.00	10-13	0-1	17.1	6.23	
Pit Nova (R)	6-6	4.49	12-9		1-0	15.2	5.17	
SF Suarez (L)	9:15p	4-8	5.04	8-11	1-1	16.2	8.10	

AMERICAN LEAGUE	2018 TEAM	W-L	ERA	REC	LAST 3 STARTS	W-L	IP	ERA
Min Berrios (R)	12-8	3.47	13-10		2-1	18.2	2.41	
Cle Kluber (R)	12:10p	15-6	2.48	14-9	2-1	20.1	1.77	
Tex Jurado (R)	2-1	4.02	2-1		2-1	15.2	4.02	
NY Happ (L)	6:05p	11-4	4.05	13-8	1-1	14.2	1.23	
Bos Porcello (R)	11-6	3.84	16-7		3-0	20.2	2.18	
Tor Borucki (L)	6:07p	1-2	2.30	3-4	1-1	20.0	1.90	
Bal Hess (R)	2-6	6.41	2-8		0-1	6.1	9.95	
TB TBD	6:10p							
Sea Paxton (L)	9-6	3.46	13-9		2-1	14.2	3.68	
Hou Verlander (R)	7:10p	11-6	2.19	14-10	2-1	18.2	1.45	

Team recs: Pitcher's record in games started by today's pitcher. **Vs. Opp:** Team's record versus this opponent, 2018 statistics.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Cubs won 7, White Sox 3
 KANSAS CITY 9, **Cubs** 0
 N.Y. METS 8, Cincinnati 0
 TEXAS 11, Seattle 7
 PITTSBURGH 4, COLORADO 3
 ARIZONA 6, Philadelphia 0
 L.A. ANGELS 6, Detroit 0
 Atlanta 8, WASHINGTON 3
 Boston 10, TORONTO 5
 St. Louis 7, MIAMI 1
 Baltimore 5, TAMPA BAY 4
 Cleveland 5, Minnesota 2
 MILWAUKEE 8, San Diego 4
 OAKLAND 3, L.A. Dodgers 2

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Washington at **Cubs**, 1:20
 Cleveland at **White Sox**, 7:10
 Boston at Baltimore, 6:10
 Texas at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05
 Tampa Bay at Toronto, 6:07
 N.Y. Mets at Miami, 6:10
 Arizona at Cincinnati, 6:10
 Minnesota at Detroit, 6:10
 Milwaukee at Atlanta, 6:35
 Seattle at Houston, 7:10
 St. Louis at Kansas City, 7:15
 L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 7:40
 Oakland at L.A. Angels, 8:07
 Philadelphia at San Diego, 9:15
 Pittsburgh at Detroit, 9:10

NL LEADERS

BATTING	G	AB	R	H	BA
Yelich, MIL	100	393	78	127	32.3
Markakis, ATL	110	431	63	139	32.3
Freeman, ATL	110	428	68	135	31.5
Karstetter, PIT	90	363	51	114	31.4
Gennett, CIN	111	418	67	131	31.3
Zobrist, CHI	94	300	54	94	31.3
Arenado, COL	108	411	76	125	30.4
Suarez, CIN	93	370	60	112	30.3
Ibanez, CHI	111	416	72	125	30.0
Almona, CHI	106	330	51	99	30.0

HOME RUNS	G	AB	R	H	BA
Carpenter, STL	30	KMartez, ARI	10		
Arenado, COL	29	CTaylor, LA	8		
Aguilar, MIL	27	Baez, CHI	7		
Harper, WAS	27	Dickerson, PIT	6		
Suarez, CIN	26	Difo, WAS	6		
Baez, CHI	25	Nimmo, NY	6		
Gidschmidt, ARI	24	ROSEN, NY	6		
Hammer, LA	24	STONEN BASES			
Turner, WAS	31	Strom, WAS	3		
RUNS		Hamilton, CIN	27		
Blackmon, COL	83	SMarte, PIT	27		
Albies, ATL	78	MTaylor, WAS	24		
Richards, MIL	78	STONEN BASES			
Arenado, COL	76	Schrrz, WAS	15		
Carpenter, STL	75	Geddy, ARI	12		
Baez, CHI	72	Greinke, ARI	12		
Belt, TOR	72	Greinke, ARI	12		
Baez, CHI	88	Nikolas, STL	12		
Suarez, CIN	87	Nola, PHI	12		
Arenado, COL	81	ERA			
Enlight, MIL	79	STONEN BASES			
Strom, WAS	79	Schrrz, WAS	2.28		
Rizzo, CHI	74	Nola, PHI	2.37		
Hoskins, PHI	72	Nikolas, STL	2.74		
Harper, WAS	70	Flynnwicz, ATL	2.44		
Freeman, ATL	69	Flynnwicz, ATL	2.04		
Markakis, ATL	69	Freeland, COL	3.04		
HITS		Arrieta, PHI	3.11		
Markakis, ATL	139	STONEN BASES			
Freeman, ATL	135	STONEN BASES			
Gennett, CIN	131	deGrom, NY	183		
Castro, MIA	127	Corbin, ARI	174		
Yelich, MIL	127	Greinke, ARI	152		
Anderson, MIA	126	Betts, BOS	147		
Peraza, CIN	126	Gray, COL	144		
DOUBLES		Nola, PHI	144		
Albies, ATL	33	Marquez, COL	139		
Carpenter, STL	32	Freeman, ATL	138		
Markakis, ATL	32	Geddy, ARI	137		
Baez, CHI	31	through Tuesday			

AMERICAN LEAGUE

W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Boston	81	34	.704	—	9-1	W-6	42-15 39-19
New York	71	42	.628	9	5-5	W-3	38-16 33-26
Tampa Bay	57	57	.500	23½	4-6	L-1	33-24 24-33
Toronto	51	62	.451	29	4-6	L-3	27-30 24-32
Baltimore	35	79	.307	45½	5-5	W-1	20-35 15-44

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	63	50	.558	—	7-3	W-1	36-23 27-27	
Minnesota	53	60	.469	10	5-5	L-1	33-24 20-36	
Detroit	47	68	.409	17	3-7	L-6	29-27 18-41	
Chicago	41	73	.360	22½	4-6	L-3	21-36 20-37	
Kansas City	35	79	.307	28½	3-7	W-1	16-39 19-40	

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	73	42	.635	—	6-4	W-2	32-24 41-18	
Oakland	68	47	.591	5	7-3	W-1	33-23 35-24	
Seattle	65	50	.565	8	3-7	L-2	36-24 29-26	
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RANGERS

Colon sets sights on another mark

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Bartolo Colon still has another lofty goal after becoming the winningest pitcher from Latin America on Tuesday.

“This year is almost getting close to the end, but one thing I will look for is Juan Marichal has (thrown) more innings than me,” Colon said through a translator. “For the Dominicans, I want to beat him also.”

But there likely won't be enough time left in his 21st major-league season for the 45-year-old Rangers right-hander to do that.

After needing six tries to get his 246th career victory and finally break a tie with Nicaragua's Dennis Martinez for the most wins by a Latin American, Colon would have to throw 61½ more innings to pass Hall of Famer and fellow countryman Marichal on another list.

The last-place Rangers have only 46 games left and Colon would probably have no more than nine starts remaining in a five-man rotation if he stayed on his turn. Plus the team is clearly focused on the future and likely will want to look at some younger pitchers, especially after rosters expand Sept. 1.

AROUND THE HORN

■ **Red Sox:** 3B Rafael Devers returned from the disabled list and hit a two-run homer, LHP Brian Johnson threw a season-high seven innings to win his second consecutive start and the American League East-leading Red Sox extended their winning streak to six games with a 10-5 victory over the Blue Jays on Wednesday night. DH J.D. Martinez had three hits and SS Xander Bogaerts three RBIs for the Red Sox.

■ **Cardinals:** 1B Matt Carpenter hit a tiebreaking homer for the second consecutive night, and the Cardinals won their fourth series in a row by beating the Marlins 7-1. Carpenter's homer was his National League-leading

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■ **Diamondbacks:** LHP Patrick Corbin struck out nine in a combined four-inning, OF David Peralta had four hits and two RBIs, and the Diamondbacks defeated the Phillies 6-0. Corbin gave up four hits in 7⅓ innings and didn't allow a homer for the ninth straight start, the longest stretch by a Diamondbacks pitcher since 2003.

■ **Brewers:** 1B Jesus Aguilar, 2B Travis Shaw and OF Eric Thames hit consecutive first-inning homers to propel the Brewers to an 8-4 victory over the Padres. SS Orlando Arcia and OF Christian Yelich also homered and RHP Jhoulys Chacin won for the fifth time in his last six starts.

ON THIS DATE

1916: The Philadelphia A's ended their 20-game losing streak as Joe Bush beat the Detroit Tigers 7-1.

1939: Red Rolfe of the New York Yankees started a streak of 18 consecutive games in which he scored at least one run. During those games, he scored a total of 30 runs.

1965: Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox hit home run No. 511 to tie Mel Ott for fourth place on the all-time list.

METS 8, REDS 0

CINCINNATI	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Peraza ss	4	0	1	0	0	.281
Ervin lf-pf	4	0	1	0	2	.306
Gennett 2b	4	0	1	0	2	.303
Suarez 3b	4	0	1	0	2	.303
Williams rf	3	0	1	0	2	.300
Casali c	4	0	1	0	2	.292
Dixon 1b	4	0	1	0	2	.293
Mella p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Barnhart 1b	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Stephenson p	1	0	0	0	1	.000
a-Lorenzen ph-p	1	0	0	0	0	.250
Peralta pf	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Herrera lf-1b	1	0	0	1	1	.167
Hamilton cf	3	1	0	1	2	.227
TOTALS	32	0	7	0	12	

NEW YORK	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Rosario ss	4	0	1	0	1	.300
McNeil 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.230
Flores 2b	3	1	1	1	0	.234
Conforto lf	3	1	0	1	1	.233
Bautista 3b	3	1	0	1	1	.197
Nimmo rf	5	3	3	2	2	.252
Jackson cf	5	3	3	2	2	.276
Mesoraco moved up; Flores	2	1	1	1	0	.183
deGrom p	1	0	1	1	1	.125
b-Guillorme ph	1	0	0	0	0	.209
Lugo p	0	0	0	0	0	.091
c-Reyes ph	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Blevins p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Gsellman p	0	0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	32	8	8	8	8	

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ervin	1.0	0	0				

GOLF PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Thomas lives out his dream

Defending champion will play with Woods

BY TOD LEONARD
San Diego Union-Tribune

ST. LOUIS — Through the years, the story has taken on a life of its own.

Justin Thomas was 7 years old and at Valhalla Golf Club for the 2000 PGA Championship when Tiger Woods made his famous putt in a playoff victory over Bob May. Some accounts have made it seem as if Thomas climbed under the ropes and was kneeling on the edge of the green.

Setting the record straight Wednesday, on the eve of his PGA title defense, Thomas said he watched on television from the Valhalla clubhouse when Woods walked after his ball, pointing dramatically as it dropped for a birdie on the first of three extra holes.

"Although I probably wasn't too smart," Thomas said with a grin, "I was smart enough to know I wasn't going to see any golf if I went out on the course. ... I was perfectly content, in the middle of August in Louisville, in that air-conditioned clubhouse watching on TV."

It was a week that changed his life, making it all the more surreal that Thomas, 25, is grouped with the 42-year-old Woods and Rory McIlroy, 29, for the first two rounds Thursday and Friday at Bellerive Country Club.

A Kentucky native, Thomas first played at Valhalla at 6 with his father, a teaching pro. To see the greatest player of that generation win there gave Thomas a vision for what he wanted to do with his life.

"Just hearing the roars and ... (seeing) the shots Tiger was hitting, the putts he was making, got me motivated," Thomas said. "I'm sure nothing too intelligent was going on in my head, but I do know I recognized enough that I wanted to do that because of how cool it was."

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Thursday's TV: 1-7 p.m., TNT.

Featured groups: 8:23 a.m. — Rory McIlroy, Justin Thomas, Tiger Woods; 12:53 p.m. — Dustin Johnson, Adam Scott, Bubba Watson; 1:37 p.m. — Jon Rahm, Justin Rose, Jordan Spieth.

The PGA of America's grouping of Thomas with Woods was a no-brainer, considering the possible historical implications. After winning his first major last year at Quail Hollow, Thomas can pull off a repeat.

Since the PGA Championship went to stroke play in 1958, only one man has done that: Woods, who has accomplished it twice (1999-2000 and 2006-07).

Woods hadn't played Bellerive since 2001, and he made a veteran move Wednesday, setting up a practice round with Thomas, who toured the layout during a June media appearance. Woods might need more than a few tips to beat Thomas.

Beyond his FedEx Cup playoff title last year and three victories this year — including last week's WGC Bridgestone Invitational — Thomas is accustomed to the region's summer humidity, soggy courses and less-than-smooth greens. Louisville is a mere four-hour drive east from St. Louis on Interstate 64.

"It's right in front of you," Thomas said of Bellerive. "It's see the fairway, hit the fairway."

The challenge may be more about managing other people's expectations. Thomas fielded a number of questions at his news conference about the pressure to repeat.

"It doesn't make it any harder to defend," Thomas said. "The fact of the matter is that it's hard to win a golf tournament."

Thomas' close friend, Brooks Koepka, knows what he's going through. Koepka successfully defended at the U.S. Open this



SHAWN THEW/EPA

Defending PGA champion Justin Thomas, left, and four-time winner Tiger Woods talk during a practice round Wednesday in St. Louis.

year, becoming the first golfer to do so since Curtis Strange in 1988-89.

Marveling at the chance to make similar history, Thomas recalled playing in the same group with Koepka during the 2012 NCAA championships at Riviera.

"It's kind of cool that we've gone up the scale," Thomas said. "And now we're at the top of the top."

Also at Riviera that year was another of Thomas' buddies, Jordan Spieth, who drained the winning putt to clinch the national title for Texas.

Spieth is on his own quest this week. With victories in the other three majors, the 25-year-old can become the second-youngest, behind Woods, to complete the career Grand Slam.

This is Spieth's second try since he won the British Open a year ago. Last year, he tied for

28th at Quail Hollow.

"I was probably a little more anxious last year," he said. "Going in, there was a big focus on it, given (that) it was right after the Open Championship. ... I feel somewhat under the radar this year. I've felt that way a lot this year, (but) I don't mind it."

Spieth hasn't won since the 2017 British Open and has been wildly inconsistent in the majors. He was third in the Masters after a final-round 64, missed the cut in the U.S. Open and shared the 54-hole lead in the British Open before a final-round 76 put him in a tie for ninth.

He noted Jack Nicklaus' 19 runner-up finishes to go with his 18 majors.

"You put yourself in position enough, it will go your way sometimes, and sometimes it won't," Spieth said. "It's easier to accept if that's the way you look at it."

BULLS

Opening test for Bulls will be 76ers

But they won't be part of Christmas Day slate

BY K.C. JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

At his season-ending news conference in April, executive vice president John Paxson pointed to the 76ers' rebuild as an example of success and a reminder of how far the Bulls must travel in theirs.

The Bulls' process — with a small "p" — will get an early test against "The Process" with a capital "P," as in the 76ers'.

The NBA on Wednesday announced its opening-week national TV schedule as well as its Christmas Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day games. As reported Tuesday off the preliminary draft sent to the Bulls, they will open their season Oct. 18 in Philadelphia against Joel Embiid, Ben Simmons and the 76ers.

Also as previously reported, the Bulls won't play on Christmas Day for the second straight season. That's yet another reminder of how early they are in their rebuild despite a high-profile offseason in which they retained Zach LaVine, signed Jabari Parker and drafted Wendell Carter Jr. and Chandler Hutchison to add to a promising core that also features Lauri Markkanen and Kris Dunn.

The Christmas Day schedule features the Bucks at the Knicks, the Thunder at the Rockets, the Celtics at the 76ers, the Lakers at the Warriors and the Trail Blazers at the Jazz. The 76ers also face the Celtics in Boston on Oct. 16 in the first game of the NBA season.

The Bulls will face the new-look Cavaliers in Cleveland on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The NBA will release its full schedule Friday.

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Ditka on Mikita: 'I was lucky to be his friend'

Haugh, from Page 1

"Those," Da Coach said, "were good times for us."
The memories came flooding back to Ditka like they did so for so many of Chicago's sports fans mourning the death of Mikita, 78, who died Tuesday after a long illness. A mutual friend, Mickey Madigan, introduced Ditka to Mikita shortly after he came to town before the '61 NFL season, and their fun-loving, hard-charging personalities meshed. Ditka appreciated Mikita's determination on the ice and his sharp sense of humor off it, remembering a handkerchief Mikita would wear in his suit pocket during his bachelor days that said: "I'm single."

On April 27, 1963, when Mikita married his wife, Jill — who survives, along with their four children — Ditka was one of the groomsmen along with Madigan, Hawks goalie Glenn Hall and superstar Bobby Hull.

"I grew up in Chicago with Stan," said Ditka, 78. "He was the real deal and what you saw was what you got. There was no window dressing. He wasn't going to put on a show or be anybody but who he was, and he was proud of that. He came from humble beginnings and made something of himself."

Ditka's respect for Mikita grew the more he learned about his past. Mikita lived his first five years under Nazi rule in Sokolce, Czechoslovakia, but his parents sent him to live with his aunt and uncle in St. Catharines, Ontario, when he was 8 with hopes of giving him a better life. His given name was Stanislav Gvoth and, in Canada, he would learn English and the game of hockey. He never took anything for granted, not even after he mastered the game on his way to becoming one of the best Hawks ever.

"To be the superstar that he was, Stan never beat his own drum," Ditka said. "He was one of those special guys and, boy, did he play the game hard."

Ditka took great delight in becoming a regular at Chicago Stadium to watch the Hawks during their heyday. He usually sat just behind the goal, close enough so buddies like Mikita on the team would go by and tap the glass to say hello.

"I thought it was the best seat in the world, an unbelievable atmosphere," Ditka said. "Chicago was a Hawks town. I don't even know if it became a Bears town after we won (the NFL championship) in '63. The whole city rallied around those guys. I'd go out with them all the time and drink beer. They were crazy, but down-to-earth, hard-working and the fabric of what

MIKITA VISITATION AT UC

The Blackhawks will hold a public visitation for Stan Mikita from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday in the United Center atrium. Parking will be available in Lot C between Madison Street and Warren Boulevard, and visitors should enter on the east side. In lieu of flowers, the Mikita family requests donations to the Illinois Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, the Wounded Warrior Project, the American Hearing Impaired Hockey Association or the Hinsdale Hospital Foundation for AMITA Health Adventist St. Thomas Hospice.

sports was all about. They appreciated they could make their living playing a sport they loved."

After Mikita retired in 1980 as the Hawks' all-time leading scorer after 21 remarkable seasons, he and Ditka maintained their friendship, often on the golf course. They enjoyed playing the occasional round at Butterfield Country Club in Oak Brook, two Chicago sporting icons hitting a white ball around and still chasing perfection.

"Stan was a scratch golfer who could hit the heck out of the ball," Ditka said of Mikita, who was good enough to be the golf pro at Kemper Lakes. "I never beat him."

The competitive spirit within Mikita always made Ditka marvel, as far back as the year they met. Here was a 5-foot-9, 165-pound hockey player, all feisty and fearless, crashing into the boards and "playing as hard and reckless as anybody I can remember, the way the game was supposed to be played," Ditka recalled. What impressed Ditka even more was the way Mikita considered himself a leader in the community as much as he did in the Hawks dressing room.

"Stan always used to say you've got to give back," Ditka said. "It was a different generation. We were appreciative that we had a pro career, making 10-12 thousand dollars a year. We respected the sport and the people. That never left him."

As dementia gradually diminished Mikita, Ditka respected his family's space. Ditka's last visit to his old pal a year or so ago left him saddened but philosophical.

"It was a shame, and I am not sure he remembered who I was," Ditka said, pausing. "But he had such a great life. You bring up some of these things now, and I start to think about all of it ... You know, I was lucky to be his friend."

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THURSDAY ON TV/RADIO

MLB	Time	Game	Network
Noon	Twins at Indians		MLBN
7 p.m.	Mariners at Astros		MLBN
10 p.m.	Pirates at Giants		MLBN

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

Time	Game	Network
10 a.m.	Midwest Regional semifinal	ESPN
Noon	New England regional semifinal	ESPN
2 p.m.	Northwest Regional semifinal	ESPN
4 p.m.	Great Lakes Regional semifinal	ESPN
6 p.m.	Mid-Atlantic Regional semifinal	ESPN
8 p.m.	West Regional semifinal	ESPN

WNBA

Time	Game	Network
10:30 a.m.	Storm at Mystics	NBA TV
6 p.m.	Sparks at Dream	NBA TV
9 p.m.	Lynx at Aces	NBA TV

CYCLING

Time	Event	Network
2:30 p.m.	Tour of Utah, Stage 3	FS2

NFL EXHIBITION

Time	Game	Network
6 p.m.	Bears at Bengals	FOX-32, AM-780, FM-105.9
6 p.m.	Browns at Giants	NFLN
9 p.m.	Cowboys at 49ers	NFLN

CFL

Time	Game	Network
9 p.m.	Eskimos at Lions	ESPN2

GOLF

Time	Event	Network
1 p.m.	PGA Championship	TNT
3 p.m.	Women's U.S. Amateur	FS1

HORSE RACING

Time	Event	Network
4:30 p.m.	Staten of Liberty Division Stakes	FS2

SOCCER: WOMEN'S U20 WORLD CUP

Time	Game	Network
6:20 a.m.	China vs. Germany	FS2
9:20 a.m.	Spain vs. Japan	FS2
12:20 p.m.	U.S. vs. Paraguay	FS2

TENNIS

Time	Event	Network
10 a.m.	ATP Rogers Cup	Tennis Channel (more, 6 p.m.)
11:30 a.m.	ATP Rogers Cup	ESPN2

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NCAA

adopts

new rules

BY AARON BEARD

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — The NCAA is carving out a limited role for agents to work with college basketball players and is changing key parts of its rules-enforcement system as part of numerous reforms in the wake of a corruption scandal.

The Indianapolis-based governing body for college sports announced Wednesday that its Board of Governors and Division I Board of Directors had adopted a "series of significant policy and legislative changes" as part of an effort to "fundamentally" change the NCAA's structure.

Some are immediate, while others first require action from other agencies — such as the NBA changing the age limit for draft-eligible players that has fueled the wave of "one-and-done" college players.

That follows recommendations in late April from the commission headed by former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice after a federal investigation into alleged bribes and kickbacks that were designed to influence recruits on choosing a school, agent or apparel company.

The agent changes are about transparency and offering a legitimate avenue for communication or advice that previously could've taken place in the shadows — and raised the likelihood of attracting unscrupulous actors.

The NCAA included a provision allowing agent access for high school players identified as elite prospects by USA Basketball beginning July 1 before their senior year. But that is dependent on the NBA and its players union lowering the age limit of draft-eligible players to 18.



MIKE ROEMER/AP

Quarterback Aaron Rodgers says he's keeping his eyes wide open at Packers training camp.

NFL NOTES

Rodgers airing it out

Packers QB voices his displeasure after frustrating practice

Associated Press

Aaron Rodgers expressed disappointment with the effort from some of the Packers' younger players after a frustrating period at practice.

It appears some of the rookie wideouts are the focus of his displeasure.

Rodgers was running the scout team during one practice session Tuesday, a sign that he likely won't be playing in the Packers' pre-season opener Thursday against the Titans.

"The effort level was very low," Rodgers said. "Especially with what I'm accustomed to. ... So it's not a good start for us."

Rodgers is usually more diplomatic in front of reporters. He didn't call out any players by name, but he did make sure to single out those he feels are role models, such

as veterans Davante Adams, Randall Cobb and Jimmy Graham.

There's a purpose behind Rodgers voicing his frustration. It doesn't all have to do with sending a message to general manager Brian Gutekunst about roster decisions.

"No, that's as much for you guys (the media) as it is for that guy, to let him know that I'm watching. I'm always watching — whether I'm in the play or not in the play, when we're going back through the film," Rodgers said.

Brown on anthem: Jim Brown has spent much of his post-NFL career fighting for social justice and change. However, the Hall of Fame running back would never kneel during the national anthem.

Brown, 82, who championed civil rights during his playing career and became an activist in retirement, said he respects players' rights to

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

MIDWEST LEAGUE EASTERN	W	L	PCT.	GB
Bowl, Green (Rays)	27	18	60.0	—
Lansing (Blue Jays)	25	20	55.6	2
W. Michigan (Tigers)	22	22	50.0	4½
Cleveland at N.Y. Giants, 6 (NFLN)				
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 6				
New Orleans at Jacksonville, 6				
Washington at New England, 6:30				
L.A. Raris at Baltimore, 6:30				
Tennessee at Green Bay, 7				
Houston at Kansas City, 7:30				
Dallas at San Francisco, 9 (NFLN)				
Indianapolis at Seattle, 9				
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Lansing 5, Dayton 4				
Cedar Rapids 6, Clinton 3				
Kane County 4, Peoria 2				
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Wisconsin 2, Burlington 1				
Great Lakes 11, South Bend 5 (11)				
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SOCCER

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N.Y. City FC	13	5	5	44	45	29
Columbus	10	7	6	36	30	29
Montreal	9	13	2	29	30	40
New England	7	7	8	29	36	35
Philadelphia	8	11	3	27	29	37
Orlando City	7	14	2	23	34	54
Toronto FC	6	11	5	23	37	41
FIRE	6	13	5	23	35	48
D.C. United	4	9	6	18	30	36
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
FC Dallas	12	4	6	42	36	28
Portland	10	3	7	37	33	25
Kansas City	6	6	3	30	30	30
Los Angeles FC	10	6	6	36	45	37
LA Galaxy	10	8	5	35	44	38
Real Salt Lake	10	9	4	34	33	40
Vancouver	8	9	6	30	36	46
Phoenix	16	14	5	53	8	1
Dallas	14	14	5	50	8	2
Las Vegas	12	17	4	41	10	6
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
x-Seattle	23	7	—	—	—	—
x-Los Angeles	18	11	—	—	—	—
Minnesota	16	13	—	—	—	—
SKY	10	19	—	—	—	—
Phoenix	7	22	—	—	—	—
Indiana	5	24	—	—	—	—
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WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Los Angeles 82, New York 81
Connecticut 101, Dallas 92

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at Washington -133	Atlanta +123
at Milwaukee -162	San Diego +152
Los Angeles -125	at Colorado +115
at San Fran. -132	Pittsburgh +122
AMERICAN LEAGUE THURSDAY	THURSDAY
at Cleveland -205	Minnesota +185
at New York -209	Texas +189
Boston -157	at Toronto +147
at Tampa Bay off	Baltimore off
at Houston -152	Seattle +142

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at Cincinnati 2½	Bears 3
at Buffalo 3	Carolina 1½
at Miami 1½	Tampa Bay 1
Cleveland 1	at NY Giants 3
at Philadelphia 2½	Pittsburgh 3
at Jacksonville 3	New Orleans 3
at Baltimore 3	LA Rams 3
at New England 3	Washington 3
at Green Bay Pk	Tennessee Pk
at Kansas City 2½	Houston 3
at San Fran. 3½	Dallas 3
at Seattle 2	Indianapolis 2
at NY Jets 3½	Atlanta 3
at Oakland 3	Detroit 3
at Denver Pk	MINNISCOTT 3
at Arizona 2½	LA Chargers 2½

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BEARS



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Bears linebacker Roquan Smith hasn't been on the practice field since minicamp in early June. Smith is the only unsigned NFL first-round pick.

Smith saga drags on

First-round pick's confounding holdout frustrating as camp moves forward

BY RICH CAMPBELL AND DAN WIEDERER | Chicago Tribune

The contract stalemate between the Bears and rookie linebacker Roquan Smith is now deep into its fourth week while the team prepares to play the Bengals on Thursday night in the second of five exhibition games.

Smith, the eighth pick in April's draft, has been separated from the team since minicamp in early June. There is no telling when the rookie's agents at CAA Football and the Bears front office will hammer out the final details of a contract that will allow last year's Butkus Award winner to get back on the field.

So what exactly should Bears fans know as this standoff continues? Here are 10 key questions to sort through.

The Bears move home from Bourbonnais on Sunday and Smith still hasn't signed. What exactly is the holdup?

It revolves around contract language addressing whether the Bears could attempt to reclaim some of Smith's guaranteed money if he were suspended by the NFL for an on-field rules violation outside the parameters of a football play. That's it in a nutshell.

How has the disagreement between the two sides evolved?

Initially, it centered on whether the Bears could attempt to reclaim Smith's guaranteed money if he were suspended for an illegal hit with his helmet.

At some point during training camp, though — exactly when is unclear, but it's believed to have been near the end of July — the Bears agreed to tailor language in Smith's contract to protect his guaranteed money from being reclaimed in that scenario.

The Bears hoped that concession would prompt Smith to sign and report to camp. But Smith's representatives dug in further, seeking financial protection for a broader range of on-field conduct outside the parameters of a football play, such as shoving an official or getting into a fight. The Bears, on the other hand, want to limit protections of Smith's guaranteed money to violations involving football plays.

Smith's representatives at CAA have not publicly commented on negotiations. General manager Ryan Pace last spoke about it to the Bears media corps on July 19, when he said: "We're optimistic that he's here soon."

Are Smith's requests for such broad protections unusual or unreasonable?

That depends on whom you ask. No one disputes that guaranteed money should be subject to forfeiture if a player commits a crime (i.e. domestic abuse) or violates the league's drug policies. But opinions differ when it comes to on-field, in-game discipline.

Seven other teams have ex-

ecuted contracts that include clauses protecting a first-round draft pick's guaranteed money if he is suspended for an illegal hit. Only four of 32 teams have executed contracts with the broader behavioral protections that Smith seeks, one source said.

Smith has nothing in his background to suggest he'll be ever be suspended for any misconduct. So why are his agents insisting upon these provisions for him specifically? And why would the Bears dig in to protect themselves against such an improbable scenario?

This is where the impasse goes beyond Roquan Smith and involves precedent for future contracts.

Smith's agents aren't just fighting to protect every dime Smith can earn. They're also fighting for their future business. They want to be able to hold up Smith's contract in recruiting meetings and show draft prospects how they scrap and claw for their clients. They want to negotiate with other teams and say that because the Bears agreed to these protections, they're the new standard.

Meanwhile, the Bears aren't worried that Smith will be a behavior problem on or off the field. To them, this is about the principle of having leeway to assess punitive damages for a rules violation outside the parameters of a football play. They'd rather not sacrifice that authority. For any player.

Why is Smith the only unsigned draft pick, though? Why didn't CAA or other agencies pick this battle with other teams?

That's hard to say. Most teams signed their first-rounders without including such broad behavioral protection language in their contracts. Smith's agents probably will never publicly say why they targeted this negotiation with the Bears to advance their cause, but it's possible to see how they would have identified this situation as one they could ultimately win.

The Bears are 14-34 in gen-

eral manager Ryan Pace's three seasons. They also have a new coach. Both factors add to the urgency to start the 2018 season well. After seven straight seasons without a playoff berth, the fan base is starved for success. CAA understands leverage, and perhaps they sensed from the beginning that they could outlast the Bears in this staring contest.

Ultimately, couldn't Smith put an end to this bickering?

In an ideal world, yes, one would think that a player would be in full control of his own career. In an ideal world, if Smith truly didn't believe the contract provisions his agents are requesting were worth fighting tooth and nail for, he'd put his foot down, tell his camp to reach a compromise and be back on the practice field ASAP. But it's more complicated than that.

Smith turned 21 in April. He's a young man making a complicated transition from the protective bubble of college football to the business minefield of the NFL. Smith has put his trust in his agents at CAA with a belief that they will do right by him.

When an agency decides a big-picture principle is worth fighting for, they sometimes use their powers of persuasion to convince a player or two to stand behind them to the end. No matter what. It's quite possible that's at the root of this issue.

So when does this end and how?

The Bears' bus to Green Bay will depart from Halas Hall on Sept. 8. Let the regular season begin. It's in the best interest of all sides that Smith is on that bus and in position to play. So work backward from there.

Ideally, the Bears would have wanted Smith to play two or three exhibition games. Now, they might be lucky if he's able to play in even one. (Circle the Aug. 25 game at Soldier Field against the Chiefs as the next big date.) To play in that game, even for a series or two, Smith would likely need to be signed and at practice no later than Aug. 20. That should elevate the urgency for both sides over the next week and a half. But there's no promise that will spark a resolution.

Remember, two years ago, Chargers pass rusher Joey Bosa — also represented by CAA — didn't sign his rookie deal until Aug. 29 and didn't play in the preseason. He then suffered a hamstring injury that forced him to miss his first four games as well.

As for how Smith's standoff ends? It's difficult to say with both sides still dug in.

Is it possible Smith misses all of 2018?

No. No way. That's a Chicken Little overreaction to a confusing situation. Think

about it this way. The 2018 weekly game checks will start coming right after Labor Day as Week 1 arrives. For all the July and August quibbling going on, no player in his right mind would let a bit of fine-print contract language interfere with his ability to collect bigger chunks of his money.

Furthermore, it would be outrageous for Pace and chief contract negotiator Joey Laine to fight so hard for fine-print contract language that they'd allow a top-10 pick to miss a whole year.

What's the impact of all this on Smith's development as a player?

Had Smith missed a few days of training camp, no big deal. A week or two? Minor setback. This, however, is now well beyond that with the Bears having completed 12 practices in Bourbonnais. Smith has missed out on that on-field learning as well as the countless hours in meetings that would also catalyze his growth. Now, he's also missing exhibition game action that would ease his orientation into the fast-moving world of NFL football.

Will any of this dramatically impede his path to enjoying a lengthy and productive career with the Bears? Probably not. But this holdout will no doubt delay the young linebacker's ability to make a significant impact for the 2018 Bears. Especially early on. So in that regard, it's noteworthy.

So what happens when Smith returns?

First and foremost, he will have to get into football shape as quickly as possible and sidestep any injuries that would heighten the frustration over his absence. From there, he'll have to prove he can be everything the Bears thought he could be when they drafted him in April.

Still, even if Smith is welcomed into the locker room with open arms, he should understand the questions he'll face from the outside. At least a small segment of the fan base has already written him off as selfish for allowing this contract issue to drag out. The most hyper-reactive critics will see this as another strike against the young linebacker.

Whether it's fair or not for Smith to be under such intense scrutiny and pressure to prove himself doesn't really matter. This is life in the NFL fishbowl, life in a major market, life in a city that has repeatedly had its hopes demolished this decade. The feel-good vibes that were everywhere when Smith was drafted have been replaced by anxiety and frustration. Ultimately, only one person can change that.

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WHAT TO WATCH 4

Trubisky ready for exhibition evaluation

BY COLLEEN KANE
Chicago Tribune

The Bears' showing in the Hall of Fame Game last week offered very few glimpses of potential starters for the 2018 team.

Their second exhibition game Thursday night against the Bengals in Cincinnati should be a small step up in that regard, as coach Matt Nagy said quarterback Mitch Trubisky will play. He and other select starters may only see a series or two, but it still will offer fans a look at their progress as training camp in Bourbonnais nears its close.

"Offensively you want to see growth in some of the concepts that we run," Nagy said of his expectations for his starters at Paul Brown Stadium. "It all goes back to making the same mistake twice. Are they correcting some of the things that we teach them throughout the week?"

Here are four things to watch for Thursday.

Trubisky's turn: The second-year quarterback was sidelined while Chase Daniel and Tyler Bray each played a half last week. But Trubisky's 2018 exhibition debut Thursday comes at a good time.

After mistakes and interceptions often clouded his first two weeks of training camp, he pieced together a couple of strong practices. He said Monday that he's processing information more quickly and he feels it all "clicking" into place.

Quarterbacks coach Dave Ragone said the next step is to get it all on film against a new opponent.

"It's maybe getting something we haven't seen on film from that defense we're playing, (and) he applies his foundation rules, and gets to the right player, right check or right read," Ragone said. "It's all about going out there and having conviction and command."

Meeting Miller?

The Bears chose to keep wide receivers Allen Robinson, Taylor Gabriel, Kevin White and rookie Anthony Miller out last week. That allowed seventh-round pick Javon Wims to emerge with seven catches for 89 yards.

But with Trubisky seeing time Thursday, so might at least a couple of the Bears' top four receivers, though Gabriel has been out all week with a foot injury.

White's latest attempt at a comeback provides intrigue. But Miller has been one of the stars of training camp, and the Bears have to be curious how that will play out in an actual NFL game, even an August one.

Beyond playmaking, they'll be watching how Miller's lessons in patience and understanding the big picture of a play are paying off.

"(Young receivers) have got to be patient, understand the concepts, understand the speed, understand what you're supposed to do, understand why, the big picture of why we're doing what we're doing," wide receivers coach Mike Furrey said.

Young talent: Wims was one of a few young players to flash in the game against the Ravens. Sixth-round pick Kylie Fitts, fellow outside linebacker Isaiah Irving and fifth-round pick Bilal Nichols, a defensive lineman, each had one of the Bears' eight sacks last week.

Irving won't play Thursday because he stayed home from the trip with an ankle injury. Wide receiver Josh Bellamy, tight end Dion Sims and defensive back Rashard Fant also didn't travel.

But there should be plenty of opportunities for young players like Fitts and Nichols to show more of what they can do.

More helmet-rule intel: It was a story last week, and it will be all month as teams figure out just how the new rule prohibiting players from lowering their heads and initiating contact with their helmets will be officiated.

Only two Ravens players — and no Bears players — were penalized last week, but Nagy said he needs more games to form a better understanding of how it's going to play out this year.

"(The players) are understanding it," Nagy said. "When it happens in the field of play, it's 100 percent, full-go, live all the time, it's just hard."

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eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE



JAE C. HONG/AP

Chip Kelly, at Pac-12 media day last month, has followed a circuitous path to his job as the coach at UCLA. But his history demonstrates that he never hesitates to strike out on his own.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

True student of the game

Constant attempt to improve drives Kelly to UCLA

BY BEN BOLCH
Los Angeles Times

DURHAM, N.H. — Chip Kelly veered away from the other young football coaches that spring day three decades ago.

As 25 or so of his peers herded into one room at the University of New Hampshire to hear from Jack Bicknell Jr., a fledgling college assistant whose star power resulted largely from his once being Doug Flutie's teammate and his father being the head coach at Boston College, Kelly headed next door.

Kelly wanted to learn from Gary Crowton, then a relatively anonymous offensive coordinator who would go on to design some of college football's most prolific offenses.

"Everybody went with Jack except for Chip," Crowton remembered.

Kelly had Crowton all to himself, which meant that Crowton had Kelly all to himself. The college coach found the offensive coordinator from nearby Manchester Central High to be engaging and inquisitive during their hourlong conversation, asking about the nuances of quarterback and receiver play at the college level.

Learning different positions gave Kelly a deeper understanding of the responsibilities and tendencies of more players. But he always wanted to know more. His yearning for football knowledge would lead him to make more stops than an early transcontinental airline route long before landing at UCLA late last year as Jim Mora's replacement.

Kelly has studied schemes at the high school, college and professional levels — even inquiring about the latest trends in the Canadian Football League and NFL Europe — with equal fervor. He also examined successful business practices and the team-building methods of Navy SEALs. When he ran with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain, in the summer of 2012, he watched video beforehand and conducted a walk-through of the route the bulls would run the next day.

"He's a huge information-gatherer," said Sean McDonnell, the New Hampshire coach who has known Kelly since the late 1970s, when McDonnell was a high school coach and Kelly a rival player.

Kelly's quest for intelligence continued after becoming a wildly successful coach at Oregon who guided the Ducks to four major bowl games in as many years before spending four years in the NFL. The Ducks won with a dizzying no-huddle, spread offense that blended many of the

zone-read concepts Kelly had absorbed over the years.

The coach acknowledged not being an innovator so much as an orchestrator of ideas conceived by others. But his inquisitiveness was singularly Charles Edward "Chip" Kelly.

"I was probably a pain in the ass as a little kid, I would imagine," Kelly, who declined to be interviewed for this story, said in 2014. "I questioned everything. I've always been a 'why' guy, trying to figure out why things happen and what they are and just curious about it from that standpoint."

Kelly's nomadic rise through the coaching ranks started with five years at Manchester Central, his alma mater.

His early failures sometimes came in spectacular fashion.

"There were a couple of times when I said, 'You go three and out again, somebody on the defense is going to kill you,'" Bob Leonard, then a defensive assistant on Kelly's staff, recalled with a laugh. "Because it was really quick, man. You threw, that was two seconds. You threw, that was four seconds. We punted. OK. We're back on defense."

Kelly earned his first college job in 1990 coaching freshman defensive backs and varsity outside linebackers at Columbia. He went to New Hampshire two years later to coach the running backs at his alma mater — his name spelled "Chip Kelly" in the media guide, an ode to the thanklessness of the part-time position.

Then came a yearlong stint as defensive coordinator at Johns Hopkins followed by a return to New Hampshire to coach the running backs for three more years. Finally, in 1997, a full-time position opened as the team's offensive line coach.

Kelly's boss, Wildcats coach Bill Bowes, was reluctant to give the job to someone who had never coached the position... until he sat down with the candidate to discuss how he might handle things.

"At the end of my interview with him," Bowes recalled, "I realized that, hey, he knows what he's doing."

Kelly got the job, but it didn't feel like an arrival so much as just the next step. The following year he made one of his frequent self-funded visits to see Crowton, who was on the verge of becoming the Bears' offensive coordinator after three years as head coach at Louisiana Tech. Kelly was fascinated by some of the zone-blocking schemes Crowton had used and figured they might accentuate the skills of New Hampshire running back Jerry Azumah.

But first Kelly had to convince Bowes and McDonnell, then the Wildcats' offensive coordinator, that it was the right fit for a team that ran the somewhat staid I formation.

"He was really impressed with how it could work with the people

we had, give Jerry some vision, some opportunities to see some things and run with them based on his ESP, that sense of seeing things," McDonnell said. "It worked out really well for all of us."

Azumah finished the 1998 season with 2,195 yards rushing and 23 touchdowns, winning the Walter Payton Award as the nation's top player in Division I-AA.

As a wisp of a high school quarterback, Kelly had a way of doing things differently by design.

He was known for his scrambling and ability to make something out of broken plays. It didn't matter that he was only 5-foot-9 and 165 pounds if the defense couldn't get its hands on him.

"He made up plays on the go," said Frank Kelley, one of Kelly's teammates at Manchester Central. "I used to try to hit him at practice, and he was hard to hit. Very elusive and fearless."

Kelly displayed his speed while running the second leg of the 400-meter relay, taking the baton from Kelley as part of a team that won the New England meet. He also played hockey as a tenacious forward whose durability allayed the fears of his football coach, who shuddered at the thought of his quarterback going down on the ice.

"You didn't think he was a tough kid when you looked at him," said Leonard, who was Kelly's coach before leaving his teaching job for the insurance business and later working alongside Kelly as an assistant, "but he was tough."

Leonard, whose specialty was defense, enjoyed Kelly's analytical mind most when he served as a last resort while playing safety as one of the team's many two-way players.

"Chip was the one that I counted on that if we all went where we weren't supposed to," Leonard said, "somebody was back there to clean up the mess."

Kelly's independent thinking seemed familiar to Kelley, whose Pop Warner coach also happened to be Kelly's father, Paul. One of Paul's mantras had been to always compete, Kelley recalled, because good things tended to happen when kids gave all-out effort.

Paul worked as a trial lawyer, the perfect occupation for someone with a natural inclination to question things.

Paul kept close tabs on his son's playing career. He sometimes watched from a hill above a low-lying area dubbed Death Valley after Chip arrived at New Hampshire in the fall of 1981 as a preferred walk-on. Chip's moptop made him look more suited to join a Beatles cover band than become a college football sensation.

He played occasionally and made only a cameo appearance on the stat sheet during his four seasons as a quarterback-turned-defensive back, logging one tackle. Kelly's biggest influence at the

school remained years away.

When McDonnell succeeded Bowes in 1999, New Hampshire's new coach might as well have announced Kelly as his offensive coordinator at the introductory news conference.

"It was the easiest decision I've probably had to make as a head coach," McDonnell said.

The Wildcats started relying heavily on a hurry-up, no-huddle offense not as a result of some master plan but because they enjoyed success with it at the end of first halves and games when they were in two-minute-drill situations. Kelly continually refined the scheme as a result of his visits to other schools that ran similar offenses, returning with new wrinkles that he incorporated into his team's playbook.

Players used to more conservative high school offenses immediately felt liberated by what they saw from a coach with a heavy bent toward going fast and faster. Kelly called plays as if he was embracing the state motto, Live Free or Die.

"We were up here spreading it out and playing with three receivers, so it seemed like genius to me at the time," said former Wildcats receiver Keith LeVan. "We all bought in, like there was no other way to play but as fast as you can go."

The speed helped compensate for a lack of size and talent. More possessions also meant more opportunities to score, tilting the efficiency odds in the Wildcats' favor.

New Hampshire often benefited most in the fourth quarters as their opponents wore down from nonstop pursuit. Runs that might have gone for four yards earlier in the game would go for 14 yards, if not more. The only reliable counter among defenses was to suffer an injury — real or fake — to momentarily stop the clock.

Kelly varied his play-calling but wouldn't hesitate to get monotonous if it provided an edge. LeVan recalled Kelly's willingness to have his quarterback throw 25 passes in one game to star receiver David Ball. When the Wildcats upset Rutgers in 2004, LeVan said, quarterback Ricky Santos threw "something like 14 tunnel screens" because they kept working.

"Don't outthink yourself," LeVan said, repeating one of Kelly's core philosophies. "Don't assume that they have it covered or figured out."

New Hampshire broke 29 school offensive records the same season it beat Rutgers, the Wildcats making the playoffs for only the third time in school history. The team's offensive prowess drew a slew of coaches from other schools to spring practices.

Kelly was becoming a coveted commodity.

John Neal first noticed him in the spring of 2005. The mystery man would sit in the back corner

of one of Oregon's football offices toiling on a laptop computer as Crowton, the Ducks' new offensive coordinator, busied himself nearby formulating his plans to instill the spread.

His curiosity piqued, Neal, Oregon's defensive backs coach, walked into the office and asked the stranger who he was. He said his name was Chip Kelly.

"I told him, 'Man, you're working harder than anyone here,'" Neal said.

Neal asked Kelly, who was making one of his yearly trips to visit Crowton, to show him one of his plays from New Hampshire. It was a bootleg in which the quarterback, running away from his linemen, completed a pass to a wide-open receiver.

Neal asked to see more and Kelly showed him several other plays. The result was always the same: big, easy yardage.

"I said, 'God, I already hate your guts,'" Neal told Kelly with a laugh.

Neal completed a quick check of Kelly's background and discovered that New Hampshire had scored 35 points against Rutgers during the upset of its Division I-A counterpart. The Wildcats would top that in 2006 by beating Northwestern. Neal made a mental note: This is a guy we need to get on our staff.

Crowton didn't need any convincing, having known Kelly since that coaching clinic nearly two decades earlier.

When Crowton departed for Louisiana State in 2007, he suggested that Oregon coach Mike Bellotti consider Kelly as his replacement. The six other candidates were far more established. They included an NFL assistant coach and a handful of former college head coaches and currently employed major-college offensive coordinators.

None matched Kelly's command of the spread offense and what he wanted to do with it.

"Of all the guys I interviewed," Bellotti said, "Chip was the only one I believed we could take a step forward without taking two steps back."

But if Bellotti was sold, Kelly wasn't. He loved his job making a reported \$62,000 a year at New Hampshire. It was the place where Kelly had played and risen through the coaching ranks for more than a decade.

"He had a nice thing there," said Kelley, Kelly's high school teammate. "It took a lot of convincing to get him to move from that."

Crowton pitched Kelly on his love for Eugene. Bellotti mentioned the track record of his coordinators going on to bigger things as well as the opportunity to elevate a user-friendly offense while working with a talented group of players.

Kelly thought it over for a long while. Ultimately, he said yes.

Once more, he was venturing out on his own.

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Back in BLACK

Regarded as rock star among coaches, Gruden infatuated with actual rock stars

BY SAM FARMER
Los Angeles Times

NAPA, Calif. — Jeff Leonardo is the guy behind The Guy.

He's the right-hand man to Jon Gruden, essentially spending every waking moment with the \$100 million coach of the Raiders, from swinging by his house to pick him up for work at ungodly hours, to helping organize his schedule, to compiling video on players, to holding up the dry-erase board at training camp that shows the play for the No. 1 offense.

"Jon," he said, "is a rock star."

Leonardo should know. Before he spent the last 13 years as an ESPN bus driver for the "Monday Night Football" crew — nine of those transporting Gruden from city to city — he was a fixture in the rock music scene.

Over 30 years, Leonardo drove the band bus on tour with Paul McCartney, the Rolling Stones, David Bowie, Ozzy Osbourne, Guns N' Roses, Eric Clapton, Jimmy Buffett, Alicia Keys and others.

"It's easier to mention who I haven't worked with," said Leonardo, who at 54 is the same age as Gruden and might be mistaken for him from a distance when both are in their training camp gear — white T-shirts, baggy black shorts and Raiders caps.

Leonardo doesn't look like the shaggy-haired, psychedelic-inspired bus driver from "The Simpsons." He looks more like John Denver, an everyday guy who, say, does your taxes. He grew up in Columbus, Ohio, a 2½-hour drive south of Sandusky, birthplace of Gruden.

"We think alike; that's what's funny," Leonardo said over lunch during a break from Raiders training camp. "We've been raised in similar Midwest values. I can't outwork him, though. I don't think anyone can."

Gruden actually has two right-hand men. The other is Mark Arteaga, who started as an intern with the Raiders in 1988, a decade before Gruden's first stint there. Arteaga went with Gruden to the Buccaneers, won a Super Bowl ring there (with a victory over the Raiders) and stayed with the coach during his nine years in television.

Arteaga, who is ubiquitous but essentially nameless to everyone but the most ardent of Raiders trivia buffs, is a resource and confidant to the coach, organizing practice schedules and itineraries, compiling video, anything and everything.

"I guess it's trying to take as much off of him so he can concentrate on his plays, his coaches, his quarterback, his installation and to work with all his departments, from personnel all the way up to owner Mark (Davis)," said Arteaga, 50. "Just trying to think like Jon, what he would want, and carry out his plan without having to talk to him. Hours or days can go by when we wouldn't interact or talk, but things are getting done."

Leonardo calls Arteaga "the power strip" because virtually everyone in the organization plugs into him, looking for help. So ingrained in the organization is Arteaga that Leonardo jokes he was the inspiration for the square-jawed pirate on the team logo (but notes it was actually actor Randolph Scott.)

"Mark and I are here to take away the ancillary stuff that takes away from Jon's focus as a coach," Leonardo said. "Answering the mail, the phones, doing all the personal stuff. And then you get into the office and you go straight to the film."

The two work in tandem, but it's Leonardo who has the connection to the rock world, which is Gruden's only obsession other than football.

"No matter what I've done in life, he brings it all back to, 'Hey, he drove the bus for AC/DC!'" Leonardo said. "I go, 'Well, I've done a couple other things too. I can recite pi to 100 places. I can tell you all the presidents. I own one of the coolest vineyards in central

Europe, and it's like, 'He drove the bus for AC/DC!' OK, I guess that's what I am, then."

Leonardo doesn't mind. He and Gruden have had a special bond for years, with the coach sitting at the front of the bus with him playing their constant game of "Name That Tune." It's really "Name That Band," though, and Leonardo wins nearly every time, identifying an artist in the first few notes.

When not at the wheel of the bus, Leonardo shuttles Gruden around in a Cadillac Escalade that has a post-it note over the satellite radio display screen to obscure the name of the song and band currently playing. That way, nobody can cheat.

"We've played it every day, on the way to work and the way home from work," Gruden said. "Like our lives were at stake."

The competition, like an Eddie Van Halen guitar solo, gets loud and intense.

"He'll do whatever he can to beat me, because he can't," Leonardo said. "His go-to is, when he feels it slipping away a little bit, he'll switch (the radio) to '70s on 7.' He can get a little bit of an edge there. Because he comes up with crap like Maxine Nightingale.

"And I'm looking at him like, 'I can't even believe you said that.' Even if I knew it, I wouldn't admit I knew it. Would you admit you knew a Maxine Nightingale song? I'm like, 'You can have that one. I'll catch up to you in a second.'"

Gruden is infatuated with AC/DC, whose members are among Leonardo's best friends. The Raiders take the field to the ominous clanging of "Hells Bells" — and, appropriately, the screaming strains of "Back in Black" are on an endless loop in Gruden's head.

Here's a puzzler: What if the coach were limited to three albums for the rest of his life?

"I'd take 'Back in Black,'" he said, pausing to think, "and I wouldn't take any more. I'd just take 'Back in Black' and listen to that all the damn time."

To Leonardo, the parallels between the coach and that legendary band are undeniable.

"He's AC/DC, 100 percent," Leonardo said. "The same work ethic, the same grounded values. They think a lot like him. The same no-nonsense passion for their craft. The same confidence in their abilities to get it done.

"AC/DC is like, 'Really? Play after us. Go ahead, put us on first. Play after us. We'll see what happens.'"

Then there are the stories from the road — many of which Leonardo will take to his grave. He'll share only a few.

Has he ever been star-struck?

"Yeah, McCartney," he said. "Anytime you're around McCartney, you're star-struck, but what can you do? But eventually that wears off. It all wears off.

"How about going into Long John Silver's with David Bowie, just he and I? He's looking at the menu and going, 'Jeffrey, it says fish. What kind of fish?' I go, 'It's good fish. (Sounding irritated.) Just order the fish. I don't know what kind of fish it is.'"

"Or Ozzy and his candy. It seemed like every other day you're buying hundreds of dollars of British candy. Everything. Chocolates, licorice, you name it.

"The boy bands will drive you crazy. But also turn out to be good kids."

Leonardo, who grew up a devoted fan of the Browns and will forever love Ohio State football, started with ESPN in 2006 when the network landed "Monday Night Football." He wanted to scale back from the rock 'n' roll tour circuit, and football was a safer life. There was opportunity because sports columnist-turned-broadcaster Tony Kornheiser didn't like to fly, so he took a bus from game to game.

Word was, Kornheiser had an artistic temperament. Leonardo had spent decades dealing with those types. Kornheiser was with "Monday Night Football" for three seasons. When Gruden joined the



JEFF CHIU/AP PHOTOS

Raiders coach Jon Gruden walks on the field last week as wide receiver Seth Roberts loosens up.



Gruden speaks to reporters with his familiar expression as he returns to the NFL sidelines after nine years as an analyst with ESPN.

booth, Leonardo stuck around as driver.

"Tony and Jon have a lot more in common than you'd think," Leonardo said. "They both have a maniacal work ethic. Tony and I became good friends. Jon and I are the same way."

The coach and the bus driver clicked — and playfully clashed — right away.

"I meet the guy," Leonardo said, "and within five minutes of meeting him, he'd heard a little bit of my background, and he goes, 'Is Ohio State ever going to win a bowl game?' And I'm like, 'Oh, nice to meet you too. Game on.' He poked the bear."

What followed were years of jabs, jousts and practical jokes.

"I duct-taped him in his room once in Green Bay, because I knew he'd go out jogging at 3:30 in the morning," Leonardo said. "So I duct-taped his room closed. I made a spider web of tape, and then I put an unflattering picture of him facing the door so when he opened the door he was looking at him."

"You have to do that kind of stuff, because there's a lot of people who kiss his butt and are pretty plastic around him."

It's in keeping with what Leonardo learned in all those years on the road with rock bands.

"The trick was, treat the band like the crew, and the crew like the band," he said. "Because everyone wants a little of what they don't get. Bands, they're rock stars, they're used to people kissing their butts and yes-men. They just want honesty and real people.

"The crew is just the opposite. When the band's around, the crew is forgotten. They're in the lesser hotels and all of the above. They want to be treated like kings."

Leonardo has such tight connections in the music business that the Raiders called on him to coax Lynyrd Skynyrd to perform Kenny Stabler's favorite song, "Sweet Home Alabama," before a home game in a tribute to the late Hall of Fame quarterback. The band rearranged its schedule to get there for the gig.

For the coach, he's a walking, talking, rocking skeleton key to that other world.

"When we go to concerts, I'm not just at the concert, I'm in the concert," Gruden said. "We're right there. You're Angus, man" — directing a reporter standing two feet away to play the role of AC/DC lead guitarist Angus Young — "and I'm standing right here. I'm right next to the stage. I could step right up there."

During football season, Gruden would make a weekly, voiced-over

"He's AC/DC, 100 percent. The same work ethic, the same grounded values."

— Jeff Leonardo on Jon Gruden and his favorite band

study tape for everyone on the "Monday Night Football" crew, picking all the music for the soundtrack accompanying it.

"I'd make fun of some team's running game — 'There's nowhere to run, nowhere to hide,' " he said, invoking the lyrics from a classic song by Martha and the Vandellas. "I did 'Cat Scratch Fever' for (Panthers linebackers) Thomas Davis and Luke Kuechly.

"Then I'd rip (ESPN producer Jay) Rothman like, 'Can't we use this song in the show? Twenty-five grand for 'Cat Scratch Fever'?" I was even having Leonardo call AC/DC to see if we could use 'Back in Black' and 'Shoot to Thrill.'"

Gruden is buddies with country singer Kenny Chesney, has shared a microphone with Axl Rose, has lived out a lot of his rock 'n' roll fantasies, but isn't a big fan of everyone in the genre.

"I went with Jon to a Bruce Springsteen show in Tampa," Rothman said. "He bought T-shirts for everybody. Then, when he didn't recognize the first three songs, he was out of there. He's got no patience."

Guilty as charged, said Gruden. "I'm not a big Springsteen guy," he conceded. "Just play 'Born to Run' so I can get the hell out of here."

After all, Gruden can't afford to be shaken all night long. He has to get his rest so he can be up at 3:17 a.m. — his ritual — and ready to attack the day.

"Sometimes, Jon will give you a bit of the martyr syndrome like, 'Yeah, I've been up all night,'" Leonardo said.

"I go, 'You know what? Normally, I'd only be halfway done with work when you got up at 3:17 a.m.' We lived a nocturnal existence pretty much, moving from town to town, and doing it all over again."

Rock on.

A needed addition to African-American lit

Author depicts perils of everyday black life, withstanding chronic pain

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI
 Chicago Tribune

Nafissa Thompson-Spires, the writer and author of a tremendous debut story collection, “Heads of the Colored People,” one of the best books of the year, lives in a subdivision at the edge of Champaign, clear across town from the University of Illinois, where she teaches creative writing. Long county roads cut through tall, perfect rows of August corn standing just beyond her street. And beyond that, flat expanse. Her street is silent and still, a suburbia that a movie crew might consider a little too appointed to play a credible suburb.

Ordinary beyond belief. Children play games on wide, unnaturally green lawns as man-made streams meander between nearly identical middle-class, two-story homes. The only discordant notes on a late summer morning are a pair of Christmas wreaths, hooped around the light

fixtures on her garage.

Which speaks to a busyness, to a household with much on its mind: Her husband, Derrick R. Spires, also teaches at U. of I., specializing in, for starters, early African-American print culture, early African-American literature and citizenship studies. Meanwhile, “Heads of the Colored People,” blurbed by a who’s who of mordant absurdism, including Mat Johnson and Aimee Bender, is being read by critics and authors as no less than a breakthrough in literary fiction about people of color. Here are a set of stories not quite situated in the past, not entirely steeped in politics and never overtly about struggle. Rather, the question of a character’s “authenticity” and blackness is tied to a loaf of brioché; a police shooting unfolds at a comic con; and a professor engages in an ongoing, passive-aggressive battle with a colleague about the lighting in their tiny office.

It’s all just a little too absurd not to be real.

“What got me was the verbal panache, the way she can go anywhere,” said George Saunders, the Man Booker Prize winner and Chicago native celebrated for his own stories awash in compassion and ambivalence and full of satire for the way we live now. “High, low, pop culture, intellectual culture. She is always writing about the individual, conflicted. And (she) does it in the classic way — paying attention to the details.”

Thompson-Spires’ story “Belles Lettres,” for example, which reads like a classic, is told as an exchange of emails, hilariously ugly letters between parents of black girls, the only black kids in their class, who are bullying each other.

One parent writes: *Maybe it would be wise to go through Fatima’s backpack every*

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DARYL WILSON/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Nafissa Thompson-Spires’ new book, “Heads of the Colored People,” is being heralded as a breakthrough in literature about people of color.



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Quinn Tsan rehearses with fellow cast members.

Celebrating burlesque and body diversity

BY KT HAWBAKER
 Chicago Tribune

“My life is always somewhere between ‘How tall is the stage?’ and ‘How much glitter can you put on a human body?’” says Erin Kilmurray, the choreographer and creator/director of “The Fly Honey Show.”

The human body — glittery or otherwise — forefronts the cabaret show, which is kicking off its ninth season at the Den Theatre, presented by the interdisciplinary arts and theater group The Inconvenience. In fact, the body holds the center of the show’s slogan: “Every body, no matter what your body.” Part burlesque, part comedy show, part storytelling performance, “The Fly Honey Show” bills itself as a spectacle of self-acceptance.

Behind the leather, sequins and sensuality are 14 troupe members who form the framework of the show — “These are the performers who dance every night,” Kilmurray notes. A larger 30-person Fly Honey ensemble changes with each performance, even though the same choreography will be performed each time. This collective energy uses classic cabaret elements — comedy, song, dance, spoken word — to produce what Kilmurray calls a high-energy, deeply feminist program.

To foster a cohesive sense of community, all the dancers rehearse in one space together, regardless of their slot in the calendar.

“In the main ensemble, there are some folks that used to work professionally as dancers — they just love moving, even though they’ve changed their career path,” Kilmurray says. “There are folks who danced on their high school pom squad. They haven’t danced since, but I would say they are trained movers. That

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Doug Taron, left, chief curator of the Chicago Academy of Sciences, and Allen Lawrence, academy associate curator of entomology, paper-clip a leaf containing several dozen Baltimore checkerspot larvae in the Bluff Spring Fen in Elgin on Friday.

Plight of the BUTTERFLIES

Notebaert Nature Museum tries repopulating a habitat, one larva at a time

BY STEVE JOHNSON
 Chicago Tribune

It should not count in any way as a bad omen that to get to the site of the butterfly release, the one aiming to repopulate a former habitat with a threatened species, you had to go through a cemetery.

Nor should an observer get too hung up on the word “release”: The big moment of freedom for the creatures in question involved a leaf, a paper clip and, if you squinted really hard, a little bit of crawling around on said leaf, newly attached to a native plant like an executive review list to a draft report.

This was, in other words, not a butterfly story in the sense that you might imagine butterfly stories: Glorious, winged creatures fluttering amid the foliage, the near-psychedelic patterns on their wings shimmering in the afternoon light.

Yet even without stunning visuals or aerial drama, it was a productive way to spend an afternoon. Scientists from Chicago’s Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum transplanted approximately



This silvery checkerspot is a relative of the threatened Baltimore checkerspot.

200 Baltimore checkerspot larvae to Elgin’s Bluff Spring Fen, an extraordinary-in-Illinois nature preserve you enter via the historic, even idyllic, Bluff City Cemetery.

One of us in the party, the one who had neglected to put on Off, gave copious amounts of blood to a different local insect. Another, our photographer, was very excited when she spotted actual adult butterflies on the pathways to the clip zones.

But we were the amateurs in the

group. The lead here was Doug Taron, and, short of hiding a pair of patterned wings beneath his Nature Museum field shirt, he had impeccable credentials for the job.

Taron is chief curator of the Chicago Academy of Sciences, the museum’s parent. He helped found and directs the Illinois Butterfly Monitoring Network, which uses citizen science to keep tabs on the bellwether insect. And

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ANGELA WEISS/GETTY-AFF

Gina Rodriguez, who is set for the final season of "Jane the Virgin," is engaged to actor Joe LoCicero.

Rodriguez finds love working on 'Jane'

Gina Rodriguez credits "Jane the Virgin" with many things: changing her career (she won a Golden Globe for her work on the CW series in 2015), giving her a platform for activism and humanitarian work, and leading her to the love of her life.

She is now engaged to Joe LoCicero, whom she met when he guest-starred in an episode of the show.

"I never was the girl that dreamt about my wedding," said Rodriguez, 34, in an interview Tuesday. "I did always pray that I would meet a really cool partner, whether it was going to be male or female, that I was going to have somebody that was going to uplift me and support me and want me to shine and not want to take away from that but want to shine as well in their own right, and I found it in Joe, and I found it on the set of 'Jane.'"

Rodriguez is returning to work on "Jane the Virgin" this week. She'll direct the first episode of the upcoming fifth and final season. She said she knows how the series will end but doesn't know exactly how the writers will get there.

She also said fans of the show are "not getting gyped" by its ending because the creator, Jennie Snyder Urman, always imagined it as a story told in five chapters.

"As much as people are saddened that the show is going to be done after Season 5, you're getting the gift of the whole thing."

— Associated Press



RICHARD SHOTWELL/INVISION

Underwood expecting: Carrie Underwood says her family is adding "another fish to our pond." The 35-year-old singer announced Wednesday on Instagram that she and her husband, Mike Fisher, are expecting their second child. She says they are "absolutely over the moon." Underwood and Fisher have a 3-year-old son, Isaiah.

Rose cast as lesbian Batwoman: Ruby Rose is making history with her latest role as Batwoman, the first openly gay superhero to headline a TV series. Batwoman will be introduced in a December crossover event between the network's other DC Comics shows, "Arrow," "The Flash" and "Supergirl." A stand-alone series about Batwoman is in development for the 2019-20 TV season. Rose wrote Tuesday on Instagram that she's "thrilled and honored."

Jolie Pitt has timeline for divorce: Angelina Jolie Pitt says she wants her divorce from Brad Pitt finalized before the end of the year. The declaration came in a request for a hearing filed Tuesday by Jolie Pitt's attorneys in Los Angeles Superior Court. The document says her attorneys will work with Pitt's lawyers to ensure the actors are single again in 2018. Jolie Pitt filed for divorce nearly two years ago and currently has primary custody of their six children.

Aug. 9 birthdays: Actress Melanie Griffith is 61. "Today" co-host Hoda Kotb is 54. Actress Gillian Anderson is 50. Actor Eric Bana is 50. Actress Anna Kendrick is 33.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Stepdad blocks woman and her mom

Dear Amy: My mom and stepdad recently invited themselves to visit my husband and me. Since they live several states away, most of our communication is done by email or talking on the phone.

Each call is answered by Mom, who immediately puts the phone on speaker so he can listen in.

They share a cellphone and email account. He often deletes or responds to my emails addressed to Mom with a generic response; often my mother has no knowledge of them.

Their recent visit lasted nine days. I had high hopes for spending even an hour alone with Mom. Each time my husband tried to suggest activities for the guys, my stepdad jumped on board with what we ladies were doing. He wouldn't leave our sides.

They have been together for over 20 years, and his cling-on tendencies and eavesdropping are increasing. I do not recall having any one-on-one time with Mom in over a decade. I get a lump in my throat realizing I may never again have time alone with her.

Please help me to understand what could be causing his insecure behavior and how to address it.

— R

Dear R: Your stepfather sounds very controlling, and his behavior is interfering with your relationship with your mother — and isolating her from you (and likely, everyone else). Dementia might be a factor, but maybe not.

You may have to be much more proactive, and insistent. The next time your mother answers the phone, tell her, "Please,

take me off of speaker, Mom. I want to have a private conversation with you about some things going on in my life."

Your stepfather's interference with email communication addressed to your mother is alarming. You should try to discern if she is overwhelmed by this constant surveillance, interference and isolation.

Does she have friends? How is her health (and his)? Convey to both of them what you want — the ability to have occasional private talks with your mother, and to have emails addressed to her actually shared with her.

If your mother is caught in this system, it could be challenging for you to influence her. The most important thing is for you to keep communicating. You should also try to schedule a visit to see her on her home turf.

Dear Amy: I have a friend who has struggled with mental problems as a result of growing up with an abusive mother. My friend is 57 and now cares for her mother.

She works and has been sober for 30 years. Last year she confided that she had not bathed or showered in months. I have noticed her body odor. She is working with a therapist to get through this issue.

My problem is that she visits with me for a long weekend, and I have a small apartment and so the odor becomes obvious.

I'm not comfortable telling her. Any advice? — Holding My Nose

Dear Holding My Nose: Your friend has been honest with you about her

hygiene issue. This is a fairly common symptom of depression and falls under the category of "self-care."

I give you a lot of credit for maintaining this friendship in such a supportive and compassionate way.

One suggestion is that you set up your bathroom for a "spa" experience for her. Provide fluffy towels, scented soaps, candles, soft music, etc. Tell her if she would like to enjoy this luxury, you will give her plenty of privacy to do so. Tell her you hope she will accept this gift and take good and gentle care of herself, but don't pressure her. Make your washer and dryer available for her to wash her clothing.

Cook good and healthy meals together. Talk and listen. Your friend is seeking professional help to try to develop strategies to cope with her illness. Your friendship could be an important lifeline for her.

Dear Amy: I'd like to point out an error in your column. "Concerned Parents" wrote to you regarding their daughter's horrible boss. In your answer, you suggested they notify the owner of the company about the boss's behavior. But, as was clear in the letter, the boss was also the owner of the company!

You need a vacation. — Reader

Dear Reader: Yes, the error was mine. Many readers caught it, and thank you all. And yes, I do need a vacation.

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BOOK REVIEW

Protagonist's dashed hopes, struggles reflect Zimbabwe's

By FUNGAI TICHAWANGANA
Chicago Tribune

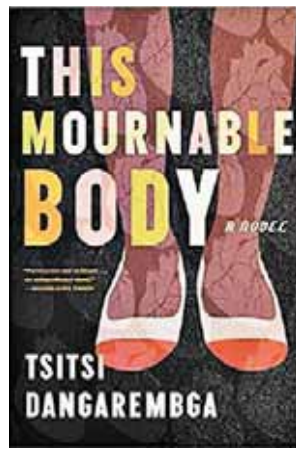
Who are the people who succeed in life? Why do they succeed? Are some people condemned to failure? It is a line of thought that brings the protagonist in Tsitsi Dangarembga's new book, "This Mournable Body," close to a point of self-destruction as she engages in a harrowing mental fight against the demons of her own poverty and failure.

We have met her before, this woman. Her name is Tambudzai Sigauke, Tambu for short. We first met her as a child succeeding at school against all odds in pre-independence Zimbabwe in "Nervous Conditions" (1988), the world-famous first novel from Dangarembga. Then we met her again as a teenager and young adult in the follow-up novel, "The Book of Not" (2006). At that point, she was struggling with identity, the trauma of war and how her family

reminded her of all she was trying to escape.

Now we meet her again at the end of the 20th century. In this self-contained third installment of Dangarembga's trilogy, Tambu comes to us unemployed, running out of savings and so self-absorbed by her seeming inability to succeed that her thoughts and intentions constantly teeter on the edge of malice. She harbors ill will for housemates and family. She is a very difficult character to empathize with, despite her dire situation.

Tambu lives in a hostel for young women in the Zimbabwean capital, Harare, but is too old to remain a resident there and so must find alternative accommodation. She finally finds a place to live in one of Harare's wealthier neighborhoods. Her



'This Mournable Body'

By Tsitsi Dangarembga, Graywolf, 304 pages, \$16

home because she is so ashamed, she retreats further into her own world where she is tormented by memories of the family she has left behind, the effects of the war, injustices of her past and questions about why she has failed. Dangarembga writes:

"You are concerned you will start thinking of ending it all, having nothing to carry on for: no home, no job, no sustaining family bonds You have failed to make anything at all of yourself How, with all your education, do you come to be more needy than your mother?" She applies for a teach-

ing job, a field she has some experience in. Even though she does not have the right qualifications, she ends up teaching high school biology at a girls' school. She continues to struggle mentally with the failure she has become. She takes out her frustrations on her students and one day she uses a T-square to beat one of them.

When Tambu is summoned to the headmistress's office, with the girl's parents in attendance, she is at the height of mental torment and cannot stand the mother's crying. She attacks the distressed woman.

This nervous breakdown marks the bottom of Tambu's descent. She ends up in the hospital and is prescribed antidepressants. It is her aunt and cousin, the very family she is trying to avoid, who come to her rescue and give her a place to stay.

As she starts to find herself again, she realizes she must swallow her pride and make peace with an old school rival who becomes her boss — for the second time in her life. She must also embrace her family as redemption and maybe even the success that has eluded her for so long lie in the murky mess that comes from standing face to face with everything that makes up her mad reality.

"This Mournable Body" is a harrowing psychological journey. Dangarembga does not give her heroine any easy escapes. Like the period of Zimbabwe's history this story is set in, the pain, false hopes and dashed enthusiasms come in large doses, and victory lies at the end of a very long road.

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IN PERFORMANCE 'Holding the Man' ★★ 1/2

Gay memoir may zig and zag, but it's powerful

BY CHRIS JONES
Chicago Tribune

The Pride Films and Plays production of "Holding the Man," the stage adaptation of a famed 1995 memoir by Timothy Conigrave, is a low-budget affair with barely a set, let alone sophisticated visual appeal. The cast is so young that most of the older characters — crucial to the drama — strain credibility. And the staging zigs and zags and meanders, wandering from one acting style to another, morphing as often as the actors burden and unburden themselves with Australian accents. At times, it is nothing less than infuriating.

The piece also is almost unbearable to watch — although not for any of the reasons expounded above.

I just found the experience so emotional that I sat there on Monday night trying to figure out how a critic who had so many problems with a production could end up feeling this way. I wasn't alone, either. I felt the feeling all around me.

There is just something about how this piece (the stage adapt-

When: Through Aug. 26

Where: Pride Arts Center, 4139 N. Broadway

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ation is by Tommy Murphy) tells the story of an ordinary gay couple in Australia who happen to come of age in times that are too recent for us to fully understand how far from ordinary they turned out to be.

First off, Tim (Micah Kronlokken) and John (Jude Hansen) have to deal with bullying in school. This is closely followed by parental contempt, which is worse than disapproval: Tim recounts how his father dropped tears all over his son's homework, once he began to understand that his kid was gay. His words of advice? "You'll have a sad and lonely life."

Many heard the same. Over time, we see, Tim and John shake that off. But this was



PAUL GOYETTE PHOTO

John (Jude Hansen) and Tim (Micah Kronlokken) come of age in "Holding the Man" at the Pride Arts Center.

the 1980s. AIDS loomed. A death sentence, replete with the shattering forces of loss, suffering and guilt over who infected whom. By the time "Holding the Man" has come to an end, there is nothing left of any man to hold.

I should, in fairness, say that I am about the same age as these characters and, for a chunk of this overlong show, my mind wandered away to all the friends I lost to AIDS. But I was also overcome by the sheer sense of unfairness of being born gay at that moment, as distinct, say, from now. This is one of the things art can do, of course — the Russian formalist critics used to call it making the familiar strange. I spent a good couple of hours feeling thoroughly alienated from my own era on this earth.

In many ways, "Holding the Man" is not so different from, say, William Hoffman's "As Is," or any number of other plays from the 1980s and 1990s dealing with the human costs of the AIDS epidemic. Many of those works were produced at the old Bailiwick Arts Center, run by the same artistic director, David Zak, who continues on at Pride Films and Plays. On the basis of this production, you couldn't really argue that "Holding the Man" betters any of them, and it certainly does not have the political articulation of, say, one of Larry Kramer's plays. But theater is a time-bound art. And what you will likely feel, I think, if you find your way to the show, is a strangely intense feeling of sadness at the heavy price

paid by so many, even as so few cared.

The force of that feeling is buoyed by the superb performance from Hansen, an actor whose Australian sensibility feels authentic and lived, and who is so profoundly likable as to make the loss of John seem cruel, indeed. Mercifully, optimism is among the most appealing of the national characteristics down under, and the director Michael D. Graham, and the sound designer, Isaac Mandel, have forged an upbeat mixtape of an era when it took such courage to keep dancing.

Tears for Fears indeed.

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Butterfly experts release larvae of threatened species

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he is president and co-steward of Friends of Bluff Spring Fen, a citizen group that works to preserve and restore the Cook County Forest Preserve District wetland.

Indeed, Taron moved to Elgin to be close to the fen, according to a 2013 Tribune story on the preserve.

"The butterfly monitor at Bluff Spring Fen since 1987, (he) has counted 63 species of butterflies here, including the imperiled Baltimore checkerspot," reporter Barbara Brotman wrote.

The butterfly, a mid-sized species with the black and orange coloring of the family herald of the British Lords Baltimore was more than imperiled in that location, it turned out. 2012 was the last year Baltimore checkerspots were spotted there, Taron said last week.

The cause of their local demise was some combination of unusual weather patterns and a habitat burn, he said.

So the goal on this outing was to give the animal a head start on "overwintering," the process that lets summer's caterpillars become next spring's butterflies and, it is hoped, the basis of a stable population going forward.

Back at the museum in Lincoln Park — which maintains an expansive indoor butterfly garden attraction — Taron and colleagues had been tending some 750 Baltimore checkerspot larvae, the result of harvesting a handful of females from a DuPage County site a few miles away from Bluff Spring, where they remain plentiful.

The majority of the caterpillars will stay at the museum, which will attempt to bring them through chrysalis stage into butterfly-dom there.

"We're hedging our bets here," Taron said.

On the hike to the first wintering site, easily a half mile in, we surprised a group of a different species, silvery checkerspots, who flitted away in what looked like a group tizzy but was probably perfectly rational butterfly behavior.

When they gather like that, "the males are imbibing salts out of the moist mud here," said Allen Lawrance, the academy's associate curator of entomology. "It's called 'puddling.' And whenever there's a big group like that, it's a 'puddle club.'"

"That would qualify," said Taron, who was holding the precious cargo, four paper cups containing leaves and larvae inside an ordinary clear plastic box.

"It's not very high-tech," Lawrance said.

Our path wasn't a walkway so much as a slightly less overgrown area through the coneflowers and the cylindrical blazing stars, the grasses, the wicket sedges. And soon enough, we plunged off the path and toward a spot Taron and Lawrance had already chosen, very near to the marshy area that gives the preserve its name.

"When the adults come out, they'll just be able to fly right over to the wetland," said Taron. "They're wetland specialists. They require these rare remnant



Doug Taron pounds a stake into the ground to install a protective box for the Baltimore checkerspot larvae in Bluff Spring Fen.



Taron thinks the 2-mm larvae will grow to inch-and-a-half caterpillars soon. "We're hedging our bets here," he said.



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Resplendent monarchs like this one can be spotted flitting through Elgin's Bluff Spring Fen nature preserve.



Four paper cups contain 200 tiny Baltimore checkerspot caterpillars, which conservationists hope will thrive in the fen.

habitats."

The two took turns hammering lengths of rebar into the soil, then slipped the four corners of a pop-up mesh enclosure around the rods.

Taron leaned into the enclosure's open end, pulled a leaf bearing larvae out of one of the cups and paper-clipped it to a roughly 2-foot-high plant. About 2 millimeters long now, the caterpillars will get to an inch-and-a-half pretty quickly, he said.

"They will crawl onto this and

they will set up shop there," Taron said, and they will begin spinning protective cocoons around themselves in preparation for wintering in pupa form toward the plant's base. "The idea here is we want them to do the work. We want them to decide where to settle down."

He reached out to Lawrance for another paper clip, like a surgeon calling for a medical instrument, attached the last leaf in the first batch, and then zipped the enclosure shut for protection

from predators.

"Ta da!" he said. At the second site, the process was similar, but even quicker because they had already put the mesh prophylactic in place. Lawrance used his phone to mark the GPS coordinates, and they gathered up their supplies and we hiked back into the cemetery, where the cars were parked.

They will keep feeding the caterpillars in the lab, which the scientists also want to introduce into the fen as adults.

"We're not wanting all of our eggs in one basket," Taron said.

As for the new Bluff Spring Fen denizens, he'll visit probably a couple of times before winter to make sure everything seems to be doing OK, Taron explained. But the process should pretty much take care of itself.

"We're kind of stepping back and letting them do their thing," he said.

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Taron uses part of a leaf to scoop up larvae. The larvae are being placed on native plant leaves and released into the preserve.

Writing on pain, violence against blacks

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night instead of once in a blue moon. I have heard from more than one parent that it smells like eggs.

That is an ear tuned for micro-aggressions, and to placid surfaces straining to remain poised. It's not hard to imagine those emails zinging back and forth between the homes in Thompson-Spires' seemingly frictionless neighborhood. Asked what she thinks of the Midwest, the author, a native of California, smiles and says: "Oh, it's super friendly."

Then, as if replying to her own response, she adds: "Which at times can make it feel like performance."

Thompson-Spires moved to Champaign six years ago, after the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign offered her a spot in its MFA creative writing program and her husband a position in the English department. She had received her Ph.D. in English at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, and taught at Vanderbilt and Tennessee State University, but she was not prepared for a Midwest winter. About four years ago, not long after arriving in Illinois, decades of chronic pain — which Thompson-Spires, now 34, said began in her teens — came to a head one night when her husband was away on work. She called a 24-hour medical hotline and described the symptoms. "They told me to get to an emergency room," she recalled. "And I said, 'Really?' And they said 'Yeah.' Meanwhile, there's a snowstorm, and I had never driven in snow. Neither had my Mustang."

What followed, she wrote last spring in the Paris Review (lapsing cheekily into the lyrics from "Smells Like Teen Spirit"), was years of tests: "A colonoscopy, two upper endoscopies, a gastric emptying scan, an MRI, a vulvar biopsy, a dozen transvaginal ultrasounds, two mammograms before I was thirty-four, a laparoscopy, a laparotomy, a mosquito, a libido ..." After many, many misdiagnoses, she eventually learned that she had endometriosis, a condition in which tissue that grows inside of a uterus grows on the outside of a uterus, occasionally on the vital organs, causing intense pain and bleeding.

Between hospital visits and teaching, she started many of the stories in "Heads of the Colored People"; in Paris Review, she wrote, "It means something to me to be able to



DARYL WILSON/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Author Nafissa Thompson-Spires has already been compared to such literary greats as Junot Diaz and Paul Beatty.

produce when something is daily trying to take me out."

The result, she says now, was unexpected: "Frankly, I never thought I would want to write stories dealing with periods or reproductive health. I never thought I would want to read stories about that, never mind write them. But I was writing through a lot of pain, and I had stories now that weren't the light-hearted funny stuff I had expected to come out. Even the story that ends with police brutality — it revealed itself and I had to have the confidence to respond."

That story, the title story, sets the tone for the book and establishes many of its recurring themes. It begins with a black cosplayer — "Riley wore blue contact lenses and bleaches his hair, which he worked with gel and a blow-dryer and a flatiron some mornings into Sonic the Hedgehog spikes ..." — then veers into the ways that identity gets policed, at the exhaustion felt by those who find themselves representing all black people, at the insidious ways even the least remarkable acts become political acts.

Each story reads as if it's in conversation with the others, sometimes literally, returning to characters and occasionally arguing with the whys and hows its own stories are told. One story ends in police violence against a black man, but Thompson-Spires breaks from convention and never foreshadows that violence; the story's unnamed narrator then breaks tone, growing increasingly frustrated with literary tropes, declar-

ing an unwillingness to indulge in the gore and the misery that audiences come to expect.

Thompson-Spires calls the story a "middle finger to the expectations of MFA programs" and playing it safe.

Dawn Davis, founder of 37 Ink, the imprint of Atria and Schuster that published "Heads of Colored People," said: "When we sent out (the manuscript) to a bunch of writers hoping for blurbs ... we got back two dozen, and the word we kept seeing, in almost every one of the responses, was 'original.' Nafissa had not held back and it helped." She sees Thompson-Spires developing into a major literary figure in the mold of a Junot Diaz or Paul Beatty, "writing about community and race but also how to be different within community and race. She is saying community is not a monolith. She gets dark: A singer almost drowns her child, and a man at an anime comic book convention is mistaken for threatening — that's an original take on threats to the black body. She's attacking the flanks as she goes about it, which tends to take her readers completely off guard."

Last fall, after reading the manuscript, Kiese Laymon, whose own celebrated books touch on the physical and psychological violence done to black bodies, and often feel in conversation with the history of black literature, tweeted that Thompson-Spires "wrote what we been waiting for in Heads of the Colored People. Goodness gracious."

The other day, Thompson-Spires sat at the dining room table in her sterile, eerily minimalist home — it looks more like a model of a home than a place where people live — looking serene, calm, so composed it was hard not to recall that she's written that she's often in pain. Asked if she was in pain, she said she was, that morning, but not now.

The pain, however, never entirely passes; endometriosis has no cure. She suspects she developed it around 15 and showed symptoms for 20 years. "but I was treated as a hypochondriac — I mean I was told I was, routinely." Born in San Diego, she grew up in California's Inland Empire, just east of Los Angeles. Her father works for an education tech company and her mother as a diversity-education specialist (at the same company). It was a home defined by books, by stacks beside the couches, bookshelves lining hallways.

She said, "I read a lot of what you would expect — Judy Blume, Beverly Cleary. But I also wished I had better options that reflected the life I was living. All of those characters are white and nobody was dealing with being one of the only black kids in school, what I was dealing with. My mom was always trying to get me to read black fiction but they were so heavy-handed with history and people imperiled and crosses being burned on front lawns. It was either history or suffering, and nothing for a black girl not dealing with the KKK but just living in the early '90s and dealing with

your casual racism. I would have loved a black Ramona the Pest, a black character who didn't take crap. Harriet the Spy had a spy notebook, and I had a spy notebook — you're supposed to learn there not to spy, but I had learned that it was pretty awesome to be nosy. "I was like those characters, only black. I skipped a grade so I was the youngest in class, I was loud and bossy, and very performative, so I would get picked on a lot." She said the story about the two mothers' escalating war of passive aggressiveness was inspired by a letter her own mother passed along, written when Thompson-Spires was a child, by a mother complaining about her. "She said I was anti-social, I had bad social skills and I called her grandmother the 'B' word, but her own daughter was a sweet girl." She said the other girl "had been the only black girl for a while until I came along, and for whatever reason, I think she felt that she had to push me out of that space she occupied."

The fallout of underrepresentation swims beneath "Heads of the Colored People." Indeed, the title comes from a series of 19th-century profiles of everyday black middle-class life. Thompson-Spires' husband, an expert in 18th- and 19th-century black literature, had recommended she read James McCune Smith, a pioneering African-American doctor and correspondent for *Frederick Douglass' Paper*. Smith was drawn to the mundane realities of ordinary people, writing

about gravediggers and news vendors and shoe shiners; in fact, his subjects proved so commonplace that Douglass, in an early example of respectability politics, wrote a public rebuke, asking Smith to please, please "bring some of the real heads of the colored people before our readers."

Spires said his wife's characters are similar, "everyday people we see on the street," but "what's fresh is she's embedded their lives with the humor and pain, the details of mundane struggles, that real folks experience." Thompson-Spires found an organizing principle in Smith's work. But instead of fugitive slaves and laundry ladies, she wanted to write about black nerds, professors at small colleges, social-media obsessives and protective suburban mothers.

She decided to "play with Smith's title broadly," she said, "considering psychology, phrenology, actual head injuries."

And several characters experience chronic pain.

Partly, she wanted to give herself some context, to explain the years of reshuffling schedules and grumpy behavior. "I never sleep, I am in pain every day," she said. "I had a surgery in May I thought would be the big surgery to fix everything, and it hasn't been."

But she was unsure of mentioning endometriosis by name, fearing she would be a magnet for sufferers before she was ready to address them.

In the end, she gave characters her same disorder, as a way of saying *this thing happens to everyday people, too*.

Her next book will be about about a girl with endometriosis.

"People say you're depressed, you're a hypochondriac. I find doctors dismissive of women, and when you're black, that adds an extra layer of not having credibility with doctors," she said. "You wonder if it's because you're black, or because you're a woman, or because you're a black woman. People think about black women as being more tolerant to pain — that you're supposed to be the strong one."

"But I am in pain most of the time. So it's a big part of life. You want to be productive, to live an ordinary life, to write well, to have any quality of life — to be nice? You maintain faith that things get better. And the struggle never ends."

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Ninth season of cabaret show

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person's not a professional, but they're an experienced mover. That's how I think about dancers."

"We practice body positivity and sex positivity in our rehearsal space — that's how we treat the work that we're producing," says Kilmurray. She began "The Fly Honey Show" in 2009 in the In-convenience's first loft space in Lakeview. "The artists we program are fundamentally practicing on those terms as well."

The ground rules of sex positivity and body positivity are the spine of "The Fly Honey Show." A quick run-down of the concepts: According to an article from the American Psychological Association, "Sex-positive approaches begin with the assumption that a wide variety of sex practices and desires are an inherently healthy and important component of human development and connection." The body-positivity movement arose from queer communities of color in the 1960s as a means of battling discrimi-



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Hosts Molly Brennan, from left, Mary Williamson and Sydney Charles rehearse.

nation based on factors like ability and size.

Emma Alamo, a partner of the show whose leather harnesses are worn by several cast members, says the show's "celebration of women, queers and gender minorities" also empowers the audience. That only happens with live performance.

"In addition to performers wearing my stuff, I have a table set up in the lobby, where I sell my leather bondage and fashion harnesses before the show and during intermission," she says. "A lot of people who come are theatergoers who haven't included the sex-positive movement as part of their lifestyle. But they see this show, and you can just tell that it makes them feel empowered. People react coyly at first and then come back loosened up at

intermission. After the show, these couples who didn't even want to be seen looking at my stand are like, 'Maybe we do want to try handcuffs.' They feel ready to embrace those parts of themselves."

At the start of every season, before anyone takes to the stage, the creative team behind the show asks the one question that daunts all artists everywhere: "Why?" "Before we get rolling with each season, we ... ask, 'So, why are we doing this again?' 'What are we doing this year?' 'How do we engage with new communities?'" Kilmurray says. She says that this new season feels especially akin to last year's work.

"It's difficult to talk about this year without talking about 2017, the first season after the presi-

dential election," says Kilmurray. "Last year felt like a rally cry. When we asked ourselves why we were doing this, we all were like, 'We have to. We have no choice.'"

She describes this year's show as a redefining force.

"Radical joy feels like the theme of this year," Kilmurray says. "We've been yelling and yelling, and they still didn't hear us — so we're going to repeat it while we move in unison. In that respect, it's a mass movement, and we're not going anywhere."

"The Fly Honey Show" runs through Sept. 9 at the Den Theatre, 1333 N. Milwaukee Ave.; www.theflyhoneyshow.com

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Naomi Beckwith named senior curator at MCA

By STEVE JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

Naomi Beckwith, a Chicago native and seven-year veteran of the MCA, is the Chicago museum's new Manilow Senior Curator.

The museum Wednesday announced Beckwith's promotion, as well as new heads of its education department and museum shop.

Beckwith, 42, and a public face of MCA Chicago almost from the moment she began there, said she plans to continue the museum's recent focus on bringing "international work and international perspectives through the MCA."

But she wants to be sure it's not done, she said, as "a form of exoticizing those others and maybe even their work. ... I want to be really thinking about what does it mean to have a true exchange between the local and the global."

Beckwith, raised in Hyde Park and educated at Northwestern University and the Courtauld Institute in London, has curated high-profile exhibitions including, most recently, the well-regarded survey on Howardena Pindell.

The most recent Manilow senior curator, Omar Kholeif, resigned from the museum in June after less



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Beckwith aims to facilitate a "true exchange" between local and global art.

than two years on the job. Beckwith said her new duties will not push her over entirely to the administrative side. "I will still continue in the galleries," she said, "but now my work is also to help think through future trajectories for the museum."

The MCA also announced the promotion of Marissa Reyes to director of learning and public programs. And it said that Helen Yi, who had an eponymous boutique in Wicker Park for many years, will join the Chicago Avenue institution and take over as director of retail experience.

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Emily Rios

"Snowfall" (9 p.m., 10:01 p.m., FX): Noticing that morale is plummeting, Franklin (Damon Idris) takes some steps designed to ensure his crew remains loyal to him in the new episode "Jingle Bell Rock." Elsewhere, Lucia (Emily Rios) begins to let her guard down, but part of her newfound compassion turns out to be misguided. Sins of the past return to haunt Teddy (Carter Hudson), causing his brother, Matt (Jonathan Tucker), to see him in a new light.

"America's Got Talent" (7 p.m., NBC): With the season's live-performance episodes about to begin, the recap edition "Road to Lives" offers a digest of how the competition has gone so far — with a reasonable number of hopefuls earning the Golden Buzzer that sent them straight through to the upcoming round. Comments that judges Mel B, Simon Cowell, Heidi Klum and Howie Mandel have made about the contestants also are recalled here. Tyra Banks is the host.

"Trial & Error" (8 p.m., NBC): Dwayne's (Steven Boyer) testimony as a witness for the prosecution creates big problems for the defense attorneys in the new episode "A Change in the Team," to the degree that Lavinia (Kristin Chenoweth) wants Josh (Nicholas D'Agosto) to take him off the case. However, Dwayne eventually discovers something that turns the trial in Lavinia's favor. Jayma Mays and Sherri Shepherd also star. Another episode follows.

"Black Lightning" (8 p.m., CW): Black Lightning (Cress Williams) is the target of Tobias (Marvin Jones III), who gets surprising help in trying to capture him, in "The Resurrection and the Light: The Book of Pain." Anissa and Jennifer (Nafessa Williams, China Anne McClain) are able to lend help to the hero after engaging in a battle of their own. Christine Adams, Damon Gupton and James Remar also star.

"Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" (9 p.m., NBC): Dealing with military officials proves challenging for Benson (Mariska Hargitay) and her team in "Service," as they try to investigate a soldier who may have committed sexual assault. Wayne Knight — arguably best-known as "Seinfeld's" Newman — has a decidedly serious guest role here.

"Alone" (9:03 p.m., 10:05 p.m., History): In a new episode that carries the bleak title "Starvation's Shadow," gnawing hunger pains send the remaining participants spiraling down to a new low, driving one of them to risk life and limb to climb into wolf territory in search of something to eat. Another survivalist contends with a health issue that intensifies until it approaches the level of "game-ending."

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Lisa Kudrow; comic Tom Papa; Jukebox the Ghost performs.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Rose Byrne; Fallonventions; Brad Paisley talks and performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actress Issa Rae; actor Darren Criss; comic Ronnie Chieng.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Bob Newhart; actress Awkwafina; Blood Orange and A\$AP Rocky perform.*

* Subject to change

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THURSDAY EVENING, AUG. 9

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	The Big Bang Theory	Young Sheldon	(8:01) Big Brother (N) (Live) ©		(9:01) S.W.A.T.: "Contamination." ©		News (N) ♦
	NBC 5	America's Got Talent: "Road to Lives." (N) ©		Trial & Error (N) ©	Trial & Error (N) ©	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: "Service."		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	The Gong Show (N) ©		Match Game (N) ©		Take Two: "All About Ava." (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) (Live) ©		WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Coach ©	Coach ©	Murphy
	This TV 9.3	Pal Joey (NR,'57) *** Rita Hayworth. ©				Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (G,'68) ***		
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Chicago River: A River in Reverse (N)		10 Towns That Changed America ©		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 Cincinnati	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek: "Miri." ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
	Bounce 26.5	One on One	One on One	In the Cut	Family Time	Waiting to Exhale (R,'95) ***		
	FOX 32	(5:30) NFL Preseason Football: Chicago Bears at Cincinnati Bengals. (N) (Live)				Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©
Ion 38	Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Blood ♦	
TeleM 44	Exatión EE. UU. (N)		Sin Senos Sí (N)		El señor de los cielos (N)		Chicago (N)	
CW 50	Supernatural ©		Black Lightning ©		Law Order: CI		Law CI ♦	
UniMas 60	(6) Me caigo de risa		La jefa del campeón		Renta	Renta	Renta	
WJYS 62	History	Skywatch	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Christian	Dn. Carson	Monument	
Univ 66	El rico y Lázaro (N)		La bella y las bestias (N)		La piloto (N)		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	Live PD	Live PD	Live PD (N)	Live PD (N)	PD Cam (N)	First (N)	Recall (N) ♦
	AMC	Lethal Weapon (R,'87) *** Mel Gibson, Danny Glover. ©				Lethal Weapon 2 ***		
	ANIM	Lone Star Law: Uncuffed: "Record-Setting Bust." (N)				Northwest Law (N)		Lone Star ♦
	BBCA	The X-Files ©		The X-Files ©		X-Files ©		X-Files ♦
	BET	(6:02) ATL (PG-13,'06) ** Tip Harris, Lauren London.				The Grand Hustle (N)		Grand ♦
	BIGTEN	B1G Football & Beyond		Rutgers Football Classic		B1G Football & Beyond		Rutgers ♦
	BRAVO	Shahs of Sunset ©		Shahs of Sunset (N) ©		Shahs of Sunset ©		Watch (N)
	CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics
	CNBC	Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Jay Leno's Garage (N)		Jay Leno's ♦
	CNN	Anderson 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)	Daily (N) ♦
	DISC	Naked and Afraid: "Barely Alive." (N) ©						Afraid ♦
	DISN	Andi Mack	Raven	Stuck	Big City	Bizaardvark	Bug Juice:	Andi Mack
	E!	The Kardashians		The Kardashians		Very Cavallari ©		E! News ♦
	ESPN	(6) Little League Baseball (N)		Little League Baseball (N)				SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2	Championship Drive (N)		30 for 30 ©		CFL Football: Eskimos at Lions (N) ♦		
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Chopped: "Fire It Up!" ©		Food Truck Race (N)		Beat Play (N) Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby
	FREE	(6) Oz the Great Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG,'05) *** Johnny Depp. ©				700 Club ♦		
	FX	(6:30) Jurassic World (PG-13,'15) ** Chris Pratt. ©				Snowfall (N) ©		Snowfall ♦
	HALL	A Novel Romance (NR,'11) Steve Guttenberg. ©				The Middle	The Middle	Golden Girls
	HGTV	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Risky
	HIST	Mountain Men ©		Mountain Men (N)		(9:03) Alone (N) ©		Alone ♦
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	(6) Billy Madison ('95) * Happy Gilmore (PG-13,'96) ** Adam Sandler. ©				Billy Mad ♦		
	LIFE	Maid in Manhattan (PG-13,'02) ** Jennifer Lopez. ©				(9:03) Made of Honor ('08) ** ©		
	MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		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	Softball (Tape)				Rocket League (N)		The Loop (N)
	NICK	Henry	SpongeBob	The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie (PG,'04) ***		Friends ♦		Friends ♦
	OVATION	(6) The Hunt for Red October (PG,'90) ***				Rachel	Rachel	Heal ***
	OWN	20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on ID: "Bad Blood."		20/20 ♦
OXY	NCIS: "Kill Ari." ©		NCIS: "Mind Games." ©		NCIS: "Silver War." ©		NCIS ♦	
PARMT	Bad Teacher (R,'11) ** Cameron Diaz. ©				Woman (N)	Bad Teacher (R,'11) ***		
SYFY	(5) Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire		(8:29) Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix					
TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Last O.G.	Joker's Wild	Conan © ♦	
TCM	The Odd Couple (G,'68) *** Jack Lemmon. ©				The Fortune Cookie (NR,'66) ***			
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: "Benji & David's Story." ©				Dr. Pimple Popper (N)		My 600-Lb ♦	
TLN	IMPACT	Wretched	Finding Heaven		Life Today	Like You	Humanit ♦	
TNT	Unknown (PG-13,'11) ** Liam Neeson, Diane Kruger. ©				Walk Among ♦			
TOON	Dragon Ball	Amer. Dad	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	
TRAV	Expedition Unknown ©		Expedition Unknown ©		Legendary Locations (N)		Expedition ♦	
TVL	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Queen of the South (N)		(9:01) Shooter (N)		The Sinner ♦	
VH1	Movie ©							
WE	(6:15) What's Love Got to Do With It (R,'93) ***				Bossip on WE TV (N) ©		Bossip ♦	
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Carter © ♦	
PREMIUM	HBO	Sharp Objects: "Closer." (R,'17) *** Jaeden Lieberher. ©						Ballers © ♦
	HBO2	Insecure © (7:45) Insecure ©		Last Week		Game of Thrones ©		Billboards ♦
	MAX	The Wicker Man (PG-13,'06) *		(8:45) Get Out (R,'17) *** Daniel Kaluuya. ©				
	SHO	(6) Marshall ('17) *** © Patrick Melrose ©				America (NR,'66) ***		Shameless ♦
	STARZ	(6:04) 30 Days of Night		For Your Eyes Only (PG,'81) *** Roger Moore.				Untraceabl ♦
STZNC	(6:26) Saving Silverman		She's All That (PG-13,'99) ** ©				Independence Day *** ♦	

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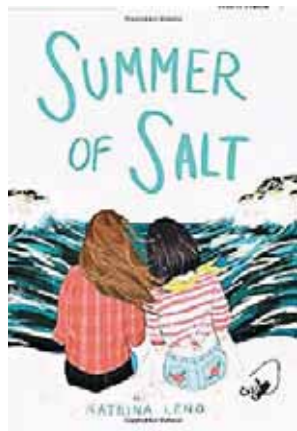
BY CHRISTINE HEPPERMAN
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"Final Draft" by Riley Redgate, Abrams, 272 pages, \$17.99, ages 14 and up

Fear keeps plenty of authors from sharing their work. What if nobody likes it? Laila, a high school senior from Brooklyn, is grateful that her science fiction stories have an enthusiastic audience of one: her creative writing teacher Mr. Madison. But when he goes on medical leave, Laila falls from star student to literal failure. Mr. Madison's replacement, an austere Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist, awards her a stingy 33 out of 100 on the first assignment she turns in, one that normally would have earned her raves.

How Laila responds to this unexpected reality check, and how the effects of it ripple through her everyday life, provides the substance of Riley Redgate's layered, perceptive third novel.

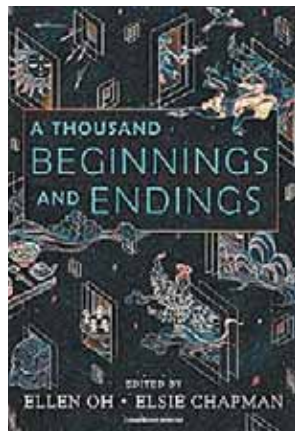
"Final Draft" eloquently unpacks the meaning of "revision," a word that tends to make young writers — and not-so-young writers — squirm. In a scathing critique of Laila's story, the new teacher concludes that it bears little connection to authentic experience. So Laila decides that, if she wants to improve her writing, she has to live. In the process she discovers that risk-taking doesn't have to happen far from home. Sometimes the riskiest move is to look deeply inward.



"Summer of Salt" by Katrina Leno, HarperTeen, 272 pages, \$17.99, Ages 13 and up

On the cusp of Georgina Fernweh's 18th birthday, she still doesn't know her power. She and her twin sister, Mary, come from a long matriarchal line of magic, to the point that, on the tiny East Coast island where they live, their last name has become synonymous with terms — "witch" being the friendliest — that people often use to describe women they view with awe, suspicion and fear. Mary can float and will possibly one day be able to fly, like Fernweh ancestor Annabella, who supposedly turned herself into a bird. Every summer, in woodpecker form, Annabella returns to the island, attracting a host of bird watchers known locally as "birdheads." Yet this summer she is late, and, as with Georgina's supernatural ability, the hope that she will ever appear dims with the passing of time.

Katrina Leno weaves a tale that combines sumptuous old-fashioned storytelling and modern feminist themes. Part of the novel's magic derives from the sweet romance that develops between Georgina and Prue, a girl tagging along on her brother Harrison's bird-watching trip. Georgina and Prue have advanced to that idyllic getting-to-know-you phase when the mystery of Annabella's absence takes a sudden disturbing turn.



"A Thousand Beginnings and Endings," edited by Ellen Oh and Elsie Chapman, Greenwillow, 336 pages, \$17.99, ages 12 and up

You might not expect a story drawn from Hmong oral tradition to involve androids and hovercrafts. In "A Thousand Beginnings and Endings," a dynamic new anthology, the approaches to retelling Asian myths and legends are as varied as the regions from which the original stories sprang.

Ellen Oh and Elsie Chapman write in their editors' note about falling in love with folk tales at an early age but being unable to find collections of Asian stories that weren't retold from a Western perspective. Because they remember how much they "longed for nuance and subtlety and layers, the embedded truth about culture that — more often than not — can only come from within," they decided to create the kind of book they craved. Cultures represented include Korean, Punjabi, Vietnamese and Filipino, and following each tale, the author offers further information on where it came from and why he or she chose it. Contrary to our Disney-fed expectations, not every story has a happy ending.

Christine Heppermann is the author of two books for young adults and co-author of the "Backyard Witch" chapter book series for younger readers.

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Aug. 9): Domestic joys fill this year. Persistence with fitness pays. Professional shifts lead to unconsidered options. Summer introspection supports you and a partner through a transition leading to a personal flowering. Reach new physical heights this winter. Your heart is growing stronger.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Restrictions may get imposed. Use your good looks to avoid arguments. Charm a skeptic. Structural breakdowns could thwart romantic interludes. Keep it simple.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 6. Make household repairs and improvements. Keep systems functioning properly. Do your research on big-ticket items. Choose long-lasting quality, and avoid impetuous spending.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. A confrontation looks different from another view. Don't jump to conclusions; research the back story. Listening produces results. Make a persuasive case.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Make budgets, estimates and invoices. Tally up the score. Unexpected expenses and repairs could pre-empt scheduled programming. Adjust and tune.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. You're getting stronger and more confident. Expect energy surges, and allow time for rest between appointments. Distractions abound.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 6. Indulge your nostalgic reflection and retrospection. Peaceful privacy recharges you. Expect some disruption. Avoid travel and expense.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Revise your team strategy. Surprising news can disrupt the schedule. Don't take things personally. Avoid emotional outbursts. Creative innovation could spark. Listen for it.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Focus on professional matters. Get your presentation materials together. Resist a sense of urgency or anxiety. Breathe deeply, and learn from the competition.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Look at the situation from a different vantage point. Sometimes a change of scenery is all it takes. Avoid risk and expense. Study your options.

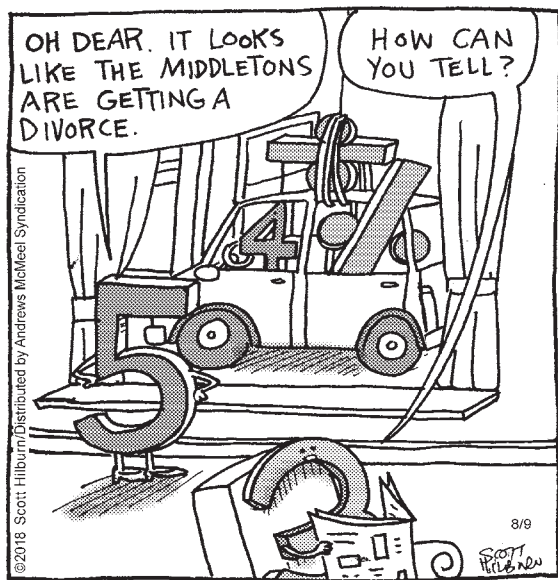
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Make quiet financial inroads. You could tend to obsess over money. Impulsive actions and words lead to hurt feelings. Stick to your budget.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Breathe deeply if you find yourself heating up. Consider consequences, and avoid spontaneous outbursts. You can work out a priority disagreement between partners.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Take care of business. The workload picks up, and your actions are in demand. Physical exercise builds your energy supply. Feed yourself well.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

Both vulnerable, North deals

North		East	
♠ K Q 8 4	♠ J 3 2	♠ 10 6 3	♠ 6 5
♥ J 9 7 5	♥ 8 7 4	♥ A K 5	♥ J 10 3 2
♦ 10 8 4	♦ A K 5	♦ A 2	♦ A K Q 9 7
♣ K 9 6 5	♣ A 2	♣ A Q	♣ Q 9 4 3
♣ 10 2	♣ A K Q 9 7	♣ Q 9 4 3	

South couldn't quite count 13 tricks in the auction, but he was sure that there were 12. When there are 12, there are often 13, or at least reasonable play for 13, so he bid the grand slam.

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♥	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♥	Pass	7NT	All pass

Opening lead: Five of ♠

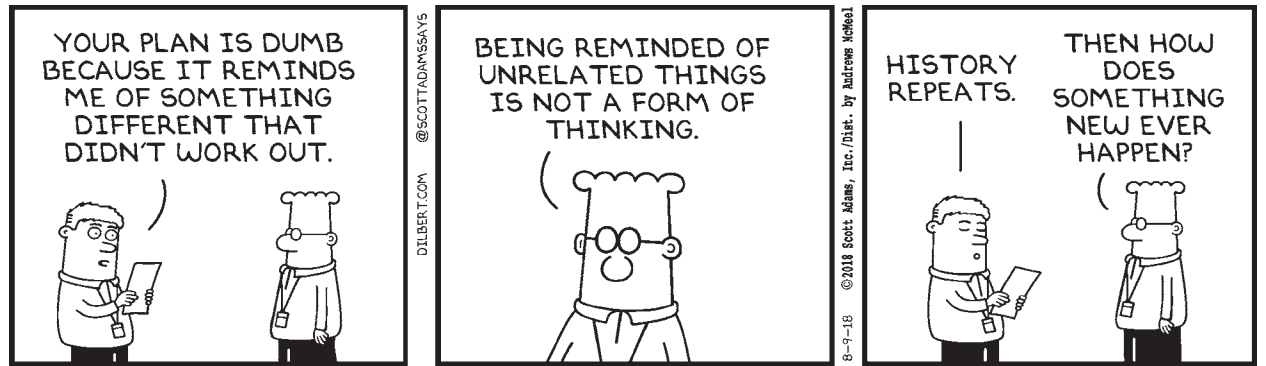
The ace and king of clubs were next, followed a club to his queen as West discarded another diamond. This was the position:

North		East	
♠ K Q 8	♠ Void	♠ Void	♠ Void
♥ 8	♥ Void	♥ J 10 3	♥ J
♦ 8	♦ Void	♦ 2	♦ Void
♣ Void	♣ Void	♣ A Q	♣ 9

The king and queen of spades saw two more diamond discards from East. In the two-card ending, West was known to have a spade and East was known to have a club. Both opponents were down to a singleton diamond and a diamond to the ace brought home the grand slam. Nicely done!

— Bob Jones
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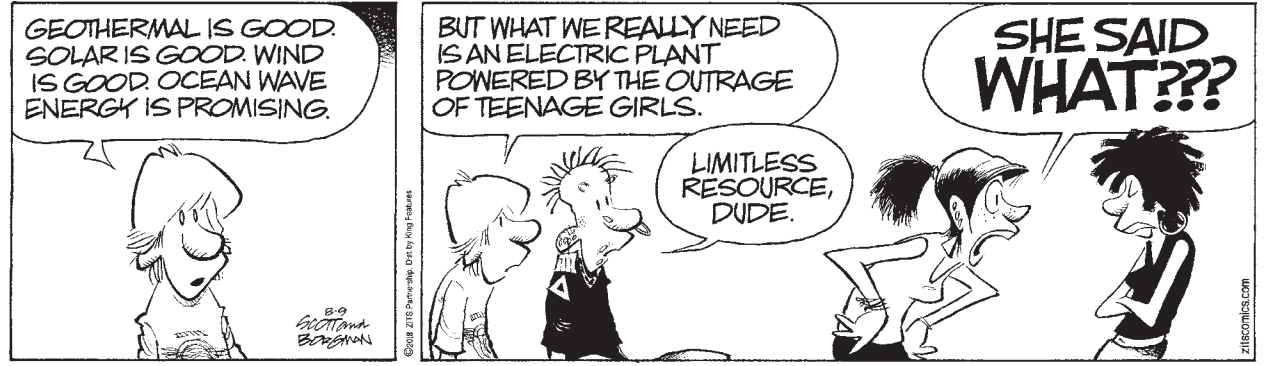
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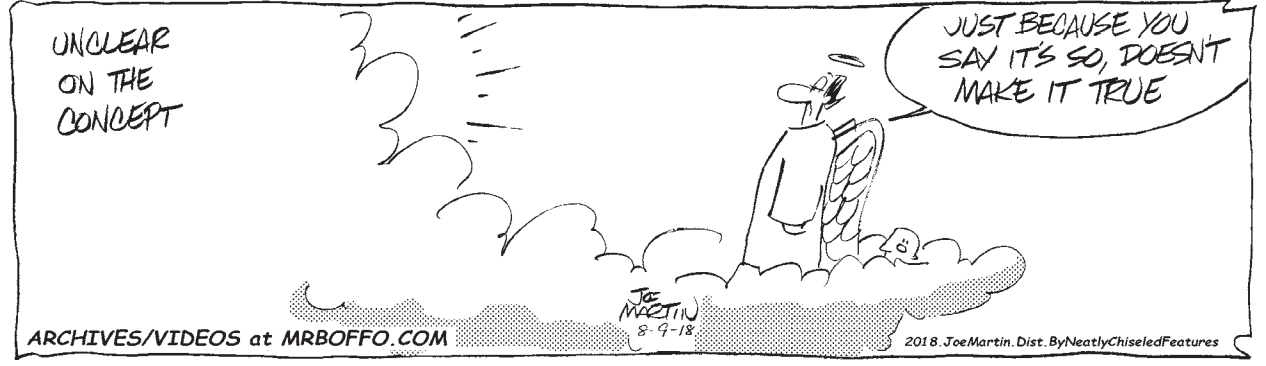
Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



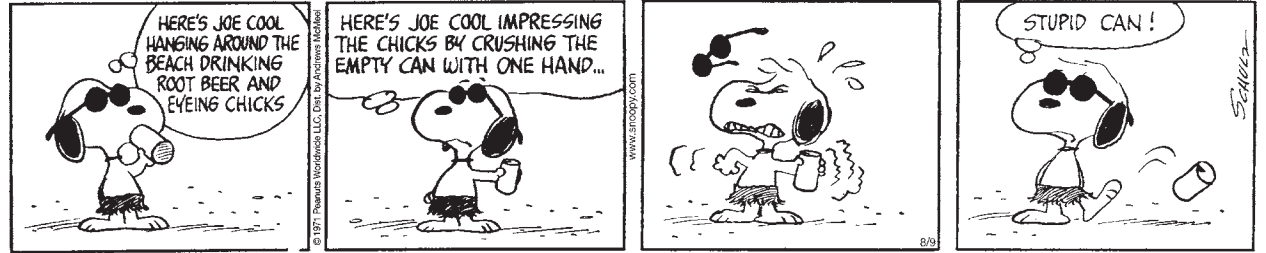
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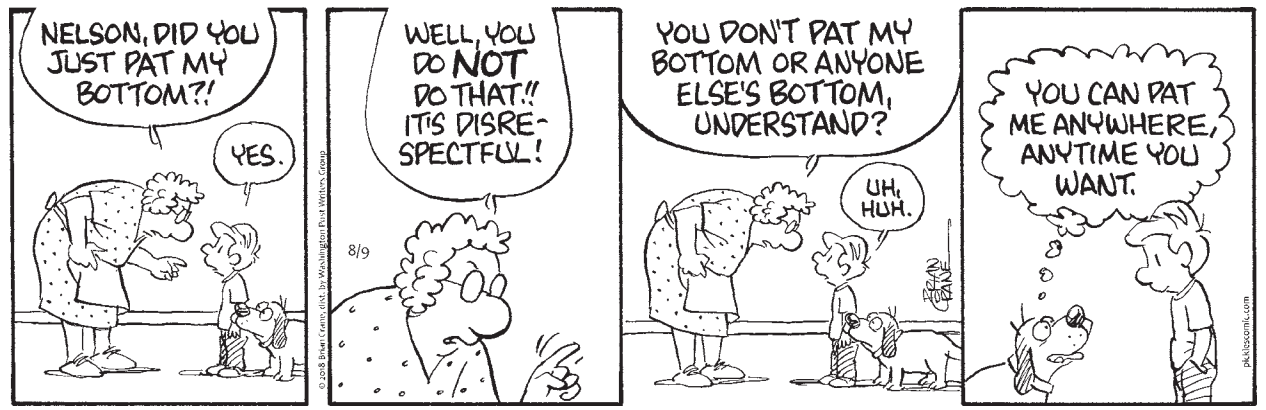
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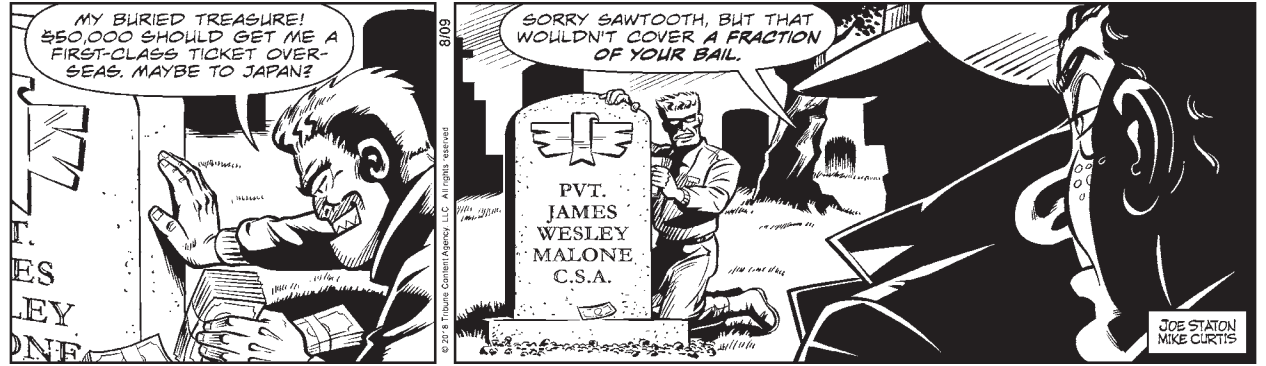
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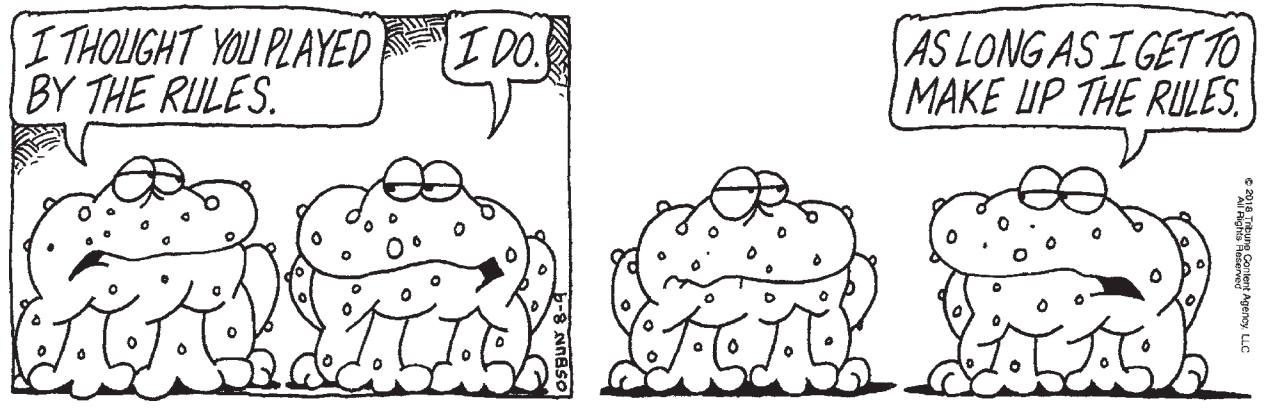
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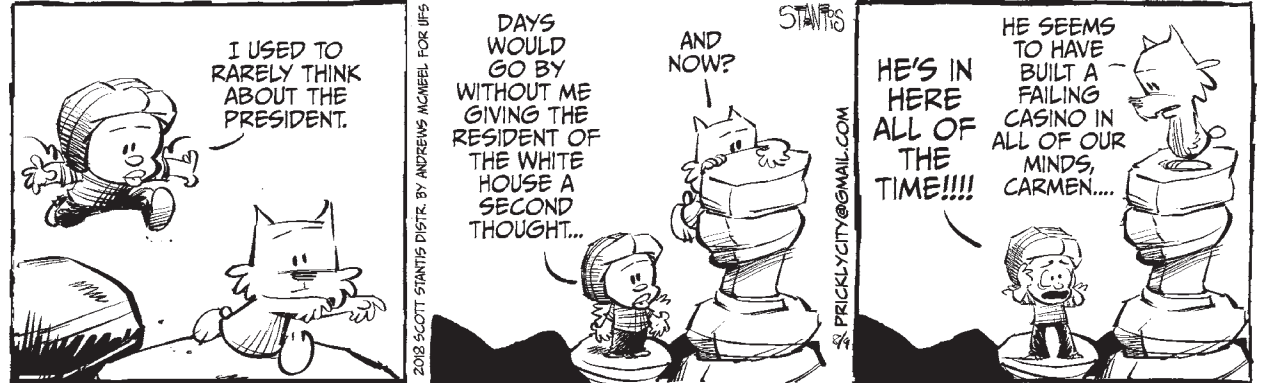
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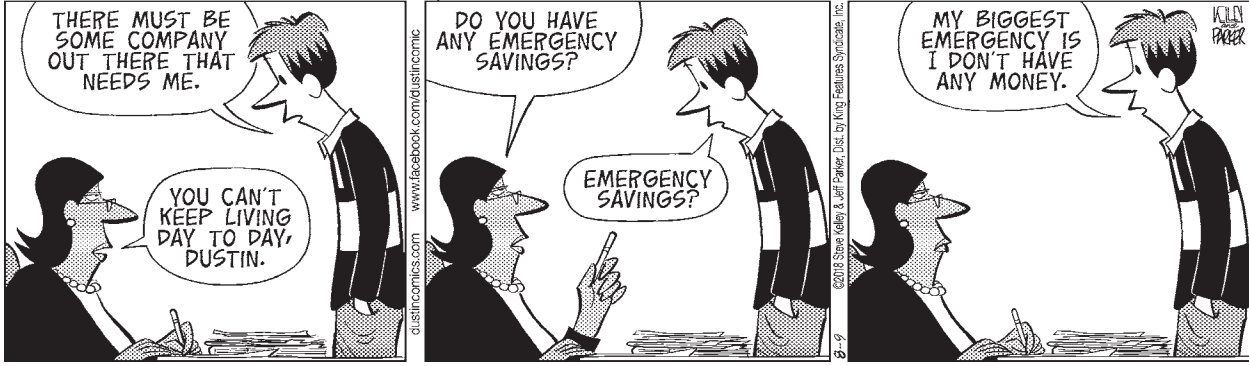
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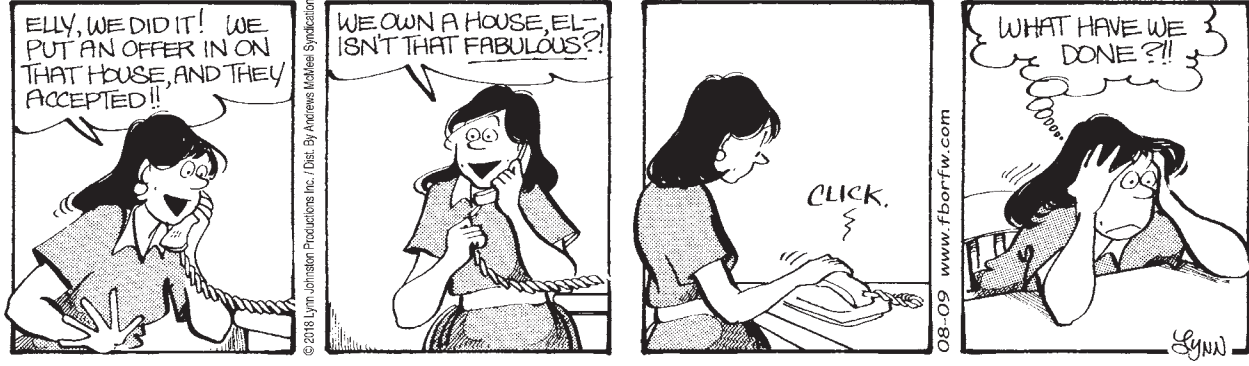
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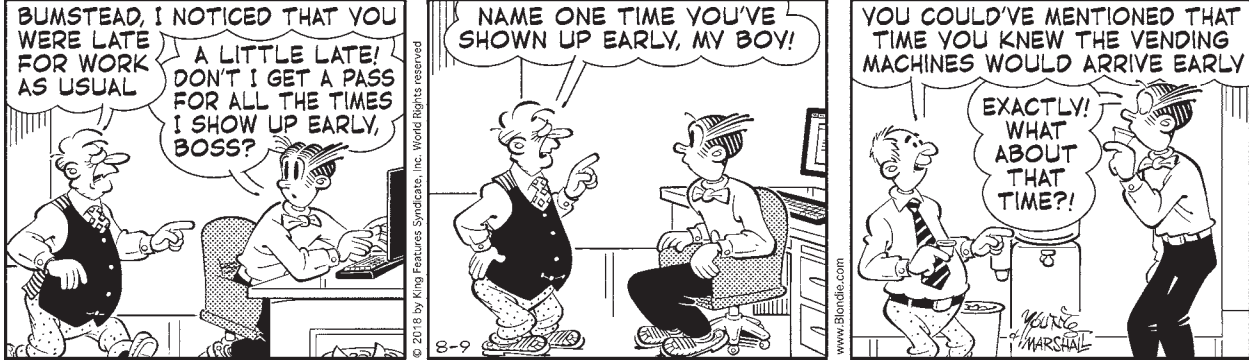
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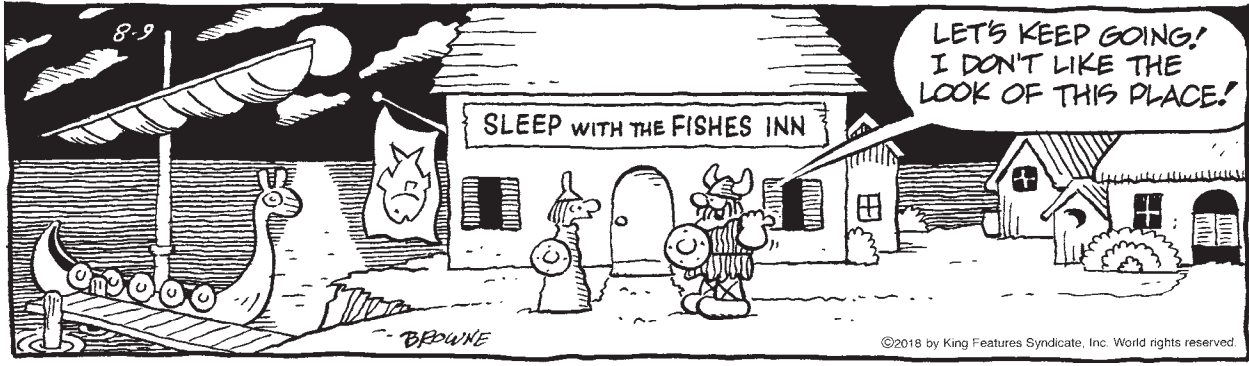
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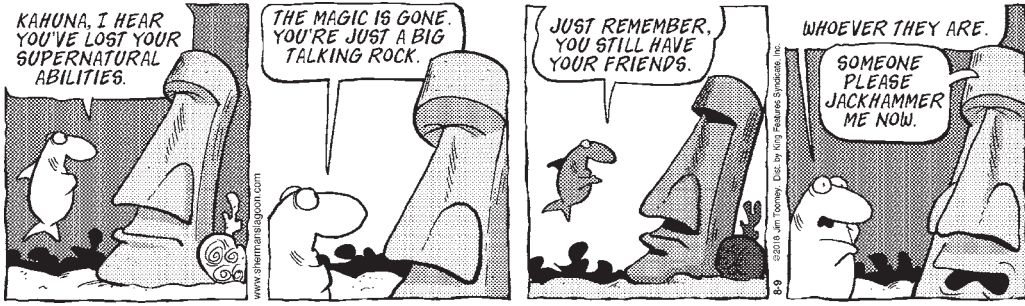
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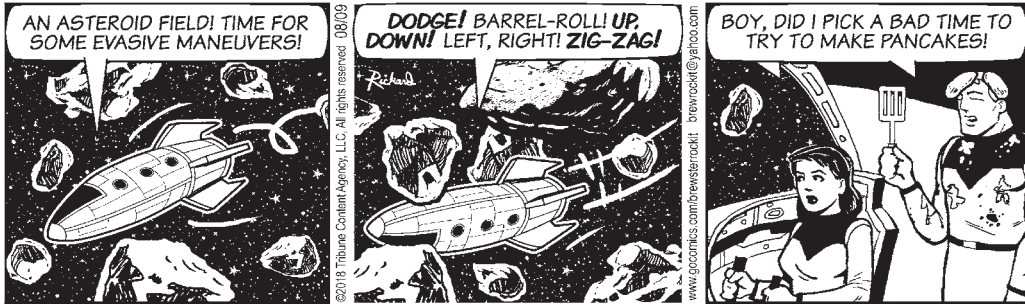
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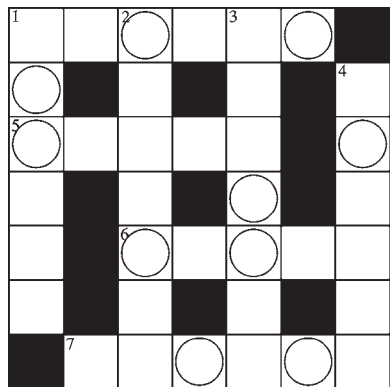


Trivia Bits

Which creature was symbolic of rebirth and immortality in ancient Egypt and ancient China?
 A) Albatross
 B) Beaver
 C) Cicada
 D) Spider

Wednesday's answer: Diamond is made of pure carbon.

Jumble Crossword



- ACROSS**
- 1. ___ team
 - 5. Nervous
 - 6. Proportion
 - 7. Quiet flyer
- DOWN**
- 1. Parody
 - 2. Self-
 - 3. Voted into office
 - 4. ___ pool
- ANSWER**
- ACROSS: CROCE, SEENT, ARIOT, LGDREI
 DOWN: TIERSA, RTNLCOO, LEDCTEE, NRODOI

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.

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 ANSWERS: 1-A-Soccer 5A-Timese 6A-Fratio 7A-Clider 1D-Gatine 1D-Gatine 1D-Gatine 2D-Control 3D-Elected 4D-Indoor B-Arctic Tern
 By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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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

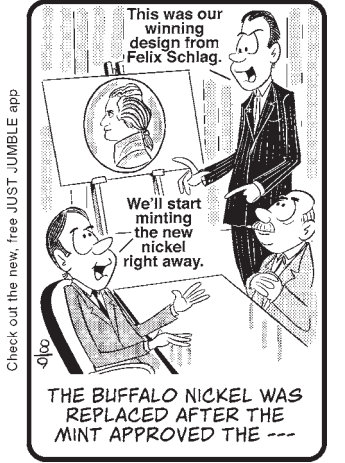
Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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Answer here

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Wednesday's answers

Jumbles: PARTY CHIVE VERSUS FILLET
 Answer: At one out away from a perfect game, the crowd's cheering reached a — FEVER PITCH

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Crossword

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- Across**
- 1 Kvetch's phrase
 - 9 Obstruct
 - 14 Military award phrase
 - 15 Cut out for marriage?
 - 16 Lombardy skiing destination
 - 18 Feed bit
 - 19 "Can I get a word in here?"
 - 20 Addams cousin
 - 22 One of many standing in a Mexican bar
 - 27 Merged comm. giant
 - 29 Large garden ornament
 - 30 Viewed warily
 - 31 Looks down on
 - 34 Gas ___
 - 36 Gene Autry Easter song critter
 - 46 Like -trix, at times: Abbr.
 - 47 Brief "I think"
 - 48 Carl Orff opus
 - 54 "Law & Order: ___"
 - 55 Boy of la casa
 - 56 Farmers' business: Abbr.
 - 58 Vacation spots found in each set of puzzle circles
 - 64 Stand out
 - 65 Behind closed doors
 - 66 Publicized showily
 - 67 Car named for a small warship
 - 84 "Spenser: For Hire" actor
 - 85 ___ particular order
 - 86 Student's backpack burden
 - 87 Econ. indicator
 - 88 Exec's accessory
 - 89 Sturdy fabric
 - 90 RR stop
 - 91 Copier need
 - 92 Jungian archetype
 - 93 Stir-fry staple
 - 94 Buddha statues, Japanese silk prints, etc.
 - 95 Periodic table suffix
 - 96 Celestial feline
 - 97 Carrier products, briefly
 - 98 Profuse
 - 99 Like some hillsides
 - 100 Ludicrous
 - 101 Array just before an odometer reaches 100,000
 - 102 "So?"
 - 103 ___ acid
 - 104 Family member
 - 105 Dele canceler
 - 106 Cup rim
 - 107 Eclectic musician Brian
 - 108 Original D&D company
 - 109 Prepare to drag
 - 110 Sault ___ Marie
- Down**
- 1 Many times o'er
 - 2 Pirate song snippet
 - 3 Classic circus adjective
 - 4 Site with clickable RSVPs
 - 5 Industrial-sized tank
 - 6 Helen Keller is on its st. quarter
 - 7 Brief chuckle
 - 8 Dry run
 - 9 Cygnus' brightest star
 - 10 Budget rival
 - 11 Gretchen of "Manchester by the Sea"
 - 12 Presumptuous
 - 13 Mortar's partner
 - 17 Revelation reaction
 - 21 "Chopped" host Allen
 - 23 Ice cream buy
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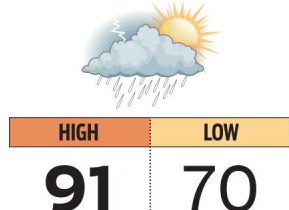
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THURSDAY, AUG. 9 NORMAL HIGH: 83° NORMAL LOW: 64° RECORD HIGH: 97° (1913) RECORD LOW: 51° (1972)

Muggy day could trigger gusty thunderstorms

LOCAL FORECAST



Strong/severe thunderstorms likely to erupt on a hot, muggy afternoon

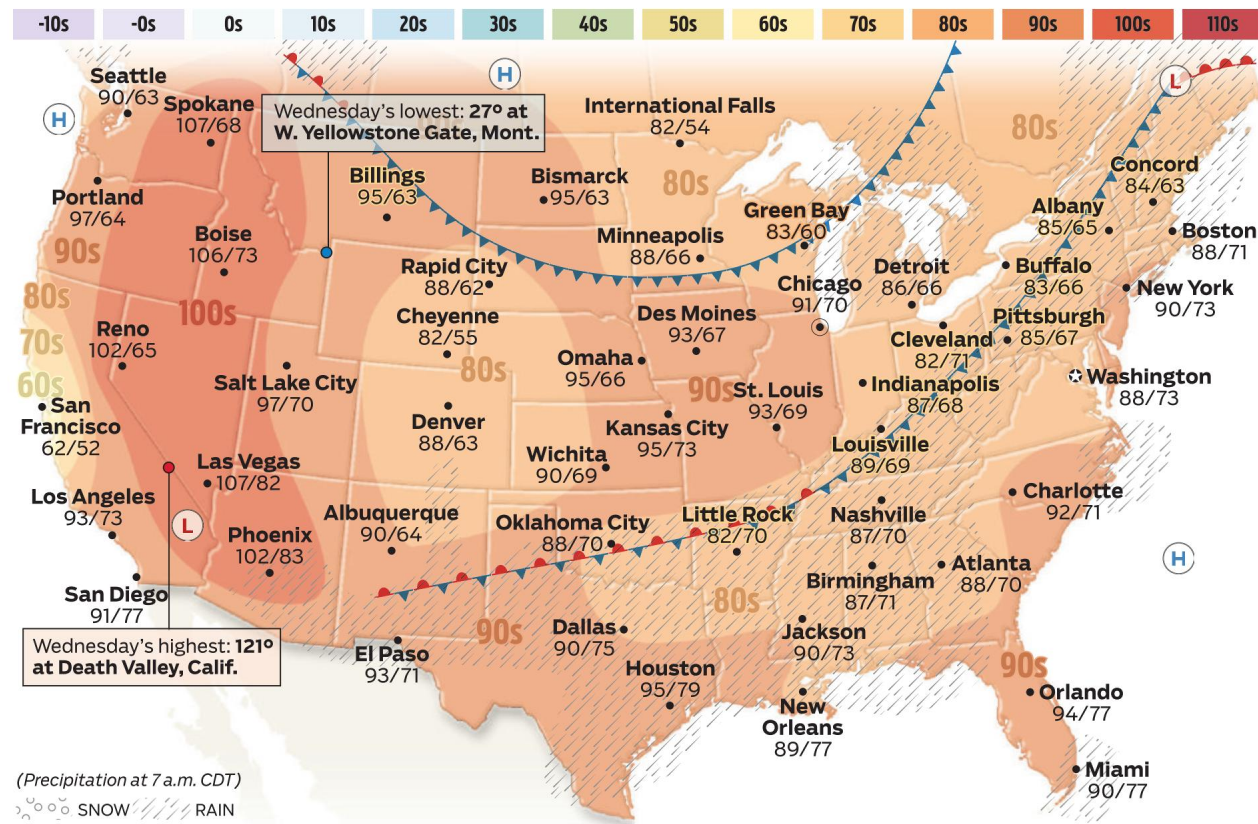
A sunny start, but sunshine gradually fades as cumulus clouds build and tower through the day.

Afternoon highs reach the lower 90s as west-southwest winds increase to 10-20 mph.

Thunderstorms develop in the afternoon affecting about half of the area. Some strong/severe storms with gusty winds and downpours.

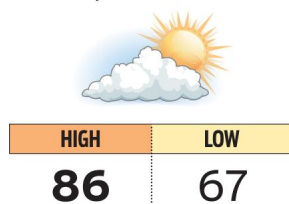
Storms exit early, then fair and warm. Lows around 70.

NATIONAL FORECAST



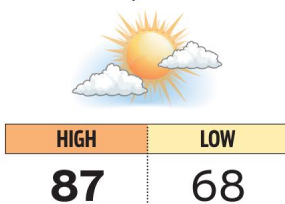
The Chicago area is poised to officially record its 19th 90 degree of the year Thursday as temperatures are expected to surge to the lower 90s.

FRIDAY, AUG. 10



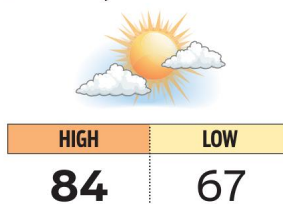
Partly sunny and warm with moderate humidity levels. Highs reach the middle 80s, but northeast winds hold lakeside locations close to 80.

SATURDAY, AUG. 11



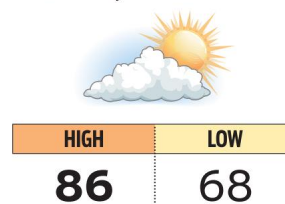
Warm weather continues under a sun/cloud mix. Moderately humid. Highs reach the middle/upper 80s, but lake breezes cool the beaches and immediate lakeshore.

SUNDAY, AUG. 12



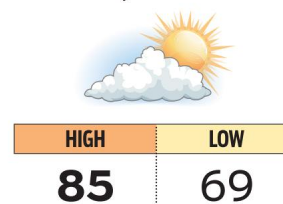
A near carbon copy of Saturday. Partly sunny with typical levels of summer warmth and humidity.

MONDAY, AUG. 13



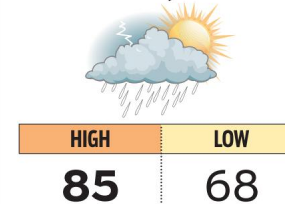
The string of mostly sunny and warm days continues. Another high in the middle 80s with lakeside cooling.

TUESDAY, AUG. 14

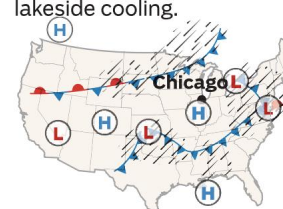


A sunny start to the day, but clouds increase in the afternoon and at night. Continued warm with slightly elevated humidity.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15



More clouds than sun. Warm and rather humid with an increasing risk of thunderstorms in the afternoon and evening.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom, What is Chicago's record heat index? My guess is around 120.

— Gary Janssen, Elk Grove Village

Dear Gary, You are close, but it is even higher. Chicago's highest heat index, while not official because it was recorded at Midway Airport, stands at 125 degrees.

Write to: ASK TOM 2501 W. Bradley Place Chicago, IL 60618 asktomwhy@wgnv.com

WGN-TV meteorologists Steve Kahn, Richard Koeneman, Paul Merzlock and Paul Dailey, plus Bill Snyder, contribute to this page.

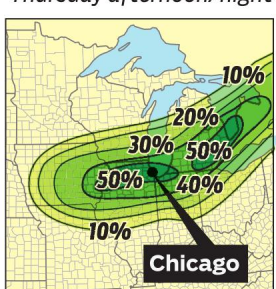
Unstable atmosphere leads to strong storms Thursday

THURSDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING

Storms to blossom in Thursday's heat and humidity

Precipitation probability Thursday afternoon/night

STORM PREDICTION CENTER SEVERE WEATHER RISK

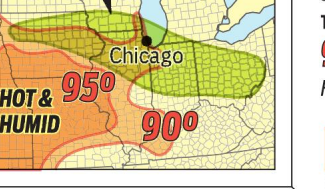


CHICAGO PRECIPITATION PROBABILITIES

Table with columns for Days (7AM-7PM, Nights 7PM-7AM) and Precipitation Probabilities for Thursday through Monday.

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

Corridor of highest atmospheric water content



EXPLOSIVE THURSDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING ATMOSPHERE

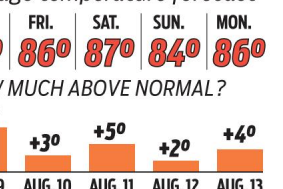
Faster than usual vertical temp drop with height

Moisture converges on storms

AHEAD THURSDAY

Chicago to log its 19th 90+ temperature

Chicago temperature forecast



A WARM 2018 SEASON

Number of 90+ to-date



CHICAGO DIGEST

Table of Wednesday temperatures at various Chicago locations.

Table of Chicago precipitation for 2018 compared to normal.

Table of Thursday sunburn forecast by time of day.

Table of lake Michigan conditions for Thursday and Friday.

Table of Wednesday peak pollen levels for various plants.

Table of Thursday planet watch with rise and set times for Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn.

Table of Chicago air quality for Wednesday and Thursday's forecast.

Table of Thursday rise/set times for the Sun and Moon.

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Chicago Tribune HOMES

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How to fix small cracks in brick veneer that leaks when it rains **PAGE 6**



Pampered guests

Weekend home built for family and friends to relax, recharge and have fun **PAGE 4**



NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE INSIDE



Upgrade your toilet seat: Ready for a bathroom refresh? Consider slow-closing toilet seats. Slow-closing seats are often called anti-slam seats because the seat and lid are designed to close gently. Even if pushed too quickly, a slow-closing seat is designed with controlled-fall technology to help avoid the usual slamming issues.

Many of the seats are built with solid plastic and can be removed easily from the bowl for fast cleaning. Some slow-close seats even include a night light, which could be a boon for little ones using the bathroom at night.

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FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

How to let more natural light into your home

BY BRANDON PURDUM
HomeAdvisor

When natural light has the freedom to flow through your home, it not only gives new life to the neglected nooks, corners and crannies throughout your interior space, it provides an all new window into your home's hidden potential. Adding a little daylight can go a long way toward brightening dark rooms, revitalizing your home's interior and even recharging your mood.

Here are a few ideas for unleashing the power of natural light in your home.

Walk your home.

Where is your home's natural light coming from? Which areas or rooms could use a bit more? A room-to-room assessment can provide you with a better sense of your home's natural light sources — windows, glass doors and skylights — as well as those spots that could use a sun-powered boost.

As you walk your home, be sure to note any large plants or furniture preventing outside light from making the maximum impact. You might be surprised how quickly a little rearranging can transform a dusty, under-lit space into a delightful, beckoning backdrop.

Check your window treatments.

Dark shades and heavy curtains create havoc in spaces in desperate need of daylight. Consider replacing these treatments



DREAMSTIME

Natural light can brighten not only your home's interior but also your mood.

with lighter, breezier colors and materials that better disperse natural light across dark rooms. A new window dressing may be what you need not only to capture more of the sun's cleansing rays, but also to transform that boring bathroom, bedroom or kitchen into a brighter, more inviting indoor space.

Pull out the paintbrush.

A new coat of paint can really perk up those spaces thirsting for a bit of sunlight. Painting dark walls with reflective, light-friendly colors gives daylight more room to roam. Lighter paint can also provide a powerful design element that contrasts with any dark furniture, doors and trim that make your space unique. Neutral colors like white, tan and

gray have broad design potential and tend to work best for improving a room's natural light.

Get glassy.

Replacing solid wood entry and passageway doors with glass doors can be a great way to move more natural light through your home. For those areas that could really benefit from a bigger splash of sunlight — stairwells, entryways and hallways — a new glass door could be a godsend, transforming what was once a shadowy staircase or lackluster landing into a warm and welcoming home interior transition.

And for areas where security and privacy are paramount, frosted and tinted glass doors provide more light without sacrificing privacy, allowing you to

rejuvenate a lifeless bathroom without inviting unwanted attention.

Look to the sky.

Is your kitchen craving the spotlight? With a new skylight above your countertops, you can turn that ordinary, run-of-the-mill space into the conversation-starting centerpiece it was always meant to be. Skylights provide your home direct, daylong access to natural light in ways few other methods can, enhancing atmosphere and adding character.

Skylights are available in three main types — fixed, ventilating and tubular — and can range from \$900 to \$2,300 to install. A local skylight pro can help you determine the type and size that best suits your home.

FINDS

Modern yet playful nurseries

BY MEGAN MCDONOUGH | The Washington Post



Splurge: Feather mobile by Hotchkiss (guggenheimstore.org), left. Save: Moon phase mobile (urbanoutfitters.com).



Splurge: Nursery Works Vetro crib in clear (2modern.com), left. Save: Sloan acrylic convertible crib in simply white (pottterybarnkids.com).



Splurge: Clemente wall light in black and brass (circalighting.com), left. Save: Aj wall sconce in black (houzz.com).

Nursery design has come a long way from pastel pinks, blues and yellows. Now home designers are mixing in fresh, modern patterns and whimsical accents alongside their nursery's safe, stylish and functional furniture.

Modern nurseries should be "simple, yet youthful, with a sense of play," says Edyta Czajkowska, an interior designer and founder of Chicago-based Edyta & Co. "I prefer bright, clean walls as the base. Look to items like art, lighting and rugs to infuse color and personality. Furnishings should be clean and simple, offering the highest level of function, while tying the room's design together." Here are a few of Czajkowska's top nursery picks.



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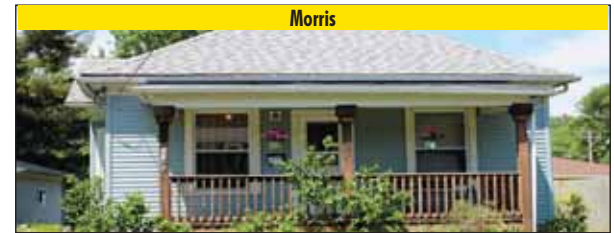
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Pampering, partying and one big pool

Weekend home, made to entertain, has feel of a resort

BY JURA KONCIUS
The Washington Post

In a shingle-style home about a mile from the boardwalk in Rehoboth Beach, Del., there's usually a house party going on.

The weekend home of Washingtonians Shawn Evans and Joe Petrone is designed for friends and family to relax, recharge and have fun. With seven bedrooms, seven bathrooms, three kitchens and a never-ending stream of music, the place is styled to entertain a crowd.

The goal is "to have our guests feel transported to a luxury resort, making them feel pampered in subtle ways," Evans says. "We appeal to their senses with great food and drink, good tunes and fresh flowers," things few people have time to focus on in their day-to-day lives.

The 4,800-square-foot home has a U-shaped design centering on a pool (with water usually at 85 degrees). A folding glass wall leads from the pool into a 30-by-30-foot great room lined with linen slip-covered sofas. You can not only put your feet up on the 5-by-7-foot whitewashed wood coffee table, you can dance on it. (It's happened.) This room opens into the main kitchen, where a large marble island and eight chairs beckon guests to hang out or help shuck the corn.

"Every home has a heartbeat. In our house it's this courtyard, where the pool and great room join. That's where life happens," says Petrone, who grew up in Puerto Rico, where this style of airy, breezy architecture is popular. "We eat, we talk and we tell stories."

Evans, 49, a designer who owns suburban design firm P Four, and husband Petrone, 57, a real estate



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The heart of the home: a courtyard where the pool and great room join. "That's where life happens," says Joe Petrone.



Shawn Evans and Petrone's coastal Delaware weekend spot has features of a New England-style shingle home.

agent with Monument Sotheby's International Realty, are expert hosts who strategize meals and party plans in advance so they can also enjoy their time at the beach about 120 miles east of Washington.

The exterior was inspired by New England coastal-style shingled houses, says Greg Sparhawk of GPS Designs Architecture, who worked with P Four on the project.

"They wanted a space that was wide-open, with indoor-outdoor living," Sparhawk says. "They asked for something that allowed for different levels of entertaining both large and small groups."

The main floor has the great room, dining room, main kitchen, prep kitchen, butler's pantry and bar, master bedroom and bathroom, a guest room and bath, mudroom and pool



The dining room seats 12 to host an abundance of guests.

bathroom. The second level has four bedrooms and three bathrooms. There's also a one-bedroom apartment over the garage.

The furniture Evans envisioned in the two-story great room dictated the room's size. Evans told Sparhawk they wanted to install two very long sofas and other seating to accommodate about 15 people. The dining room table had to seat 12.

The master bedroom on the main floor has an indoor-outdoor shower lined with gray river rocks. The guest bedrooms and baths include amenities such as Turkish bath towels. There are often scented candles burning. There are no clocks or TVs in any of the bedrooms. "People come here to be together," Evans says. "We want them to disconnect."

The soundtrack in the

home changes throughout the day to match the mood of the hour. "It's all about creating the experience," Evans says. "We often start with Sirius 'Coffee House.'" Later in the day, as people move to the pool area, they might turn on the satellite radio's "Chill" or "Yacht Rock" channels. "The key to everything we do here is making sure we provide a place for friends and family to relax," Petrone says.

And then there is the food and drink. Guests can help themselves to cucumber-infused ice water throughout the day. Breakfast is set up in the catering kitchen for whenever they choose to wake up. They can brew an espresso and grab scones arranged in a glass-domed cake stand, or maybe score a shrimp, corn and spinach frittata. For lunch, two pizza ovens serve the make-your-own-pizza bar, which includes homegrown herbs. Dinner is often a group activity and could be fish tacos and watermelon and feta salad. Cooking together with guests, Evans says, "ends up being some of the most memorable times we have."

If guests decide to leave the compound (a tough call) and head to the beach or boardwalk, Evans and Petrone have a fleet of 10 bikes, or guests can hitch a ride on one of their two white Vespas. (There are also three paddleboards and four skim boards available.)

Though they use the house all year, Evans and Petrone look forward to the start of the summer season. Usually, they kick off with 200 guests at a Memorial Day weekend "white party." They might toss some floating orbs into the pool or hang clusters of white parasols in the courtyard.

"Everyone wears white," Evans says. "It's a wonderful Saturday afternoon." Next year they're thinking about hiring synchronized swimmers. In white bathing suits, of course.



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HOME REMEDIES

Wise designs for mudrooms

BY PAUL F.P. POGUE
Angie's List

A mudroom is one of those household additions that delivers exactly what it promises, but it's more than just a spot to keep outside dirt and mud from getting into your home. Mudrooms were originally envisioned as a place for those in cold climates to shed their heavy winter gear. But given the right organization, you can create a convenient staging area for coats, backpacks and more. Consider these elements to combine form and function when designing your mudroom.

Focus on organization.

A mudroom is generally small, so plan carefully to make the best use of your space. It should be a command center for your and your kids' stuff. A small seating area, cabinets, wall cubbies, hooks and other storage features help you keep everything organized whether you're going in or out.

Consider organizational options that serve multiple purposes, such as a bench with storage underneath for boots and shoes.

Structure your mudroom around the things you usually wear or take when you leave your home. You can switch out gear every few months based on seasonal needs.

Consider placing some of the most important, last-minute things for going out the door, such as hats and gloves, in a wire basket hanging at eye level. You'll find it easier to remember, and a see-through basket means you won't need to sort through it.

If you have the space, give every family member their own coat hook, basket or cubby labeled with their name. It's a lot easier to keep track of things when everything has its place. This will also make your entry and exit routines that much less frantic. Be sure to place the kids' hooks and cubbies within easy reach. If you have pets, don't forget a spot for a leash and water bowl!

Add sturdy elements. A mudroom is a heavy-duty room, so make sure the fixtures and flooring can stand up to what's needed. Slate and dark tile are both durable and easy to clean

— an important element in a mudroom! If you live in a climate with heavy winters, that mudroom is particularly useful in quarantining ice, snow and salt.

Make sure the door between the mudroom and the rest of the house is energy-efficient and well-sealed. You want to make sure outside air stays safely in that room.

Mudrooms can save money. You'll add years to the lifespan of your carpets and flooring by keeping dirt and grime away from them. You'll also save yourself the hassle of having to mop the floor or clean the carpet quite as often! And because it provides that buffer zone between the outdoors and your main living area, you'll save energy keeping the house heated or air-conditioned.

You can establish a makeshift mudroom yourself by placing organizational elements near your entrance, garage or laundry area. If you want a professional to construct a specific mudroom, costs will vary depending on your needs, but expect to pay at least \$1,500 as a starting point.

Are yews going yellow? They're likely drowning.

BY TIM JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

About 10 years ago, I planted several upright yews to provide privacy in my garden. A couple of them have gotten thin and are showing some yellowing in the foliage. This has come on over the last few weeks. I did observe some water pooling (about 4 inches deep) around these plants during one of the heavy rainstorms in spring. Any advice?

— Tim Webber, Highland Park



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Yews don't do well when grown in wet sites. If they are yellowing and thinning, that's a sign of too much water.

Your yews are likely suffering because of the large amount of rain that fell over a period of several weeks during spring. (One big storm over a couple of days is unlikely to create enough stress on your yews for them to start suffering.) I have been seeing many yellowing and thinning yews in home gardens this year — a sign of too much water.

Yews (*Taxus*) are sensitive to wet and poorly drained soils, and the ones that are struggling in your garden happen to be in the area where you noticed pooling water. If your garden soil has a high clay content, then the spring rains this year would have compounded the problem of wet soil and put stress on the yews. If the bed is flat, the water can pool and create even more prolonged wet soil conditions.

When yews are planted in a site that is too wet, they will lose vigor and gradually start to turn yellow. If the wet conditions persist, the yellow color will continue to deepen and then turn brown as the plants die. Even established yews can decline and eventually die if the site they are growing in starts getting too much water on a consistent basis, which happened to your yews this spring.

An extended period of unusually rainy weather can finish off a yew that has been slowly declining over a period of time because of overwatering or other stress factors like being planted too deep. If noticed soon enough, a yew that has been planted too deeply may recover if raised up and planted at the proper depth. Since your yews are fully established and large, it may not be practical to try to raise them. If planted at the proper depth, you should be able to see the trunk flares — the area where the trunks widen out and transition to the root system at the soil surface level. Low branches emerging from the ground are a sign that a yew is planted too deep.

There may not be much that you can do to help your yews other than being careful not to water them when you water any adjacent plants. Try to do some regrading to direct the water away from the yews, though this may not be possible if the yard is mostly level in that area of your garden. Any established shade trees in the area will be stressed by grade changes that affect their root systems. The

yews may recover on their own, provided there are not any prolonged rainy periods like there were this past spring. As long as there is still some green foliage throughout your yews, there is a good chance that they will recover over time. If all the foliage is yellowing and the yellow color continues to progress, then it is very likely your trees will die.

If you need to replace your yews, you can try planting the replacements high and adding soil around them to "mound" them up a bit and help keep them out of standing water in the future. There are many other plants that will be able to adapt to these conditions in your garden — the challenge, though, is finding an evergreen. I was able to successfully replace some declining yews in a wet growing site along the foundation of a house with a cultivar of arborvitae (*Thuja occidentalis*). Western red cedar cultivars (*Thuja plicata*) are also worth consideration.

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How to stop a leaking brick wall

Be proactive about filling in cracks to boost rain defense

BY TIM CARTER
Tribune Content Agency

Q: Help me, Tim! When a blowing rain lashes my brick veneer home, water streams down over the inside of my foundation in the basement. I thought brick was waterproof. What's happening? Is there a way to minimize or eliminate the water from entering my home? What could have been done to prevent this nightmare?

A: A brick facade offers no structural support. Unfortunately, the Three Little Pigs fable has helped foster the perception that brick homes are resistant to huffing and puffing. It's possible to build a brick veneer home that doesn't allow water inside your home, but it requires a vast amount of attention to detail.

Your brick is leaking because of micro-cracks that exist where the mortar touches the brick. The shorter vertical mortar joints are much more susceptible to water infiltration than the horizontal mortar joints.

Water leakage is usually not an issue in a gentle rain shower. The wind-driven rain that pelts the brick is where the issue mushrooms. The pressure of the wind blasting the brick forces water into the micro-cracks. Each successive raindrop that crashes against the brick is like a miniature hammer that pounds the previous drop farther into the brick.

Soon water is streaming down the backside of the brick where



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Wind-driven rain can enter a brick wall through small cracks along the edges of mortar joints. Steps can be taken to improve water resistance.

it's less than an inch away from the wood framing of your home. You can see why it's imperative to have a waterproof membrane covering the wood framing to protect it from liquid water.

The water that flows to the bottom of the brick must be captured by a flashing. This water needs to be redirected to the outside of the house in a continuous pathway that's immune from getting clogged by the mortar as the bricklayers install the brick.

Your best bet at minimizing water infiltration at this point is to inspect the brick for any large holes or cracks where the mortar touches the brick. Repair those with new mortar that's made using hydrated lime and fine silica sand.

The second step is to apply two coats of a silane/siloxane solvent-based water repellent to the face of the brick. You need a helper to do this. The helper wears a backpack leaf blower and blasts the wall with air as you spray on the water repellent. This air forces the liquid deep into the brick to help block water pathways.

I've got all sorts of extra brick veneer water leak tips and videos at my website waiting for you. Just go to go.askthebuilder.com/brickleaks.

Q: I'm embarrassed about this question, Tim. What's really the best way to cut drywall? It would seem to me that a power circular saw would create a wonderful straight

line. How do you cut straight lines in drywall as well as curved lines?

A: There's no such thing as an embarrassing or silly question. Everyone has to start somewhere, and I remember cutting my first piece of drywall.

The pros use a sharp razor knife to score one side of the paper face on a sheet of drywall. When you apply pressure to the other face of the drywall panel just behind the score mark, the sheet of drywall snaps quite cleanly in a straight line.

The key is to have a sharp razor that cuts through all the paper and into the gypsum core about 1/8-inch in one pass. Be very careful the knife doesn't slip and cut any other part of your body that

might be in the way.

A circular saw creates massive clouds of dust and should be avoided. Small hand-held human-powered plunge saws are a great tool to cut curves, circles and rectangular holes. Electric rotary saws with special high-speed bits that have cutting edges on the bits are what pros use to cut these curves, circles and holes.

You can get special small, dull plunge blades that fit on electric reciprocating saws to cut drywall on walls and ceilings. The dull nature of the blade helps to prevent cuts in hidden wires and pipes.

I've got videos and extra tips for cutting drywall at go.askthebuilder.com/cutdrywall.

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Celebrate autumn in a luxurious new home

Choices abound for quick move-in homes in popular neighborhoods

Homebuyers who want to move up to a larger, more luxurious home or transition to a more right-sized home have many choices for quick move-in homes in some of suburban Chicagoland's most popular addresses.

According to the National Association of Home Builders, a healthy housing market and a robust economy are driving buyer confidence. Traditionally, buyers who want to move into a new home for the New Year choose late summer as the time to buy. Following is a sampling of impressive home choices:

Shodeen Homes

Shodeen Homes offers homes for quick move-in in popular communities including Norton Lake in Campton Hills, Reston Ponds in Sycamore, Blackberry Creek and Elburn Station in Elburn. In addition, an impressive home is offered for immediate move-in at Mill Creek, the award-winning Geneva community that has been named the "Best Overall Community in the Midwest" by the National Association of Home Builders and Professional Builder Magazine. Mill Creek includes more than 900 acres of open space, with a community center and pool, 36 holes of golf on two courses, trails, parks, preserved wetlands, two elementary schools, two churches, and a Village Center with retail, office space and rental apartments.

"This is an exceptional opportunity because Mill Creek is essentially sold out," says Jeremy Lund, sales manager. "This impressive two-story home, with its soaring ceilings and plentiful natural light, features an open concept floor plan with a two-story great room, upgraded gourmet kitchen, first-floor master bedroom, first-floor in-law suite, and site overlooking the scenic 4th hole of the golf course."

Featuring the popular Donovan design, this home at 05070 Forbes Drive includes 2,748 square feet of space with five bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths, full basement and three-car attached garage, priced at \$549,900. It is served by the excellent Geneva 304 School District.

Toll Brothers — Tanglewood Hills in Batavia

At Tanglewood Hills, a pool and clubhouse community in the rolling hills of Batavia, buyers can choose from two upscale single-family homes including a ranch and a two-story plan. The two-story Duke Lexington is ready for immediate move-in, while the Audubon Manor ranch is set for October move-in before the holidays. Amenities include the clubhouse, pool and tennis club, parks and trails. Top-rated Batavia District 101 schools serve the community.

"These homes are ideal for the buyer who is seeking a home that makes a memorable statement," says Victoria Ringhausen, sales representative. "Tanglewood Hills is an established community that is considered the most prestigious in Batavia, and buyers will appreciate its peaceful natural setting and convenience to the Randall Road corridor and I-88."

The Duke Lexington is a 4,900-square-foot home with five bedrooms, five baths, full basement, and three-car sideload garage, priced at \$724,995. Highlights include a gourmet kitchen, two-story great room with fireplace, first-floor bedroom and second-floor master suite.

The Audubon Manor ranch for October delivery includes 3,200 square feet of elegant living space with three bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths, full basement and three-car split garage, priced at \$599,995.

Highlights include a rotunda with art niches, family room with coffered ceiling and fireplace, gourmet kitchen with coffered ceiling, formal dining room and study, master bedroom with deluxe bath, and screened-in porch.

Harbor Shores Resort

Harbor Shores Resort is located on



Homes such as this Duke Lexington at Tanglewood Hills in Batavia are available for quick delivery.

Lake Michigan at the confluence of the St. Joseph and Paw Paw Rivers near the towns of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph. The 530-acre master-planned community centers on a scenic Jack Nicklaus Signature Design Golf Course, home site of the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship each year through 2024. Other attractions include the Inn and Spa at Harbor Shores Resort, a 92-room hotel that hosts special events, a 60-slip deep water marina on Lake Michigan and five sand beaches within walking distance.

Harbor Village, the newest and largest of several neighborhoods at Harbor Shores Resort, will include 78 homes, including 30 single-family homes and 48 attached townhomes and rowhomes on 11 acres. Harbor Village is just a short walk from the Inn and some homes have golf course views. A neighborhood 2,000-square-foot clubhouse is also being constructed with amenities including an outdoor pool, fire pit, gathering room with fireplace and commercial kitchen.

"Vacation home buyers as well as year-round residents are finding that Harbor Village offers an unparalleled opportunity for recreation and the relaxing proximity of natural beauty," says Kerry Wright, sales



Harbor Village at Harbor Shores Resort includes 78 homes.

manager. "The Cottage Court homes offer one-level living, yet with plenty of space for family and friends."

Scheduled for move-in this November, the Cottage Court homes are 2,400-square-foot residences arranged in groups of five homes around an inner courtyard. These designs feature open concept floor plans, first-floor master bedrooms plus three bedrooms and media room upstairs, two-and-a-half baths, sunroom, patio and two-car garage plus lavishly landscaped courtyard spaces, priced from \$425,000.

For more information, visit shodeenhomes.com, tollbrothers.com and harborshoresresort.com.

NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE

La Grange family finds a sweet retreat at Harbor Shores Resort

Swimming, hiking, bicycling — these are just a few of the favorite activities that the Wysocki family enjoy when at their vacation home at Harbor Shores Resort in southwest Michigan.

Residents of the southwest suburban town of La Grange, the Wysocki family has owned their vacation home at Harbor Shores Resort for six years and have made a wealth of memories with their four children during that time.

"We chose to build a four bedroom home with a bonus room in the Hideaway wooded riverfront neighborhood, which gives us plenty of space for our children, Naomi, Maevie, Charlotte and Ian, as well as our guests," Nicole says. "I grew up in beautiful Colorado and I appreciate the Midwestern version of beauty in the St. Joseph-Benton Harbor area. This is an ideal place for an active family to vacation. The amenities here are exceptional and it is less than two hours from our Chicago area home. We can use our vacation home all year round and participate in our favorite winter sports too."

Being developed by Evergreen Development, Harbor Shores Resort is lo-

cated on Lake Michigan at the confluence of the St. Joseph and Paw Paw Rivers near the towns of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph. It is a 530-acre master-planned community highlighted by a scenic Jack Nicklaus Signature Design Golf Course, home site of the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship each year through 2024. Other attractions include the Inn and Spa at Harbor Shores Resort, a 92-room hotel that hosts special events, a 60-slip deep water marina on Lake Michigan and five sand beaches within walking distance.

"Our family really likes to go to the beautiful sand beaches that appeal to our children, regardless of age," Nicole says. "Our neighborhood also has a pool and clubhouse so we can swim there as a change of pace. We also visit the nearby parks and one of our favorite activities is walking the beach, especially at sunset time."

"We are enthusiastic bicyclists and hikers and we can use the 12 miles of trails

within the community or the quiet country roads in the area. The children like riding scooters, and the older children kayak with us in the Paw Paw River which runs by our home. My husband Rob plays golf at the resort course and we often visit the nearby Warren Dunes State Park. There is so much to do here, but we also like to take time to simply relax and enjoy a change from the everyday world back home," she says.

"In addition to the many things to do at Harbor Shores Resort, there are additional attractions in the nearby towns," Nicole says. We can visit the variety of shops, restaurants, wineries and breweries plus farmers markets in St. Joseph, Benton Harbor and South Haven. There are many special events taking place both at the resort and in the neighboring towns, so the opportunities for fun are virtually endless. Since the trip to our vacation home is so convenient, we can use it all year round, and this is a friendly place where it is easy to make friends and enjoy our neighbors."

Interested buyers can take advantage of the Harbor Shores Resort Discovery Package. The Harbor Shores Resort



Nicole and Rob Wysocki and their children enjoy their home at Harbor Shores Resort in Michigan.

Discovery Package enables visitors to meet with Resident Ambassadors who can provide valuable insights into the community. The \$299 package includes overnight accommodations for two at The Inn at Harbor Shores, dinner at the inviting Plank's Tavern and a choice of activities such as two rounds of golf or a spa experience. For more information, call 269-932-1600 or visit harborshoresresort.com.



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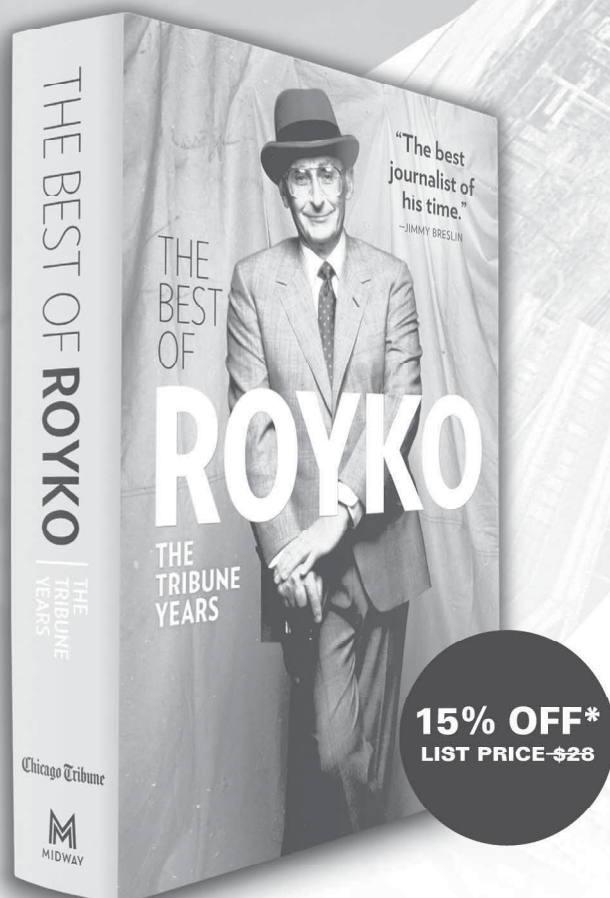
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