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FBI raids home of ex-top Madigan aide

Scrutiny of speaker's former political operative and alderman's brother comes amid probe of City Hall

By JASON MEISNER AND RAY LONG

Federal agents have raided the Far South Side home of Kevin Quinn, a former top political operative for House Speaker Michael Madigan and brother of the 13th Ward alderman, the Tribune has learned.

The FBI executed a search warrant in mid-May at Quinn's home in the 10300 block of South California Avenue in the West Beverly neighborhood, according to three sources familiar with the investigation.

It's unclear what information the agents were seeking or whether the raid stemmed from Quinn's past work with Madigan's powerful political organization. One source, however, told the Tribune federal agents had shown interest in computers and electronic equipment.

No charges have been filed against Quinn, 43, who could not be reached Wednesday. Messages left for Madigan's spokesman and lawyer were not returned.

The raid on Quinn's home comes amid ongoing corruption probes at City Hall,

including the bombshell racketeering indictment filed late last month against Ald. Edward Burke, the council's longest-serving member who was accused of using his clout to steer business to his private law firm. Burke has pleaded not guilty.

Ex-Ald. Daniel Solis was revealed to have been wearing a wire for the FBI for two years as part of the Burke probe but has not been charged.

A 2016 FBI search warrant affidavit filed as part of the Solis investigation detailed an alleged effort by Solis to send legal work to Madigan from an undisclosed businessman seeking to develop a hotel in Chinatown.



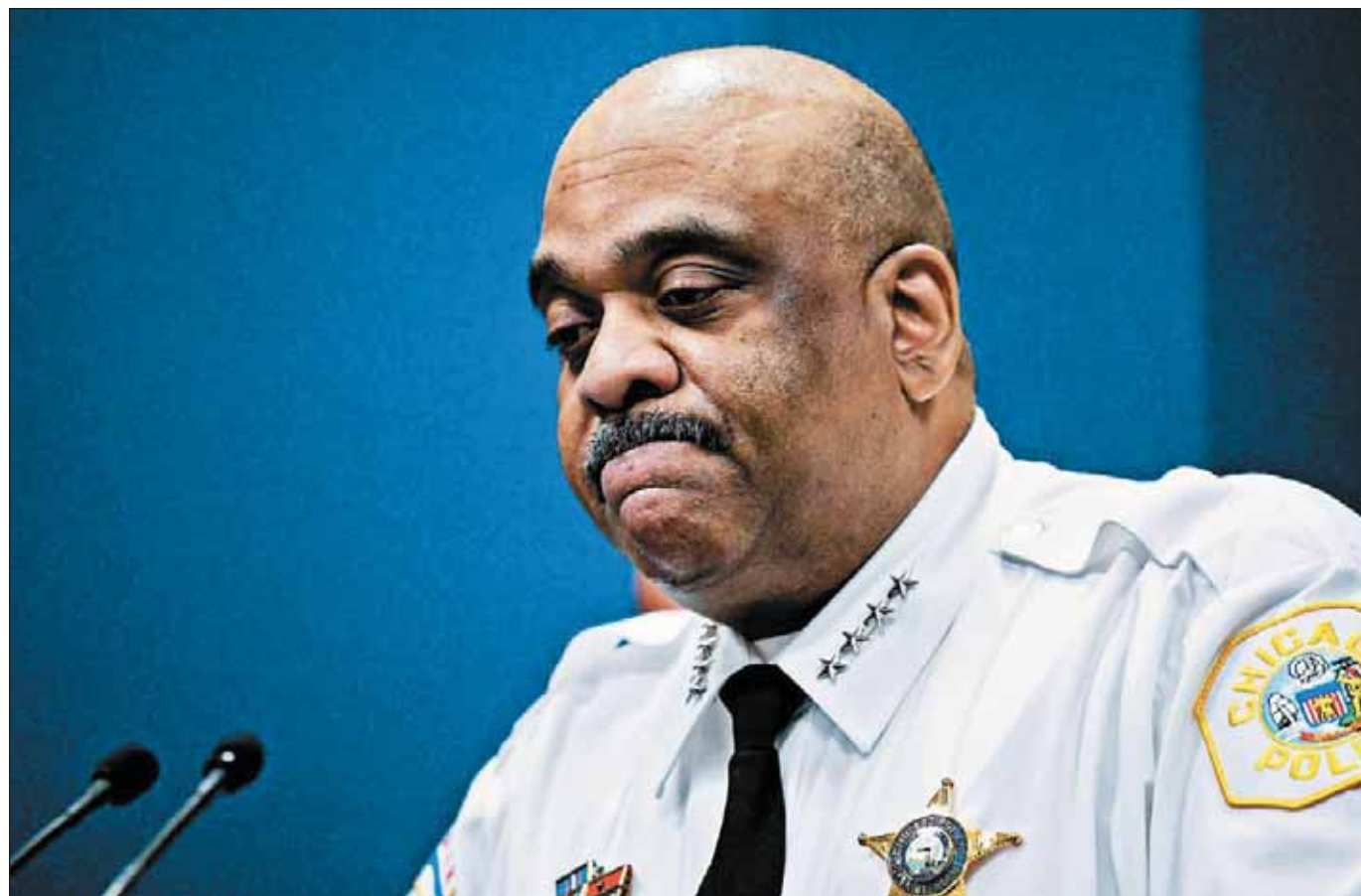
Kevin Quinn

Madigan, who was secretly recorded pitching his property tax appeal services, has denied any wrongdoing and has not been charged.

Meanwhile, the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners voted in December to refer to federal and county prosecutors a controversy involving the re-election bid of Kevin Quinn's brother, Marty.

The 13th Ward alderman's team tried to knock off the ballot challenger David Krupa, a teenage DePaul University student.

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An emotional police Superintendent Eddie Johnson said the wounded officer showed some response after being shot in the head.

Chicago cop shot in head now fighting to survive

Johnson: Off-duty attack shows officers not immune to violence

By JEREMY GORNER AND ANNIE SWEENEY

It was the veteran Chicago cop's dream come true when his son was assigned to the same police district on the South Side.

But early Wednesday, the now-retired father's worst nightmare came to pass as he raced to his son's hospital bed. The 25-year-old officer was fighting to survive

a gunshot to his head during an off-duty incident not far from police headquarters.

"He is shaken but strong for his family," William Bradley, deputy chief of the department's Bureau of Organized Crime, said of the father, a former colleague. "He is leaning on his faith to bring (his son) along."

The son was shot just after 1:30 a.m. Wednesday inside his SUV after someone drove up behind him and his girlfriend and opened fire in the Bronzeville neighborhood.

Some 20 shell casings were recovered at the scene of the shooting in the 200 block of East 37th Street.

Hours later at the nearby police headquarters, an emotional police Superintendent Eddie Johnson said the wounded officer had shown some response, giving a thumbs-up while undergoing treatment at the University of Chicago Medical Center.

"This incident has a significant impact on me personally," said Johnson, who worked with the father and whose son, also a cop, works with the wounded officer. "This tragic event reminds us that CPD officers are not immune to the gun violence that affects our city. Officers live

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Dysfunction dogs DHS as it struggles to perform duties

Leaks, accusations, staff churn creating difficulties at agency

By COLLEEN LONG AND JILL COLVIN Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Leaks. Pointed accusations. A top official's resignation. And above all, increasingly dire conditions for migrants — those who make it across the border and those who fail, as captured in the searing images of a father clutching his child, both drowned, on the banks of the Rio Grande.

Ever engulfed in turmoil under President Donald Trump, the Department of Homeland Security has entered a new stage of dysfunction and finger-pointing as the administration continues to rearrange staff and push hard-line rhetoric and policies that have failed to contain a surge in illegal border crossings, according to more than a dozen current and former administration officials, congressional aides and people familiar with the events. Many spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss internal deliberations.

The squabbling and jockeying over jobs come amid outrage over reports of children being held in squalid conditions and families dying as they try to make it to the U.S.

Over the past week alone, a scrapped immigration roundup targeting families prompted infighting and accusations of leaking. The acting leaders at both U.S. Customs and Border Protection, which manages the border, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which handles immigration enforcement inside the country, have either stepped down or been reassigned. And questions remain about whether the president has confidence in the man he recently tapped to head the sprawling DHS, acting secretary Kevin McAleenan.

The leadership merry-go-round has

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Democratic presidential hopefuls clash in 1st debate

Health care, immigration and the economy emerged as key issues on a night marking the unofficial start of the party's quest for the White House. Nation & World, Page 9

No charges for waitress who spit on Trump

President's son says he won't seek action in bar incident

By KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS AND LISA DONOVAN

A waitress spit on Eric Trump, the son of President Donald Trump, as he visited a popular upscale bar in Chicago Tuesday night but Trump declined to press charges against the woman, according to the Trump Organization.

A waitress at The Aviary, 955 W. Fulton Market, in the West Town neighborhood, was taken into custody after she spit on Trump, according to a representative for

the Trump Organization. He has been in Chicago and staying at the Trump Hotel, according to his Twitter account. The waitress has been placed on leave, according to a statement from The Aviary, which said that "no customer should ever be spit upon," and said that the restaurant won't make further statements about "internal (human relations) matters."

"Eric was out to dinner on business, when a waitress ... spit in his face," the Trump Organization representative said in an email. Secret Service and Chicago police "immediately apprehended her and held her in handcuffs for approx



Eric Trump

(imately) two hours. Chicago PD was intending on pressing charges however Eric directed them not to and she was let go."

The Tribune is not naming the woman because she has not been charged with a crime. She could not be reached for comment.

Trump confirmed the incident to the conservative website Breitbart, telling the news outlet, "It was purely a disgusting act by somebody who clearly has emotional problems."

The Aviary said in its statement that "an unfortunate incident occurred be-

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Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker.
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JOHN KASS

State makes economic refugees of own people

What is Illinois — the Shut Up and Take It State — truly known for?

Tennessee, for example, is known for Jack Daniels, country music and that famous horse, The Tennessee Stud.

Kentucky is known for bourbon and Republican Sen. Rand Paul. Wisconsin? The hated Packers.

California is known for high taxes, liberal movie stars and piles of human feces on the sidewalks of its great cities.

And Massachusetts is famed for the authentic Native American cuisine of Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who once published her proud Cherokee recipe for "cold omelets with crab meat" in the cookbook "Pow Wow Chow."

But what is Illinois known for? There's so much to choose from.

Political corruption? Check. High taxes going higher? Check. Political bosses who get richer and richer while taxpayers get poorer and poorer? Check.

If there's one thing Illinois does just about better than any state, it's this: Making economic refugees of its own people.

The Shut Up and Take It State on the prairie has lost 157,000 people over the past five years.

Actually, that's a lie. Illinois didn't "lose" any residents. They're not "lost." They ran away on purpose.

And the way billionaire Gov. Big Boy is governing, raising taxes with plans to raise even more in 2020 — while his wealth is stashed in offshore accounts — even more Illinoisans will leave.

Our politicians are doing what they can, trying to stupefy us with pot smoking and sports betting, and they'll probably legalize prostitution next, so the rest of the state will be like Springfield, but here's the question:

How can Illinois take advantage of the Illinois Exodus and monetize outmigration from Madiganistan?

Hmm. Eureka, I have found it!

Gov. J.B. Pritzker — with Boss Mike Madigan's approval — might want to create a new Illinois bureaucracy:

The Illinois Office of GSGBO (Get Stoned or Get the Bleep Out).

When taxpayers finally flee and get out for good, the GSGBO will require a modest exit fee.

The office won't point refugees toward places like Naples, Florida, where the Chicago politicians who are fat with corruption and huge pensions retire. It's expensive to live with politicians.

Instead, taxpayers fleeing as part of the Illinois Exodus will be directed to lovely and affordable destinations like Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Uruguay, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Ireland, Bolivia, Belize (Stoner Fisherman Paradise) or one of the world's many other beautiful countries.

They're all much cheaper to live in, Bulgaria especially, than Illinois.

I've been looking at various websites that tell you how to retire and live like a king on \$150,000, but unfortunately for our politicians, I have no plans for retiring.

I am, however, thinking of writing my Tribune column from Costa Rica.

A few Chicago politicians are known to vacation in Costa Rica. They say they "go fishing." By fishing, I think of tarpon and snook on light tackle, not attractive young women laughing at some wrinkly old Chicago alderman's jokes.

Unfortunately, you can't be an economic refugee and show up in Costa Rica without a dime in your pocket and demand health care and other services.

What? Do you think they're stupid Americans? There's a reason they have a paradise. Strangers must show they've got a steady stream of cash and have money in the bank.

But if you sell a bungalow in Berwyn you should be all right for a time, just as long as you don't get sick or kidnapped by commies.

And if you do get kidnapped, just tell them you're from Illinois. They'll let you go because you have no money. And then you can slink back to the U.S. when Bernie Sanders is president and everything is "free."

Another nice place for Illinois refugees, I'm told, is Bulgaria.

"It's beautiful," said a guy who once took a train through Sofia and majestic peaks and rich cultural opportunities.

Bulgaria got a bad reputation from asinine American comedians who perpetuated the old communist stereotype of squat men and women with unibrows and thick necks who shave twice a day.

But now that comedy is dead in America — replaced by nonoffensive political reeducation drama — the good people of Bulgaria may show the world how nice it is to live there.

One of the Flee Illinois websites, Goabroad.com, claims you can live like a king in Bulgaria, with rents of just \$230 a month and meals that cost five bucks.

So, what would you rather do, break your back slaving away for the glory of Illinois Gov. Big Boy, who keeps his billions in tax-free offshore accounts?

Or sell your bungalow and live like a grand duke in the Balkans?

"A modest budget could allow you to live like a king in Bulgaria, and the country's central location is perfect for exploring the region, with countries like Greece, Turkey, and Romania on your doorstep. Bulgaria has a rich and vibrant history dating back over 8,000 years ago, so there's plenty to explore in your time off," the Goabroad.com article gushed.

Popular jobs include teaching English, but if you're from Chicago, you could teach Chicagoese and probably make more because it's a specialty.

Bulgaria offers reasonably good soccer, delicious lamb and good, cheap "Bulgarian feta."

Remember, check with the Office of GSGBO. You can see the sign on the door.

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— Chicago Tribune —

Here's how to aid kids in Trump border camps



REX W. HUPPKE

I wrote a column about the government-run camps housing migrant children along our southern border.

Spoiler alert: I think it's unconscionable that the Trump administration is allowing children to be warehoused in crowded, uncomfortable and unsanitary conditions that one board-certified physician said "could be compared to torture facilities."

The biggest question I received in response, a question that reassures me we aren't a nation that believes in traumatizing kids, was this: "What can I do to help?"

Email after email after email, it was the same question. And it's a good one.

The answer is neither simple nor straightforward, and it's definitely not as satisfying as saying "Send some donated goods to this address!" or "Sign up to volunteer here!"

First, let's address the idea of donating goods to help children in U.S. Border Patrol holding facilities. There were reports this week of donations being turned away.

I spoke about this with Theresa Cardinal Brown, who worked in the Department of Homeland Security under President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama and is now director of immigration policy at the Bipartisan Policy Center.

"The number one thing to understand is that, by and large, no part of the government is allowed to accept private donations of goods or service for things it would otherwise procure through appropriations or do itself," she said. "Congress allocates money."

She cited a GoFundMe campaign that was started to give the government money to help build President Donald Trump's border wall. There was no way the government would have ever been allowed to accept those funds.

"Individuals could donate the entire amount to the U.S. Treasury, but it can't go to a specific thing," Brown said. "You cannot give the government money for specific things."



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Activists hold a candlelight vigil Tuesday outside a U.S. Border Patrol station in Clint, Texas, where detained migrant children were reportedly held.

So what can you do?

The first step is applying political pressure. It's not viscerally satisfying, but it's crucial.

"The best place to direct points of view is to Congress, saying, 'Hey, these are not acceptable conditions and you need to fix it,'" Brown said.

You can send an email or a letter, but phone calls and voice-mails have greater impact.

Contact information for your senators and congresspeople is easily found online.

Go to <https://www.house.gov/representatives> and enter your ZIP code where it says "Find Your Representative" on the upper right hand side of the page.

Go to <https://www.senate.gov> and use the "Find Your Senators" pull-down menu in the upper left corner of the page.

These websites are also helpful and straightforward: <https://www.callmycongress.com>; <https://www.contacting-congress.org>; <https://whoismyrepresentative.com>; and <https://5calls.org>.

If you're not web-savvy, you

can just call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121 and ask to be connected with your senator or congressperson.

Here's a script I came up with if you're not sure what to say. This first one assumes you are opposed to traumatizing children, regardless of your political affiliation:

"My name is (SAY YOUR NAME) and I'm a constituent in (SAY THE NAME OF YOUR TOWN OR CITY). I've read about the conditions migrant children are facing at Border Patrol camps along the border. This is unacceptable. I ask that you work with lawmakers on both sides of the aisle to swiftly and properly fund these facilities and set standards of care that can be monitored and enforced. No child should suffer at the hands of our country. Do your job and protect these children."

If you like to see migrant children suffering in conditions that should shame all Americans, you can say this:

"My name is (SAY YOUR NAME) and I'm a terrible person from (SAY THE NAME OF

YOUR TOWN OR CITY). Please keep the ILLEGAL children in miserable conditions while I continue to blame their parents and the liberals while ineffectively hiding my cruelty and racism behind a veneer of phony patriotism."

Or just whack yourself in the head with the phone and call it a day.

The second way you can help these children is by donating to one of the many organizations providing legal services, helping reunite families along the border or fighting policies that have led to family separations.

I won't advocate for any specific group — that's up to you.

The Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES) is a Texas nonprofit that helps immigrant children, migrant families and refugees. The group has more than 100 attorneys, legal assistants and support staff.

The American Civil Liberties Union has been fighting the administration's family separation policies and advocating for immi-

grants since separations began.

Immigrant Families Together is an all-volunteer group that helps asylum seekers with bonds, works to reunite migrant parents with their children and helps families get established once they've been released.

Kids In Need of Defense provides legal services to children and "reintegration support for children returning alone from the U.S. to their home countries."

Many more organizations can be found in this comprehensive list compiled by The Texas Tribune: <https://www.texastribune.org/2018/06/18/heres-list-organizations-are-mobilizing-help-separated-immigrant-child/>.

They are all working to improve the lives and living conditions of detained migrants.

We can disagree over how to handle immigration and border security. But we shouldn't disagree over the importance of making sure children, regardless of where they're from, are kept healthy and safe.

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Dawn Lawkowski-Keller, center, an attorney with the Cook County public guardian's office, speaks to Grace Watanabe's supporters Wednesday.

Justice sought after internment camp survivor's savings stolen

Community wants Lincoln Park nursing home staff charged

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY

Advocates for a 98-year-old dementia patient whose life savings of \$750,000 were allegedly stolen by workers at her Lincoln Park nursing home are questioning why criminal charges have yet to be filed in the case.

Cook County Public Guardian Charles Golbert, whose office represents Grace Watanabe in the civil matter, said he sent a letter to Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx last month, urging her to review the case. Chicago police confirmed that detectives finished their investigation in February and have been waiting for prosecutors to decide whether to charge five former employees, a caregiver and a hairstylist who worked at Symphony Residences of Lincoln Park.

"It's just a matter of justice. Think of your grandma or your parents. If this happened to them, you would expect — and as Ms. Watanabe's guardian, I expect — full justice," Golbert said Wednesday after a hearing for the lawsuit.

The case has also attracted attention from the Japanese American community in Chicago in part because Watanabe, who has no living relatives and never married, was among tens of thousands of people of Japanese descent who were forcibly relocated to American internment camps during World War II. Watanabe was held at the Poston camp in

Arizona between 1942 and 1946, according to online records from the National Archives.

Members of the Japanese American Citizens League in Chicago have been attending the civil hearings in Watanabe's case as a sign of support, and they mail holiday cards and food to Watanabe at her new address, where she moved when the lawsuit was filed. Chicago chapter president Lisa Doi, 27, said the organization also plans to send Foxx a letter asking for an immediate case review.

"We have a lot of ... members who are in their 60s who either see Grace reflected in their own parents or who see themselves in Grace," Doi said. "There is just a lot of action to try to mobilize and support her recognizing that she doesn't have anyone else."

Tandra Simonton, a spokeswoman for Foxx's office, acknowledged Wednesday that some have expressed frustration over the pace of this case. Prosecutors, however, must complete a diligent and thorough investigation before deciding whether to move forward, she said.

"We cannot make an informed determination on charging until we have evaluated all aspects of the case," Simonton said. "In fact, we received additional material from the Public Guardian's Office to assist in our work as recently as last week. Once we have completed a full review, we will be able to determine the appropriate next step in this case."

A spokesman for the nursing



Watanabe

home has said the employees were fired after the allegations came to light and the facility has cooperated with the police investigation. An attorney for the home and for several of the former employees declined to comment after court Wednesday. The nursing home is operated by Symphony Post Acute Network, a large chain that has similar facilities in Indiana, Wisconsin and other parts of Illinois.

"We will continue to work with law enforcement, and we remain committed to ensuring safeguards are in place to prevent an incident like this from happening again," spokesman Ari Kirshner said in a statement Wednesday.

Golbert's office was appointed to represent Watanabe, who cannot make legal decisions on her own. Through the civil lawsuit initiated in September, the office is trying to recover the money allegedly stolen from her. The case came to Golbert's attention after a bank contacted authorities about a number of suspicious charges on Watanabe's account.

The lawsuit, filed in Cook County probate court, alleges that the workers — including a receptionist and activities manager — wrote themselves fraudulent checks from Watanabe, used her ATM card and added their names to her bank account. Some of the employees used the money to take vacations, buy new cars and purchase jewelry, according to depositions.

The lawsuit includes images of checks from Watanabe's account,

allegedly cashed by the workers, for amounts ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000. Many of the checks have the word "Gift" handwritten on them, according to images attached to the lawsuit.

One worker, the hairstylist, returned \$15,000 to Watanabe and was subsequently removed from the lawsuit, according to the public guardian's office.

In a May 17 letter sent to Foxx, Golbert said that a "Financial Crimes Chicago Police Detective worked diligently to collect all of the information necessary to charge these individuals, including processing and analyzing all of the bank records," according to a copy of the letter provided to the Tribune. Golbert said in court Wednesday that the detective has been "frustrated" over the delay.

Officer Jessica Rocco, a police spokeswoman, confirmed that a detective met with prosecutors in February and handed over the investigation to them. The case is now classified as suspended while the detective awaits a charging decision from the state's attorney's office, Rocco said.

"Everything is done on our end," Rocco said. "We don't have any new evidence coming along."

Golbert's comments come as Foxx continues to face criticism that her office acted improperly when it dropped charges against actor Jussie Smollett for allegedly orchestrating a fake hate crime on himself. A judge recently appointed a special prosecutor to review Foxx's handling of that case.

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A review of slain cop's disciplinary file allowed

Man who shot Cmdr. Paul Bauer is mulling a self-defense claim

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

A Cook County judge paved the way Wednesday for a four-time felon charged in the killing of Chicago police Cmdr. Paul Bauer to possibly argue he opened fire in self-defense — a tactic that would be sure to be controversial at trial.

At a brief hearing, Judge Erica Reddick said she would let attorneys for Shomari Legghette review Bauer's disciplinary and training records.

In raising the need for the records in April, attorney Scott Kamin noted that Bauer and Legghette were alone at the bottom of a stairwell outside the Thompson Center when the shooting occurred in February 2018, so "there is a question of self-defense," he said.

The disciplinary records could shed light on "what judgment did (Bauer) use?" Kamin told the judge then. "... Does he have a penchant for excessive force or unreasonable chases?"

Reddick had reviewed the records in private before announcing Wednesday that she would release them to attorneys under a strict protective order.

Pursuing such a strategy would likely be fraught with risk for the defense. For one, Legghette would presumably need to testify about what happened at the bottom of the stairwell, exposing himself to a harsh cross-examination.

The tactic could also backfire with jurors.

In an interview with Chicago magazine last year, Legghette appeared to hint that he acted in self-defense, comparing himself to Trayvon Martin, the unarmed black teen fatally shot in Florida by George Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch volunteer.

"Would Trayvon Martin have been guilty with George Zimmerman if it had went the other way?" Legghette was quoted as saying in the story.

Under Illinois law, a defendant claiming self-defense can attempt to introduce evidence of the victim's history or tendencies toward violence, even if the defendant could not have known about that history at the time of the incident. The practice has been criticized as a way to unfairly smear victims of crime.

The Tribune has previously reported that Bauer was involved in a pursuit through the busy downtown area in 2003 when he was a sergeant. The suspects, who had stolen a wallet from a River North restaurant and fled in a Dodge, ran a red light and struck an SUV that in turn hit and killed a 25-year-old pregnant woman who was waiting to cross the street on pedestrian-choked West Madison Street. A lawsuit brought by the woman's husband was settled for \$12 million and helped prompt wholesale changes in how police handled car chases.

Bauer was the highest-ranking officer killed on the job in decades. The chain of events leading to his February 2018 death began when officers patrolling Lower Wacker Drive because of a recent shooting and drug sales approached Legghette, but he took off running, authorities said.

Bauer, downtown after a meeting with aldermen after attending training for handling mass shootings earlier in the day, heard a radio call of a fleeing suspect and spotted Legghette running nearby moments later, authorities said.

Bauer chased Legghette to the top of a stairwell outside the Thompson Center and attempted to detain him, authorities said. The two struggled and ended up on a landing below.

Legghette, who was wearing body armor, drew a handgun and fired seven shots, fatally wounding Bauer, prosecutors have said.

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Red flag raised over algae in Humboldt Park lagoon

Park district: Possibly toxic blue-green bloom should be avoided

BY MARIE FAZIO

The Chicago Park District is warning Humboldt Park visitors to stay away from the lagoon after recent tests revealed traces of blue-green algae, a type of bacteria that can be toxic.

Bright yellow signs posted around the shore urge people and pets to avoid all contact with the water.

"Blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) may be present on the water," the signs read. "Do not enter or allow animals in water. Potentially harmful."

The warning was issued based on a recommendation by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

While algae is a naturally occurring part of the aquatic ecosystem, blue-green algae is usually a tell-tale sign that something is wrong, said Kim Biggs, a spokesperson for the Illinois EPA.

A person can be exposed to the blue-green algae through skin contact, ingestion of contaminated water or inhalation of water droplets in the air. Symptoms of exposure include rashes,

hives, diarrhea, vomiting, coughing or wheezing. More severe symptoms may result from extended exposure, Biggs said.

If a person has been in contact with potentially contaminated water, Biggs said, they should wash with soap and water as soon as possible.

Recent rising temperatures and plentiful rain has created hospitable environments for blue-green algae growth in lakes and rivers, including the Humboldt Park lagoon, Biggs said.

The frequency of summertime blue-green algae growth prompted the Illinois EPA to issue a pre-emptive warning in mid-June to all Illinois residents who may partake in recreational activities in or on lakes this summer.

"This time of year, it's not uncommon to have blue-green algae develop on Illinois lakes and rivers," Biggs said.

Eventually, Biggs said, the blue-green algae will disappear.

According to Cathy Breitenbach, director of cultural and natural resources for the Park District, this is the first time the agency has been notified of an algal bloom in the Humboldt Park lagoon, though there have been outbreaks at Marquette Park lagoon in the recent past.

Though visitors should take



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Matt De Stafani walks his dog, Walter, past a warning sign Tuesday about potentially harmful algae at the Humboldt Park lagoon.

precaution at the lagoon, Breitenbach emphasized that the blue-green algae is not an issue at the swimming beach, where the water is tested daily.

Jesus Nunez visited the lagoon on Tuesday to walk his sister's three dogs, Tickle, Zoey and Bandit. It was the first time the lifelong Humboldt Park resident had heard of algae in the lagoon. He said he wouldn't bring the dogs near the water, regardless of algal presence.

"It's known to be dirty," Nunez said. "I wouldn't let them get into the water."

The boat rental business has also been impacted by the blue-green algae warning, said Ashley Govea, a summer employee of Wheel Fun Rentals, a company

that rents swan boats and bikes to visitors. Though the shop initially stopped renting swan boats last week due to low water levels in the lake, employees were notified of the blue-green algae presence and told to refrain from renting boats until the issue is resolved.

This has resulted in severe reduction in hours for the staff, Govea said.

Louis Quinones, of Logan Square, fishes at the Humboldt Park lagoon for catfish, bluegills and occasionally Asian carp. He was unaware the Park District had posted warning signs, but said the blue-green algae wouldn't affect him because he abides by a "catch-and-release" policy.

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New school board seated as CTU holds rally

Meeting procedure changes made to aid in transparency

BY HANNAH LEONE

When Mayor Lori Lightfoot replaced the entire Chicago Board of Education earlier this month and named Miguel del Valle president, he said they didn't want a rubber-stamp board.

Though the mayor's handpicked board members passed all of the public agenda items at their first meeting Wednesday, they first spent hours debating a range of issues and hearing from citizens, ultimately approving changes to policies including how schools are rated and which companies will be barred from doing business with Chicago Public Schools.

While signaling she supports the eventual move to an elected school board, Lightfoot chose to reconstitute the board in the meantime, tapping del Valle, a former state senator and city clerk, as the new board president.

Among his first orders of business Wednesday was announcing a series of changes to meeting procedures intended to make good on the mayor's promise to make the board's work more transparent.

Future meetings will be livestreamed and translated into Spanish, and votes unrelated to legal or personnel issues will be taken before members enter into closed-door talks. Additionally, the board will vote at its next meeting on whether to publicly post proposed policy changes a month in advance of board votes to allow more time for public review and feedback, and later this year will start holding some meetings in city neighborhoods in late afternoon or evening — rather than the usual morning meetings at the CPS district headquarters downtown — to make it more accessible for more people to attend.

The board also plans to



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Teachers and supporters rally outside the Chicago Public School headquarters before the first meeting of the new board.



President of the Chicago Board of Education Miguel del Valle speaks during the first meeting of the board.

create new committees that will "focus on critical education policy issues" and hold hearings at community sites, and will identify priority items from its meeting agendas that members will discuss before the public comment period.

"I want (board members) to be vocal and to be engaged at every level," del Valle said. "Even if we disagree or do not share the same opinion, it is necessary to hear the diverse opinions of this board."

Del Valle, Vice President Sendhil Revuluri, and members Dwayne Truss, Elizabeth Todd-Breland, Lucino

Sotelo, Luisiana Meléndez and Amy Rome were sworn in at the start of Wednesday's meeting.

The new members cast their first votes nearly six hours later, after dozens of people spoke during public comment period.

In the board's first vote, members ultimately approved a more extensive system for rating school quality. Truss voted against it, and Revuluri abstained.

Similar to how the district measures whether high school freshmen are on track to graduate, a new metric approved Wednesday will attempt to gauge whether students in grades three through eight are on the right path. It will factor into the school's rating, along with nine other categories, including student growth and attendance.

"Why do we rate schools? We are trying to communicate to parents and other stakeholders how schools and the district as a whole are doing," Jeff Broom, CPS'

director of school quality measurement and research, told the board.

The ratings help identify schools that need extra support and help schools set goals and make decisions, Broom said. Though a school's rating doesn't tell its full story or determine whether it's appropriate for a family, it can be a starting point for those conversations, he said.

The policy incorporates smaller changes to how high schools are rated, and so-called options schools are adding measures already in place at traditional high schools.

"Just because a student has dropped out and reenrolled doesn't mean there shouldn't be expectations around that student having access to post-secondary opportunities, so we want to make sure these options schools are providing those opportunities," Broom said.

Truss questioned whether input from teachers, local school council

members and parents was considered.

Among the other measures the board passed is an accelerated placement policy that in part determines when students can start kindergarten early. Board members also approved a "reciprocal debarment" policy, meaning any person or company that has been banned from working with another public agency would also be prohibited from any contracts with CPS. District spokeswoman Emily Bolton said no current district contractors are affected.

The new era for the board begins as the current teachers contract is about to expire, and as the Chicago Teachers Union pushes for a swift resolution of ongoing negotiations. Wednesday, CTU members rallied outside the district headquarters.

"You're coming into a position facing a 20-year backlog of misguided education policies," CTU Presi-

dent Jesse Sharkey told the new board Wednesday. "Many of these policies ... were not subject to public discussion, were voted behind closed doors and had real harmful effects on our schools, our students and the people who work in our schools. I'm talking about things like CPS embarking on a charter school-opening binge at the same time they were closing a dozen public schools a year, or doing things like using racially loaded metrics to label schools as failures, using carceral terms like 'probation,' to basically label and undermine the success of whole numbers of public schools across the South and West sides."

Mechanisms like how a school is rated, measured and funded are tied up in "problematic history," Sharkey said. He said he hopes the new board will work on those issues, specifically referencing the school quality rating policy.

"The discussion we got to hear was much needed," Sharkey said. "This needs to fundamentally change. ... It labels schools as failures when really all it is doing is reflecting the socioeconomic status of the students in the neighborhood in which the school happens to be located."

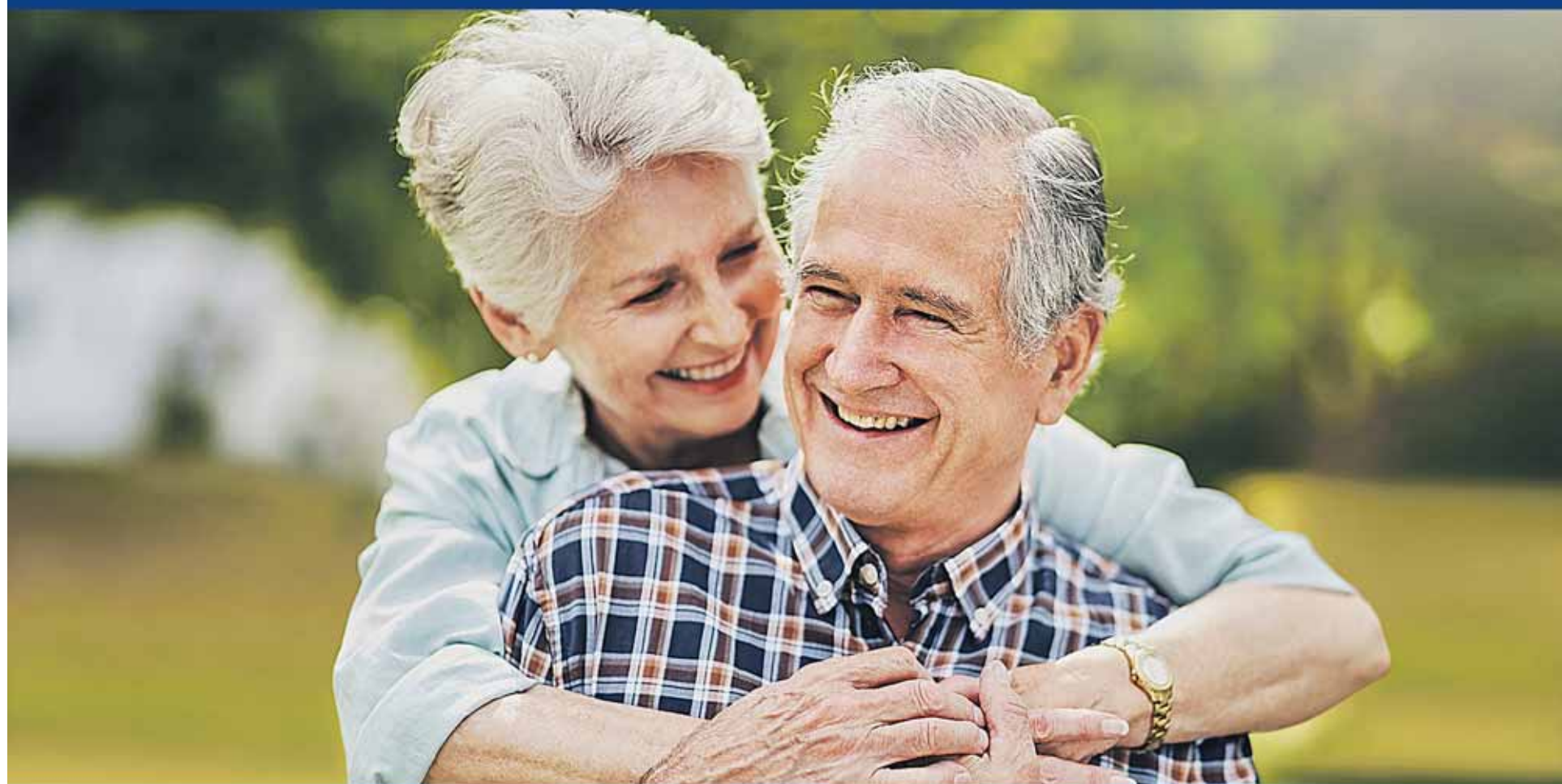
The terms of some of the new board members are due to end in 2022; others in 2023. But it's possible that by then the district will have shifted to an elected board, something that would require a change in state law. Lightfoot has said she supports the idea but opposed a bill that passed the Illinois House this spring that would have created a 21-member elected board, calling it unwieldy.

Del Valle said Wednesday there "will be an elected school board in the future," but until that happens, the new board members are committed to "strengthen (ing) a foundation an elected school board will build on."

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Lightfoot, out in '80s, takes Pride, change in stride

Mayor and parade's grand marshal marvels at life path

BY LISA DONOVAN

It was the 1980s. She was a law student at the University of Chicago and, as Mayor Lori Lightfoot recalls it, there was a certain resignation in deciding to tell her parents and friends that she's a lesbian: She had to do it, to be true to herself, but thought it would likely doom her to a solitary existence.

"When I was in my 20s and kind of going through my own coming out process, I feared that I would lose my family. I feared that I would grow old alone. And that was a real part of my struggle," the mayor told the Chicago Tribune in a recent interview.

Today, she is married, she and her wife have a pre-teen daughter and the three of them will march in Sunday's Chicago Pride Parade. Lightfoot, the city's first African American woman and openly lesbian mayor, will be serving as the pa-

rade's grand marshal.

Not only did her family embrace her, but so has her adopted home of Chicago, whose voters handed her a decisive victory in April over Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle. Lightfoot won each of the city's 50 wards.

"Being the mayor of the third largest city in the country, that's humbling, but it also gives me incredible hope," she said, adding that she feels she must be vigilant about proving she's "worthy" of that confidence.

Many of the past grand marshals of Chicago's Pride parades have been trailblazers, and not just from Chicago, evidence that while the event can be a big party, it has roots in the Stonewall riots of 1969 — a revolt against the regular police raids of gay bars in those days and the seed of the LGBTQ rights movement.

Lightfoot likes to call Chicago a "beacon" regionally and even nationally for the LGBTQ+ community.

It certainly beckoned a future mayor from Massillon, Ohio, in the 1980s. And then, as now, it has been a



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Then-mayoral candidate Lori Lightfoot and her wife, Amy Eshleman, march in last year's Pride Parade on the North Side.

draw for young people growing up in small Midwestern towns, said Rick Garcia, a longtime Chicago LGBTQ activist who runs a political consulting firm.

"Chicago was a mecca for gay people throughout the Midwest. If you were growing up in Missouri, just by example, you went to Chicago or Atlanta," he said, noting those were big progressive cities that made it easier for gay communities

to flourish.

While we tend to hear about yuppies defining those years, gay activism also soared, made more urgent by the AIDS crisis, Garcia said.

"What you had in the '80s was this confluence of things happening — there was the gay rights legislation — non-discriminatory legislation that the (Chicago) City Council passed, and that took on high visibility. So you had a lot of people now feeling comfortable, feeling strong about calling for LGBTQ rights, but at that time just called it gay rights. And then you had young gay men dying all over the country, and the Act Up activists were out there really addressing HIV and AIDS — and just pushing the community farther," he said. "But then you also had had television and theater that was addressing gay issues more frequently. All these things came together, and that's why the movement was so powerful in the '80s."

While she attended Pride parades and worked for AIDS funding over the years, Lightfoot's frequent refrain is of gratitude to

those gay and lesbian activists who she says paved the way for her personal and professional success. At a recent Pride reception, she ticked off trailblazers in the LGBTQ community including a well known-favorite, Art Johnston, an activist and co-owner of Sidetrack bar, an anchor in the Lakeview gay community; Mary Morton, who served in former Mayor Richard M. Daley's administration as a liaison to the LGBTQ community; and the late Vernita Gray, an activist who served as a liaison with the Cook County State's attorney's office.

Without them, she suggests, her life might not look like it does today: first campaigning as an "out candidate," then being elected mayor "in a city that embraced me for who I was, not who I love."

"To be where I am now — to be married — I mean marriage (for those in the LGBTQ community) wasn't even a possibility in those days. To be in a position where not only am I married and I have a great wife and we have an incredible child, and we have a life that's rich and fulfilling —

those possibilities were beyond my wildest dreams back then," Lightfoot told the Tribune.

Lightfoot and Garcia say that today's battlefronts for activists and elected leaders include dealing with a disproportionate number of African American and Latino teens who are homeless, along with discrimination and hate crimes targeting the transgender community. So the march continues.

Recently, Lightfoot's wife, Amy Eshleman, talked about the two meeting 20 years ago and was moved by the experience of their family marching in the 2018 parade.

"Walking down Halsted Street during last year's Pride Parade hand in hand with Chicago's first openly gay candidate for mayor and with our daughter was one of the most profound, emotional and humbling experiences of my life," Chicago's first lady, donning a shirt emblazoned with the modern-day LGBTQ mantra "Love is Love," told a crowd at a Pride month reception last week.

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Killer offered location of Zhang body

Attorneys say he made offer after arrest in U. of I. scholar's death

BY MICHAEL TARM
Associated Press

Lawyers for a former University of Illinois doctoral student who could face the death penalty for killing a visiting scholar from China have said he offered after his arrest to plead guilty and divulge where her remains are in exchange for a life sentence.

The revelation came in a late Tuesday filing, a day after jurors convicted 29-year-old Brendt Christensen in the death of 26-year-old Yingying Zhang. Prosecutors said Christensen abducted her at a bus stop on June 9, 2017, then raped, tortured and killed her in his apartment in Urbana.

Christensen had offered to plead guilty and accept a life sentence in addition to telling authorities where the body is, his attorneys said.

Zhang's family said Wednesday they were aware of the offer but weren't convinced the body would actually be found. In a statement, relatives said they were "leery" because Christensen "had lied so many times in the past."

Law enforcement spent weeks searching for Zhang's body, including at a mine in nearby Champaign, but her body has not been found.

Legal observers had expected Christensen to use the whereabouts of Zhang's remains as a bargaining chip to get federal prosecutors to abandon any push for the death penalty. But there was no word he'd tried that until now.

The 17-page filing only briefly mentions the offer as part of a request for the judge to bar statements at an upcoming death-penalty phase that suggest Christensen refused to help locate Zhang's remains.

While the death penalty was abolished in Illinois state courts, it remains a tool for federal prosecutors. But its use in federal courts is rare.

A spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office in central Illinois, Sharon Paul, declined any comment on the defense filing. Prosecutors have said they won't comment on any aspect of the trial until proceedings are over.

In a conversation secretly recorded for the FBI by Christensen's girlfriend and played for jurors, Christensen went into graphic detail about how he raped, choked and stabbed Zhang, then beat her to death with a baseball bat and decapitated her.

But he would never tell anyone, including her, how he disposed of the body.

Jamie Munks of the Chicago Tribune contributed.



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Elizabeth Hackel laughs with technicians while donating blood platelets on Tuesday. There is a platelet shortage in the Chicago area.

Red Cross asks for platelet donations amid shortage

Platelets are harder for hospitals to keep in stock than whole blood

BY KATE THAYER

Maria Mascarinas could feel blood gush from her just after delivering her third son. Before losing consciousness, she overheard her blood count from the medical team. Her platelets — clotting cells within the blood — were dwindling.

When Mascarinas woke, she was on a ventilator. She had undergone a hysterectomy, as well as a blood transfusion, including additional platelets. It saved her life.

"I never would have thought I'd be in that position," said Mascarinas, who has worked with blood donors as a supervisor with Vitalant, a network of blood donation centers across the country. "You just don't know when your day will come."

More than two years later, Mascarinas, 38, of Elmwood Park, said she's grateful to have made a full recovery, so she can watch her three sons grow.

Because of her experience, and her work at blood donation centers, Mascarinas said that when she hears of periodic blood shortages, like the current need for platelets in the Chicago area, she encourages people to donate.

"When I hear of a shortage, it really hits home. I do tear up," she said. "I imagine kids or moms in

my position."

The American Red Cross and blood banks across the area are encouraging people who are eligible to consider platelet donation in the coming days and weeks to build up the supply. It's not uncommon for platelet shortages to occur during summer when people aren't as likely to donate, and there are more accidents that require a greater need for blood, said Dr. Chancey Christenson, associate director of the University of Chicago Medicine Blood Donation Center.

After noticing an earlier than usual dip in supply, the university's blood center began a blood drive this week, asking employees to donate platelets to boost the supply ahead of the Fourth of July holiday, when summer shortages typically begin, Christenson said.

Adding to the challenge is the short shelf life of platelets, he said. Platelets are harder for hospitals to keep in stock than whole blood or other components of blood because they cannot be refrigerated and can only be stored for five days, he said.

"Five days is nothing," he said. "That's two days of testing and three days of use."

While platelets can be separated out and used from a typical whole blood donation, that's not ideal, Christenson said. Using that method, the platelets from one donor must be combined with others to be used.

Instead, donors can give just

their platelets, but it's a longer process, he said. "It's a bigger ask."

The process is like donating blood, but donors are hooked up to a machine that draws out the blood, separates out the platelets and then puts other components, like red blood cells, back into the donor. It takes about 90 minutes but leaves donors feeling less woozy than typical blood donation because they don't lose oxygen-rich red blood cells, Christenson said. Those interested in donating can find more information at uchicago.edu/medicine/give/give-blood.

"It really does help," he said.

"They only last five days, so you know when you donate platelets it's going to have an immediate effect," Christenson added. "You will definitely save a life. And probably in the next few days."

Besides those who have lost a lot of blood through surgery or an injury, cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy also need platelets, as well as premature infants who have a low supply, among other patients, Christenson said.

According to the American Red Cross, someone in the U.S. needs platelets every 30 seconds, and the recent dip in supply may have delayed some platelet treatments to some "non-urgent" patients in the Chicago area.

"At this time, the Red Cross is doing everything it can to help prevent summer shortages but

encourage all eligible individuals to schedule an appointment to give blood or platelets," a spokeswoman said in a statement.

The shortage seems more severe than previous ones and illustrates why it's important to keep a constant flow of platelet donors, said Eva Quinley, regional director of Vitalant, formerly called LifeSource.

Often people hear about donating their platelets when they regularly come to donate whole blood, she said. Baby boomers are a big blood donation population, and there's a need to spread the word to younger eligible donors, Quinley said. The organization uses personal stories and social media to encourage and inform prospective donors, she said. Facebook recently launched a tool in select cities, including Chicago, where users can locate their nearest blood center.

Richard Packman, 75, of Chicago, regularly visits Vitalant to donate blood and recently made his 500th platelet donation. When he first started donating blood years ago, Packman saw someone donating platelets and asked about it. He decided to try it and hasn't stopped.

"It takes a little longer, but it's the pinnacle of blood donation," he said. "Of all the charity groups and volunteer groups I've worked at, this is the one thing where I know I'm saving a life."

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Family of fatally beaten boy sues agency, fired caseworker

BY ELIZA FAWCETT

The family of 2-year-old Ja'hir Gibbons, beaten to death in March, has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against a social services agency and one of its caseworkers, claiming their negligence resulted in the boy's death.

On June 4, Ja'hir's half-sister Ranesha Gibbons filed a lawsuit in Cook County Circuit Court against OMNI Youth Services — an Illinois organization contracted by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services to provide social services — and an unnamed caseworker for failing to protect Ja'hir from physical abuse. The lawsuit alleges that the caseworker falsified a report to DCFS about a welfare visit to Ja'hir's home two days before he was killed.

Dejon Waters, 21, the boyfriend of Ja'hir's mother, Brittany Hyc, 28, has been charged with murder in the boy's March 18 beating death. Hyc faces charges of child endangerment because prosecutors say she left Ja'hir with Waters even though she noticed bruises on the boy days before his death. Questions were raised soon after Ja'hir's death about how contract caseworkers for DCFS handled investigations involving the family.

"There is a serious problem with accountability of caseworkers and how they manage kids and how they affect lives," said James D. Montgomery Jr., attorney for Ranesha Gibbons.

"We take all situations really seriously here and we're deeply committed to the safety and well-being of the children we take care of," said Doryce McCarthy, presi-

dent of OMNI Youth Services. She said OMNI had opened an internal investigation into the case and was working with DCFS and the attorney general.

Ranesha Gibbons, who lives in Lake County, and Ja'hir have the same father, Robert Gibbons, who is also named as a plaintiff in the suit.

Ja'hir lived with his 5-year-old brother Josiah at Hyc's home in the 6000 block of South Prairie Avenue in the Washington Park neighborhood. DCFS has said that the agency had contact with Hyc as far back as 2010, involving allegations of abuse of her older children. The agency had been aware of allegations of physical abuse at Ja'hir and Josiah's home since November 2017. The allegations included reports that Ja'hir suffered cuts and bruises inflicted by Waters.

The boys' relatives previously told the Tribune that they had seen signs of physical abuse for months. In one instance, the brothers' grandmother reported seeing that they were badly bruised the same day that caseworkers visited the boys and reported that they were fine.

In October, the OMNI caseworker visited Hyc's home and observed that Ja'hir had been the victim of physical abuse, according to the June 4 lawsuit. On March 16, the caseworker returned to interview Ja'hir and submitted a report the next day to DCFS stating that Ja'hir was present and safe from abuse. But Ja'hir was not home at the time of the visit, the lawsuit alleges.

On March 18, Hyc left Ja'hir at home with Waters. When she returned home, she found Ja'hir



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Robert Gibbons displays on his phone a 2018 Christmas picture of himself with Ja'hir. Gibbons said it was the last time he saw his son.

unresponsive, his body covered in bruises. The medical examiner found that Ja'hir's autopsy revealed numerous injuries, according to prosecutors.

Waters admitted to growing angry with Ja'hir and beating him with his hands and a rolled-up shirt, prosecutors have said.

The day after Ja'hir's death, a second report was submitted to DCFS stating that only Josiah had been home during the visit on March 16. DCFS has previously said that it is investigating the conflicting reports.

If the caseworker had not falsified the March 16 report, DCFS would have had reason to "immediately remove" Ja'hir from his mother's house, the lawsuit alleges. Due to the caseworker's negligence, Ja'hir suffered "severe personal injuries and pain and suffering."

Following Ja'hir's death, the caseworker was reassigned to desk duty and was not in contact with children, McCarthy said. On May 9, the caseworker's employment was terminated due to "lack of administrative work," she added.

Rogers Park fisherman dies in apparent Lake Michigan drowning

A man in his 60s was pulled from Lake Michigan near Tobey Prinz Beach in Rogers Park early Tuesday and later died in an apparent drowning, police said.

Croslene Kettle, 64, of the 1200 block of West North Shore Avenue, was pronounced dead about 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office.

Chicago police said they were called to the 1000 block of West Pratt Boulevard at the lake about 8:45 a.m. for a report of a man needing help after going into the lake. Kettle, "was discovered in the water unresponsive after going swimming," police spokeswoman Kellie Bartoli wrote in an email.

Kettle was taken to Presence St. Francis Hospital in Evanston,

where he later was pronounced dead, she said. Police are not treating his apparent drowning as suspicious and there will be no criminal investigation, she said.

Kettle was an avid fisherman, according to a 2015 article by DNAinfo Chicago.

The website profiled a then-60-year-old Kettle as he let out his first cast of the year in March 2015, also at Tobey Prinz Beach. Kettle told DNAinfo he grew up in Jamaica and had been fishing in Lake Michigan at the Rogers Park location for 35 years. He told a reporter he enjoyed Mother Nature, even if he didn't catch any fish, but had been known to reel in salmon, steelhead and rainbow trout.

— Katherine Rosenberg-Douglas

Pedestrian killed in hit-and-run near Buckingham Fountain, police say

A man walking near Buckingham Fountain was fatally struck by a hit-and-run driver Tuesday night, according to Chicago police.

The man was hit by a black Range Rover traveling northbound about 8:50 p.m. in the 500 block of South Lake Shore Drive, police said. The Range Rover then continued north on Lake Shore Drive.

The man was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in critical condition and was later pronounced dead. The man's identity and other information had not yet been released

Wednesday morning.

Authorities were processing a vehicle of interest Wednesday morning, according to police. No one was in custody.

Lake Shore Drive between East Jackson Drive and East Balbo Drive was still completely blocked off about midnight. Police removed debris from a sidewalk at 500 S. Lake Shore as a few stragglers from the Rolling Stones concert headed north past yellow tape.

The Chicago police major accident unit is investigating.

— Morgan Greene

Duo pleads not guilty in teen's strangling

Mother and daughter allegedly also cut child from woman's womb

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

A mother and daughter pleaded not guilty Wednesday to charges they strangled pregnant 19-year-old Marlen Ochoa-Lopez and cut her baby from her womb.

Clarisa Figueroa and her daughter, Desiree, each face more than two dozen counts of first-degree murder, aggravated kidnapping, dismembering a human body and concealing a homicidal death.

Piotr Bobak, identified by prosecutors as the elder Figueroa's boyfriend, joined both women in pleading not guilty in a courtroom packed with Ochoa-Lopez's family and supporters. Bobak allegedly helped clean the scene after the killing.

Moments after the brief hearing, Ochoa-Lopez's family stood in the lobby of the Leighton Criminal Court Building carrying poster-size copies of the defendants' mugshots with "GUILTY" emblazoned on their foreheads.

"If there's no justice for this family, there will be no peace," activist and family spokeswoman Julie Contreras told reporters.



Clarisa Figueroa



Desiree Figueroa

With the case drawing intense public interest, Desiree Figueroa's attorney asked Wednesday that a "gag order" be instituted. Such orders usually prohibit attorneys or anyone associated with the case from speaking publicly about the matter, in an effort to limit pre-trial publicity.

The case was assigned Wednesday to Judge Peggy Chiampas, a former Cook County prosecutor who took the bench in 2007. But in her absence, Judge Sophia Atcherson handled Wednesday's arraignment. She left the gag order for Chiampas to rule on later.

Contreras was adamant that the family would oppose any effort to cut off their right to speak out.

"If they want to gag someone, it should be (the defendants) inside of a prison for the rest of their lives with no opportunity of parole," Contreras said.

The Figueroas' indictment includes charges of aggravated battery alleging they injured Ochoa-Lopez's baby. Those charges will likely be upgraded to murder to reflect that the boy, Yovanny Jadel Lopez, died June 14, seven weeks after he was cut from his mother's womb. His death was ruled a homicide by the Cook County medical examiner's office.

The gruesome details of the case sparked international media coverage and an outpouring of support for Ochoa-Lopez's family, including a mural in the Pilsen neighborhood dedicated to her and her son.

Prosecutors said the elder Figueroa had announced in October that she was pregnant — a surprise to family who knew she had her fallopian tubes tied. Over the next several months, she posted photos on Facebook of an ultrasound and a decorated nursery, complete with a crib. She said she would name the baby Xander after a 20-year-old son who died last year, according to prosecutors.

As her phony due date drew near, prosecutors said, she and her daughter plotted to kill a pregnant woman to steal her baby.

Prosecutors have alleged that the Figueroas lured Ochoa-Lopez, who was nine months pregnant, to their home on Chicago's Southwest Side with promises of free baby clothes. Ochoa-Lopez, a mother of a young child, reached out and touched the nose of the family dog as Clarisa Figueroa, sitting atop her, took an agonizing four to five minutes to strangle her with a cable, prosecutors charged.

After allegedly killing Ochoa-Lopez and cutting the baby from her womb, Figueroa claimed the infant as her own, even seeking money on a crowdfunding site for the critically injured boy, prosecutors said.

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Police prepare to have a damaged SUV towed from where an officer was shot in the head near 37th Street and Prairie Avenue on Tuesday.

Shooting

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in Chicago. We send our children to school here. We play in the parks near our homes, and we eat in the restaurants in our neighborhoods. Chicago police officers are part of the fabric of this city."

Officials did not identify the wounded officer by name but said he has been with the department for two years.

Johnson left to visit the officer. A police spokesman later said the officer had undergone surgery but was still able to squeeze Johnson's hand and blink at him.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot also went to the hospital to wish the officer well.

"As his parents, friends and co-workers hold vigil at his bedside, we must find the will as a community to say enough is enough," Lightfoot said in a statement issued later. "We must come together to stem the gun violence that too many residents and neighborhoods know all too well."

Bradley commanded the Gre-

sham District — also known as the 6th — when both father and son worked together. Bradley said the elder officer, who retired last October, wanted his son assigned to Gresham because it was the kind of place where older officers provided support and leadership for younger colleagues.

"He kept telling me his son is coming on (the department), and he wanted him to come to 6," Bradley told the Tribune. "He knew the culture."

Bradley said the father worked the day shift in the district's intelligence center that analyzes data and decides where to deploy officers to combat the violence, while his son worked evenings on patrol.

"He is a very quiet, humble kid," Bradley said. "... A good teammate, always listened to direction. We built an instant connection. I looked at him as a son."

Police had no one in custody Wednesday evening for the shooting.

At the morning news conference, Johnson said detectives were reviewing video footage that captured part of the incident.

Police said the officer had gotten off work about an hour earlier and was parked on 37th Street in his SUV when he and his girlfriend noticed a black four-door Toyota or Nissan circling the block.

The officer pulled out to leave the area, but the suspicious vehicle followed behind him. An occupant in the black car opened fire, blasting out the SUV's back window and striking the officer in the back of the head, police said. The officer did not fire his weapon, according to Johnson.

The SUV crashed into a stop sign and a wrought iron fence.

The girlfriend, who was not injured, had just called 911 to report the suspicious vehicle before gunfire erupted, police said.

Unofficial recordings of the 911 call capture a woman screaming. Wentworth District officers working nearby heard the crash and responded immediately.

"The passenger, she saw the vehicle, they were following them on this block and the next thing you know they started shooting at them," an unofficial police radio transmission quoted an officer on the scene as report-

ing.

In his remarks, Johnson also addressed Chicago's ongoing gun violence, offering prayers to anyone in the city who has suffered from it. He also expressed frustration about how hard it is to stop gun offenders from carrying and using firearms. In addition, he talked about the challenges of the criminal justice system providing strong deterrents and combating the root causes of gun violence such as lack of economic opportunity and education.

"You want to know what keeps me up at night?" the superintendent said. "These are the things that keep me up at night."

The wounded officer is the second assigned to Gresham District to be shot this year, though both incidents took place while the officers were off duty and not in the district. Officer John P. Rivera was shot and killed in the River North neighborhood after a night out with friends.

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tween an employee at The Aviary and Eric Trump," but that "we did not witness" what happened.

The restaurant condemned the incident, and said that online backlash shouldn't be directed at the restaurant or its other staff.

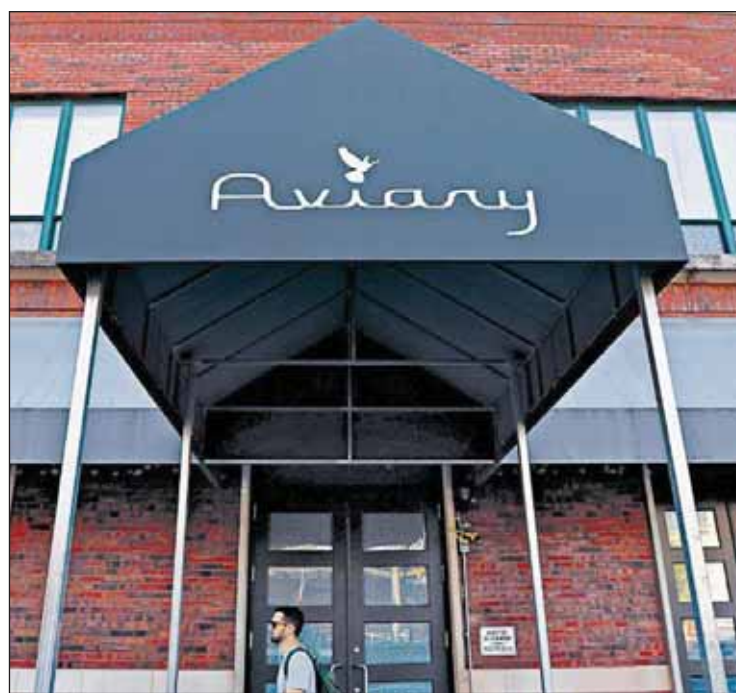
"What is certain is this: No customer should ever be spit upon," the statement read. "We have not yet spoken with the employee but our HR team has, in the meantime, placed her on leave."

The online backlash over the incident "is troubling," according to the statement. "Hundreds of people are calling for the demise of our business, threatening our employees, and posting fake reviews ... they are wrong to do so based on the actions of a lone individual."

Also troubling, "however, are those people who are praising this as an act of civil disobedience. We have voices and the means to be heard. A degrading act lowers the tenor of debate. To some it might feel good, but it is unlikely to serve any larger purpose."

"We hope this incident can, at least, serve to illuminate the current absurdity of the discourse in our politics."

NBC reporter Mary Ann Ahern first tweeted about the inci-



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The employee who spit on Eric Trump, a son of President Donald Trump, has been placed on leave by the upscale bar in West Town.

dent Tuesday night, saying Eric Trump was seen leaving The Aviary.

The upscale, James Beard-winning bar is owned in part by the duo behind one of the world's most influential restaurants, Alinea. Co-owner Nick Kokonas previously made headlines in another Trump-related matter when he invited the Clemson Tigers football team to a dinner at the restaurant after they'd fa-

mously been served fast food at the White House.

Secret Service officials did not confirm the attack, but Chicago police noted something had happened at The Aviary and directed inquiries to the Secret Service. The White House directed all questions to The Trump Organization, the family's private business arm, run by Eric Trump and another of the president's sons, Donald Trump Jr.

A representative at the Chicago branch of the Secret Service referred questions to the Washington, D.C.-based public affairs office of the Secret Service. A person who answered the phone there said the office required media inquiries be sent by email.

The Secret Service had no comment.

Breitbart also reported Eric Trump chose not to press charges against the woman who allegedly spit on him. It quoted Trump as saying: "For a party that preaches tolerance, this once again demonstrates they have very little civility. When somebody is sick enough to resort to spitting on someone, it just emphasizes a sickness and desperation and the fact that we're winning."

Eric Trump did not take to Twitter about the incident, but had tweeted Tuesday night about being in Chicago and thanked employees at Trump International Hotel & Tower Wednesday morning.

In January, when Kokonas extended the offer to Clemson players, he said he wanted the Tigers to experience fine dining.

"Between the (government) shutdown and the fast food amongst candelabras, I just thought they should get a second chance to doing it the right way," Kokonas told the Tribune at the time.

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To do that, the alderman's campaign challenged Krupa's signatures and included affidavits from 2,796 residents who said they were revoking their signatures for Krupa. But only 187 of them matched signatures contained in Krupa's paperwork.

Krupa has since filed a federal lawsuit.

The revelation that Kevin Quinn is now under federal scrutiny follows a scandal that began in February 2018 when a campaign worker accused him of sexual harassment.

The campaign aide, Alaina Hampton, provided to the Tribune explicit texts sent to her by Kevin Quinn, including one in which he referenced a Facebook picture of Hampton in a bikini and called her "smoking hot."

Hampton repeatedly discour-

aged the overtures, but the unwanted contact only stopped after she informed his brother, Ald. Quinn, she said.

Kevin Quinn was quickly cut loose by Madigan from his roles in the speaker's political and state government operations just as Hampton was about to go public with her accusations.

Hampton later sued the state Democratic Party and Madigan-controlled campaign funds, alleging she faced retaliation for complaining about Kevin Quinn and was denied further job opportunities with the party. The suit is pending.

Kevin Quinn's name has also surfaced in a civil suit filed over the 2016 Democratic primary for Madigan's House seat. The case, brought by failed challenger Jason Gonzales, alleged the Madigan political operation put up two phony candidates with Hispanic-sounding names to confuse voters and draw votes away from Gonzales.

The Madigan team has denied the allegations, and the speaker contended Gonzales' candidacy was backed by then-Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, whose allies were among people who donated to the challenger's campaign.

In a sworn deposition last July, Kevin Quinn recounted an unusual maneuver where his brother gave him the go-ahead to call Charlie Hernandez — a Cicero politician who's married to Democratic state Rep. Elizabeth Hernandez — about the possibility of having Joe Barboza run against Madigan.

"I had simply reached out to Charlie to see if Joe had an interest," Kevin Quinn said in the deposition, according to a transcript obtained by the Tribune. "I never heard back from Charlie."

Barboza has denied he was a "sham" candidate.

Last year, Kevin Quinn pleaded guilty to misdemeanor disorderly conduct stemming

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from an argument the previous summer with his wife, who initiated divorce proceedings in 2017, according to court records. He later was convicted by a judge of violating an order of protection that restricts his communication with his wife.

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10 Dem hopefuls clash in 1st debate

Immigration, health care and economy emerge as key issues

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MIAMI — Ten Democrats railed against a national economy and Republican administration they said exists only for the rich as presidential candidates debated onstage for the first time in the young 2020 season, embracing class warfare as a defining theme in their fight to deny President Donald Trump a second term in office.

Health care, more than any other issue, led the debate.

And Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, more than anyone else, stood out — on her own at times — in calling for “fundamental change” across the nation’s economy and government to address persistent issues of inequality.

“I think of it this way. Who is this economy really working for? It’s doing great for a thinner and thinner slice at the top,” Warren declared shortly before raising her hand as one of the only Democrats on stage willing to abolish her own private health insurance in favor of a government-run plan. “Health care is a basic human right and I will fight for basic human rights.”

The debate marked a major step forward in the presidential campaign as Democrats seek to break out from the crowded field that has so far been dominated by former Vice President Joe Biden, who will appear in a second debate featuring another 10 candi-



Democratic presidential hopefuls Bill de Blasio, from left, Tim Ryan, Julian Castro, Cory Booker, Elizabeth Warren, Beto O'Rourke, Amy Klobuchar, Tulsi Gabbard, Jay Inslee and John Delaney take the debate stage Wednesday night in Miami.

dates Thursday night.

Immigration was also on their minds as the candidates' minds as they pointed to the searing photos of a drowned Salvadoran father and his toddler daughter at the Rio Grande and blamed Trump and his policies on migrants crossing into America illegally.

Former Obama administration housing chief Julian Castro said, “Watching that image of Oscar and his daughter Valeria was heart-breaking. It should also piss us all off.”

Warren spent the evening at center stage, a top-tier candidate whose campaign has gained ground in recent weeks as she has released a near-constant stream of policy proposals. She was flanked by lower-tier candidates, including Sen. Cory Booker of New

Jersey, former Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke and Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, who needed big moments to help spark momentum in the crowded field.

Several candidates, including Castro, New York Mayor Bill de Blasio, Rep. Tim Ryan of Ohio and former Rep. John Delaney of Maryland were eager to jab their rivals on health care and immigration. The debate also included Rep. Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii and Washington Gov. Jay Inslee.

Absent the ugly attacks or missteps that marred debates of past elections, the two-hour debate allowed the Democratic Party to show off its diversity. Wednesday's lineup featured three women, one black man and another man

of Mexican heritage. At least two candidates spoke Spanish at times, while Booker, an African American, talked about the violence that left seven people in his own urban neighborhood shot last week alone.

Yet modest differences on health care underscored a much louder internal fight over how aggressive Democrats should be on the nation's most pressing issues.

On one side: candidates like Warren who are demanding dramatic change that includes embracing liberal policy priorities like free universal health care, debt-free college, a forgiving immigration policy and higher taxes on the rich. On the other: pragmatic-minded Democrats like Biden — and little-known Delaney — who are calling for

modest policy solutions that could ultimately attract bipartisan support.

Most of Warren's rivals Wednesday night, including O'Rourke and Klobuchar, called for universal health care but also favored preserving the private insurance market. Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who will be in a second debate group Thursday night, has proposed a “Medicare for All” system without private insurance.

“We should be the party that keeps what's working and fixes what's broken,” said Delaney, one of the few Democrats on stage who represented his party's moderate wing. “Why do we have to stand for taking away something from people?”

De Blasio, who joined Warren in raising his hand

on health insurance, cast the debate as part of “the battle for the heart and soul of our party.”

Trump, the elephant not in the room, was in the air traveling to Japan for a round of trade talks as Democrats faced the nation for the first time in the 2020 campaign.

Earlier in the day, he confirmed that he would watch the debate from Air Force One. His first tweet of the night: “BORING!”

The Republican president helped unite the Democrats, who joined together in blaming him for the deaths of a migrant father and his toddler daughter who drowned in the Rio Grande.

But the candidates didn't agree on everything.

Castro assailed fellow Texan O'Rourke for not calling for fully decriminalizing crossing the U.S.-Mexico border illegally.

“I just think it's a mistake, Beto,” he said, adding that O'Rourke would agree with him “if you did your homework on this issue.”

O'Rourke says he doesn't support fully decriminalizing such border crossings because of fears about smugglers of drugs and people. Booker also sided with Castro, arguing for full decriminalization.

While the candidates have been courting voters in key states for several months, the vast majority of the nation has yet to pay close attention to the diverse field.

Only 35% of registered Democrats say they're paying close attention to the campaign, according to a new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

G-20, trade talks, Iranian crisis loom over Trump's trip to Asia

BY ZEKE MILLER AND JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The fun and flattery are largely over for President Donald Trump as he embarks on his third overseas trip in a month, this time facing a flurry of international crises, tense negotiations and a growing global to-do list.

Trump heads first to Osaka, Japan, for the annual Group of 20 summit, then to South Korea for consultations on North Korea's nuclear program. The agenda for his four-day trip is as laden with hazards for the president as it is light on the ceremonial pomp that marked his recent state visits to Japan and the United Kingdom.

The showdown between the U.S. and Iran, a trade war with China and the threat of fresh election interference by Russia are some of the issues confronting the American leader who has shown little patience for the subtleties of global interactions and whose administration has struggled to grapple with simultaneous challenges.

Trump will meet one-on-one with at least eight world leaders on the summit's

sidelines as he faces mounting pressures to deliver results on a lengthy roster of global concerns. But White House officials are playing down prospects of specific accomplishments in what will almost certainly be Trump's most consequential trip of the year.

Trump said before departing Wednesday that he'd be meeting “competitors” from other nations, adding, “That's OK. We're doing great. We're doing better than any of them.”

His calendar includes sit-downs with Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Turkey's Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, all of whom have authoritarian tendencies, as well as disquieted allies, including Germany's Angela Merkel, and more contented ones such as Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

Trump left Washington days after pulling back from the brink of armed conflict with Iran and as he trades threats over its nuclear program and support for terror groups. With Iran threatening to breach uranium enrichment limits set in the 2015 nuclear accord as soon

as Thursday, Trump will be asked to articulate his strategy for containing Iran to skeptical world leaders after pulling the U.S. from the deal last year.

“The leaders are going to be pressing the president for clarity and then to get into a unified allied approach to the challenge, and it's just simply unclear to me whether we have that policy or that approach,” said Heather Conley, director of the Center for Strategic and International Studies' Europe program.

Trump will also find himself face-to-face with Putin for the first time since special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation ended without finding evidence that the Trump campaign criminally conspired with Russia during the 2016 election. It will also be their first meeting since their summit in Helsinki in July 2018, when Trump declined to side with U.S. intelligence agencies over Putin on the question of election interference, leading to an uproar at home and abroad.

Trump told reporters as he left the White House that he expects a “very good conversation” with Putin but added that “what I say to him is none of your



President Donald Trump prepares to board Air Force One in Maryland as he heads to the G-20 summit in Japan.

business.”

White House officials said Trump would warn Putin to refrain from interfering in U.S. elections, though Trump has been criticized for joining with Putin in attacking Mueller's probe, and advisers worry he may do so once again.

With Xi, a senior administration official said, Trump's aim will be rebooting trade talks between the countries after they collapsed earlier this year. In an interview with Fox Business Network, Trump threatened again to impose stiffer tariffs on Chinese

imports to the U.S. if talks remain stalemated. But officials in both nations are looking for an off-ramp as concerns mount about the economic impact of the yearlong trade war.

Trump's meeting with Erdogan will be his first since announcing, and then backing off, a withdrawal of U.S. forces from Syria. There also is a growing rift between the two NATO allies over Turkey's planned purchase of a Russian surface-to-air missile system and a U.S. threat to suspend planned deliveries to Turkey of the F-35 Joint Strike

Fighter.

Trump will also meet with Crown Prince Mohammed, who U.S. intelligence services concluded ordered the grisly killing of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi, a U.S. resident. Trump has long been loath to scold authoritarian leaders for human rights abuses. He has continued to pursue a close relationship with Saudi Arabia, a linchpin to the U.S.' Middle East strategy to counter Iran, despite its role in furthering humanitarian disaster in Yemen's civil war.



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Broward County Sheriff Gregory Tony, center, said the two were fired for their inaction during the 2018 mass shooting.

2 more deputies fired in Parkland shooting

BY CURT ANDERSON
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MIAMI — Two additional deputies have been fired as a result of an internal affairs investigation into the agency's response to the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland that killed 17 people, the Broward County sheriff said Wednesday.

At a brief news conference, Sheriff Gregory Tony said deputies Edward Eason and Josh Stambaugh

were fired Tuesday for their inaction following the Feb. 14, 2018, shooting.

“In essence, it was neglect of duty. We lost 17 people,” Tony said.

A state investigative commission found that Stambaugh was working an off-duty shift at a nearby school when he responded to reports of shots fired at the school. He got out of his truck, put on his bulletproof vest and took cover for about five minutes after hearing the shots, according to body camera footage. He

then drove to a nearby highway instead of going toward the school.

Eason ran the other way as gunfire continued, then spent time putting on his bulletproof vest and body camera while the carnage continued, investigators said.

Eason was also faulted for not writing an official report after receiving a tip in February 2016 that the shooting suspect, Nikolas Cruz, was making threats on social media to shoot up a school. Tips to the FBI

about Cruz also were not followed up, a separate investigation has found.

Two other deputies were fired earlier this month for neglect of duty.

One of those was school resource officer Scot Peterson, who was also arrested on charges of child neglect, culpable negligence and perjury. Peterson's lawyer has said he will fight the charges.

The sheriff said no action was taken on three other deputies who were involved in the investigation.

New political givers: Women of color

And they're looking to draw more into Democratic ranks

BY MICHELLE YE HEE LEE
The Washington Post

HOUSTON — Sima Ladjevardian made her first major foray into political giving in 2016, when she gave thousands of dollars to support the Democratic Party and Hillary Clinton's presidential bid. But she was only getting started.

Realizing there was power in political giving, the Iranian American lawyer donated to more than a dozen Democratic candidates from Virginia to Arizona in last year's midterm elections. This year, she has given the maximum \$2,800 to presidential hopeful Beto O'Rourke. And she is trying to persuade other minority women to do the same.

"Women of color have been afraid to get more involved, especially political causes, because they didn't think it would matter," said Ladjevardian earlier this spring. "It's important to get (them) to donate and be involved in the process, and know how much their voice makes a difference."

In pockets across the country, women such as Ladjevardian are trying to raise their profile as political donors, driven by a desire to exert more influence over a political system that has long seemed inaccessible to them.

No longer content to simply be the Democratic Party's most loyal voters — 94 percent of African American women voted for Clinton over President Donald Trump in 2016, for instance — some women of color are seeking to break into the influential but overwhelmingly white and male world of political donors.

The efforts are part of a broader campaign to elevate the voices of this group within the Democratic



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Sima Ladjevardian, who donated to Democrats and Hillary Clinton's 2016 campaign, urges more women of color to get involved in giving.

Party, which has had some success. In April, most of the declared Democratic presidential hopefuls attended a forum hosted by She the People, a new political group dedicated to liberal women of color.

But the efforts also reflect a worry that, without robust giving by minority women, the party will move on in the general election to focus on white Midwestern Trump voters at the expense of communities of color.

"If the Democratic Party ... were truly wanting to invest in the most powerful, reliable, fastest-growing part of the base, they would right now be announcing historic investments in registering and engaging women of color — in particular, in swing states," said Aimee Allison, founder and president of She the People.

The absence of women of

color is particularly acute among the superrich givers — billionaires and multimillionaires who give seven figures or more per election. The power of these contributors has grown in recent years as courts have opened the floodgates to donors' unlimited spending to try to sway elections.

But even many ultrarich minority women, such as Oprah Winfrey, have preferred to support charities and causes over political candidates. Activists and researchers say that reflects the challenges of creating a culture of political giving even among those who give large amounts philanthropically.

"Money to political (causes and candidates) was not what I grew up with. You give money to church, you don't give money to get (people) elected," said Lola West, an African



She the People founder Aimee Allison says the Democratic Party needs to register and engage women of color.



Donor Maria Echaveste, center, was a former White House deputy chief of staff under President Bill Clinton.

American Democratic donor who gave to Barack Obama and Clinton in their 2008 campaigns and has since donated several thousand dollars supporting candidates for Congress and local office.

She said giving and raising money opened a new level of access to push for policies and change.

"It's a new world that opens up to you when you start donating politically. You get entree to conversations, to meetings, to activities that are going on," said West, co-founder and managing director of WestFuller Advisors, a boutique wealth management firm in New York.

There is limited data and research on political giving by gender and race, making it difficult to gauge potential or progress.

Although specific figures vary depending on racial

and age groups, women of color are generally underrepresented as campaign donors even though they vote at high rates, according to research by progressive think tank Demos. Black, Latina and Asian women made up a smaller share of the donor pool in elections from 2008 through 2014, compared to men of color, white women and white men, Demos found.

There were just two Latinos among the top 100 political givers in the 2016 cycle, one of them female, according to the Center for Public Integrity: Alejandra de la Vega Foster, who gave to Republicans.

Another major donor is Sunita Leeds, an Indian American political activist and philanthropist living in Washington. She gave more than \$200,000 to Democrats and liberal groups in the 2016 cycle and was a

superdelegate for Clinton in 2016.

"Women of color of high-net wealth [are] doing some political giving, but very few are doing so with gusto," said Hali Lee, co-director of the Donors of Color Network, a national project researching and engaging wealthy minority donors. "There's a huge opportunity there for this sleeping giant."

A sign of hope many see for engaging more minority women to give money in 2020: the wave of women of color who were elected into office in 2018.

Maria Echaveste, a former White House deputy chief of staff under President Bill Clinton and a political donor, recalled almost instantaneously when asked about her first political donation. It was to Gloria Molina, who in 1991 became the first Latina to be elected to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

"She was taking on the old Latino boys in Los Angeles," Echaveste recalled. "The guys had told her, 'Wait your turn.' She was like, 'To hell with it.'"

In 2018, the Democratic National Committee launched a program called "Seat at the Table" to involve more black women in the party, in response to criticisms that the party overlooked the voting bloc in 2016.

One effort is led by a small group of advisers and activists from the world of philanthropy who are recruiting and educating donors of color, particularly women, to donate politically.

The idea for the group came out of meetings at the Democracy Alliance, a network of high-net-worth liberal donors.

"Women of color donors, the party doesn't look at them and see them as the power players they are or could be," said Ashindi Maxton, who is involved in the effort.

Dems emoluments lawsuit against Trump can proceed

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WASHINGTON — Rejecting a request from President Donald Trump, a federal judge in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday cleared the way for nearly 200 Democrats in Congress to continue their lawsuit against him alleging that his private business violates an anti-corruption provision of the Constitution.

U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan declined to put the case on hold and said lawmakers could begin this week seeking financial information, interviews and other records from the Trump Organization.

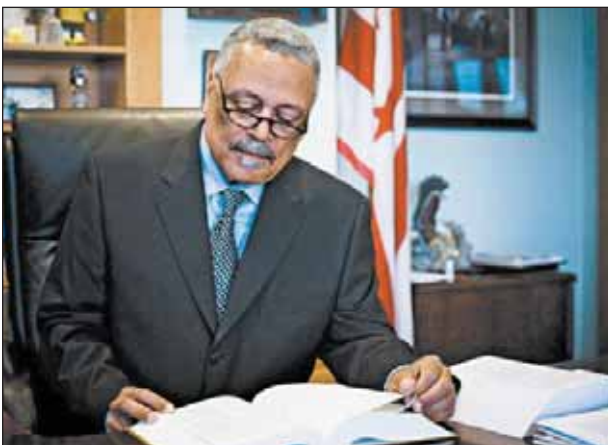
"This case will be poised for resolution within six months; an immediate appeal would hardly materially advance its ultimate termination," Sullivan wrote in a 12-page ruling rejecting the president's position.

The Trump administration still can try to delay or block Democrats in Congress from issuing subpoenas for the president's closely held business information by appealing directly to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit to intervene.

The decision is another significant step in one of two novel cases considering the "emoluments" clauses of the Constitution, which bar the president from accepting gifts or payments from foreign or state governments.

The cases mark the first time federal judges have interpreted these clauses and applied the restrictions to a sitting president.

The "practical consequences" of the court's orders "cannot be overstated," Trump administration lawyers wrote, in asking for a midstream appeal before Sullivan's final judgment.



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U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan declined to put the case on hold, allowing lawmakers to seek documents.

Justice Department lawyers had asked Sullivan to take the unusual step of signing off on an immediate appeal of his earlier rulings because of the "exceptional circumstances" of the case. "Plaintiffs are now poised to seek civil discovery against the President, including into his personal finances and official actions, which will distract the President from his official duties."

Sullivan ordered the two parties to begin the process of requesting records and other information as part of a three-month period from June 28 to Sept. 27.

The case is one in a number of disputes in which Democrats are pursuing private financial information about Trump and the Trump Organization, which the president is maintaining ownership of while in office.

In a second emoluments case, brought by the attorneys general of D.C. and Maryland, a federal judge also denied the Trump administration's request for an immediate appeal. But the Richmond-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit agreed to review the case and temporarily blocked subpoenas from the attorneys general for financial records and other documents related to Trump's D.C. hotel.

The 4th Circuit, which reviews cases from the District of Columbia and Maryland, heard oral arguments in March, and could issue a ruling at any time.

The congressional emoluments case in Washington was initiated last year by about 200 Democrats, led by Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., and Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y. They want the court to order the president to stop accepting payments they consider violations of the Constitution's foreign emoluments clause. The lawmakers and attorneys from the nonprofit Constitutional Accountability Center say the provision was designed to guard against undue influence by foreign governments by barring any "emolument" — meaning a gift or payment — without prior approval from Congress.

In September, Sullivan ruled that lawmakers had legal standing to sue and allowed the case to continue in part because the foreign emoluments clause "requires the President to ask Congress before accepting a prohibited emolument."

Sullivan issued an additional opinion in April adopting a broad definition of "emolument" backed by the congressional Democrats.

House panel authorizes move to subpoena defiant Conway

BY MATTHEW DALY
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WASHINGTON — The House Oversight Committee on Wednesday approved a subpoena to force White House counselor Kellyanne Conway to appear before the panel as it looks into allegations that she repeatedly violated a federal law that limits political activity by government workers.

Conway did not show up at a hearing Wednesday, after the White House said Monday it would not allow her to appear. The Democratic-led panel voted 25-16 to issue a subpoena.

Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., the panel's chairman, said Conway's actions were a violation of the law and that President Donald Trump should fire her.

"This is about right and wrong. This is about the core principle of our democracy that no one in this country is above the law, not even Kellyanne Conway," Cummings said.

The U.S. Office of Special Counsel, which is unrelated to special counsel Robert Mueller's office, said earlier this month that Conway has been a "repeat offender" of the federal Hatch Act by disparaging Democratic presidential candidates while speaking in her official capacity during television interviews and on social media.

Federal law prohibits executive branch employees from using their official authority or influence to affect the result of an election. President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence are exempt from the Hatch Act, but there are no exceptions for White House employees.

Republicans said Democrats were trying to curb Conway's free speech.

Instead of focusing on issues that matter to Americans, Democrats "want to focus on Kellyanne's tweets," Ohio



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Special counsel Henry Kerner calls White House counselor Kellyanne Conway's Hatch Act violations unacceptable.

Rep. Jim Jordan said, noting that senior advisers to former President Barack Obama also appeared on TV and offered opinions on political matters.

"What we have here is a political spectacle," said Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C.

Cummings responded that the GOP had "gotten to the point, sadly, where breaking the law is OK."

"It is not breaking the law," Meadows shot back. Special counsel Henry Kerner, a Trump appointee, said the Hatch Act's restrictions on political activity were reasonable. Without the law, partisan actions by government employees "could quickly multiply and severely damage the public's confidence in the non-partisan operation of government," he said.

Referring to Conway, Kerner said her "egregious and repeated Hatch Act violations, combined with her unrepentant attitude, are unacceptable from any federal employee, let alone one in such a prominent position."

Conway's conduct "hurts both federal employees, who may believe that senior officials can act with complete disregard for the

Hatch Act, and the American people, who may question the nonpartisan operation of their government," Kerner said.

Kerner recommended June 13 that Trump fire Conway, saying that Conway's violations, "if left unpunished, send a message to all federal employees that they need not abide by the Hatch Act's restrictions."

Trump has said he will not fire Conway, who is known for her fiery television appearances in support of Trump and his policies. She helped him win election in 2016 as his campaign manager.

The recommendation to fire Conway is the first time the watchdog office has recommended the removal of a White House official over Hatch Act violations.

Conway has dismissed reports of possible Hatch Act violations, saying critics were trying to silence her because "they don't know how to beat (Trump) at the ballot box."

Instead of testifying to Congress, Conway accompanied Trump to a Washington hotel, where he addressed the Faith & Freedom Coalition's policy conference.



Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla., from left, Sen. Ben Cardin, D-Md., and Tribune Publishing Chairman David Dreier speak Wednesday at the National Press Club in Washington.

Lawmakers back plan to build memorial for slain journalists

BY CHASE COOK
Capital Gazette

WASHINGTON — Federal lawmakers pledged their support Wednesday for The Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation and its efforts to build a memorial in Washington to honor slain journalists.

Sen. Ben Cardin, D-Md., Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio and Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla., spoke together at the National Press Club in Washington.

Those lawmakers, alongside Rep. Grace Napolitano, D-Calif., introduced legislation Tuesday that authorizes The Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation to begin work on the memorial.

The National Mall is an international treasure but a memorial is missing, Cardin said.

"The freedom of the press is the bedrock of our country," Cardin said. "We don't have a focal point where we can pay our respects for those that literally have given their life in the line of duty to protect democracy in this nation."

The Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation was announced Sunday to honor reporters and photojournalists who have been killed as a result of their job. It is the idea of Tribune Publishing Chairman David Dreier, who was inspired after the shooting at

The Capital Gazette, which is owned by Tribune Publishing.

The memorial's announcement comes near the one-year mark of the shooting on June 28 in which five staff members were killed: Gerald Fischman, Wendi Winters, Rebecca Smith, Rob Hiaasen and John McNamara.

The Capital editor Rick Hutzell will serve on the foundation's advisory board.

"I find it a great and noble honor," Hutzell said at Wednesday's event. "Journalism is vital to the success of our democracy. A memorial like this is a just and fitting way to recognize that importance to our nation."

Federal legislation to be passed before work on the memorial can begin. It is estimated to take seven years to fund, plan and build the memorial.

It also will take millions of dollars of private funding. No taxpayer money will be used in the project. Fundraising for the project has already begun alongside initial funding from the Annenberg Foundation and the Michael and Jackie Ferro Foundation. Michael Ferro is the former chairman of Tribune Publishing.

Dreier said he is hopeful the bills are passed swiftly and with bipartisan support. The legislation also

would have to be signed by President Donald Trump, who has frequently called journalists "enemy of the people."

Despite those remarks, Dreier said he thinks the president will sign the bill.

"One year ago when we had the shootings take place in The Capital Gazette, the president said no American, including journalists, should go to work and face the threat of violence," Dreier said. "We appreciate those words of encouragement that came from him at that time."

Barbara Cochran, president of the National Press Club Journalism Institute, will serve as president of the Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation.

"It is so refreshing to see a bipartisan effort and to hear the kind words from people in public office and the understanding of what the role of journalists is in our society," Cochran said. "It is very heartening to have that kind of support."

The Newseum — an interactive museum dedicated to journalism — has a memorial for journalists killed in the line of duty. In June the names of Fischman, Winters, Hiaasen and McNamara were added to it. Shortly after the June 28 shooting the Newseum put up informational stands throughout the building that informed visitors of the attack.

Nadler: Mueller testimony will have 'profound impact'

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK,
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Associated Press



House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler speaks to reporters Wednesday in Washington.

WASHINGTON — The chairman of the House Judiciary Committee says he expects special counsel Robert Mueller to have "a profound impact" when he testifies before Congress on July 17, even though Mueller has said he won't provide any new information.

Mueller's unusual back-to-back testimony in front of the House Judiciary and Intelligence committees is likely to be the most highly anticipated congressional hearing in years, particularly given Mueller's resolute silence throughout his two-year investigation into Russian contacts with President Donald Trump's campaign. Democrats negotiated for more than two months to obtain the testimony, hoping to focus public attention on the special counsel's 448-page report that they believe most Americans have not read.

"I think just if he says what was in the report and says it to the American people so they hear it, that will be very, very important," Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler told reporters Wednesday. "Whether he goes further than that, we'll see."

Nadler said he thinks Mueller will be a compelling witness given the nature of the report, which detailed Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election and reviewed several episodes in which Trump tried to influence Mueller's probe. He said he believes the hearing will have a "profound impact" because many people haven't read the report and don't know what's in it.

It will also be the first time Mueller has responded to questions since he was appointed special counsel in May 2017.

Throughout his investigation, Mueller never responded to angry, public attacks from Trump, nor did he ever personally join his prosecutors in court or make announcements of criminal charges from the team. His sole public statement came from the Justice Department lectern last month as he announced his departure.

He also put lawmakers on notice that he was not eager to testify and did not ever intend to say more than what he put in the report.

"We chose those words carefully, and the work speaks for itself," Mueller said May 29. "I would not provide information beyond what is already public in any appearance before Congress."

Those remarks did little to settle the demands for his testimony. The two committees continued negotiations that had already been going on for weeks, saying they still wanted to hear from Mueller no matter how reluctant he was. The two committees announced Tuesday that he'd finally agreed to come under subpoena, and that they had issued the subpoenas that day.

The committee chairmen said there will be two hearings "back to back," one for each committee,

and they will also separately meet with Mueller's staff in closed session.

Nadler would not give details on the negotiations or why the subpoenas were needed. He just said "we reached a point where we believed that if we issued a subpoena he would obey it." The Justice Department declined to comment.

House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff expressed concern that either the White House or Justice Department would try and block some or all of Mueller's testimony, possibly at the last minute, as they have with other administration witnesses. "I think every indication is that the president will continue interfering in any way he can," Schiff said.

On that point, though, Nadler said he doubts any such efforts would eventually succeed.

"Mr. Mueller is an honest man and understands that congressional subpoenas are not optional," Nadler said.

Trump simply tweeted, "Presidential Harassment!" He followed up on Wednesday morning in an interview with Fox Business Network, saying, "It never ends," then reiterating his grievances against the way the probe was conducted.

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1% not getting Notre Dame over hump

Small donors are ones helping fund less-glam cleanup

BY THOMAS ADAMSON
Associated Press

PARIS — The billionaire French donors who publicly proclaimed they would give hundreds of millions to rebuild Notre Dame have not yet paid a penny toward the restoration of the French national monument, according to church and business officials.

Instead, it's mainly American and French individuals, via Notre Dame charitable foundations, that are behind the first donations paying the bills and salaries for up to 150 workers employed by the cathedral since the April 15 fire that devastated its roof and caused its masterpiece spire to collapse. This month they are handing over the first private payment for the cathedral's reconstruction of \$4 million.

"The big donors haven't paid. Not a cent," said Andre Finot, senior press official at Notre Dame. "They want to know what exactly their money is being spent on and if they agree to it before they hand it over, and not just to pay employees' salaries."

Almost \$1 billion was promised by some of France's richest and most powerful families and companies, some of whom sought to outbid each other, in the hours and days after the inferno. It prompted criticism that the donations were as much about the vanity of the donors wishing to be immortalized in the edifice's fabled stones than the preservation of France's church heritage.

Francois Pinault of Artemis, the parent company of Kering that owns Gucci and Saint Laurent, promised \$112 million, while Patrick Pouyanne, CEO of French energy company Total, said his firm would match that figure.



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Billionaires who pledged enormous sums to rebuild Notre Dame cathedral after an April fire haven't followed through.

Bernard Arnault, CEO of luxury giant LVMH that owns Louis Vuitton and Dior, pledged \$224 million, as did the Bettencourt Schueller Foundation of the L'Oreal fortune.

None of that money has been seen, according to Finot, as the donors wait to see how the reconstruction plans progress and fight it out over contracts.

The reality on the ground at Notre Dame is that work has been continuing around the clock for weeks and the cathedral has had to rely partly on the charity foundations to fund the first phase of reconstruction.

The Friends of Notre Dame de Paris was founded in 2017, and its president, Michel Picaud, estimates 90% of the donations it's received came from American donors.

"Americans are very generous toward Notre Dame and the monument is very loved in America," he said. The first private check

toward the rebuilding, according to Picaud, is being transferred by the foundations for \$4.1 million. That also includes funds from mainly small French donors, collected by the sister Notre Dame Foundation. The French state has also paid funds toward the massive consolidation operation.

While the billionaire donors delay signing their checks, the workers at the cathedral face the epic task of cleaning up the lead poisoning that has become an issue for the Parisian island on which Notre Dame is located.

An estimated 300 tons of lead that made up the cathedral's roof melted or was released into the atmosphere during the fierce blaze, which sent out toxic dust. The city's regional health agency says high levels of lead are now present in the soil of the island, the Ile de la Cite, and in nearby administrative

buildings. It has recommended that all pregnant women and children under 7 living nearby take blood tests for lead after an abnormally high level was detected in a child in the area.

Two dedicated workers have been cleaning the toxic lead dust from the cathedral's forecourt for weeks, and up to 148 more have been cleaning inside and outside the edifice as well as restoring it, according to Finot.

Workers are building a wooden walkway so they can remove 250 tons of burnt-out scaffolding that had been installed before the fire for the ill-fated restoration of Notre Dame's spire. They will then replace the existing plastic protection with a bigger, more robust umbrella roof. After that, they will begin reconstructing the roof and vaulting.

Finot said this process will take months and will be paid in part by the Friends

of Notre Dame and other foundations.

This comes as the French parliament is slowly debating amendments to a new law that would create a public body to expedite the restoration of the cathedral and circumvent some of the country's famously complex labor laws.

French President Emmanuel Macron has said the work should be completed within five years — a deadline many French architects say is overly ambitious.

A spokesman for the Pinault Collection acknowledged that the Pinault family hadn't yet handed over any money for the cathedral's restoration, blaming that on a delay in contracts.

"We are willing to pay, provided it is requested in a contractual framework," said spokesman Jean-Jacques Aillagon, adding the Pinault family plans to pay via the Notre Dame foundations.

The LVMH Group and the Arnault family said in a statement it was signing an agreement with Notre Dame's foundations and "the payments will be made as the work progresses."

Total has pledged to pay its 100 million euros via the Heritage Foundation, whose Director General Celia Verot, confirmed that the multinational company has not paid anything yet. She said donors are waiting to see what the plans are and if they are in line with each company's particular vision before they agree to transfer the money.

"How the funds will be used by the state is the big question," Verot said.

While the cleanup and consolidation work now underway at Notre Dame is hugely important, it does not fit that description, said another foundation official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

That suggests wealthy donors want their money to go toward long-lasting, immortalizing structures and not on the ephemeral but equally vital tasks of cleaning and securing a site that poses real health risks for Parisians.

The Bettencourt Schueller Foundation said it, too, hasn't handed over any money because it wants to ensure its donation is spent on causes that fit the foundation's specific ethos, which supports craftsmanship in art.

Olivier de Challus, one of the cathedral's chief guides and architecture experts, said one of the reasons the rich French donors haven't yet paid is that there are still so many uncertainties about the direction of the reconstruction work.

"It doesn't matter that the big donors haven't yet paid because the choices about the spire and the major architectural decisions will happen probably late in 2020," he said. "That's when the large sums of money will be required."

Animated videos: Boy Scouts' new tactic to fight sex abuse

BY DAVID CRARY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Under financial pressure from sex-abuse litigation, the Boy Scouts of America are seeking to bolster their abuse-prevention efforts with a new awareness program featuring cartoon-style videos that will be provided to more than 1.2 million Cub Scouts across the nation.

Targeted at children from kindergarten to sixth grade, the six videos aim to teach children how to recognize potentially abusive behavior and what to do if confronted by it.

The initiative comes as the Boy Scouts face a potentially huge wave of abuse-related lawsuits after several states enacted laws this year making it easier for victims of long-ago abuse to file claims. The Boy Scouts acknowledge that the litigation poses a financial threat and have not ruled out seeking bankruptcy protection.

The bulk of the newly surfacing abuse cases date to the 1960s, '70s and '80s; the BSA says there were only five known abuse victims in 2018 out of 2.2 million youth members. The BSA credits the change to an array of prevention policies adopted since the

mid-1980s, including mandatory criminal background checks and abuse-prevention training for all staff and volunteers, and a rule that two or more adult leaders be present with youth at all times during scouting activities.

The Boy Scouts' youth protection director, former police investigator Mike Johnson, decided to add the videos to the prevention program after vetting them with parents of Cub Scout-age children and with children themselves.

"Parents told me they're having these conversations with their kids, and they felt the videos would help them have a better, richer conversation," Johnson said. "The kids are engaged. There's some heavy topics discussed in a child-specific way."

Previous BSA prevention videos featured real people.

"The power and magic of animation, and its ability to communicate with kids — I underestimated it," Johnson said.

The videos and related learning materials were developed in 2015-16 by psychologists and other experts recruited by the Barbara Sinatra Children's Center, a nonprofit in Rancho Mirage, California, that specializes in helping chil-

dren affected by abuse.

The videos target two age groups: kindergarten through third grade and fourth through sixth grade. Each series features a boy and girl who talk about experiencing abusive situations — for example, with a neighbor or coach — and explain how they used a set of "Protect Yourself Rules" to avoid harm.

One of the rules, in case of abuse: "Shout, run, tell." Another rule is "Safe touch, unsafe touch" — being wary of anyone touching the child on a part of the body that their bathing suit would cover.

"Unsafe touches are scary and confusing, because they can seem playful or gentle," says a character in the video for kindergartners.

The videos for older children extend beyond sex abuse, addressing bullying, domestic violence and online dangers.

The accompanying lesson materials will be required for all Cub Scout units.

For example, second-graders at the rank of Wolf would be asked to identify five trusted adults to whom they could report an abuse incident. They'd also be asked to demonstrate how they would say "No" to



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Animated videos are being used by the Boy Scouts of America to combat sexual and other types of abuse.

someone making them uncomfortable.

John Thoresen, the Sinatra Center's chief executive, said the videos are used in many schools in the U.S. and abroad, and have been viewed by more than 100 million children since 2017.

Thoresen said the videos' boy and girl characters are a good fit for the Cub Scouts, which last year ended a boys-only policy and now have about 78,000 girls in the ranks.

Within the next year, the Sinatra Center plans to complete animated anti-abuse videos for older youths. The BSA's current

youth participation of 2.2 million is down from more than 4 million in peak years of the past.

Founded in 1910, the BSA has kept confidential files since the 1920s listing staff and volunteers implicated in sexual abuse, for the avowed purpose of keeping predators away from youth. According to a court deposition, the files as of January listed 7,819 suspected abusers and 12,254 victims.

Until late May, the BSA had insisted it never knowingly allowed a predator to work with youth.

On May 27, The Associated Press reported that

attorneys for abuse survivors had identified multiple cases in which known predators were allowed to return to posts as unit leaders. The next day, BSA Chief Executive Mike Surbaugh wrote to a U.S. House committee, acknowledging that the group's previous claim was untrue.

"I have reviewed information that now makes clear to me that decades ago BSA did, in at least some instances, allow individuals to return to Scouting even after credible accusations of sexual abuse," Surbaugh wrote. "I am devastated that this ever occurred."

Survey: Winter's sting caused record rate of bee colony deaths

BY SETH BORENSTEIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Winter hit U.S. honeybees hard with the highest loss rate yet, an annual survey of beekeepers showed.

The annual nationwide survey by the Bee Informed Partnership found 37.7% of honeybee colonies died this past winter, nearly 9 percentage points higher than the average winter loss.

The survey of nearly 4,700 beekeepers managing more than 300,000 colonies goes back 13 years and is

conducted by bee experts at the University of Maryland, Auburn University and several other schools.

Beekeepers had been seeing fewer winter colony losses in recent years until now, said Maryland's Dennis vanEngelsdorp, president of the bee partnership and co-author of the survey.

"The fact that we suddenly had the worst winter we've had is troubling," vanEngelsdorp said.

Some bees usually die over winter, but until the past couple decades, when a combination of problems

struck colonies, losses rarely exceeded 10%, he said.

Bees pollinate \$15 billion worth of U.S. food crops. One-third of the human diet comes from pollinators, including native wild bees and other animals, many of which are also in trouble, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"We should be concerned on multiple levels," said University of California, Berkeley, agricultural social scientist Jennie Durrant, who has a separate study on the loss of food

supply for bees.

Year-to-year bee colony losses, which include calculations for summer, were 40.7%, higher than normal, but not a record high, the survey found.

"The beekeepers are working harder than ever to manage colonies but we still lose 40-50% each year unacceptable," Swiss bee expert Jeff Pettis, who wasn't part of the survey, said in an email.

For more than a decade, bees have been in trouble with scientists blaming mites, diseases, pesticides

and loss of food.

This past winter's steep drop seems heavily connected to the mites, vanEngelsdorp said.

Beekeepers report that chemicals that kill mites don't seem to be working quite as well and mite infestation is worsening, he said. Those mites feed on the bees' fats and that's where the insects store protein and center their immune response.

Durrant's study in the journal Land Use Policy found that changes in food supply in the Midwest's

Prairie Pothole Region, a hot spot for honeybee colonies, has been a major factor in losses.

That area has lost wetland areas with clover that bees feed on.

Other areas have been converted to corn and soy crops, which don't feed bees, she said.

As bad as the survey numbers are, vanEngelsdorp said, "We're not really worried about honeybees going extinct. I'm more worried that the commercial beekeepers will go out of business."

Senate approves \$4.6B border crisis measure

Reconciling with House bill unclear as July 4 recess looms

BY ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The GOP-held Senate on Wednesday passed a bipartisan \$4.6 billion measure to deliver aid to the southern border before the government runs out of money to care for thousands of migrant families and unaccompanied children.

The 84-8 vote came less than 24 hours after the Democratic-controlled House approved a companion measure backed by party liberals that was weighed down by a White House veto threat and bipartisan rejection by the Senate.

Republicans and the White House far prefer the Senate measure but House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is pressing for quick negotiations to merge the bills — promising that Democrats won't knuckle under to demands to send the Senate bill directly to President Donald Trump without changes.

The Senate vote sent the must-pass legislation measure back the Democratic-controlled House. Next steps are unclear, but Pelosi



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Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi told reporters, "There's some improvements that we think can be reconciled."

dismissed speculation that the Democratic-controlled House will accept the Senate measure, which cleared a key committee last week with just one dissenting vote. Asked if the House would pass the Senate bill and send it to Trump, Pelosi said, "No."

Pelosi called Trump on Wednesday afternoon to discuss the measure. "There's some improvements that we think can be reconciled," Pelosi told reporters.

Trump said passing the legislation was urgent as he left the White House for Japan and he appeared to leave the door open for negotiations.

"We are moving along very well with a bipartisan bill in the Senate," Trump said. "It's very far along and I believe the House is also going to also be getting together with the Senate to get something done. It's humanitarian aid. It's very important."

The final outcome isn't



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Majority Leader Mitch McConnell called the House bill "resistance theater."

clear. An impasse could imperil passage of the measure, which is needed soon before federal agencies caring for migrants are hamstrung by lack of money.

Congress plans to leave Washington in a few days for a weeklong July 4 recess, and pressure is intense to wrap up the legislation before then.

Failure to act could bring a swift political rebuke and accusations of ignoring the plight of innocent immigrant children who are living in overcrowded, often inadequate federal facilities.

The Senate vote comes less than 24 hours after the House passed its version along party lines after Pelosi quelled a mini-revolt by progressives and Latino lawmakers who won relatively modest changes to the legislation.

The funding is urgently needed to prevent the humanitarian emergency on

the U.S.-Mexico border from worsening.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., blasted the House bill earlier Wednesday.

"It's a go-nowhere proposal filled with poison pill riders which the president has indicated he would veto," McConnell said. "They had to drag their bill way to the left to earn the support of most Democrats. As a result, the House has not made much progress toward actually making a law, just more resistance theater."

Asked Wednesday if he's open to adding some language sought by the House, McConnell said, "We're working on finishing up this week and getting it to the president."

The Senate rejected the House bill by a 55-37 vote.

"The Senate has a good bill. Our bill is much better," Pelosi, D-Calif., told her Democratic colleagues earlier in the week. On Wednesday, Pelosi told The Associated Press that she had "a good conversation" with Trump and that "I don't know if the president is even going to be signing the Senate bill."

Both House and Senate measures contain more than \$1 billion to shelter and feed migrants detained by the border patrol and al-

most \$3 billion to care for unaccompanied migrant children who are turned over the Department of Health and Human Services. The Senate measure is not as strict in setting conditions on the delivery of funding to care for unaccompanied children and contains funding opposed by House Democrats for the Pentagon and to ease a payroll pinch at Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Both House and Senate bills ensure funding could not be shifted to Trump's border wall and would block information on sponsors of immigrant children from being used to deport them. Trump would be denied additional funding for Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention beds.

"The President's cruel immigration policies that tear apart families and terrorize communities demand the stringent safeguards in this bill to ensure these funds are used for humanitarian needs only — not for immigration raids, not detention beds, not a border wall," said House Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Nita Lowey, D-N.Y.

The White House has threatened to veto the House bill.

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spun so many times that it's hard to keep track of who is in charge of what. And most of those leaders have not been officially nominated by Trump, let alone confirmed by the Senate.

"DHS is charged with keeping the nation secure, but the president is putting its leadership through a constant game of musical chairs to fit his political agenda," said Rep. Bennie Thompson, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee.

The 240,000-person department is tasked with election and cyber security, disaster response and even the Secret Service. But in Trump's world, Homeland Security means one thing: immigration. The president's signature issue makes the department the focus of his ire. Balancing a White House eager to push major changes with the reality on the ground is a constant challenge.

Trump's efforts in recent weeks have featured whip-lash-inducing threats and reversals. The White House did not respond to requests for comment.

Last week, Mark Morgan, newly installed as acting director of ICE, sought to please his boss by moving forward with a long-considered operation that would target families living in the U.S. illegally. But questions remained, including whether there was enough detention space available for families, what would happen to the children of arrested parents, and whether the effort made sense, given the crisis at the border.

McAleenan, according to several officials, had cautioned against the idea, much like other leaders who were ousted.

Then Trump tweeted without warning that a massive deportation operation was in the works. Damage control quickly ensued, with heated meetings at the White House.

And on Friday, specific details of the operation leaked to the press, includ-



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Migrants cross the Rio Grande on Wednesday, two days after a Salvadoran man and his daughter were found dead on the riverbank.



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Acting Secretary of DHS Kevin McAleenan cautioned against an operation targeting families.

ing information about when the operation would begin and which cities it would target.

Amid finger-pointing over where the leak had come from, ICE canceled it over concerns for officer safety. Trump later said he called off the raids at the

request of Democrats.

But the leaks enraged ICE officials. Former ICE head Tom Homan, a strong proponent of Trump's policies, seemed to point a finger at McAleenan during an appearance on Fox News.

"This leak, which I know

where it came from, we all know where it came from," he said. Homan said the leaks put "officers at greater risk of harm."

Homan told The Associated Press on Wednesday that he had never said McAleenan was to blame.

"McAleenan's a very talented man. I think he's a smart man. And I hope he's successful. And I think he's done some good things," he said.

McAleenan hasn't commented. He has, however, pleaded with Congress for more money to help manage the influx of migrants at the border.

Facilities are vastly strained, agents and officers are working around the clock, and the department is forced to divert funding and manpower.

More immigration staffing also remains under discussion. Homan said he

remains open to joining the administration as an immigration czar, even after Trump jumped the gun by saying on Fox that it was a done deal.

As for the turnover, Homan said he wouldn't second-guess Trump's decisions.

"I'm sure there's reasons he's making these changes. I think he's hitting the reset button and coming up with some fresh ideas," Homan said, adding that those selected for the jobs are all "career professionals."

But at ICE, officials have now had three bosses in as many months.

While the political jockeying takes place, tens of thousands of migrant families are being held behind chain-link fences at border stations that are not set up for long-term — or even short-term — detention. Lawyers have decried the

conditions inside the facilities, especially for children.

And then there is the image of the man and his 23-month-old daughter, face down in shallow water, her arm draped around his neck. The father, Oscar Alberto Martinez Ramirez, frustrated because his family was unable to present themselves to U.S. officials to claim asylum, swam across the river with little Valeria to the U.S. side, according to the journalist who shot the image. But when he turned around for his wife, the toddler threw herself back into the water and was swept away. Both drowned as he tried to save her.

Democrats blamed Trump's policies for the deaths, while the president blamed Democrats and defended his administration's treatment of children in its custody.

Man's mom: 'They died in each other's arms'

BY MARCOS ALEMAN
Associated Press

SAN MARTIN, El Salvador — The mother of a man who drowned alongside his 23-month-old daughter while trying to cross the Rio Grande into Texas says she finds a heart-breaking photograph of their bodies hard to look at, but also comforting for how they clung to each other in their final moments.

"You can see how he protected her, they died in each other's arms," Rosa

Ramirez said.

Her son, Oscar Alberto Martinez Ramirez, 25, and his daughter, Valeria, were swept away by the current near Matamoros, Mexico, and Brownsville, Texas, this week. The photo showed the girl tucked inside her father's shirt for protection with her arm draped over his neck — an image that underscores the dangers migrants face trying to make it to the United States.

"It's tough, it's kind of shocking, that image," Ramirez said from their home.

"But at the same time, it fills me with tenderness. I feel so many things because at no time did he let go of her."

Ramirez had shared the brick home with barred windows in San Martin on the outskirts of the capital, San Salvador, with her son, his wife, Tania Vanessa Avalos, 21, and their daughter until the young family decided to make the journey north.

In their working-class neighborhood of about 40,000, Martinez worked in a pizzeria and Avalos as a

cashier in a fast-food restaurant, Ramirez said.

Ramirez said the couple dreamed of saving money for a place of their own and that drove the family to head to the United States in April.

"I told him, 'Son, don't go. But if you do go, leave me the girl,'" Ramirez said.

"No, mama," she said he replied. "How can you think that I would leave her?"

Now she feels a hole that "nobody can fill, but God gives me strength," she said.



ANTONIO VALLADARES/AP

Rosa Ramirez sobs as she shows toys to the media that belonged to her granddaughter in San Martin, El Salvador.

NEWS BRIEFING

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US told Palestinian economic plan must have political vision

MANAMA, Bahrain — The Trump administration's \$50 billion economic support plan for the Palestinians cannot succeed without addressing the political elements of a Middle East deal, international financial chiefs and global investors said Wednesday in comments that pushed back on the U.S. insistence that the two must be separated. Panelists at the two-day conference in Bahrain welcomed the proposal's

ambitious investment and development goals, but warned it would fall short without good governance, rule of law and realistic prospects for lasting peace through a political vision. Their views were aired as the Palestinians repeated their rejection of the so-called Peace to Prosperity plan because it ignores their political demands, including an end to the Israeli occupation and the creation of an independent state.

Senior EPA official steps down amid ethics probe in House

WASHINGTON — A top Environment Protection Agency official who helped lead the Trump administration's rollback of Obama-era restrictions of carbon emissions is resigning amid a congressional probe into whether he improperly aided former fossil fuels and chemical industry clients. The House Energy and Commerce Committee opened an investigation in April following media re-

ports questioning EPA Assistant Administrator Bill Wehrum's compliance with ethics rules barring political appointees from acting on issues involving their former employers for at least two years. Documents obtained through a public records request showed Wehrum met with former clients and industry lawyers from his former firm without disclosing the contacts on his official calendar.

Former Israeli PM Barak stages return to end 'Netanyahu's rule'

JERUSALEM — Israel's former Prime Minister Ehud Barak announced Wednesday that he is returning to politics and forming a new party that will aim to unseat Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in upcoming elections. Speaking at a Tel Aviv news conference, Barak called for an end to "Netanyahu's rule with the radicals, racists and the corrupt, with the Mes-

sianists and his corrupt leadership." The 77-year-old Barak, who was once Netanyahu's army commander, served as military chief and then prime minister from 1999-2001. Most recently, he served as Netanyahu's defense minister. He retired from politics in 2013, but has been an outspoken critic of Netanyahu since. Barak's new party has yet to be named.



A keeper at an animal park in Hodenhagen, Germany, applies sunscreen to a lowland tapir Wednesday. Torrid weather gripping large parts of Western and Central Europe set June temperature records in Germany and the Czech Republic with highs of 101 degrees.

NRA splits with lobbyist and PR firm amid fierce infighting

Infighting at the National Rifle Association exploded Wednesday, when the powerful association severed ties with its longtime public relations firm, suspended operations of its fiery online TV station and lost its top lobbyist.

Lobbyist Chris Cox, long viewed as the likely successor to CEO Wayne LaPierre, was placed on administrative leave about a week ago by the NRA, which claimed he was part of a failed attempt to extort LaPierre and then announced his resignation Wednesday. It also came within

hours of the association officially severing ties with Ackerman McQueen, the Oklahoma-based public relations firm that has shaped some of the NRA's most memorable messages in the past decades.

Infighting spilled out at the NRA's annual meeting in April when Oliver North, then NRA president, threatened to expose questionable personal and travel expenses unless LaPierre stepped down. Instead, LaPierre turned the tables and accused North of trying to extort him into submission, which led to North's ouster.

In the past few months, the NRA has filed several lawsuits against Ackerman McQueen, accusing it of refusing to document its billings and of seeking to undermine the association. Ackerman McQueen has countersued, claiming the NRA is trying to renege on its financial obligations and smear the firm.

Ackerman McQueen also created and operated NRATV. In a statement posted Wednesday on the NRA website, LaPierre said it would no longer be airing live programming and would be evaluating the station's future.

Court upholds precedents on power of agencies

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Wednesday rejected a conservative push to limit the power of federal agencies. The high court declined to overrule two past cases that had been criticized by conservatives as giving unelected officials vast law-making power.

Chief Justice John Roberts broke with his more conservative colleagues and joined the court's four liberal justices in refusing to overrule the earlier cases. The case the court was considering has to do with how courts should respond when an agency — such as

the Transportation Security Administration or Mine Safety and Health Administration — writes a regulation that is ambiguous. Previous cases said judges should defer to an agency's interpretation of its own ambiguous regulation if the interpretation is reasonable.

Senate panel OKs bill to raise federal smoking age

WASHINGTON — A Senate panel approved a bipartisan bill Wednesday that would raise the country's smoking age to 21 from 18, a step the measure's sponsors hailed as progress toward combating the rise in youth vaping.

The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee approved the Tobacco-Free Youth Act, which was co-sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va.

It remains unclear when the measure will be brought to the Senate floor.

The measure would make it illegal to sell a tobacco product to any person under 21 years old in all states. It would include military personnel, a category that is exempted in some states that have raised the legal age.

In Afghanistan: The U.S. military said two of its service members were killed Wednesday in Afghanistan.

The deaths occurred a day after U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo visited the Afghan capital of Kabul, where he said Washington was hopeful of a peace deal before Sept. 1. At a news conference Wednesday in New Delhi, Pompeo said he was aware of the two deaths. He offered his condolences.

In announcing the deaths, the U.S.-led military coalition in Kabul said only that they had been killed, with no explanation. Later, a U.S. official said the two died of gunshot wounds sustained during combat while on a joint patrol with Afghan forces.

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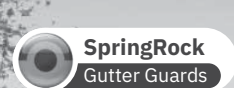

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EDITORIALS

For an open Illinois House seat, all of you nobodies need not apply

"We're hiring! Illinois House of Representatives, District 20. Starting salary for part-time job: \$69,400. Health and pension benefits included. Republican credentials preferred. Policy chops mandatory. Ethical backbone a must. Send resumes to House Republican Leader Jim Durkin."

That's how a classified ad for an open Republican seat in the General Assembly should read. But this is Illinois, where both political parties prefer a more clandestine process. It's about to happen again.

Local Republican officials are planning to meet Saturday at an Edison Park restaurant to fill the open seat of retiring state Rep. Michael McAuliffe, R-Chicago. McAuliffe, the city's lone House Republican with parts of the northwest suburbs in his district, recently announced he would be stepping down early to spend more time with his family. He was reelected to the seat in November.

Rosemont Mayor Brad Stephens is the presumed front-runner to replace him. Stephens is the political heir in the Stephens family dynasty in Rosemont where his father, Donald Stephens, served as mayor for decades. It's a quirky small town near O'Hare International Airport where nepotism throughout village government is not only permitted but staunchly defended. Numerous Stephens family members are on the village payroll. It's not a good look.

It's also the town that got



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House GOP leader Jim Durkin speaks last month at the Illinois Capitol in Springfield. With Republican state Rep. Michael McAuliffe retiring, local Republican leaders will meet soon to choose McAuliffe's successor.

passed over for a casino in the early 2000s after gaming regulators and former Attorney General Lisa Madigan linked the elder Stephens to organized crime figures, an accusation the late Stephens and his allies at the time

called "preposterous." Still, it's a reputation that sticks.

Even setting that aside, voters of the 20th District should feel insulted by the process expected to play out. Stephens and McAuliffe hold a majority of the

weighted vote in the replacement decision. The GOP committeemen of the district get to choose. Stephens is Leyden Township GOP committeeman, and McAuliffe is committeeman of Chicago's 41st Ward, where he re-

sides.

It's a protocol both political parties routinely abuse: Lawmaker steps down midterm. Insiders choose the replacement. Voters dissed. Rinse. Repeat.

Only four states — Illinois, Indiana, North Dakota and Colorado — allow party leaders to fill open seats, according to Ballotpedia. The process often elevates party hacks, leaves out legitimate candidates and ignores voters.

Also of note if Stephens gets the House seat: He said he would keep his \$260,000 job as mayor while serving in the statehouse, collecting that salary too. The dual positions would create numerous conflicts of interest for him in the legislature, not to mention brand him as a double-dipper for collecting two public salaries.

None of this, however, is likely to shame GOP officials into doing the right thing, which would be to sidestep an insider with conflicts and elevate a more independent resident of the 20th District who represents the policy positions of the party and embraces good, transparent government. That's why the job description for the seat, if GOP leaders were being honest, would actually read like this:

"We're hiring! Illinois House of Representatives, District 20. Candidate preferred from insider ranks. Nobodies need not apply. Republican credentials preferred. Fundraising capabilities and clout mandatory. Send resumes to party leaders, including ... yourself."

Feel good about America's drop in heart disease deaths? Better brace for the gripper.

If you're one of the evidently healthy people who has decided that 50 is the new 40, here's a dose of sobering news. The big decline in deaths due to heart disease that the U.S. has enjoyed over much of the past century has slowed to a crawl. And for one age group — middle-aged Americans — deaths due to cardiovascular disease are actually on the rise.

The death rate in the U.S. due to cardiovascular disease, including heart disease and strokes, had dropped more than 70 percent over six decades — until 2011. Since then, however, deaths due to cardiovascular disease have dropped by a mere 4 percent, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Heart disease has been the nation's top killer, but public health experts had expected it to be supplanted by cancer by 2020. Yet with these latest numbers, expect heart disease to remain Public Enemy No. 1 for a while.

Why are heart attacks and strokes holding strong? America doesn't smoke as much anymore; the days of cigarette butt-filled ashtrays on work desks and restaurants clouded in an ash haze are long gone. We tell ourselves we're eating better — gluten is a dirty word for many people, and the meat-free Impossible Burger now appears prominently on menus at Burger King, Red Robin and White Castle. We're living healthier, right?

Cardiologists instead point to two enduring culprits, The Wall Street Journal reports: obesity and the rise in Type 2 diabetes. Both contribute to high blood pressure, America's "silent killer" that ramps up the risk of strokes and heart problems. According to the Journal, nearly 40 percent of American adults over 20 are obese, and 94 percent of U.S. adults 18 and older suffer from diabetes. Those percentages should startle and humble all of us.

Insufficient exercise, bad food, and too much of it. Yes, this trifecta takes a toll, and the population segment bearing much of the brunt is those middle-aged Americans: The CDC says the

heart disease death rate for people between 45 and 64 rose 1.5 percent from 2011 to 2017.

Chuck the old image of a heart attack waiting to happen — an older man, usually a smoker, with cholesterol levels out the roof. Increasingly, heart disease patients are younger, more obese, often women, and less likely to smoke.

Heart disease kills 859,000 Americans every year, the CDC says, roughly one-third of all deaths. Treating heart disease represents a \$199 billion annual hit on the country's health care system, and \$131 billion in lost productivity due to premature deaths. But take heart (sorry, we

couldn't resist): The World Health Organization says 80 percent of premature heart attacks and strokes are preventable.

Easy fixes won't suffice. At best the supplements route has its limits, and many of those pills do nothing but shrink your bank account. We hate to sound like a broken record, but simply stopping smoking isn't enough anymore. Sensible diet? Check. More exercise? Check. Regular doctor visits? Check. Taking the statins or other meds the doc prescribed for you? Check.

You don't need to hop on the bandwagon of every new health fad that gets a headline. All you need is a bit of common sense — and the willpower to act on it.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

The overactive parent is as old a concept as sports itself, but coaches and agents across football, basketball, baseball and hockey say that over the last few years, parents have become more involved in their children's athletic careers than ever before — and it is reshaping sports. After all, this is a burgeoning age of player empowerment. ... Business opportunities are everywhere, from the phones in players' hands to the shoes on their feet. But that also means there are more complex decisions to make. So parents are stepping in to ensure that not an ounce of potential is wasted.

The phenomenon also reflects what's happening in the rest of society, says psychologist Madeline Levine, an expert on the topic. "It used to be helicopter parenting," she says. "And now it is snowplow parenting, which is much more active: It means you are doing something to smooth the way for the child. It's not just that you're hypervigilant — it's that you are actually getting rid of those bumps, which robs kids of the necessary experience of learning and failing."

Not surprisingly, the trend is driving many coaches nuts. "When I think about my next coaching job, I think it should be in an orphanage," says Notre Dame basketball coach Mike Brey. "I use that (line) at coaching clinics, and high school coaches give me a standing ovation." ...

Nearly every pro agent has a story. One who works in baseball says an agent asked him if he could sue his parents to keep them from coming to his games.

Kalyn Kahler, Sports Illustrated

SCOTT STANTIS



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Civil rights demonstrators, in car, who had been marching in all-white neighborhoods protesting housing discrimination, are heckled in Chicago's Gage Park area on July 14, 1966.

CHICAGO'S PLACE IN THE REPARATIONS DEBATE



STEVE CHAPMAN

Among many Americans, the founding of the republic and the drafting of the Constitution are as vivid and relevant as if they happened yesterday. When it comes to the Second Amendment, for example, they have no doubt what it means now: exactly what it did then. For the Constitution, the passage of 230 years changes nothing.

Slavery is a different matter — so long ago, so far away, involving people we never knew, practicing ancient customs. Thomas Jefferson speaks to us, but Sally Hemings is as silent as the grave.

At a recent House committee hearing on reparations for slavery, former NFL player Burgess Owens, who is African American, testified, "What strangers did to other strangers 200 years ago has nothing to do with us because that has nothing to do with our DNA." Rep. Mike Johnson, R-La., who is white, decried "the injustice of monetary reparations from current taxpayers for the sins of a small subset of Americans from many generations ago."

Actually, what strangers did to strangers

200 years ago does have something to do with our DNA, literally as well as figuratively. Many black people have white ancestry from slave owners who impregnated slaves. Some whites have African lineage.

What strangers did to strangers 200 years ago also describes the American Revolution, which we celebrate every July 4. Not all of our forebears fought the British. Some opposed independence; others stayed out of the fight. "A small subset of Americans from many generations ago" did the crucial work, but all of us lay claim to what they created.

Well, not all of it. The nation would not have come into being except for their willingness to preserve African American bondage. If the Bill of Rights and republican institutions are our birthright, we can't escape ownership of the evils enshrined in the nation's charter.

Many, if not most, white Americans would like to think this history has no connection to them. Many of their ancestors owned no slaves, including many who arrived on these shores after the Civil War. To say they had no advantage from being white, though, is as implausible as to say that African Americans suffered no impediment from being black.

Those who denounce the very concept of reparations err in focusing solely on slavery, ignoring the multitude of atrocities and abuses visited on black Americans

since it was abolished. Illinois was not a slave state. But African Americans endured bigotry and violence here even after emancipation.

When the Great Migration brought them to Chicago, they were not received warmly. In July 1919, one who dared to swim at a Lake Michigan beach claimed by whites drowned after being hit by a rock. In the ensuing riots, 23 African Americans were killed, and 1,000 were burned out of their homes.

African Americans who tried to move into white neighborhoods got similar treatment. Threats, vandalism, rocks thrown through windows and even arson were standard responses, which police often overlooked or indulged.

"Chicago is perhaps the outstanding example of a place where racial crimes occurred around housing conflicts over an extended period of time," wrote legal scholars Leonard Rubinowitz and Imani Perry. "These crimes became the norm in Chicago the way other forms of racial violence, such as lynchings and church bombings, became commonplace in the South." Note the term: crimes.

When the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. led a march for desegregation in 1966 through one white enclave in Chicago, he was barraged by rocks and bottles, and one gashed his head. "I have never seen, even in Mississippi and Alabama, mobs as hostile

and as hate-filled as I'm seeing in Chicago," he marveled.

Hundreds of areas had deed restrictions barring nonwhite residents, and the city government rejected the idea of racially integrating public housing. When two black students moved into an apartment in Mayor Richard J. Daley's neighborhood in 1964, angry whites massed outside, and police intervened — to evict the tenants. In 1959, a federal report said Chicago was the most racially segregated large city in America.

Some of the people injured in that era are still alive, and the broad effects didn't end when the violence subsided. Nor did the advantages enjoyed by whites because of the obstacles impeding African Americans vanish overnight — or ever.

There are plenty of complicated issues involved in redressing such wrongs and identifying who deserves compensation. But to dismiss these wrongs as irrelevant to our current reality is an act of willful ignorance and blind injustice.

Overcoming the sins of the past is hard. Facing the truth shouldn't be.

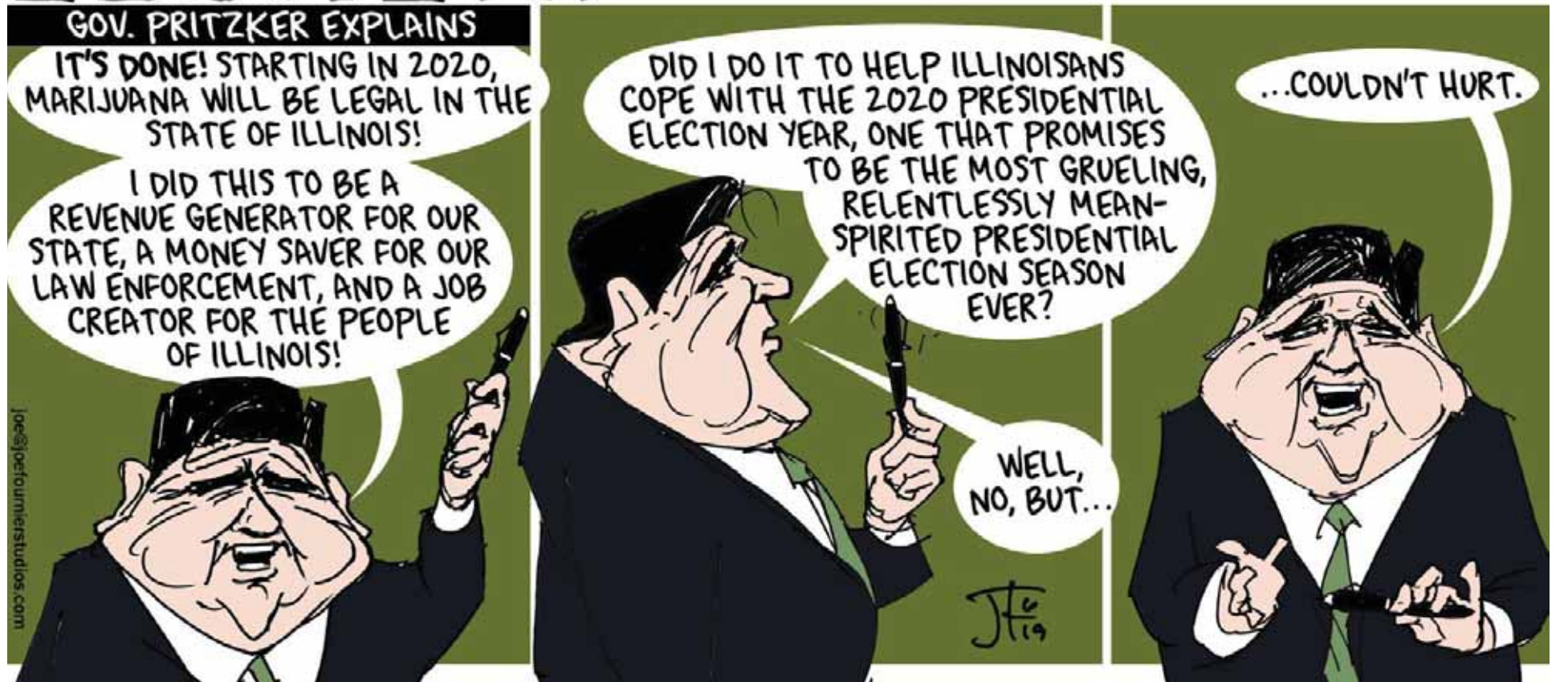
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A protester chants toward then-Gov. Bruce Rauner's Thompson Center office in 2017, decrying his veto of a minimum wage increase.

Restore — don't demolish — Thompson Center as a symbol of activism

BY ELIZABETH BLASIUS

"Some Chicago preservationists seem to embrace the notion that if Louis Sullivan didn't design a building, it probably isn't worth fighting for." Paul Gapp, who was the Chicago Tribune's architecture critic, wrote these words in December 1985, lamenting the demolition of Chicago's historic passenger train terminals, and a laundry list of other changes to the area surrounding Union Station that would eventually lead to the maximization of the West Loop.

Thirty-four years later, those words are echoing off the tomato soup red and robin egg blue panels of the James R. Thompson Center. Chicagoans know it well from the decades of trash talk about the futuristic building. It's unsightly. It's inefficient. It's a waste of space.

While some of the sentiments against saving the Thompson Center mirror the criticism heard about other threatened (and demolished) Chicago architecture, the specific value-driven vitriol has a direct relationship to the Thompson Center as a building belonging to the people of Illinois and spatially, to Chicago.

Designed in 1985 by Helmut Jahn to be optimistic about government, the Thompson Center has aged to become the opposite. Jahn's own handwritten note in March berating Chicago's selection of Studio Gang as the chosen designer of the O'Hare International Airport expansion as "not justified by design or experience" spoke to the type of pessimism that now permeates the walls of the building he designed to be open and transparent in its ideals. The fix is in.

But what if we chose to reverse that narrative by making a case for saving the Thompson Center based on how its public

utilization has reflected its architectural credo?

Since the structure opened in 1985, community activists have taken to what is unquestionably one of Chicago's great indoor spaces, the ascendant atrium, to exercise their freedom of speech and their right to peacefully assemble, a cornerstone of democracy.

In 1986, nearly 1,000 people filed into the Thompson Center (then the State of Illinois Building) in support of ending apartheid in South Africa. In 1988, young people in Chicago gathered in front of Jean Dubuffet's Monument With Standing Beast (affectionately known to many as "Snoopy in a Blender") to protest then-Gov. James Thompson's cuts to the state's summer employment budget.

Protests were held in the building during the Gulf War, in objection to the McCormick Place expansion plan in 1991, and to expand the rights of parents who adopt children in 1994. In 1996, Latinos gathered at the Thompson Center to call attention to the racist portrayal of immigrants in a campaign commercial for President Bill Clinton, then seeking reelection. In 2000, anti-poverty activists mounted a protest rally against Cook County's denial of access to Medicaid for low-income families. Protests against the Iraq War were staged in 2002.

All of this First Amendment activity occurring within a building that physically represented patriotism through its architectural abstraction and color palette, a pared-down classical dome with exposed bones rendered in the muted hues of the American flag.

Through its history as a place of dissent against the unjust acts of our government, the Thompson Center has remained opti-

mistic against insurmountable odds, both from those who want to attack its design and functionality and constituents who believe that every action of our government is a swindle. Accepting these ideas and using them to bring a case against saving the Thompson Center is accepting that there is no way to win against the machine — whether you are talking Chicago, the state of Illinois or the United States.

After decades of neglect, the state finally voted to sell the Thompson Center, making demolition a genuine and timely threat. While negotiations between the state and the city are required to address zoning changes and the responsibility of the building's future owner to maintain the CTA station, these hurdles could still lead to selective demolition of key components, including the atrium.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot has stated that she would welcome dialogue with Gov. J.B. Pritzker's administration to devise a plan for the building's future, yet the city remains silent on landmarking or reuse. These seemingly insurmountable odds don't make it easy to consider how a history of protest can be celebrated as a reason why the Thompson Center is important, or how that history would be represented once the building leaves public hands. But they are worth considering as a part of the zeitgeist.

Architecture critic Gapp got it right in 1985. We can save the meaning we've assigned to our built environment through its use. Louis Sullivan himself once said, "Once you learn to look at architecture not merely as an art but as a social manifestation, the critical eye becomes clairvoyant."

Elizabeth Blasius is a Chicago-based architectural historian.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Ad contradicts itself

The group Catholics for Choice had a full-page advertisement in the June 23 Tribune commending Illinois lawmakers for their bold action on abortion rights. Actually, more than that, the group thanked God for them. So apparently it sees God as being actively involved in the government of Illinois.

I was troubled, though, by the group's depiction of the separation of church and state. It opposes any religious body seeking to impose its will upon the general populace, but nonreligious bodies can? Why is one bad and the other good?

The issue of abortion is divisive, because one side looks at the rights of the mother and the other side looks at the rights of the child. Those who favor abortion accuse religious groups of imposing their beliefs that abortion is an immoral act, but then the pro-abortion side is imposing its beliefs on everyone else by expecting them to pay for the procedure. So, both sides are imposing their beliefs on everyone else, but one is deemed legitimate and one not.

Religious people have as much right as any other group of people to be involved in public life and politics and to advocate for public policies and for particular candidates.

— Larry Craig, Wilmette

Religious faith informs decisions

I was amazed and greatly distressed to see a full-page ad in the Sunday edition from Catholics for Choice, a national advocacy group that has been working for 45 years to advance abortion opportunities.

The ad quoted at length from then-Sen. John F. Kennedy's campaign for the presidency in 1960 in which he said that he believed in an America where "no religious body seeks to impose its will directly or indirectly on the general populace or the public acts of its officials."

While that is probably an accurate quote, we must remember that he was running at a time when no Catholic had ever been elected president of the United States. Many Protestant ministers, as well as the majority of Protestant voters, were afraid that a Catholic president would be "taking orders" from the pope in Rome. Kennedy's statement assured them that he would be his own man rather than a puppet.

The whole point of having a religious faith is to let it guide you in your decision-making. In regards to whether religious leaders have the right to impose sanctions on legislators who go out of their way to promote policies that are in direct contradiction to the teachings of their faith, the answer is a resounding "yes." Catholic bishops, as well as Jewish rabbis, Protestant ministers and Muslim imams and other religious authority figures have every right to call out legislators who claim to be members of their religious denomination, but whose actions and votes are completely contrary to the teachings of their faith tradition. Without that right, there is no true freedom of religion.

— Ellen-Mary Daly, Oak Park

Let's be smart about abortion

As a female labor and delivery nurse in Chicago and a Catholic, I am torn between knowing the beauty and value of human life and believing in the importance of supporting women. We as a country first and foremost have to acknowledge the sanctity of human life, which I believe we have lost. I see it when there is a senseless murder and when women use abortion as birth control. However, that being said, I believe that women need to have access to legal and safe abortion for their own safety. What is missing here is widespread education starting from grade school. Early discussions need to exist regarding setting goals and staying out of the cycle of poverty. Children need to know the value of their own life, birth control options and safe sex practices. They should be made aware that having an abortion will take a toll on them both physically and emotionally and should not be a decision taken lightly. And then yes, access to abortion should be legal, safe and rare.

— Susan Foley, Chicago



SAUL LOEB/GETTY-AFP

A Planned Parenthood supporter walks past anti-abortion demonstrators in St. Louis last month.

Kushner's plan to bribe the Palestinians won't work



CAL THOMAS

The Trump administration thinks appealing to North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un by dangling promises of prosperity in front of him if he agrees to change his ways is the path to peace on the Korean Peninsula. So far there have been no agreements to build a Trump resort and Kim has made no effort to adopt any other form of capitalistic behavior.

Undeterred, the administration's frontman for Middle East peace, the president's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, has revealed part of his plan (the rest he says will come after Israeli elections this fall) to settle the multidecade conflict between Israel and the Palestinians.

Kushner told Reuters the plan includes \$50 billion in economic incentives, if the Palestinian leadership will simply recognize Israel's right to exist, promise not to engage in terrorist actions and seek a peace agreement with the Jewish state.

One critical element is being left out of what we know so far about the proposal and that is religion. Kushner, who is Jewish, should have some particular insight into the conflict that eludes secularists. The Palestinians and Muslims in some neighboring countries believe they have a religious mandate to wipe out Israel, killing as many Jews as possible, because Israel is an illegal occupier of "their" land and Allah has ordered it.

Evidence that Kushner's plan is likely to experience the same fate as those that have gone before is contained in a study of text-



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Jared Kushner proposes \$50 billion in economic incentives if the Palestinian leadership recognizes Israel's right to exist.

books used by Palestinian schoolchildren.

The study, conducted by Eldad Pardo of Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and published in April 2017, found the latest textbooks and curricula for grades one through four are "significantly more radical than previous (publications)." Pardo says the latest texts "(teach) students to be martyrs, demonizes and denies the existence of Israel and focuses on a 'return' to an exclusively Palestinian homeland."

Even math books use martyrs to teach arithmetic.

In upper grades, writes Pardo, "The strategy of violence and pressure (in place of negotiations) is advocated as the most effective action to achieve Palestinian goals. And in these upper-grade textbooks, the concept of 'eternal war' is instigated through the abuse of Islamic terminology."

Real history is replaced with Palestinian and Islamic reinterpretations and even reinventions of history. One example: Pardo says Palestinians are being taught that they have always occupied the land. In fact, even their name — Palestinians — is a modern invention. As noted on the Jewish Virtual Library website, "Leading up to Israel's independence in 1948, it was com-

mon for the international press to label Jews, not Arabs, living in the mandate as Palestinians. It was not until years after Israeli independence that the Arabs living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip were called Palestinians."

There is much more from the study. "The Palestinian national anthem is taught in third grade," writes Pardo, and "instills the spirit of fighting, revenge and sacrifice." And then there's this from the same third-grade text: "Jerusalem is a Palestinian city and capital of the State of Palestine. The Palestinian flag will be hoisted on the city's walls after the liberation from Israeli occupation, God willing."

Add these incitements to the sermons from Palestinian mosques and media in which Israel and the Jewish people are degraded and their enemies are encouraged to destroy their state and evict or murder their people.

How does a Jewish American who will be doubly hated for his citizenship and his religion bribe Palestinian leaders into reversing their religious mandate and political goals? If that strategy is not revealed in the rest of Kushner's peace plan, and if the Palestinians refuse to take the bribe, the plan will fail.

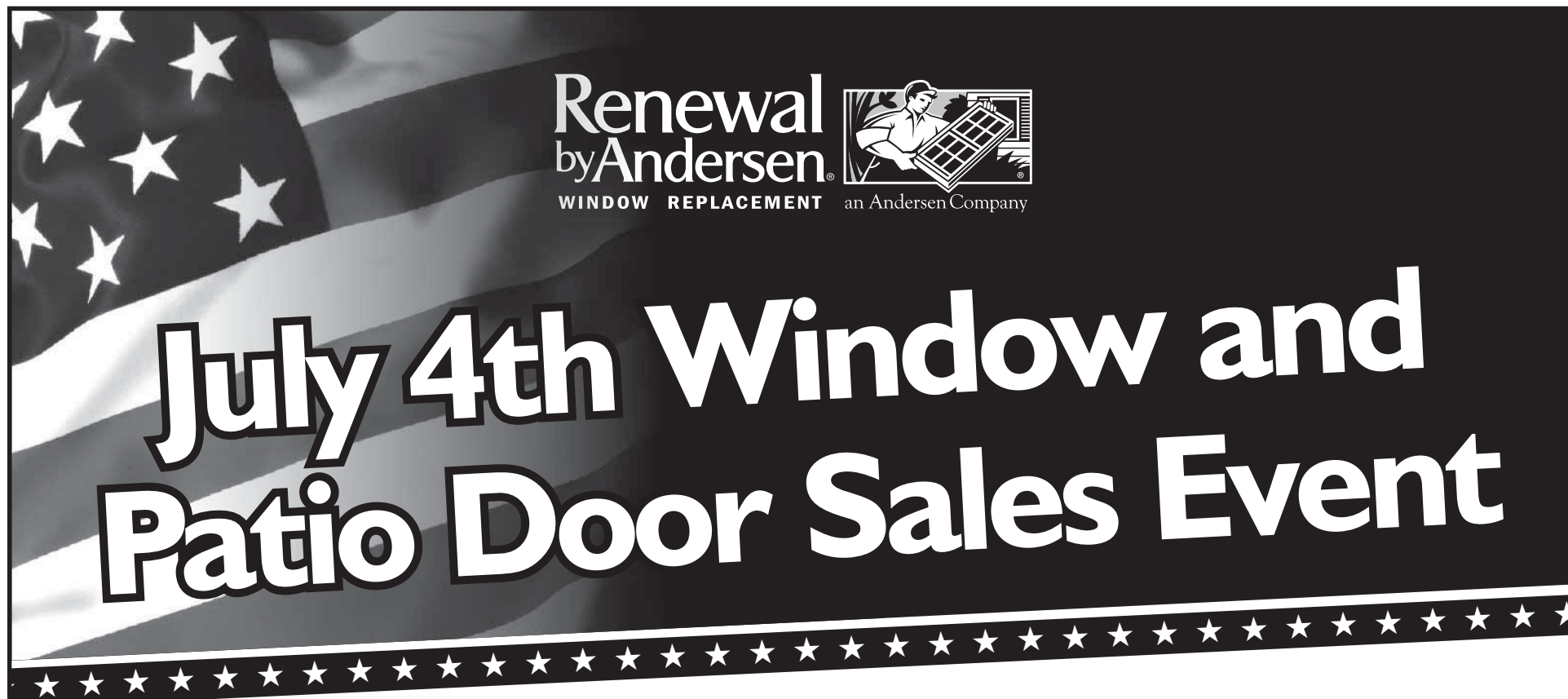
In the mind of Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas it already has. At a news conference Sunday, Abbas appeared to reject Kushner's plan, saying, "We will not be slaves or servants."

The Kushner plan is a miscalculation similar to those made by previous administrations. Aside from abandoning the land-for-peace formula, which never worked, this plan appears to differ only in the amount of money being offered.


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Retired Sears employees fight for life insurance

Retailer claims settlement changes were never official and that it had the right to end benefits of 29,000 former workers

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

The judge overseeing Sears Holdings' bankruptcy is giving 29,000 retired employees a chance to fight for the life insurance benefits they lost when the retailer canceled their coverage earlier this year.

This week, U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Robert Drain directed the U.S. trust-

ee overseeing the case to appoint a committee representing retirees.

Sears ended the retirees' life insurance benefits in March, shortly after selling most of its remaining assets to Transform Holdco, an entity controlled by Sears' former CEO and largest shareholder, Edward Lampert, and his hedge fund.

As of March 15, about

29,000 retirees had coverage with death benefits worth between \$5,000 and \$14,500 that cost Sears \$1.3 million in monthly premiums, Sears said.

"The Debtors determined that, given the financial circumstances of their estates, they could no longer justify paying the significant premiums for the policies," an attorney representing Sears Holdings said in a court filing.

Attorneys representing two retirees who pushed for the committee's creation

have argued that the company gave up the right to end the life insurance benefits as part of a settlement agreement reached in 2001, after the company made cuts to life insurance coverage.

But Sears said the changes agreed to in the settlement were never made official and that it had the right to end the benefits, according to court filings.

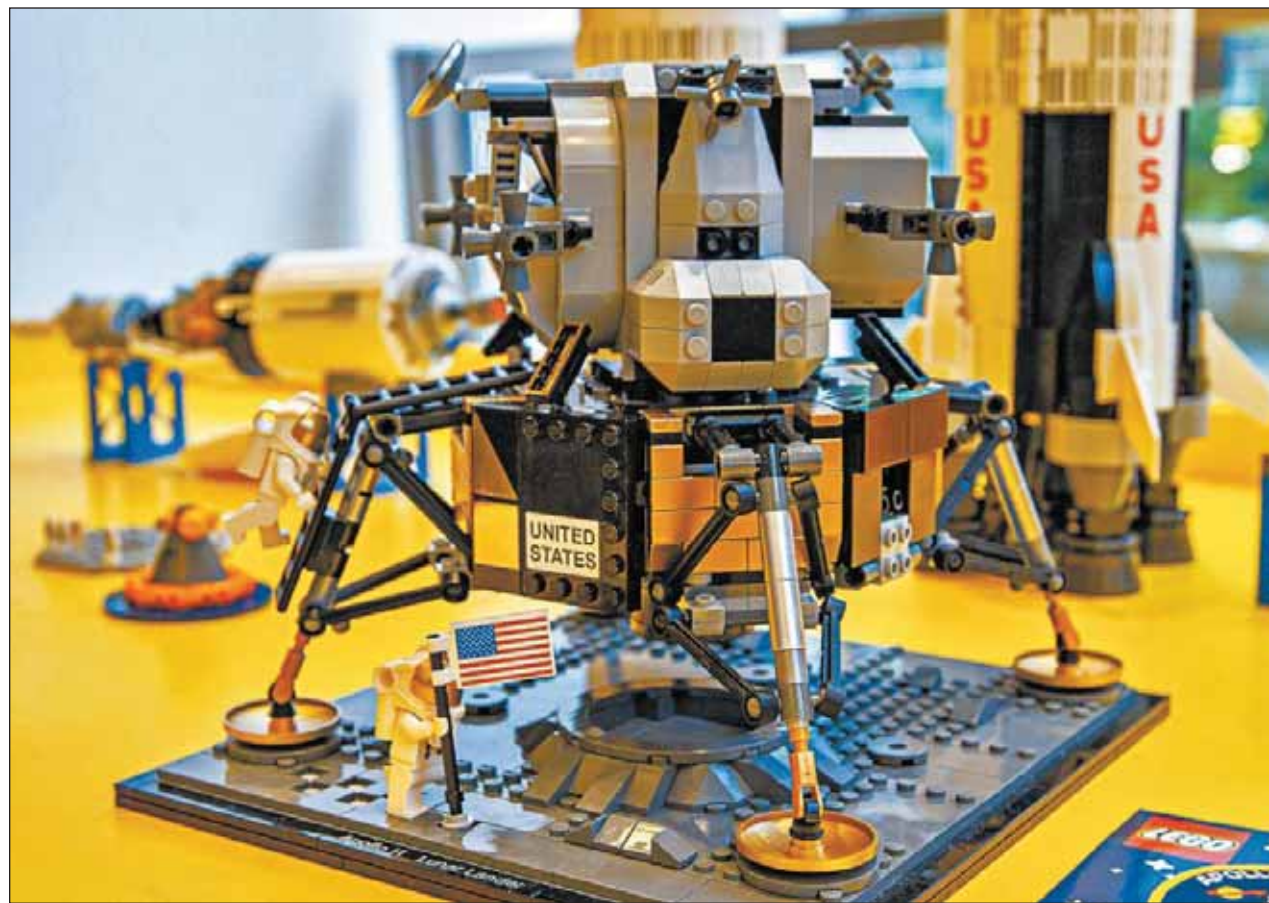
A committee representing Sears' unsecured creditors also objected to the retirees'

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Shoppers walk past the Sears store at the North Riverside Mall, Jan. 8.



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A Lego model of the Apollo 11 lunar lander is displayed in the company's store last week in New York.

Companies shoot for the moon

50 years later, lunar landing is still great for the bottom line

BY ALEXANDRA OLSON
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fifty years after humans first visited, businesses are still trying to make a buck off the moon.

Hundreds of millions of people were riveted when Apollo 11 landed on the moon on July 20, 1969. Naturally, marketers jumped at the chance to sell products from cars and televisions, to cereal and a once-obscure powdered drink called Tang.

They are at it again in 2019, as the 50th anniversary of the giant leap for mankind approaches.

There's the cosmically priced \$34,600 limited edition Omega Speedmaster, a tribute to the watch that Buzz Aldrin wore on the moon. And the more down-to-Earth Budweiser Discov-

ery Reserve, which revives a recipe from the 1960s and features 11 symbolic stars in the packaging.

There's the playful NASA Apollo 11 lunar lander set from Lego. And Nabisco's indulgent purple Marshmallow Moon Oreo cookies. And who doesn't need "one small step" T-shirts, Saturn V crew socks or an Apollo 11 travel tumbler?

But seriously, some brands take genuine pride at having been part of the first moon landing.

Omega Speedmaster watches have been an icon of space travel since NASA chose them for its manned missions in 1965 after other watches failed tests. In 1970, the crew of the ill-fated Apollo 13 mission used a Speedmaster to time a 14-second engine burn to align themselves for re-entry to Earth.

"It continues to be an important tool to have. You have to look only to the Apollo 13 mission," said James Ragan, a retired

NASA aerospace engineer who tested the watches in the 1960s.

Omega's gold Speedmaster is a version of the watches the company presented to astronauts at a gala dinner in 1969. A relatively more modest \$9,650 stainless steel timepiece features a laser-engraved image of Aldrin descending from the lunar lander.

Then, there are the anti-gravity Fisher Space Pens, developed specially for the Apollo missions. For luxury space enthusiasts, Fisher Space Pen Co. has a \$700 limited edition pen with authenticated materials from the Apollo 11 space craft.

Back in 1969, both Omega and Fisher Space Pen Co. were quick to promote their Apollo 11 connections with media and advertising campaigns, as were NASA contractors like Boeing and General Electric.

Stouffer's made sure consumers knew it provided food for Apollo 11 astro-



STOUFFER'S

Stouffer's is sharing some Apollo 11 recipes from 1969.

nauts once they were back on Earth, launching the ad campaign "Everybody who's been to the moon is eating Stouffer's." Fifty years later, the Nestle-owned brand is celebrating with a media campaign to share some of the recipes from 1969.

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Cambium goes public on Nasdaq Global Market

Wireless internet tech firm's debut fails to impress

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

Cambium Networks, a Rolling Meadows-based provider of wireless internet technology, went public on Wednesday, but its shares started and ended the trading day below the \$12 price of the initial public offering.

Shares of the company, trading on Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol "CMBM," opened Wednesday at \$10.08 a share and closed at \$9.70.

In early June, when the company filed its IPO paperwork with the SEC, Cambium it said it planned to sell 5.8 million shares at an estimated price of \$13 to \$15 a share, and use the estimated net proceeds of \$72.4 million to pay down debt, for general corporate purposes and expansion opportunities.

The firm, a Motorola

Solutions spinoff, sells a mix of wireless broadband products to increase internet access for organizations like governments and businesses. Some of the company's main clients are mid-sized internet service providers.

Last year, the company reported \$241.8 million in revenue, up from \$216.7 million in 2017, according to its registration statement with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Cambium Networks posted a loss of \$1.5 million last year.

Atul Bhatnagar, president and CEO of Cambium Networks, said the timing to go public couldn't be better.

"Money is always the lifeblood of any business," Bhatnagar said. "The markets were also good and we wanted to retire some debt."

Cambium also is looking to make a presence within the 5G network by offering opportunities.

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Performance getting worse at O'Hare

Airport scored lower than several other locations

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

Chicago's O'Hare International Airport and United Airlines both slipped over the past year when it comes to ensuring flights arrive and depart on time, according to a report released Wednesday by aviation data firm OAG.

O'Hare's rating fell one star from last year, when OAG said it performed "exceptionally well" for its size with 79% of flights taking off or landing on time. This year O'Hare had 75.11% of flights arriving or departing within 15 minutes of their scheduled time. Midway Airport also earned two stars, with 72.66% of its flights on time.

O'Hare's on-time per-

formance has improved over the past decade but Chicago faced a "historically challenging winter" during the period the report covered, Matt McGrath, deputy communications commissioner for the Chicago Department of Aviation, said in an emailed statement.

"With future investments on the way to bring increased terminal and gate capacity, O'Hare and its airline partners will continue driving improvements to customer service, connectivity and reliability for the thousands of travelers a day who rely upon the nation's most connected airport," McGrath said.

Among major U.S. airports, Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport and Detroit Metro Airport earned four stars, while airports in Houston,

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Wayfair workers protest selling to border detention center



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Wayfair walkout demonstrators hold signs in Copley Square on Wednesday in Boston.

Employees walked out to show outrage at decision to sell furniture to contractor

BY ALEXANDRA OLSON
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Associated Press

BOSTON — Employees at online home furnishings retailer Wayfair walked out Wednesday to protest the company's decision to sell \$200,000 worth of furniture to a government contractor that runs a detention center for migrant children in Texas.

The Los Angeles Times reported that the seeds of the protest began when an employee noticed the com-

pany had made a large business-to-business sale to contractor BCFS Health and Human Services. Wayfair workers deduced that the order was destined for a new facility in Carrizo Springs, Texas, which is set to house up to 3,000 migrant children, the Times said.

More than 500 employees at the company's Boston headquarters signed a protest letter to executives when they found out about the contract. Wednesday's walkout was organized when employees said Way-

fair refused to back out of the contract.

The protest triggered a broader backlash against the company, with social media users saying they were canceling orders.

Democratic presidential candidates Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders both said they stood by the Wayfair employees who are protesting, as did congressional Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York.

Wayfair's stock initially slipped more than 5% Tuesday as word of the walkout spread and remained flat Wednesday.

The protest comes amid a new uproar over revelations

of terrible conditions at a Border Patrol facility in Clint, Texas, first reported by The Associated Press, including inadequate food, lack of medical care, no soap, and older children trying to care for toddlers.

In an interview with The Boston Globe, Elizabeth Good, one of the Wayfair walkout organizers, said that knowing the company is profiting from what's going on at the southern border is "pretty scary."

The Globe cited a letter from management to employees in which it said that it's standard practice to ful-

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President Trump with then Federal Reserve chair nominee Jerome Powell in 2017.

Trump says he 'made' Fed chair, but now wants to trade him in

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is keeping up his attacks on Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell, saying he “made” Powell but now would like to trade him in for Mario Draghi, the head of the European Central Bank.

In an interview on the Fox Business Network, Trump said Wednesday “we should have Draghi” instead of Powell because of Draghi’s announcement last week that he was prepared to provide more stimulus if necessary to support the lagging European economy. Trump said that in contrast, Powell was “sucking (money) like from a vacuum cleaner,” a reference to the Fed’s efforts to lower its holdings of Treasury bonds.

The president said of Powell, “Here’s a guy no-

body ever heard of him before and now, I made him and he wants to show how tough he is.”

Trump selected Powell to be Fed chairman after deciding not to nominate Janet Yellen for a second four-year term. Powell, a Republican, had been nominated to the Fed’s seven-member board by Barack Obama,

Powell took over as chairman in February 2018. As the Fed kept raising interest rates last year, Trump increased his criticism of the central bank and Powell. Trump has complained that last year’s four rate hikes sent the stock market into a nose-dive in December as investors feared the Fed’s tightening could push the country into a recession.

The Fed switched course in January and declared it was prepared to be “patient” before changing rates again, a move that bolstered

the stock market until rising trade tensions between the United States and China again raised recession fears last month.

Last week, the Fed left rates unchanged and signaled that it was prepared to begin cutting rates if needed to protect the economy from trade battles and other risks.

Trump’s latest Fed attack came a day after Powell made his most extensive comments on the Fed’s need for political independence to do its job.

Asked about the repeated criticism by Trump, Powell said, “We are human. We make mistakes. I hope not frequently but we will make mistakes. But we won’t make mistakes of integrity or character.”

Powell said that the Fed’s independence from direct political control had served the country well and when

central banks do not have that protection “you see bad things happening.”

During the Fox Business Network interview, Trump also complained again about supposed bias against conservatives at social media companies and said the U.S. government should sue Google and Facebook Inc. for unspecified wrongdoing.

Trump said social media companies are run by Democrats and that Twitter has somehow made it difficult for people to follow his @realDonaldTrump account, from which he tweets prolifically.

Twitter said that followers of high-profile accounts may have been deleted as part of an effort to remove fake, abusive and malicious accounts.

Bloomberg News contributed.

AbbVie moves Allergan profits in tax law win

BY LYNNLEY BROWNING, LAURA DAVISON AND CYNTHIA KOONS
Bloomberg News

Allergan, the drugmaker that emigrated to Ireland to avoid U.S. taxes in 2015, is now coming home — at least partially.

Allergan’s income will generate some U.S. taxes because of a deal announced Tuesday for AbbVie Inc. to acquire the Dublin-based company, even though it will remain in Ireland.

Even the partial homecoming represents a win for U.S. lawmakers and regulators who have spent years trying to stop companies from moving their headquarters abroad to largely avoid taxes.

The \$63 billion AbbVie acquisition is a big shift from 2015, when Allergan made moves to escape the U.S. tax net. The company underwent a complicated transaction known as a corporate inversion, in which it was acquired by Actavis, a smaller Irish drugmaker. Allergan continued to be managed from New Jersey but was able to use its Irish address for tax purposes, where the corporate rate is 12.5%.

“Unlike an inversion where U.S. income is transformed into foreign income, in the instant case, the polar opposite may well occur — since, here, foreign income might be transformed into U.S. income,” Robert Willens, an independent tax consultant, said Wednesday in a note to clients.

A few years ago, this deal would likely have gone differently — Allergan would be the one buying AbbVie. In fact, Allergan tried this type of inversion with Pfizer in 2016, but the Treasury Department wrote regulations that effectively killed the deal.

The merger makes Allergan a special type of entity, known as a controlled foreign corporation, AbbVie spokeswoman Adelle Infante said. And under the 2017 Republican tax law that means Allergan will likely pay U.S. tax on some of its income, but not at the full 21% corporate rate.

The 2017 tax overhaul cut the rate from 35% to 21% and killed off nearly all remaining reasons for companies to invert. But Allergan will likely have to pay a new tax in the law on what is known as global intangible low-taxed income, or Gilti, said Albert Liguori, managing director at consulting firm Alvarez & Marsal Taxand.

“Allergan is now returning to become globally subject to U.S. tax rules,” he said. But “it may not necessarily mean a profound amount of tax.”

AbbVie — based in North Chicago, Illinois — currently pays well below the new 21%, and said it will have an effective rate of 9% this year. Its future rate will rise to only 13%, the company said.

But the deal demonstrates that companies that have moved offshore aren’t looking to become permanent U.S. residents again, as President Donald Trump has promised.

JPMorgan Chase committing \$50M more to aid Detroit

Associated Press

Detroit — JPMorgan Chase is upping its commitment to Detroit’s economic recovery by another \$50 million.

The bank says Wednesday that it has exceeded its initial 5-year, \$150 million investment and expects to reach \$200 million by 2022.

It adds that the new \$50 million in philanthropic and business investments are expected to break down barriers to opportunity so more long-term city residents — especially black

Detroiters — can access job training, become homeowners and grow small businesses.

JPMorgan Chase Chief Executive Jamie Dimon says the new investment “will help the system work for more people — giving more Detroiters access to the tools they need to succeed, stay and benefit from Detroit’s continued recovery.”

The bank says that through its programs about 13,500 residents have received job training for high-demand industries.

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fill orders for any customer acting within the law. Wayfair did not respond to several requests for comment by The Associated Press.

Some Wayfair customers declared on social media that they were deleting their accounts, sharing letters they wrote to the company.

The unprecedented surge of migrant families has left U.S. immigration detention centers severely overcrowded and taxed the government’s ability to provide medical care and other attention. Six children have died since September after being detained by border agents. As the controversy grew, the acting head of U.S. Customs and Border Protection resigned Tuesday, though he did not give a reason for leaving.

Other companies have also been drawn into the controversy over the Trump administration’s immigration policies.

Last year, American Airlines and United Airlines said they asked the government not to put migrant children who have been separated from their parents on their flights.



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Wayfair employees participate in a walkout Tuesday in Boston to demonstrate against the company’s selling more than \$200,000 in bedroom furniture to a Texas detention facility for migrant children.

The country’s politically polarized atmosphere has become a minefield for many businesses.

Workers at other tech companies have taken on their employers for issues they care about. At Google, employees walked out of their offices last year to protest the tech company’s mishandling of sexual mis-

conduct allegations against executives. And workers at Amazon publicly published a letter addressed to CEO Jeff Bezos earlier this year to push the online shopping giant to reduce its reliance on fossil fuels.

Mimi Chakravorti, executive director of strategy at the brand consulting firm Landor, said Wayfair must

decide whether the damage to their brand from the controversy will ultimately prove more costly than foregoing a \$200,000 contract.

“It definitely not a cut-and-dry issue. Unfortunately, they are not going to be able to get out of this without being burned on one side or the other,” said Chakravorti. “Is it about moral standards? Or is it about the bottom line dollars and being able to sell to anyone in a legal way?”

Anne Gilson, a human resources expert at the employee benefits agency OneDigital, said the blurring lines between business and politics have made relations between employees and corporate leaders difficult to navigate. She said companies have been traditionally more accustomed to handling employee discontent about internal workplace problems, not politics.

“This is new territory for many organizations,” Gilson said, adding that companies need to strive to ensure employees feel they are heard before a controversy spills out into public view.

“Why do people feel they have to take drastic action?” Gilson said. “How was the conversation initially managed? Is the culture, ‘Yeah, thanks Johnny,’ and eye-rolling and sighs?”

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But brands with no direct Apollo connections were not about to sit out an event that nearly every U.S. household with a television watched.

In 1969, Zippo released a lighter saluting the Apollo 11 mission and its astronauts. A half-century later, Zippo has sold out of the 14,000 limited edition lighters released in tribute to the anniversary, priced at \$100 each.

Krispy Kreme, which says it served doughnuts to witnesses at the Apollo 11 launch, conjured up a new treat — filling its classic glazed doughnuts with cream — in honor of the anniversary.

If many of the tributes

have a vintage feel, it might be because public interest in space exploration has ebbed and flowed over the years, with no single event capturing the global euphoria of the first moon landing, and the Apollo program ending in 1972.

“Since 1972, human space travel has been dead boring. We’ve gone around and around the Earth a whole bunch of times, and that is not interesting to people,” said David Meerman Scott, a marketing strategist and co-author of the book “Marketing the Moon,” which chronicles the public relations efforts that went into the Apollo 11 mission.

Still, Scott said the 50th anniversary comes amid renewed interest, with NASA’s plans to send astronauts back to the moon by 2024 and to Mars in the

2030s.

Indeed, Lego conceived its lunar lander as a grown-up display set, part of its Creator Expert series aimed at adults. For kids, born to parents who themselves who have never known a world without space travel, the Danish toy company is releasing six new Lego City Mars exploration sets, designed in collaboration with NASA with futuristic rockets that would take humans to the red planet.

“It’s about giving kids something aspirational, where they can see themselves, versus trying to project them into a historical moment,” said Michael McNally, senior director of brand relations at Lego.

Budweiser, similarly, has declared its ambition to be the first beer on Mars, participating in barley-growing experiments on

the International Space Station. Still, the Anheuser-Busch brand saw marketing potential in evoking the patriotism that the Apollo 11 mission stirred in Americans during politically polarized times.

“Beer at its core is a very democratic drink. It brings people together,” said Ricardo Marques, vice president of marketing at Anheuser-Busch. “We like in particular to remind people of everything that is good and everything we shouldn’t forget.”

After all, watching the first moon landing was a personal experience for hundreds of millions of people around the world.

That was thanks to TV — a connection Samsung has seized for its media campaign promoting its QLED 8K TV, tied to CNN’s Apollo 11 documentary.

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more compatible wireless products, Bhatnagar said.

According to a report last year from Grand View Research, a market research group, the global wireless infrastructure market was valued at \$69.4 billion in 2016, and is expected to grow.

The push into the 5G market is something that will be a long-term strategy for the company, Bhatnagar said. The company will use some of the money raised from its public offering to acquire smaller technology firms to improve Cambium’s tools.

Cambium joins more than 20 Illinois tech companies that have gone public in the last decade, according to online research firm Pitchbook Data. Most recently, Xeris Pharmaceuticals, a Chicago-based, high-tech specialty drug company, went public last year.

Bhatnagar said he is excited about the company’s place in the marketplace. “We are in a strong position, we offer very robust products and we have excellent engineers,” Bhatnagar said. “I think networking and wireless devices are the glue of the future.”

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request, citing Sears’ limited remaining funds. In a court filing, Sears said unsecured creditors are expected to receive 2.3 to 2.7% of what they claim they’re owed.

Retired employees who purchased replacement life insurance after Sears canceled coverage may have a claim, as might beneficiaries of retirees who died after the life insurance benefits ended in March, said Michael Mulder, an attorney representing the retir-

ees. “We know there are people out there that’s happened to,” he said.

A dozen former senior executives still have life insurance benefits worth between \$356,080 and \$2.7 million. Allstate, which covered the former executives but not the larger group of workers, agreed to extend the policy’s grace period at no cost to Sears while the companies worked to give the retirees a way to maintain coverage at their own cost, Sears said in the filing.

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Not all states all in on sports betting

Northeast, Midwest roll dice, but South, Far West less keen

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CHERRY HILL, N.J. — In the year since the U.S. Supreme Court cleared the way for every state to legalize sports betting, a regional divide has opened as states decide whether to expand their gambling options.

By year's end, legalization is possible in a dozen states in the Northeast and Midwest. But most states in the Deep South and Far West — SEC and Pac-12 territory in college sports — are staying on the sidelines, at least for now.

State lawmakers are weighing the benefits of a slight boost in state revenue and the ability to add consumer protections against concerns about the morality of allowing another form of gambling. Sorting out complex business interests and opposition from some casino-operating tribes also has emerged as thorny challenges.

It's not clear whether legalization will happen in all corners of the country over the next few years or if opposition will keep it concentrated in the regions where it's already taken root.

With just three exceptions, the Deep South states have been among the most resistant to legalizing sports betting. In Louisiana, a legalization bill passed the Senate earlier this year but died in the House.

Republican state Sen. Danny Martiny favors legalization, saying Louisianans already are betting on sports through bookies, offshore websites and casinos in neighboring Mississippi. He said Louisiana should regulate and tax sport bets, with the receipts largely earmarked for early childhood education.

"We have all of the ills of gaming," Martiny said dur-



JULIO CORTEZ/AP

A monitor shows a Playtech bet tracker during a conference in Secaucus, N.J. In the state, mobile betting has caught on.

ing a committee hearing, "but none of the benefits."

Opponents such as Rep. Valarie Hodges, also a Republican, said gambling preys on the poor and that the state should find a better way to pay for early education.

"What we legalize, we legitimize," she said.

Hodges' side prevailed in the legislative debate, aided by a dispute among gambling interests over whether sports betting should be limited to the state's 16 casinos and four racetracks or also available at 2,800 truck stops and other locations with video poker terminals.

Before the May 2018 Supreme Court ruling that allowed sportsbooks across the country, full-service ones were running legally only in Nevada. Last year,

they opened in seven more states. So far this year, sportsbooks have been legalized but haven't yet begun operating in another six, plus the District of Columbia.

Bills are awaiting signatures from the governors in Illinois, Maine and New Hampshire. Colorado voters will decide the matter for that state in November. In Oregon, the state lottery is working on regulations with the plan of launching sports betting under existing law in time for the start of the NFL season.

Four more states are considering legalization during their current legislative sessions, but most legislatures have wrapped up their work for the year. Lawmakers in 18 states rejected sports betting legalization bills for 2019, according to a

tally of legislation by The Associated Press.

There are several other states where lawmakers might have an appetite for legalization, but there isn't agreement in the complicated and tightly regulated gambling industry on how or whether to do it.

A common factor in those places, including California and Florida, is the prevalence of casinos operated by Native American tribes. Agreeing to allow sports betting might mean the tribes would face increased competition.

Chris Grove, a gambling industry strategist at Eilers & Krejciek, said he expects several states — mostly in the Northeast and upper Midwest — to legalize sports betting in the next year, and then for the spread to slow because the remain-

ing states are reluctant to allow gambling generally or because of tribal influence.

"As you move farther west, the more complex the stakeholder picture and the harder it is to get anything done," he said.

But Bill Pascrell III, a lobbyist for some gambling companies, expects that even some states that have been traditionally reluctant to legalize gambling will allow sports betting in the future. He points to Tennessee, a state without any casinos, deciding to legalize online sports betting.

The absence of sports gambling in California, Texas and Florida, the nation's most populous states, leaves a gaping hole in the industry. They are home to more than a quarter of the teams in the four major professional sports and

have about the same combined population as all the states that have adopted legalized sports betting, including those where bills have been sent to governors but not signed into law.

Other states, including Utah and South Carolina, are unlikely to welcome sports betting anytime soon because it's difficult to sell any form of gambling there.

Over the past year, states with legal sportsbooks have reported about \$9 billion in bets being made. But sportsbooks are a relatively low-margin business for their operators, who pay taxes only on how much they win, not how much is gambled.

According to their most recent financial reports, three of the states with legal sportsbooks are on pace to bring in far less than they expected in taxes their first fiscal year. Mississippi is bringing in about half what it needs each month to reach an informal state target.

Rhode Island and West Virginia are both on pace to bring in 20% to 30% of their expected revenue, according to an AP analysis.

Even in New Jersey, where mobile betting has caught on quickly, sports betting taxes amount to far less than 1% of state revenue.

Washington state Rep. Derek Stanford, the Democratic chairman of a committee overseeing gambling activity, said he thinks the state is not ready for sports betting, and that's a reason none of the three bills to legalize it there gained traction this year.

He said the state needs to work through concerns ranging from the effects of legalized sports betting on public health to figuring out how it would affect tribal casinos.

"My sense is that we don't want to be the ones breaking new ground here," he said. "If other states are doing this, we can see what experience they have."

BBC's Sarnoff tapped as first female CEO of Warner Bros.

BY RYAN FAUGHNDER
Los Angeles Times

Three months after Warner Bros. was rocked by a sex scandal, the nearly century-old movie and television studio is getting its first female chief executive.

BBC executive Ann Sarnoff has been named chairwoman and CEO of Warner Bros., parent company WarnerMedia has announced. Sarnoff replaces Kevin Tsujihara, who stepped down in March following allegations that he had an extramarital affair with an actress who later got roles in Warner Bros. movies.

The appointment comes as a relief to a studio that has operated under a cloud of uncertainty since Tsujihara's departure.

John Stankey, CEO of AT&T-owned WarnerMedia, has been under pressure to find a respected female executive to stabilize the company, which is one of the biggest producers of movies and television programming.

As head of Warner Bros., Sarnoff, 57, will become one of the most powerful women in Hollywood overnight, overseeing a vast array of entertainment properties including DC superheroes Batman and Superman, Looney Tunes, the Harry Potter universe, TV shows including "The Bachelor" and "Young Sheldon," video games and consumer products.

The company is also in the midst of a key transition in order to compete with growing streaming video giants including Netflix and rival studios such as Disney that are launching their own online subscription services. WarnerMedia is preparing to create a streaming service that will use its popular brands, including Warner Bros. and HBO, to draw subscribers.

Sarnoff, who is president of BBC Studios Americas, will be based in Los Angeles and will start the job later



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Ann Sarnoff, a former BBC executive, is the first woman to lead the nearly century-old Warner Bros. studio.

this summer, WarnerMedia said. In the interim, Warner Bros. has been led by the studios' film chief Toby Emmerich, TV leader Peter Roth and Chief Financial Officer Kim Williams.

The choice of Sarnoff was somewhat of a surprise. The Georgetown University and Harvard Business School alumna has had a roughly three-decade career in business and media, holding major roles at companies including Nickelodeon, the Women's National Basketball Association, and Dow Jones before joining BBC. But hers was not among the names bandied about in the entertainment industry as a likely candidate to head Warner Bros.

However, WarnerMedia said Sarnoff's skill set and experience will serve Warner Bros. well as it tries to adapt to rapidly changing viewer habits. At BBC, she led the broadcaster's efforts to grow properties such as "Doctor Who" and "Top Gear," and also guided the creation of BritBox, a streaming service targeting Anglophiles in the U.S. and Canada.

Speaking by phone,

Sarnoff said she wants to bring that same sense of collaborative leadership and innovation to her new job.

"My first job is to get out there on the lot and start hearing people's thoughts about the future," Sarnoff said. "I'm a collaborative person by nature. I tend to see opportunities that cross divisional lines."

Sarnoff joined BBC in 2010 as chief operating officer of BBC Worldwide North America, where she helped grow distribution of BBC America to 80 million subscribers. Before that role, she served as an executive at news company Dow Jones, where she led new ventures and oversaw corporate strategy. She was also chief operating officer of the WNBA, recruited by NBA Commissioner David Stern.

Her media experience also includes a decade at Viacom Inc., where she served as Nickelodeon's head of consumer products and business development, leading the group that created the channel Noggin and helped boost franchises such as "Rugrats."

O'Hare

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Los Angeles, Charlotte, Denver, Seattle, Phoenix and New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport were all rated better than Chicago's airports on punctuality, with three stars.

The only U.S. airports OAG gave five stars for punctuality to were in Hawaii; Salt Lake City, Utah; Boise, Idaho and Grand Junction, Colo.

Nearly 77% of United's flights arrived or departed within 15 minutes of their scheduled time during the 12 months ending in May, earning the Chicago-based airline three out of five stars in OAG's ratings. That's down from four stars and 80.7% of flights arriving on time in last year's report.

American Airlines, Jet-Blue Airways and Southwest Airlines also got three stars from OAG. Among North American carriers,



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A United Airlines plane is seen parked at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago earlier this month.

only Hawaiian Airlines earned the top rating with five stars, while Delta Air Lines, Alaska Airlines and Spirit Airlines earned four.

Spirit and Southwest are more likely to fly to smaller, secondary airports than carriers like Delta, United and American, said John Grant, senior analyst

with OAG. "There's just less congestion and that allows them to operate with a bit more punctuality and reliability," he said.

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Savings Update

Is a CD a good place to keep emergency funds?

You've heard the advice dozens of times: Establish an ample emergency fund so you can weather life's financial surprises. But is a savings account the only smart place for these rainy day funds?

The answer is no. Sure, a high-yield savings account can be a great choice, giving you unfettered access to your money while earning a little interest. But stashing your savings in a certificate of deposit can be even smarter, since it'll earn a greater return.

True, CDs aren't as flexible as savings accounts. But their restriction on withdrawals can be helpful if it fends off your temptation to tap the funds. Plus, if you choose your CD right, accessing the funds in an emergency won't carry a huge price tag.

But won't you be hit with an early withdrawal penalty if you cash in the CD before its maturity date? Yes, but shopping around is key. Not all early withdrawal penalties are created equal, and it's not hard to find a CD with a mild or moderate penalty.

Also remember that this is money you're socking away for an emergency, not to withdraw willy nilly. So because your odds of needing to access the funds are low, a reasonable early withdrawal penalty can be worth the risk.

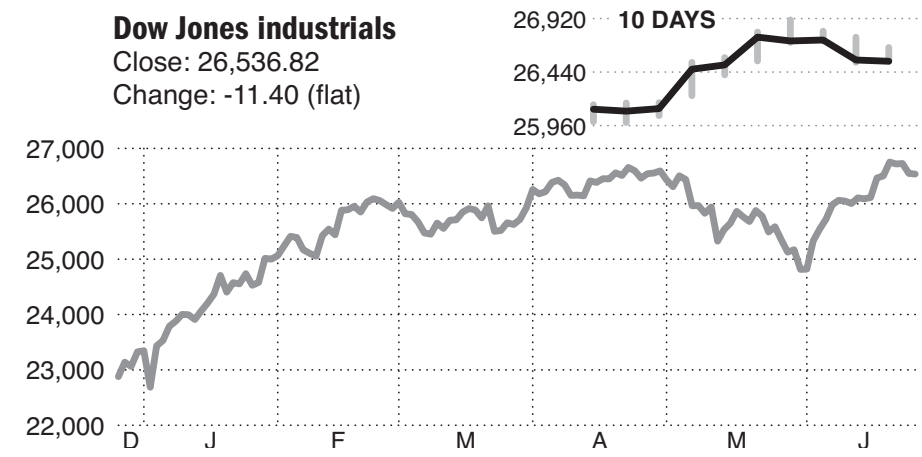
Still, if you're wary of putting all your emergency funds into a CD, opening multiple certificates enables you to cash out just a portion of your CD funds rather than all of it. Or, put some into a savings account so you'll always have ultra-quick access to a portion of your money.

If you're saving the recommend 3 to 6 months' living expenses in an emergency fund, it makes good sense to maximize your return while that money sits idle, and CDs can provide an excellent means to that end.

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▲ +25.25 (+.32%)	▼ -3.60 (-.12%)	▼ -3.26 (-.21%)
Close 7909.97	Close 2,913.78	Close 1,517.78
High 7974.28	High 2,932.59	High 1,530.13
Low 7903.07	Low 2,912.99	Low 1,517.78
Previous 7,884.72	Previous 2,917.38	Previous 1,521.04

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
▲ +0.05 to 2.04%	▼ -1.60 to \$1,413.30	▲ +0.71 to 107.83/\$1	▲ +0.0002 to .8795/\$1	▲ +1.55 to \$59.38

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
+12	-97	-43	+5.61	+4.81	+4.70	+10.03	+6.24	+7.93
▲	▼	▼	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲

FUTURES							
COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 19	535.50	545.25	532.25	543.75	+8
		Sep 19	539.75	547.75	536.25	546.50	+6.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 19	447	447.25	440.75	443.25	-4.25
		Sep 19	452	452.50	446.50	449.50	-3.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 19	902	902	893.25	894.25	-9.25
		Aug 19	906.75	907.50	899	899.75	-9
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Jul 19	28.02	28.10	27.77	27.81	-1.19
		Aug 19	28.18	28.24	27.91	27.96	-1.18
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Jul 19	316.00	316.00	312.70	313.40	-2.30
		Aug 19	317.00	317.10	313.80	314.50	-2.50
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Aug 19	58.84	59.93	58.65	59.38	+1.55
		Sep 19	58.86	59.95	58.69	59.43	+1.54
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Jul 19	2.289	2.324	2.265	2.292	-0.16
		Aug 19	2.263	2.305	2.256	2.268	-0.18
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jul 19	1.9083	1.9787	1.9051	1.9704	+0.932
		Aug 19	1.8740	1.9433	1.8677	1.9310	+0.874

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	82.96	-1.28	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	119.16	-1.08
AbbVie Inc	N	68.00	+2.30	Equity Residential	N	75.65	-1.26
Allstate Corp	N	99.49	-2.12	Exelon Corp	N	47.79	-1.25
Aptargroup Inc	N	119.24	+1.82	First Indl RT	N	35.89	+0.11
Arch Dan Mid	N	40.50	+0.08	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	55.24	+1.11
Baxter Intl	N	80.62	-1.11	Gallagher AJ	N	84.63	-1.57
Boeing Co	N	374.94	+5.62	Granger WJ	N	266.40	-1.16
Brunswick Corp	N	45.31	-1.16	GrubHub Inc	N	76.82	+0.92
CBOE Global Markets	N	105.85	-1.65	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	102.58	-2.02
CDK Global Inc	O	47.65	-0.40	IDEX Corp	N	168.26	+0.84
CDW Corp	O	108.61	+1.15	ITW	N	150.07	-0.75
CF Industries	N	46.80	-0.68	Ingredion Inc	N	80.60	-1.34
CME Group	O	192.03	-6.29	John Bean Technol	N	116.45	+1.15
CNA Financial	N	46.29	-1.07	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	135.50	-0.79
Caterpillar Inc	N	135.15	+1.44	Kemper Corp	N	84.84	-2.96
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	28.93	+0.04	Kraft Heinz Co	O	30.84	+0.16
Deere Co	N	166.12	-0.19	LKQ Corporation	O	26.18	-0.09
Discover Fin Svcs	N	77.59	+0.17	Littelfuse Inc	O	174.78	+1.60
Dover Corp	N	98.35	-0.26	McDonalds Corp	N	204.55	-1.16
Equity Commonwealth	N	31.89	-0.71	Middleby Corp	O	131.78	-1.30
				Mondelez Intl	O	54.46	-1.02
				Morningstar Inc	O	142.31	+1.12
				Motorola Solutions	N	164.88	+0.69
				Navistar Intl	N	33.27	-1.11
				NISource Inc	N	28.69	-0.65
				Nthn Trust Cp	O	86.72	-0.96
				Old Republic	N	22.06	-0.59
				Packaging Corp Am	N	92.40	-0.05
				Paylocity Hldg	O	92.12	-0.45
				RLI Corp	N	84.48	-2.75
				Stericycle Inc	O	46.79	-1.10
				TransUnion	N	71.08	+0.06
				Tribune Media Co A	N	46.28	...
				US Foods Holding	N	35.62	-1.14
				Uita Salon Cosmetics	O	344.82	-3.87
				United Contl Hldgs	O	85.33	+1.27
				Ventas Inc	N	68.43	-2.02
				Walgreen Boots Alli	O	52.38	-0.57
				Wintrust Financial	O	71.49	+2.29
				Zebra Tech	O	203.40	+5.87

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Petrobras	15.86	-1.12
Bank of America	27.91	+1.15
AbbVie Inc	68.00	+2.30
Pfizer Inc	42.09	-0.77
Chesapk Engy	1.91	+0.08
VICI Properties	21.58	-0.22
Gen Electric	10.27	+0.05
Ford Motor	9.91	+0.07
Ambev S.A.	4.70	-0.05
AT&T Inc	32.53	-0.02
EnCana Corp	5.04	+0.23
Sprint Corp	6.56	-0.27
Alibaba Group Hldg	168.99	+3.19
Barrick Gold	44.92	-0.85
Barrick Gold	15.86	-0.15
Transocean Ltd	6.39	+0.20
Aerohive Networks	4.44	+1.25
Slack Technologies	37.19	+1.99
VEREIT Inc	8.94	-0.29
Snap Inc A	14.71	+0.18
Qudian Inc	7.38	-1.08
Annaly Capital Mgmt	9.29	+0.02
Denbury Res	1.27	+0.12
BlackBerry Ltd	7.56	-0.73

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	168.99	+3.19
Alphabet Inc C	1079.80	-6.55
Alphabet Inc A	1080.32	-7.26
Amazon.com Inc	1897.83	+19.56
Apple Inc	199.80	+4.23
Bank of America	27.91	+1.15
Berkshire Hath B	208.51	+0.44
Exxon Mobil Corp	76.60	+0.33
Facebook Inc	187.66	-1.18
HSBC Holdings prA	26.28	...
JPMorgan Chase	108.48	+0.72
Johnson & Johnson	141.85	-2.39
MasterCard Inc	261.30	+1.57
Microsoft Corp	133.93	+0.50
Procter & Gamble	109.73	-1.99
Microsoft Corp	133.93	+0.50
Royal Dutch Shell B	66.97	+0.34
Royal Dutch Shell A	66.01	+0.25
Visa Inc	171.06	-0.22
WalMart Strs	110.16	-0.56

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	31.80	+0.05	+3.8
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	27.16	-0.06	+6.6
American Funds CptWldGrInC m	m48.40	+0.06	+2.6
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	60.75	-0.13	+5.6
American Funds FdmTtlInvSA m	58.67	+0.03	+4.8
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	49.70	+0.01	+3.7
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.35	-0.06	+6.2
American Funds InvCAMrcA m	37.79	-0.01	+3.8
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	44.28	-0.01	+6.4
American Funds WAMTInvSA m	45.48	-0.09	+9.3
DFA IntlCorEqInS	13.03	+0.01	-5.0
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.87	-0.02	+7.4
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	41.23	+0.30	-0.8
Dodge & Cox Stk	185.15	+0.13	+2.8
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.69	-0.03	+6.3
Fidelity 500IdxInPrm	101.67	-0.12	+9.2
Fidelity Contrafund	13.02	-0.01	+6.4
Fidelity TtMktIdxInPrm	82.36	-0.12	+7.2
Fidelity US500IdxInPrm	11.76	-0.03	+7.7
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.31	-0.01	+5.4
Metropolitan West TtRetBdl	10.87	-0.03	+8.0
PIMCO Inc2	12.11	...	+6.8
PIMCO IncInstl	12.11	...	+6.9
PIMCO TtRetInS	10.32	-0.03	+7.4
Schwab SP500Idx	44.96	-0.06	+9.1
T. Rowe Price BCGr	115.05	+0.05	+9.0
T. Rowe Price GrStk	68.05	+0.05	+7.2
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl x	268.76	-1.73	+9.1
Vanguard DivGrInv	29.13	-0.22	+11.2
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	74.80	-0.37	+9.2
Vanguard GrIdAdmrl x	83.33	-0.11	+9.2
Vanguard HCAmrl	80.97	-0.88	+5.3
Vanguard InTrnGdAdm	9.92	-0.03	+9.4
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	14.38	...	+6.6
Vanguard InslIdxInS	263.72	-0.33	+9.1
Vanguard InslIdxInPlus	263.74	-0.32	+9.2
Vanguard InslTSMInPls x	62.66	-0.31	+7.4
Vanguard MDCpIdAdmrl x	203.31	-1.26	+5.5
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	135.70	+0.49	+7.7
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.70	-0.02	+5.5
Vanguard SmCpIdAdmrl x	73.00	-0.40	-1.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	31.65	-0.04	+5.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.98	-0.02	+5.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	34.62	-0.03	+5.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.26	-0.02	+5.2
Vanguard TtBMIdAdmrl	10.90	-0.03	+7.7
Vanguard TtBMIdInS	10.90	-0.03	+7.8
Vanguard TtInBIdAdmrl	22.87	-0.04	+8.0
Vanguard TtInBIdInS	34.32	-0.06	+7.9
Vanguard TtInBIdInxv	11.44	-0.02	+7.9
Vanguard TtInSIdAdmrl	28.08	+0.04	-1.1
Vanguard TtInSIdInS	112.30	+0.17	-1.1
Vanguard TtInSIdInPlus	112.32	+0.17	-1.1
Vanguard TtInSIdInxv	16.79	+0.03	-0.2
Vanguard TtISMIdAdmrl	72.12	-0.10	+7.3
Vanguard TtISMIdInS	72.13	-0.10	+7.3
Vanguard TtISMIdInxv	72.09	-0.11	+7.2
Vanguard WIngInAdmrl	70.97	-0.24	+9.8
Vanguard WlslyInAdmrl	64.27	-0.24	+10.1
Vanguard WndsrInAdmrl	62.85	+0.02	+6.0

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OBITUARIES

RUSS EWING 1923-2019

TV reporter and go-between for gunmen and other outlaws

BY BOB GOLDSBOROUGH

For decades, Chicago TV reporter Russ Ewing was the go-to person for gunmen, hostage-takers, crime suspects and fugitives seeking to surrender to police.

During more than 30 years at two Chicago TV stations, more than 115 individuals turned themselves in to the authorities with Ewing's assistance.

"On the street and with the underworld there's a better communications system than (the media) has," Ewing told the Tribune in 1982. "People know who can be trusted, and I think the word has spread that they believe I can be trusted."

Ewing, 95, died of complications from bladder cancer on Tuesday at his home in Paw Paw, Mich., said Patricia L. Arnold, a longtime friend and former Channel 7 writer and producer who worked frequently with Ewing.

He had lived in Paw Paw since his wife's death in 2004.

Born in Chicago, Ewing was orphaned as a child. He attended Englewood High School.

From 1956 until 1964, Ewing worked as a Chicago firefighter. Even in that job, Ewing was drawn to journalism, and in 1959, he wrote articles critical of the Fire Department for the Chicago Defender newspaper.

Ewing joined WMAQ-Ch. 5 as a film courier in the mid-1960s. He became an on-camera reporter in 1969. Early on, he distinguished himself by reporting on inhumane practices, including abuse and mass killings, at Chicago's dog pound. That work earned him a Jacob Scher journalism award.

Along the way, Ewing attended Northwestern University.

In the 1970s, Ewing won awards for reports on discriminatory lending practices at inner-city banks. He also won an Emmy in 1974 for a report he did on conditions in the Cook County Jail, where he stayed for two days, posing as an inmate.



Russ Ewing was an award-winning reporter for WMAQ-Ch. 5 and WLS-Ch. 7.

In 1975, Ewing persuaded Edmund Sutherland, a former all-city basketball and football player to surrender on murder charges. The following year, he and South Side newspaper publisher and future congressman Gus Savage talked two gunmen into surrendering after they robbed a South Side currency exchange and held two women hostage for nearly five hours.

Ewing phoned the apartment where the gunmen and hostages were held up, and then yelled up the stairs at them. He eventually led the first gunman into the street and draped an arm around him as he led him to a police car.

"He put his own personal safety on the line dozens of times in his career to negotiate the peaceful surrenders of criminal suspects," said Channel 7 news anchor Alan Krashesky. "He truly had a unique place in Chicago journalism history."

Ewing left Channel 5 to join WLS-Ch. 7 in 1981, and people continued to seek him out to facilitate surrender.

"We lost our minds when he came in with his first surrender after we hired him," Arnold said. "He had comedic timing, which made his behind-the-scenes stories so colorful when he shared them in the newsroom. We would sometimes be in tears, they were so funny."

Channel 7 reporter Paul Meincke said Ewing "had no fear" or "if he did, he never showed it."

"He was straightforward,

honest and everyone he came in contact with knew they could trust him," Meincke said. "He was good to his word which, I suspect, is why so many men wanted by police felt safe surrendering to Russ."

Retired Channel 7 reporter Frank Mathie recalled that Ewing was a natural at persuading others to talk.

"He had this ability to go out and do stories and get people to talk who no one else was able to get to talk," Mathie said. "The people just trusted Russ and they would tell him anything, and so often he would get the scoop because they would talk to him."

Mathie noted that Ewing loved flying and had his own plane, and at times would fly to pick up a suspect who wanted surrender.

Ewing wasn't above the occasional bit of self-promotion, Mathie said.

"One of his tricks was (during a surrender), he would walk with (the suspect) very close with his arm around him, so even the other (TV) stations had to have Russ in their shot," Mathie said with a laugh.

"He knew Chicago from City Hall to the neighborhoods, but more important, he knew the sensibilities," said former Channel 7 news director Tom Dolan said. "I don't remember in 10 years working with Russ ever being challenged on any of his stories."

Ewing retired from Channel 7 in 1995 but briefly returned to TV in 1998 as a special correspondent for Channel 5.

Ewing was an accomplished jazz pianist who enjoyed sharing his love of music. In 1981, he played a medley of Duke Ellington hits on the piano on Tom Snyder's NBC show "Tomorrow Coast to Coast."

"Many Chicagoans will recall Russ' annual recitals, quite a treat to watch, and to hear him playing with jazz great Ramsey Lewis," Krashesky said.

There were no immediate survivors.

Services are pending.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Tribune Death Notices

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Death Notices

Alex, Dan Michael

Dan Michael Alex, 67, of Lisle, Illinois, peacefully passed away June 20, 2019, at Edward Hospital in Naperville with family by his side. Dan retired in 2017 from Canon, and spent the past two summers working at Cantigny Golf Course—every golfer's dream. He also enjoyed spending time at his home in Arizona, and traveling to many exciting destinations throughout the world. Dan was the loving husband of Sandra (Leonchik) Alex, loving and very proud father of Brent, dear son of Bernice Alexeyuk, loving brother of Nancy (Tom) Smith, and Margaret (Rocco) D'Alessandro, dear uncle of Mark (Kristen) Smith, Tom (Kelly) Smith, Nicole (Scott) McCloud, and Deana D'Alessandro, fun great-uncle to Trip, Mitchell, and Amelia Smith, and Scottie and Mia McCloud, and fond brother-in-law of Karen (Vitaly) Muzyka and Tom Leonchik. He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Alexeyuk. A gathering of family and friends will be held at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 1313 N. Mill St., Naperville, on Saturday, June 29, beginning at 9:00 a.m., to be followed by a celebration of Dan's life at 10:30 a.m. Dan's always cheerful personality and kindness will be missed by all who were so very fortunate to have known him. His love of golf was well known, and recently he happily participated with caddy training at Cantigny. In lieu of flowers, and to honor Dan's passion for the sport he loved, contributions can be made to Western Golf Association, Evans Scholars Foundation (WGAESF.org). Arrangements by Beideman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory. Info 630-355-0264. www.beideman-kunsch.com



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Aschman, Diane

Diane Aschman (née Matiasovic), 67, beloved partner and best friend of Rory McClure, fond sister of Charlene Amoroso (Angelo) and aunt of Vince and Joseph Amoroso (Jennifer); great aunt of Angelo and Leo; widow of the late Hans Aschman; loving step-mother of Arnoud Aschman (Manja) and Michaël Aschman (Noor), grandmother of Demi, Zoë, Naud and Nova; devoted daughter of the late Joseph and Anne (née Swidergal) Matiasovic, niece of Stephanie and Matthew Sekula (Auntie Sally, Uncle Matt). Diane is survived by her aunt Susan Swidergal, many cousins and godchildren.

Diane served as the president and CEO of the American Thrombosis & Hemostasis Network ("ATHN") for more than a decade after a long and distinguished career as a business leader in health care. She previously served in senior management positions with SNOMED International, the College of American Pathologists, APACHE Medical Systems, Dun & Bradstreet Healthcare, Caremark, and Baxter International. She began her distinguished career in academia serving as Director of Continuing Education at the University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Pharmacy for 8 years after she received BS and MS degrees in Pharmacy Administration and Public Policy from the University.

The memorial service celebrating Diane's life is Sunday, June 30 at 11:00 am at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Road, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089. A luncheon reception will follow. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine to support cancer research. Please note that you wish the gift to support "Dr. Daniela Matei's research" and designate Diane's name in the Honorary/Memorial gift options. Arrangements by: **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfnfo.com

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Bach, Jr., Harold H.

Bach, Jr., Harold H. passed away on Saturday, June 22, 2019. He was a loving husband to Margo; beloved father of Harold H., III (Dana Roman), Cheryl, and Diane (Scott) McPherson; cherished grandfather of 10; treasured great-grandfather of 12. Visitation will be Thursday, June 27, 2019 from 4 to 9pm at **Drake and Son Funeral Home**, 5303 N. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60625. Funeral Friday, June 28, 2019 at 11am in the funeral home. Interment at Rosehill Cemetery. Info 773-561-6874 or www.drakeandsonfuneralhome.com

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Barone, Anthony 'Tony'

Beloved husband of Kathleen (nee Lyons); loving father of Amy Kentfield, Tony Jr., and Brian (Maira) Barone; proud and cherished grandfather of Katie, Christy, and Kevin Jr. Kentfield, and Carson, Ava, Gianna, and Cecilia Barone; dear brother of Adrienne (Dino) Micheli; fond uncle of many. Former Executive for the NBA, member of the Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame, Illinois Basketball Coaches Association, member of the Hall of Fame at the Chicago Catholic League, head coach and Hall of Famer at Creighton University, and a 1966 member of Duke University Final 4 team. Visitation will be held at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 3918 W. Irving Park Rd. in Chicago on Friday from 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday, prayers at 9:15 a.m. to St. Margaret Mary Church for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment Rosehill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Danny Did Foundation at www.dannydid.org are appreciated. For information please call 773-588-5850 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Bergman, Barry Richard

Barry Richard Bergman. Beloved husband of 38 years to Joan. Devoted father to Fawn (Brad) Grattidge, Kit (Julie) Bergman, step-father to Marty (Sue) Pirolli, Donna Pirolli (Kenneth Dong). Grandfather to Kyle, Danielle, Jessica, Gina, Nicholas, Tianna, and the late Anthony. Step-grandfather to Derrick, Cameron, and Maya. Step-great-grandfather to Vaida. Awesome brother to Diana (Jeffrey) Waitzman. Wonderful uncle to many nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601, www.alz.org. For Shiva information, please contact **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfnfo.com

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Bielinski, Joyce

Joyce was the beloved wife of the late Norbert Bielinski; loving and caring mother of Micheal (Cheryl) Bielinski, Cheryl (Ed) Steed, Renee (Tom) Arns, Brigitte (Tim) O'Malley, and Marc (Rena) Bielinski; smiling and fun grandmother of Brooke, Brent, Ian, Samantha, Katie, Olivia, Tommy, Clint, Cole, Haily, Katerina, and Jake; and kind hearted great grandma to Greta, Sloane, Alison, and Adam. Joyce lived a wonderful, fulfilling life, always surrounded by family. Services will be held privately. Please visit www.davenportfamily.com to send condolences.



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Coleman, Raymond Junior 'Butchie'

Raymond Junior Griffin "Butchie", 71, of Waukegan, Illinois, passed away on Sunday, June 23, 2019 of heart failure. The memorial service will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, June 29, 2019 in Chicago, IL. Reverend Marva Watts at Gospel Way Covenant Church will be officiating.

Raymond "Butchie" was born in Waukegan, Illinois on November 19, 1947. He graduated from Waukegan East and continued to become an Alumni of Iowa State. Raymond worked as a Marketing Executive for Turner Broadcasting for 15 years and enjoyed playing tennis, landscaping and news talk radio.

Butchie is survived by his companion, Meg Halsey, grand children, Tyson & Ashton Reese, London & Leila Neal, Brothers and Sisters Ronald, James, Darlynn and Lisa Coleman his children, Brian Davis, Cheyenne Coleman Neal, Christian, Courtney and Ashley Coleman 9 nieces and nephews, and other family and friends.

Raymond is preceded in death by Dolly Mae Glover Coleman, Ray Griffin and John Coleman.

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Devlin, Raymond

Raymond Devlin, age 91, Korean War Army Veteran, beloved husband of Caroline, nee DeBartolo; loving father of Cathy (late Greg) Roman, Robert, and the late Raymond (Terri); dear grandfather of Nicole, Natalie, Jason, Joseph, Brittany, and Ian. Visitation at the Skaja Terrace Funeral Home 7812 N. Milwaukee Ave. Niles on Friday from 3:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Funeral Saturday 9:15 am to St. Paul of the Cross Church Mass 10:00 am. Entombment All Saints Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, donations to Honor Flight Chicago (www.honorflightchicago.org) appreciated. Funeral info: 847-966-7302 or www.skajafuneralhomes.com



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Feld, Marjorie 'Marj'

Marjorie Feld (nee Heintz) passed away at home on June 17. Devoted wife for 60 years of John. Beloved sister of Libby Heintz. Loving mother of Cathy (Glenn) Shipp, Carol (Jeffrey) Clennon, John Jr. (Malissa), Mary Ellen Rapp, and Bill (Tina). Cherished grandmother of 10 and great-grandmother of 2. Memorial Gathering Friday June 28th 4-8pm at **Barr Funeral Home**, 6222 N. Broadway, Chicago. Funeral Mass Saturday June 29th 11:00am at St. Gertrude Catholic Church, 1420 W. Granville, Chicago. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation, 1201 N. Main St., PO Box 222, Chatham, IL 62629 (www.IllinoisElksCCC.org) in Marj's honor would be appreciated. For information call **Barr Funeral Home** (773) 743-4034 or leave a condolence at BarrFuneralHome.com

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Hermanson, Julie A.

Julie A. Hermanson, 63, of Arlington Heights (formerly of Chicago), passed away on June 24, 2019. Julie was the beloved daughter of Clifford and the late Marcella (nee Smith) Hermanson; loving sister of Robert (Ellen Duff), Thomas (Mary Ellen Keenan), Michael (Benna), Mary (Jason) Cline, and the late Catherine "Kate" Liberio; fond sister-in-law of Vince (Karen) Liberio; cherished aunt of Paul (partner Allison Fontaine-Capel) and Mark Hermanson, Meggie (Andrew) Jensen, Michael (fiancée Kelly Metcalf), Ellie, Emma, Anne, and Severin Hermanson, Natalie and Alex Cline, Vince, Matthew, and Claire Liberio, and Emily and Allison Barron; and joyful great-aunt of Thomas Jensen. Memorial visitation will be Tuesday, July 2, 2019, from 3-9 PM at Lauterburg & Oehler Funeral Home, 2000 E. Northwest Highway, Arlington Heights, and Wednesday, July 3, at St. Raymond de Penafort Church, Elmhurst Road (Rt. 83) and Lincoln Street, Mt. Prospect, from 9:00 AM until the time of the Memorial Mass at 10:00 AM. Interment will be private. Funeral info at 847-253-5423 or lauterburgoehler.com

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Hill, Rosanne C.

Rosanne C. Hill nee Byron, beloved mother of Ruth (Brian) Slechta; cherished grandmother of Savannah Rose; dear sister of Ruth Byron and William (Cheryl) Byron; loving aunt of Bill (Megan) Byron; grandaunt of Liam; fond cousin of many. Visitation at **Simkins Funeral Home** 6251 Dempster St. Morton Grove Saturday from 1 p.m. until time of service at 4 p.m. Cremation private. In lieu of flowers, donations to Cancer Society 225 N. Michigan Ave. ste. 1200 Chicago, IL 60601 appreciated. Sign online guestbook at www.simkinsfh.com



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Kripas, Sr. M. Gevevieve

Sister Genevieve Kripas, SSC, 94, beloved member of the Sisters of St. Casimir for 74 years, died June 25, 2019. Sister Genevieve served as a nurse at Holy Cross Hospital and Loretta Hospital before becoming a nursing home administrator in Pennsylvania; she also served as the administrator for Holy Family Villa in Palos Park for 10 years. Sister Genevieve is survived by cousins in the United States as well as in Lithuania. Her parents, Anthony and Apolonia Kripas, and her sisters Julia Kripas and Theresa Kripas preceded Sister Genevieve in death. Visitation and Wake Service at Franciscan Village Chapel, 1260 Franciscan Drive, Lemont, Saturday, June 29, 2019, 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., followed by the Mass of Resurrection at 11:30 a.m. Interment, St. Casimir Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the SSC Retirement Fund. 773-776-1324 (Donald Petkus, Funeral Director)

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In 1844, Mormon leader Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum, were killed by a mob in Carthage, Ill. (Brigham Young then became head of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.)

In 1847 New York and Boston were linked by telegraph wires.

In 1893 prices collapsed on the New York Stock Exchange, setting off a depression.

In 1944 American forces completed their capture of the French port of Cherbourg from the Germans during World War II.

In 1950 President Harry Truman ordered the Air Force and Navy into the Korean War.

In 1957 more than 500 people were killed when Hurricane Audrey ravaged coastal Louisiana and

Texas.

In 1973 former White House counsel John Dean told the Senate Watergate Committee about an "enemies list" kept by the Nixon White House.

In 1980 President Jimmy Carter signed legislation reviving the draft registration.

In 1984 the Supreme Court ended the National Collegiate Athletic Association's monopoly on controlling college football telecasts, ruling such control violated antitrust law.

In 1986 the International Court of Justice at The Hague ruled that the United States had broken international law and violated the sovereignty of Nicaragua by aiding the Contras.

In 1991 Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first black to sit on the nation's highest court, announced his retirement.

In 1998 during a joint news conference broadcast live in China, President Bill Clinton and President Jiang Zemin offered an uncensored airing of differences on human rights, freedom, trade and Tibet.

In 2002 the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that tuition vouchers are constitutional.

In 2003 more than 735,000 phone numbers were registered on the first day of a national do-not-call list aimed at blocking unwelcome solicitations from telemarketers.

In 2005 the Supreme Court ruled, in a pair of 5-4 decisions, that displaying the Ten Commandments on government property is constitutionally permissible in some cases but not in others.

In 2007 Apple's first-generation iPhone went on sale.

In 2011 a jury found Rod Blagojevich guilty on 17 of 20 counts against the former Illinois governor in his retrial on federal corruption charges, including his role in attempting to profit from awarding the Senate seat once held by President Barack Obama.

In 2012 the Chicago City Council voted 44-3 to decriminalize marijuana possession, opting for the issuance of fines instead of arrests for small amounts of the drug.

In 2013 a landmark bill to overhaul the U.S. immigration system, including a path to citizenship for 11 million people in the country without legal status, passed the Senate.

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ILLINOIS
June 26
Powerball 01 05 16 22 54 / 24
Powerball jackpot: \$122M
Lotto jackpot: \$5.5M
Pick 3 midday 046 / 3
Pick 4 midday 4467 / 1
Lucky Day Lotto midday 07 13 14 29 38
Pick 3 evening 702 / 6
Pick 4 evening 7450 / 1
Lucky Day Lotto evening 10 16 17 21 40

June 28 Mega Millions: \$71M

WISCONSIN
June 26
Megabucks 01 06 10 14 20 41
Pick 3 329
Pick 4 2832
Badger 5 15 16 21 29 30
SuperCash 02 04 24 28 29 32

INDIANA
June 26
Lotto 09 15 32 34 45 46
Daily 3 midday 488 / 3
Daily 4 midday 8712 / 3
Daily 3 evening 762 / 4
Daily 4 evening 5738 / 4
Cash 5 20 22 23 28 41

MICHIGAN
June 26
Lotto 02 05 18 21 27 41
Daily 3 midday 394
Daily 4 midday 5385
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62 67 68 70 75 76 78 79

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McKee, Bartly John 'Bart'

Bartly John "Bart" McKee, 83, passed away June 23 at St. Francis Hospital, Evanston. Bart was born June 7, 1936, to James and Betty McKee in Chicago. He grew up in Edgewater with his five siblings, Patricia, Terence (Terry), Emmett, Marie (Celmer), and Dawn (Wyman), and together got away with things that to ears today sound like ancient myths, faerie tales and Saturday afternoon serials. Bart graduated from St. Gertrude, Loyola Academy and the University of Notre Dame, before serving honorably in the U.S. Army. Bart then had a varied and colorful career, working in accounting, building management, shipping and, most happily, hospitality at The Cohasset. He met, married and loved his late wife, Alanna (Morehead), and the time they spent in and around St. Joseph, Michigan, with her large and loving family. A family party did not start until Bart had arrived with a booming hello; did not get cooking until he waded in loudly on politics, religion or history (or all three together); and did not end until his cigars had cleared a gasping family from the room. Bart is survived by his siblings Terry and Dawn, and by three generations of Boylan, McKee, Wyman, Morehead and Koukari nieces and nephews, who he charmed, cheered, consoled and taught the finer arts of blarney, 16-inch softball and Old Style appreciation. Bart will be deeply missed by all who knew him. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Misericordia, www.misericordia.com. For information call **Barr Funeral Home** (773) 743-4034 or leave a condolence at BarrFuneralHome.com.

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Mroz, Norbert A.

Visitation for Norbert A. Mroz, 94, a resident of Hoffman Estates for 5 years, formerly of Schaumburg, will be held Fri., June 28 from 3:00-8:00pm at Michaels Funeral Home, 800 S. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg.

Funeral services Sat., June 29 beginning with prayers at 9:15am at the funeral home to 10:00am funeral mass at St. Matthew Church, Schaumburg. Interment St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery, Palatine. Born Sept. 23, 1924 in Chicago to August and Julia (nee Zientara), he passed away peacefully June 24, 2019 at his home in Hoffman Estates. He was a proud WWII Army Air Corps Veteran and member of the Knights of Columbus Schaumburg-Hoffman Council #6964. Norbert was the adoring husband to his loving wife and best friend of 71 years Mary Ellen (nee Lederer); loving father of Thomas (Carol), Patricia Mroz-Skolar, Mary Lynn (Joseph) Kostuchowski and Margaret (Douglas) Gren; fond grandfather of 12; proud great grandfather of 15; beloved brother of Jean Hayes; dear friend to many. He will be missed by all those whose lives he touched. In lieu of flowers, masses or memorials to Transitions Hospice www.transitionshospice.com. For information 847-891-2900 or for guestbook visit www.michaelsfh.com

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Perkins, Thomas J.

Thomas J. Perkins, age 71, United States Marine Corps Veteran; father of Brian (Catherine) Perkins; loving grandpa of Karrington; dear brother of the late Mary Lynn (Richard) Borden, Eileen (the late Peter) Bodigor and Patricia Perkins; cherished uncle of Gabrielle Fender, many other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Visitation Saturday 9:00 A.M. until time of Prayers 10:45 A.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home** 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park, IL 60462 to St. Christopher Church in Midlothain Mass 11:30 A.M. Interment Private. Funeral Info: 708-429-3200

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Robin, Robert S.

Robert S. Robin. Beloved partner of Chad Moore. Loving brother of Michelle Robin. Cherished son of the late Norman and Charlotte Robin. Dear cousin and friend to many. Graveside service 1:30PM Friday at Westlawn Cemetery, Norridge, IL. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Mitzvah Memorial Funerals**, 630-MITZVAH/630-648-9824 or www.MitzvahFunerals.com.

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Rossi, Armando

Armando Rossi passed away peacefully Tuesday, June 25, 2019 surrounded by his loving family at the Golden Age of 92. Beloved Husband of Angelrose nee D'Alessandro Rossi. Devoted Father of Connie (Joseph) Indelli, Denise (Greg) Allen and Jack Rossi. Loving Son of the Late Genarro Rossi and the Late Consiglia Liberatore. Fond Grandfather of George (Erika) Indelli, Joseph Indelli, Catrina Geyer, Vanessa Allen, Deanna (John) Chiros and Jenner Rossi. Fond Great Grandfather of Alyssa Geyer, Dylan Geyer, Angelina Geyer, Evan Geyer and Nicholas Geyer. Family and Friends are to gather for the Visitation Friday, June 28, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at **Russo's Hillside Chapels**, 4500 Roosevelt Road, Hillside, Illinois 60162 (Located between Mannheim and Wolf Road). Funeral to follow Saturday, June 29, 2019 from **Russo's Hillside Chapels** at 9:00 a.m. Proceeding to Christ the King Catholic Church, 1501 South Main Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148. Mass of Christian Burial celebrated promptly at 10:30 a.m. Entombment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, Illinois. For additional information call (708) 449-5300. Please visit Armando's personal tribute website at www.russoshillsidechapels.com and sign his guestbook.

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Rossi, John M 'Jack'

John M. Rossi, Jr., 79, of Chicago passed away peacefully on June 25th. Son of the late John B. and Minerva. Beloved husband of 56 years to Joyce (Mundo). Father to Lisa (Ed Rooney), Leslie (Jack Kordas), Lily Nicole "Nikki" (Dr. Vincent Young), and son John M. Rossi, Jr. (Hollie Salinas). Survived also by sister Paulette (Norman Erickson). Proud grandfather of nine: Edward James Rooney III, Dr. Sydney Rooney, Alex Kordas, Paige Kordas, Zachary Young, Cameron Young, Griffyn Young, John "Jack" Rossi III and Isabella Rossi. Jack worked as an electrician for the family's business, Rossi's Southern Electric Co. in the Roseland neighborhood before becoming a Chicago Police Officer and serving with distinction in the 5th District and later the Gang Crimes Staff unit. Our gratitude to Kindred Hospice and the staff at Brookdale of Orland Park for their loving care. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the Humane Society or a charity of your choice. Memorial visitation is Sunday, June 30th from 1:00 to 5:00 PM with eulogy given at 4:00 at **Lawn Funeral Home**, 17909 S. 94th Avenue, Tinley Park, IL 60487.

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Sacks, Carolyn B.

Carolyn B. Sacks nee Berman, age 89. Beloved wife of the late William. Loving mother of Jeffrey (Shari) Sacks and Judith (Andrew) Ruttenberg. Proud grandmother of Hannah (Dr. Robert) Prinz, Jordan Sacks, Zachary (Laura Harrison) Ruttenberg and Lindzy (Kyle) Butterfield. Great grandmother of Madeleine, Daisy and Nathalie. Dear sister of the late Charles Berman (Joanne Berman Kaufman). Service Sunday 1PM at Temple Jeremiah, 937 N. Happ Rd., Northfield, IL 60093. Interment Memorial Park. Memorials in her memory to Temple Jeremiah, www.templejeremiah.org/giving or the Union League Boys & Girls Clubs, 65 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604, <http://www.ulbgc.org/donate-today> would be appreciated. Arrangements by: **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Sanzi, Janice K.

Janice K. Sanzi nee: Ruppert; Beloved wife of the late Nunzio; Devoted mother of Thomas J. (Danielle) and Lisa (Tim) Esau; Dear sister of the late Carol Ruppert; Dear grandmother of Camille Sanzi, Heather and Matthew Esau; Dear aunt of many. Funeral Friday 9:30 a.m. at **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels**, 450 W. Lake St, Roselle, 60172 (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Rd) Chapel Service 10:30 a.m. Interment Private. Visitation Thursday 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital appreciated. For info 630-889-1700 or www.salernofuneralhomes.com

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Selz, Wayne

Wayne Selz, 77. Beloved husband of Cathy, nee Ganesh; devoted father of Marc (Claudia) Selz, Allison (James) Griffin, Michael Selz, and Gary (Michelle) Selz; treasured grandfather of Madelyn, Natalie and Isobel Selz; dear brother of Renee (Eugene) Werner; loving uncle of many. Wayne was the owner of General Embroidery Co. for over 30 years. He taught at Roosevelt University and Central YMCA. He collected unused prescription medication for disadvantaged communities in the US and abroad. Wayne will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Funeral service Friday, June 28, 1 PM, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to UNICEF, www.unicef.org. For info: 847-256-5700.

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Vertovec, Raymond J.

Raymond Vertovec, age 97, passed away peacefully, Navy Pilot during WWII, retired Civil Engineer with over 40 years of service for Commonwealth Edison; longtime parishoner at Immaculate Conception, Elmhurst. Beloved husband of Anne, nee Reynolds; loving father of Terri, Tom (Karen) and Tim; cherished grandfather of Gracie Vertovec, Katie (Tim) Smith, Meg (Brian Hart) Vertovec and Michael Vertovec; dear brother of the late Frances (the late Larry) O'Connor, Frank (the late Doe), Carl, (the late Pat) and Ed (Betty) Vertovec and Jean (the late Roman) Schmidt; dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday, 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:30 a.m. until time of funeral 9:30 a.m. at **Gibbons Funeral Home**, 134 South York Road, (1/2 mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Mass of Christian Burial 10:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Interment Saint Mary Catholic Cemetery, Elmhurst. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the WE are IC Capital Campaign, 134 Arthur Street, Elmhurst, IL 60126. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com

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Weber, Horst

Horst Weber, 81, of Elk Grove Village, IL passed away on June 22, 2019 after an admirable fight against cancer. He will be remembered for his strength and fortitude, being an excellent listener with a dry sense of humor, meticulous attention to details, and great love of family and Scotties. He is survived by Joyce, his wife of 57 years, also of Elk Grove Village, daughter Donna, brother Harry, nephews Brad and Tom, niece, Kim, and his beloved Scotty, Bailey. A private celebration of his life for family members will be held at First Baptist Church of Elk Grove Village. In lieu of flowers a charitable donation may be made to paws.org

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Young, Derek Jason

Derek Young, age 43, of Chicago, IL unexpectedly passed on June 19th, 2019. Derek was born on Sept. 18th, 1975 in Tampa, FL and grew up in Westmont, IL. He attended Downers Grove South High School and graduated from the College of Wooster in 1997. He went on to achieve a master's degree from Roosevelt University in 2007. Derek worked as a teacher for the Chicago Public School system. Derek is survived by his loving daughter Rena, his mother Kathryn L. Young, his father Stephen C. Young, his brothers Stephen, Spencer, and Stewart, along with many loving aunts, uncles, nieces & nephews. A celebration of life event will be held at Glascott's Saloon on Sunday (June 30) at 2:00pm.

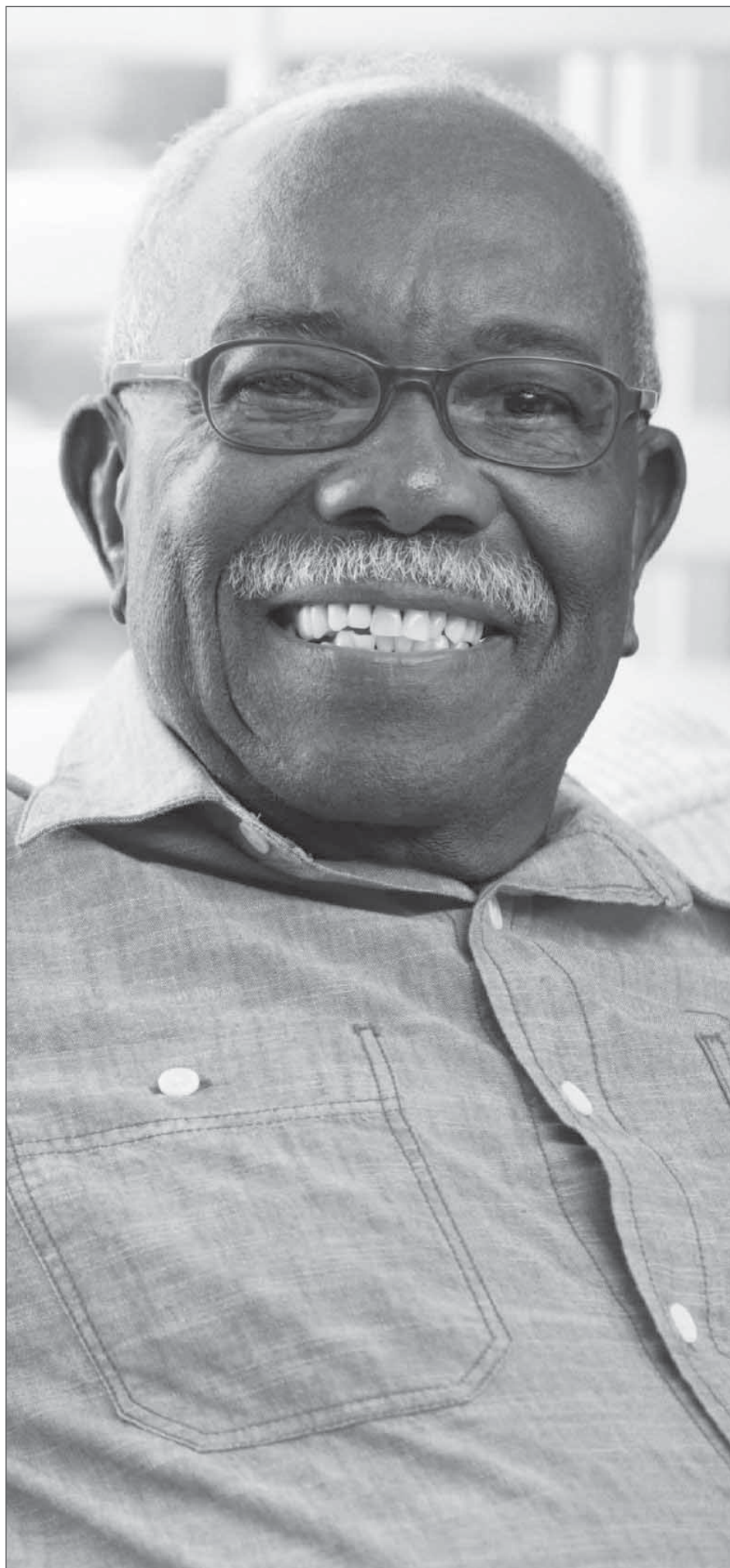
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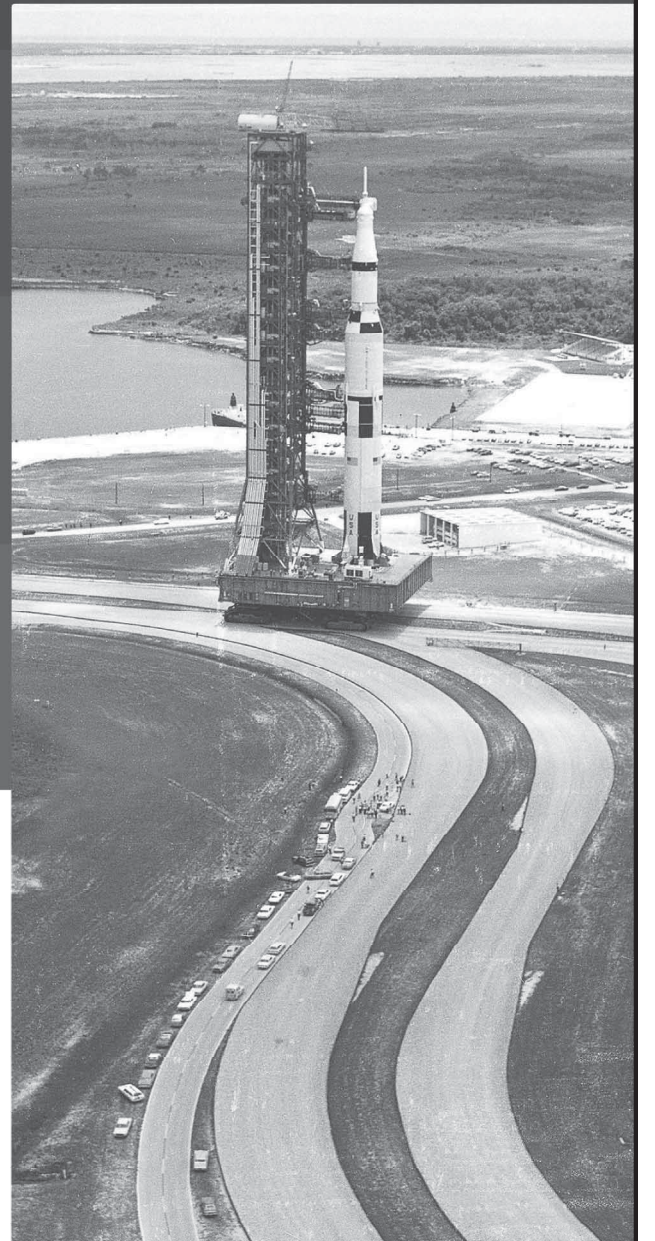
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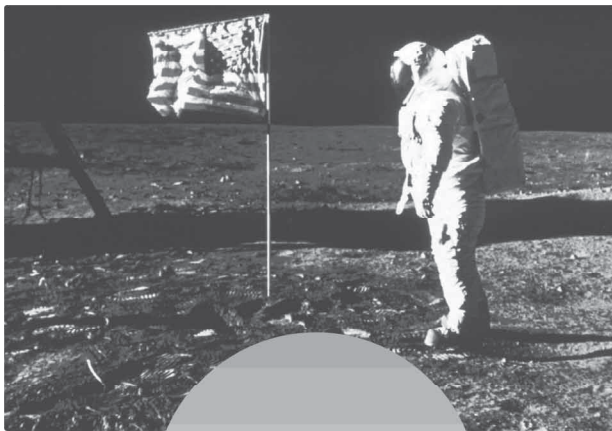
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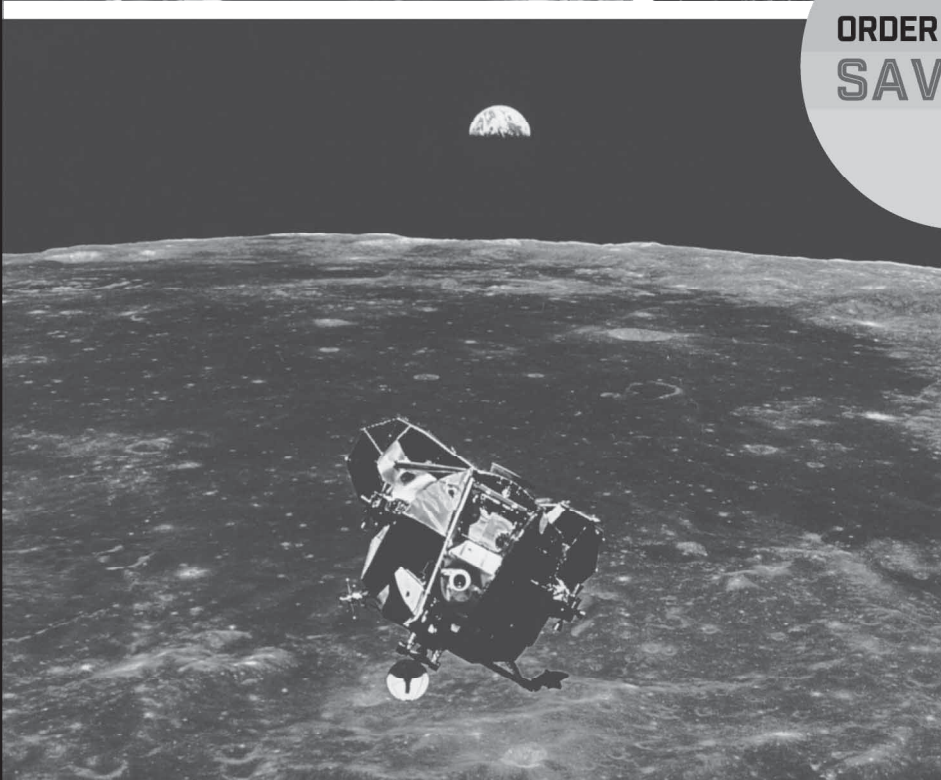
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Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act
in relation to the use of an Assumed Business
Name in the conduct or transaction of
Business in the State" as amended, that a
Certification was filed by the Undersigned
with the County Clerk of Cook County
File No.
Y19001485 on the
Date: June 5, 2019
Under the Assumed Name of: JOY LOVES
DEALS
with the business located at:
15100 WILLOW LN
OAK FOREST, Illinois, 60452
The true name and residence Address of
the owner is: Danny Graham and Joy
Graham
15100 WILLOW LN
Oak Forest, Illinois, 60452

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in relation to the use of an Assumed Business
Name in the conduct or transaction of
Business in the State" as amended, that a
Certification was filed by the Undersigned
with the County Clerk of Cook County
File No.
Y19001486 on the
Date: June 5, 2019
Under the Assumed Name of: MAC
SERVICES
with the business located at:
7232 W 113th Place
Worth, IL, 60482
The true name and residence Address of
the owner is: SAMIR A ELABAZA
7232 W 113th Place
Worth , IL, 60482

LEGAL NOTICES
GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR
THE COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT INVITATION FOR
BID (IFB) FOR OUTBOARD MOTORS
IFB NO.: 1945-17886
IFB Document: The IFB document is available
for download at: https://legacy.cookcountyll.
gov/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php

Contract Person: If you are not
able to download the IFB or if you have
other questions, please contact Daniel Gizzi,
Specifications Engineer III, at (312) 603-6825
or Dan.Gizzi@cookcountyll.gov.

Non-Mandatory
Pre-Proposal Conference Date,
Time, and Location: None
Questions: Questions can be submitted in
writing to the contact person above until
12:00 P.M. Monday, July 8, 2019 (CST)

Proposal Due Date, Time,
and Location: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at
10:30 A.M.P.M (CST)
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer
Cook County Building
118 N. Clark Street., Room 1018
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Toni Preckwinkle
President, Cook County Board of
Commissioners
Raffi Sarrafian
Chief Procurement Officer
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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
Olivia Jackson AKA Olivia LaShay Jackson
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF April Baker
(Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 16JA00414
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, April Baker (Mother),
respondents, and to All Whom It May
Concern, that on July 17, 2019, a petition was
filed under the Juvenile Court Act by
KIM FOXF in this court and that in the
courtroom of Judge Maxwell Griffin in the
Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100
So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON
07/18/2019, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 10
COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this
case may be heard, a hearing will be held
upon the petition to terminate your parental
rights and appoint a guardian with power to
consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS
CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY
AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO
TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND
TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO
CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL
PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE
PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF
YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT
OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT
TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL
RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled
to further written notices or publication
notices of the proceedings in this case,
including the filing of an amended petition
or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and
show cause against the petition, the
allegations of the petition may stand
admitted as against you and each of you,
and an order of judgment entered.

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PROTECTION DIVISION
IN THE INTEREST OF
Prince Cooper
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Pajdra Woods
(Mother)
JUVENILE NO.: 191A00078
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Jerry Cooper
(Father), Unknown (Father), respondents,
and to All Whom It May Concern, that on
February 1, 2019, a petition was filed
under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXF
in this court and that in the courtroom of
Judge Bernard Sarley in the Cook County
Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton
Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 07/18/2019, at
11:30 AM in CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM I,
or as soon thereafter as this case may be
heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held
upon the petition to have the minor declared
to be a ward of the court and for other relief
under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS
CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY
AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO
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COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
June 27, 2019

LEGAL NOTICES

GARY PLAN COMMISSION NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the Gary Plan
Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing
on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. in the
Municipal Building on the 2nd floor in the
Council Chambers, located at 401 Broadway,
Gary, Indiana.

The petition reads as follows:
PC19-07 Spectacle Entertainment is
proposing a Planned Unit Development to
establish an integrated gaming facility at
5400 W. 29th Avenue and 2760 Gerry Street.

Russell Cundiff,
President/City of Gary Plan Commission
ATTEST:
PC19-07

Berger Excavating Contractors Inc.,
1205 Garland Rd., Wauconda, IL 60084,
(847) 526-5457 is seeking disadvantaged
businesses for the Village of Wonder Lake
East Side Water Main Improvements Project
for subcontracting opportunities in the
following areas: Trucking, Material Suppliers,
Landscaping, Concrete, Traffic
control, & Electrical. All disadvantaged
businesses should contact, IN WRITING,
(certified letter, return receipt requested),
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opportunities. All negotiations must be
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COMPANY
Pursuant to 215 ILCS 5/17 of the Illinois
Insurance Code, Mark E. Knipfer, President,
and Laura J. Lazarczyk, Corporate Secretary,
of Zurich American Insurance Company
hereby as incorporators provide notice of
intent to form a new insurance company
domiciled in the State of Illinois to be named
"Zurich American Puerto Rico Insurance
Company."
The proposed Zurich American Puerto
Rico Insurance Company will engage in the
following class or classes of insurance
business related to Class 2 and Class 3 of
Section 4 of the Illinois Insurance Code:
Class 2: Casualty, Fidelity and Surety
(a) Accident and Health
(b) Vehicle
(c) Liability
(d) Workers' Compensation
(e) Burglary and Forgery
(f) Glass
(g) Fidelity and Surety
(h) Miscellaneous
(i) Other Casualty Risks
(j) Contingent Losses
(k) Livestock and Aquacultural Animals
(l) Legal Expense Insurance
Class 3: Fire and Marine, Etc.
(a) Fire
(b) Elements
(c) War, Riot and Explosion
(d) Marine and Transportation
(e) Vehicle
(f) Property Damage, Sprinkler Leakage and
Crop
(g) Other Fire and Marine Risks
(h) Contingent Losses
(i) Legal Expense Insurance
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THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, SOUTHWEST AIRLINES FEDERAL
CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, v. TYRONE
WASHINGTON, GANELLI MCDONALD-
WASHINGTON; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case
No. 2019CH05620 The requisite affidavit
for publication having been filed, notice
is hereby given you, Tyrone Washington,
Ganelli McDonald-Washington, Unknown
Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the
said suit has been commenced in the Circuit
Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit,
Cook County, Illinois by the said plaintiff
against you and other defendants, praying
for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage
conveying the premises described as
follows, to-wit: Lot 86 in the Renaissance at
Beverly Ridge, being a Resubdivision in the
Northwest Quarter of Section 17, Township
37, North, Range 14, East of the Third
Principal Meridian, according to the plat of
resubdivision thereof, recorded December
19, 2007 as Document 0735303073 in Cook
County, Illinois. Parcel Number: 25-17-121-
008-0000 Property Address: 1304 West 105
Place, Chicago, IL 60643 1304 West 105 Place,
Chicago, IL 60643-17-121-008-0000 Now,
therefore, unless you, Tyrone Washington,
Ganelli McDonald-Washington, Unknown
Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the
said above named defendants, file your
answer to the complaint in said suit or
otherwise make your appearance therein, in
the office of the Clerk of the Cook County
Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or
before July 29, 2019, default may be entered
against you at any time after that day and
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THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, MIDFIRST BANK, Plaintiff, v.
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND LEGATEES OF
DAPHNE A. MCKENZIE, DECEASED; STATE
OF ILLINOIS; CITY OF CHICAGO; UNKNOWN
OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS;
CARLTON BROWN; DERRICK BURGESS,
Defendants, Case No. 2019CH06177 The
requisite affidavit for publication having
been filed, notice is hereby given you,
Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Daphne A.
McKenzie, deceased, Unknown Owners and
Non-Record Claimants, Carlton Brown, that
the said suit has been commenced in the
Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial
Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said
plaintiff against you and other defendants,
praying for the foreclosure of a certain
Mortgage conveying the premises described
as follows, to-wit: Lot Forty-Five (45) in Block
Four (4) in Ashton's Subdivision of the West
Half (1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (1/4)
of Section 35, Township 38 North, Range
14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in
Cook County, Illinois. 8509 South Maryland,
Chicago, IL 60643-17-121-008-0000 Now,
therefore, unless you, Unknown Heirs and
Legatees of Daphne A. McKenzie, deceased,
Unknown Owners and Non-Record
Claimants, Carlton Brown, and the said
above named defendants, file your answer
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WNBA

Parker making no small plans

After early career hurdles, Sky forward wants to etch her name among the best

BY SHANNON RYAN

Cheyenne Parker wondered if she had ruined everything.

After working so hard to become a top college athlete, had she thrown it all away?

"It felt like my life was over," she said. "It was rough. I suffered from depression. I thought my career was over."

Parker had transferred to Middle Tennessee State from High Point in North Carolina after her junior year and sat out the 2013-14 season because

of NCAA rules.

She missed the first three games of her senior season because of a suspension, then made up for lost time, averaging 18.6 points and 11.0 rebounds, ranking second in Conference USA in both categories.

But in February of that season, she failed a second drug test and was dismissed from the team.

"Smoking weed," Parker said as the reason for her dismissal, shaking her head thinking back.

With the help of her boyfriend, Keevin Tyus, a player at Lee University, Parker kept working out, impressed during a WNBA draft combine and was drafted fifth by the

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Sky forward Cheyenne Parker says she wants to be "one of the best post players to play the game."

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PAUL SULLIVAN
On the White Sox

BOSTON — They lost Tim Anderson for an undetermined period after he suffered a high ankle sprain Tuesday night, and Yoan Moncada was removed with a bruised knee during the first inning of Wednesday afternoon's game shortly after being hit by a Chris Sale pitch.

They'd lost four straight and seven of nine after finally climbing to the .500 mark.

And they're trying to win with three healthy starters in Lucas Giolito, Ivan Nova and Reynaldo Lopez, and no fourth or fifth starters on the staff.

Just when things looked the bleakest, the Sox got off the mat with an 8-7 win over the Red Sox on Jose Abreu's two-run, ninth-inning blast over the Green Monster.

The Sox had blown a two-run lead in the eighth, Alex Colome's first blown save, only to come through on Abreu's 10-pitch at-bat against Matt

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Jose Abreu runs the bases after his two-run homer in the ninth put the Sox ahead Wednesday.

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JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Yu Darvish heads to the dugout in the first inning after he threw a wild pitch to give the Braves the first run Wednesday night at Wrigley Field.

BRAVES 5, CUBS 3

Cubs just haven't been all right against lefties

Maddon says righties have been struggling to get the job done

BY MARK GONZALES

After falling one game short of winning the 2018 National League Central title outright, the Cubs understand that every game matters.

That especially includes games against left-handed starters, in which they were 7-9 entering Wednesday night's game against former Cy Young Award winner Dallas Keuchel of the Braves.

A more revealing statistic shows that the Cubs were batting .256 against right-handed pitchers and .236 vs. lefties.

The Cubs possess a plethora of left-handed hitters, and they'd like to start to see their production against lefties improve. They saw good examples two weeks ago in

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Dodgers left-handed sluggers Clay Bellinger, Max Muncy and Alex Verdugo.

Cubs manager Joe Maddon also believes many of his right-handed hitters — who have fared well in the past against lefties — need to return to their normal levels.

"The righties have to hit lefties," Maddon said. "We haven't done a good job. Albert (Almora Jr.) has been down a little bit, and Albert kills lefties. (David) Bote has been down, and Addison (Russell) has been down. All the righties we rely on haven't done it yet, but I really believe they will. The big differ-

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BEST BEARS PLAYERS EVER '19 Bears could use 'Automatic Jack'

If only the 2019 Bears had a time machine. Our pick at No. 71,

Jack Manders, was the NFL's first great kicker and perhaps its most innovative. He earned the nickname "Automatic Jack." **Page 6**

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PHIL ROSENTHAL

ESPN losing its conscience

Bob Ley joined ESPN just three days after its 1979 launch and, for much of that time, he has been its conscience.

That is coming to an end, and the void Ley will leave behind — not just in what he did, but what he represented — is considerable.

The sports multimedia behemoth's longest-tenured on-camera employee as well as its most widely respected, Ley announced his retirement from ESPN via Twitter on Wednesday.

A six-month sabbatical begun in October and extended this spring turned out to be a head start for his exit.

"Across 40 years I have enjoyed a professional journey unimaginable when I joined ESPN on its first weekend of existence in 1979," Ley said. "Each day since has been a unique adventure, one I embraced for the challenge and unequaled fun of a job like no other."

"Now, it is time for a change."

Ley, 64, stressed this was solely his decision. He said he is in good health and enjoys "the many blessings of friends and family, and it is in that context that I'm making this change."

He thanked viewers for the trust they've placed in him over the years and ESPN leadership — including Jimmy Pitaro, its president the last 15 months — for "their understanding and patience over the past months."

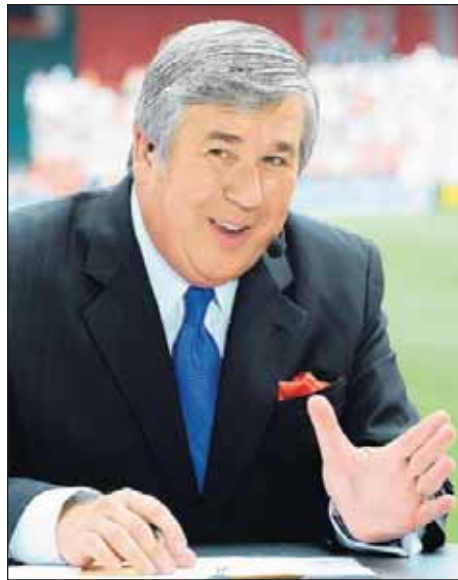
Ley obviously is entitled to whatever course he chooses to take, especially at this stage in life.

It is perhaps selfish but wholly understandable to wish he is en route to a new platform from which to ask discomfiting questions, speak truth to power and shine a light on subjects and ideas that might not be exposed otherwise.

The best-case scenario is someone will give Ley a venue like "Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel" on HBO, which also trades in the sort of well-considered, in-depth reporting and features that Ley brought to ESPN.

ESPN says it will carry on with Ley's work and his program, "Outside the Lines." Jeremy Schaap and Ryan Smith, solid reporters, already are slotted to assume most of the show's hosting duties.

Norby Williamson, ESPN's executive editor and executive vice president of event and studio production, said in a state-



ALLEN KEE/AP

Bob Ley, talking during an international soccer match in 2013 in Washington, is retiring from his post at ESPN.

ment: "While Bob Ley's departure from 'Outside the Lines' ends an important era for the show, we are excited for what lies ahead."

But will Schaap and Smith command the same sway, earned over decades, and the imprimatur to take on those with whom ESPN does business, such as the NFL, NBA and NCAA?

"The best way we can thank Bob for what he's meant to ESPN and to sports fans is to continue to uphold the journalist integrity and principles he's instilled," Pitaro said in a statement, and one can only hope ESPN delivers on that promise despite all the cutbacks and reorganization in recent years.

So much on ESPN these days, however, seems to be about ESPN and/or promotion for something else coming up on ESPN, something in which the company has invested millions or billions.

At present it's carpet bombing viewers with speculation about this weekend's start of NBA free agency.

One can't help but crave a palate cleanser like a thoughtful, classic Ley against-the-grain take on, say, the NCAA threatening California schools over legislative efforts to get college athletes compensation for the

use of their names and likenesses.

Remember a few years back, in May 2015, when FIFA boss Sepp Blatter ran for reelection just days after the U.S. Department of Justice charged a bunch of officials from soccer's governing body for wire fraud, racketeering and money laundering?

Ley, who had been covering Blatter and the corrupt FIFA cesspool over which he presided, anchored special coverage. But as it became clear Blatter was manipulating the proceedings, making a mockery of the official agenda, Ley lost his usual cool.

"You're watching Chicago writ large right now," Ley said. "There are streets being plowed. There is garbage being picked up. There are arms being twisted and we're waiting to see. ... Makes you wonder what's going on."

There have been and are many people at ESPN who have made everything about them. That was never the case with Ley.

When ESPN found itself in a firestorm over charges of political bias, Ley tried to convince his bosses to add more diversity of voices within. At the same time, as The Ringer reported last summer, Ley got more "stories on ESPN's air about race, sex, gender, and labor than anyone."

That Ringer piece, headlined "How Bob Ley Became ESPN's Most Important Broadcaster" and published a few months before Ley's sabbatical, flicked at the notion he might someday leave.

"I play with house money," Ley told The Ringer's Bryan Curtis last summer. "If they piss me off, I'll say, 'When's the next flight to Florida?' And they know it."

Then, Curtis noted, Ley retreated a tad. "It's never like that at all," Ley said. "I kid. But the idea that you can't do this or you can't do that. ... Jimmy has made it clear that it's business as it's been for me."

Pitaro on Wednesday sang Ley's praises: "His unwavering commitment and unparalleled work ethic drove our journalistic ambitions in ESPN for nearly 40 years."

But the last word belongs, as it so often did on ESPN, with Ley himself.

"In September, I signed off my last show saying, 'I'll catch you on the flip side,'" Ley said. "Now it's time to take that vinyl off the turntable — ask your folks — flip it over, and drop the needle on the B-side. There are always great cuts, and hidden gems on the B-side."

"Thank you for a great run."

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CUBS

Lawyer: Foul ball fractured girl's skull

BY MARK GONZALES AND TIM BANNON

The 2-year-old girl hit by Cubs outfielder Albert Almora Jr.'s foul ball during a game in Houston last month suffered a fractured skull, according to her family's attorney.

Houston lawyer Richard Mithoff said the child sustained a skull fracture with subdural bleeding, brain contusions and brain edema.

In the fourth inning of a May 29 game between the Cubs and Astros at Minute Maid Park, Almora lined a foul ball into the seats past the Cubs dugout along the third-base line.

The girl was sitting on a relative's lap when the ball hit her in the head. She was rushed to the hospital, where she remained for several days, according to the attorney.

In a letter sent Wednesday to the Astros, provided by Mithoff, the attorney wrote: "By way of an update, their daughter sustained a skull fracture when she was struck by the foul ball, with associated subdural bleeding, brain contusions and brain edema. She had a seizure and abnormal EEG at the hospital and is now on medication to prevent further seizures while she continues to recover at home. ... Her progress will be reassessed in July, and the (family) hope to have more information then about the residual effects of the injuries."

In a statement also released Wednesday, Mithoff said: "The family's foremost concern is about the health of their child, but they also wanted me to extend their thanks to the fans and the Astros for their concern."

After the incident, the crowd quickly went silent as Almora went to one knee near the batter's box.

Teammate Jason Heyward, who was in the on-deck circle, walked over to console Almora as the girl received medical attention. In a statement after the game, the Astros said she was taken to a hospital.

After the inning, Almora walked near the section to gather information on the girl's condition and immediately put his hands on his head. Almora, the father of two young boys, was hugged by a security guard located in the section of the accident.

According to a spokeswoman for Mithoff, their office does not know of any contact between Almora and the girl or her family since the injury.

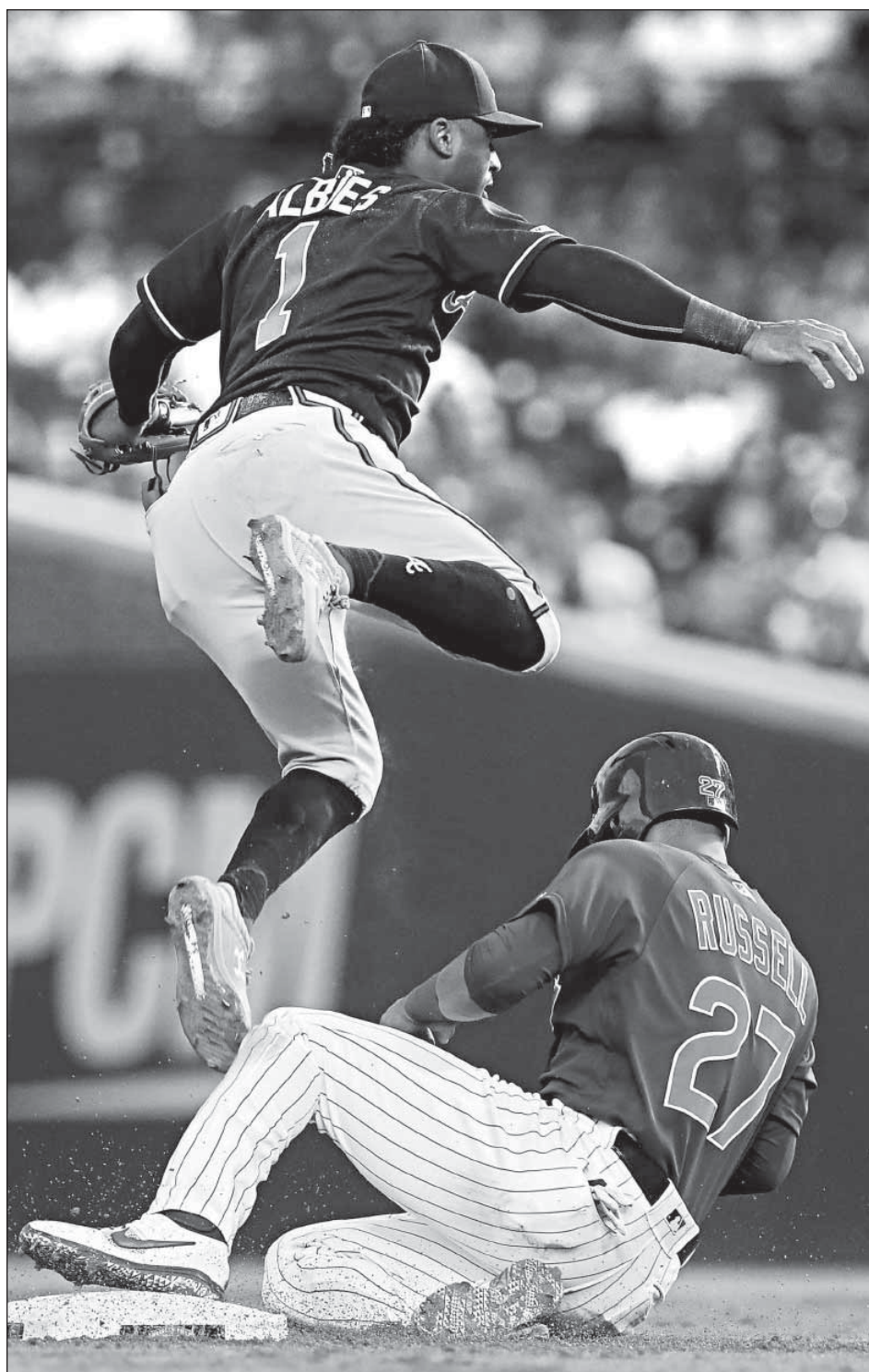
Almora declined comment Wednesday through a team spokesman.

Before Wednesday night's game against the Braves, Cubs manager Joe Maddon said: "I don't know enough about it, except we're just hoping this little girl gets well quickly. It was a horrible moment. We all felt it. I know Albert still feels it. We want to wish her the best and her family the best. Having children of my own and having grandkids, it's a real tough thought."

Mithoff's spokeswoman also said no lawsuit has been filed.

Regarding litigation, teams and the league have long been protected from legal action by the "baseball rule." On all tickets, there is fine-print language about how the bearer of the ticket assumes all risks and dangers to the sport of baseball. The legal certainty the doctrine has long afforded could erode in time, but courts have tended to accept that your safety is your responsibility.

"That certainly is one of the areas we are looking at," Mithoff told the Houston Chronicle. "The rule has been in effect for a long time. We also know there has been a movement by at least two clubs to install (more) fencing or netting. We are going to be looking at every option and trying to advise the family accordingly."



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Braves second baseman Ozzie Albies avoids Addison Russell and fires to first to double-up David Bode on an inning-ending double play in the second inning Wednesday night.

Cubs struggle

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ence is that.

"Among the lefties, I never worry about (Anthony Rizzo). (Kyle) Schwarber has been better. I've been trying to get Jason (Heyward) in and out and balance all of that as well as we possibly can. We definitely have the right-handed hitting talent to balance and get these moments done, but we haven't to this point."

Almora, a lifetime .309 batter against left-handers before this season, was batting .217 against lefties before collecting an infield single in the first against Keuchel.

Almora batted leadoff for the 10th time this season in place of Schwarber, who leads all Cubs left-handed hitters with a .245 batting average against lefties and has lifted his career average against them to .195.

"He's definitely not as jumpy," Maddon said. "He's waiting for the ball to get to him a lot better than he had been. I know he's a lot more confident against good lefties. He's faced them all."

Schwarber has hit three of his 16 home runs against left-handers, including a lead-off shot off three-time National League Cy Young Award winner Clayton Kershaw of the Dodgers on June 13.

Maddon wanted to balance the playing time among his left-handed hitters before they were held to two hits in six innings against Braves lefty Max Fried on Tuesday. So Schwarber sat while Heyward, who entered Wednesday's game with a .211 batting average against lefties, started against Keuchel.

"I don't think we put too much into that," Schwarber said before Wednesday's game of the disparity between right-handers and left-handers. "We put more into just trying to win a game besides (facing) lefties. Sometimes you got to give credit where credit is due."

BRAVES 5, CUBS 3

Yu Darvish allowed five earned runs in five innings in the Cubs' 5-3 loss to the Braves on Wednesday night at Wrigley Field. Nick Markakis' three-run home run in the third inning put the Braves ahead 5-0. Willson Contreras and Kris Bryant hit solo home runs, and Jason Heyward added an RBI groundout for the Cubs, who lost two of three games in the series.

For more on Wednesday's game, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

"Fried made a lot of good pitches on a lot of good people. You got to be able to balance out the fact that there are sometimes guys are on their game, and there are going to be times they're going to leave you with some mistakes, and you have to take advantage of it. But I don't think we're worried about lefties."

"We're more concerned with just keep getting wins, and there will be opportunities for that."

One of the issues facing the Cubs is that they don't see many left-handed starters, with the majority residing in the NL West.

But the reality is if they advance to the postseason for the fifth consecutive season, they must find a way to improve against the likes of NL ERA leader Hyun-Jin Ryu (1.27) and Kershaw of the Dodgers, and Fried and Keuchel of the NL East-leading Braves.

"I'm not really concerned," Maddon said. "I do believe we'll show up and do a better job against these guys. With good health, they're youthful and they haven't forgotten how to do it."

"There are some things just off right now. Whether they're not seeing the ball as well, or maybe chasing a bit. But I'm not really overtly concerned right now."

WHITE SOX

Anderson on injury: 'I'll be back'

All-Star Game ruled out, but shortstop philosophical

BY PAUL SULLIVAN

BOSTON — Tim Anderson limped across the White Sox clubhouse after Wednesday's comeback victory against the Red Sox, trying to keep his spirits high after he suffered a high right ankle sprain during Tuesday night's game.

A breakthrough season by the Sox shortstop was suddenly put on hold, and a potential All-Star appearance was out of the question.

"It's just part of the story," Anderson said philosophically. "Part of life, man. You go through things and you learn things. It's just another thing I've got to go through. I'll be back."

Anderson will be on the injured list for a while, though the extent of the injury won't be known until the Sox get MRI results. He injured the right ankle planting his foot on the infield dirt while making a throw to first in the fifth inning of Tuesday's game, and had to be helped off the field.

"I felt a little pop, and it scared me a little bit," he said.

X-rays showed no fracture, so the Sox may have dodged a bullet.

But it was difficult for his teammates to stomach.

"It was scary," pitcher Lucas Giolito said. "When he went down, it's hard not to think of the worst. Luckily it wasn't even close to that."

"It sucks, but it's part of the game, playing on the wet surface. Stuff like that is going to happen. We just have to come together as a team, push forward and play the best baseball we can, and we'll have T.A. back soon."

Anderson didn't blame the wet field for his injury.

"I don't think it was that," he said. "I just think I planted wrong. I think it could've happened even if the field was dry."

Still, the game was played in rain all night, and the field was very wet. MLB pushes teams to play games in light rain to avoid rescheduling. The Red Sox also were set to fly to London on Wednesday night to play the Yankees this weekend and didn't want to play a doubleheader.

Sox first baseman Jose Abreu criticized MLB for making the teams play in conditions he deemed unsafe.

"We all are very frustrated and upset because of an injury to one of our best players," he said. "People need to realize that sometimes the conditions we play in are not the best. We saw that (Tuesday) night. It was raining and it was a bad situation, and that's the result."

"Sometimes people in front offices and (MLB) have to understand we're the ones on the field. We're the ones who are at risk of something like that happening."

The Sox have played at least a handful of games in the rain, including a May 28 game against the Royals on the South Side that saw a downpour dump 1 3/4 inches of rain on the field, ultimately forcing it to be suspended. Yolmer Sanchez said afterward the game never should've begun and players could've gotten hurt.

"We have played a few games this year when the conditions haven't been ideal to play in, not anything close to the minimum safe conditions you need to play in," Abreu said. "I'm not complaining, but we are the ones at risk when conditions are like that. We're the ones running, pitching and out on the field. When the field isn't in good shape, it's our bodies that are suffering."

"And then you are risking that something like (Anderson's injury) can happen. I used to have a different idea of what the major leagues was. Now when you play and see all these things happening, this is not what I envisioned."

Giolito has pitched in two soaking rainstorms, including one at Yankee Stadium on April 12 and against the Blue Jays on May 18.

"It's just the schedule, man," Giolito said. "You have 162 (games) you have to get in, and there's not too many off days. There are some days you've got to go out there and do it in whatever weather is thrown at you. It's part of the game, unfortunately."



KATHRYN RILEY/GETTY

Tim Anderson is helped off the field with an ankle injury in the fifth inning Tuesday night at Fenway Park.

CUBS NOTES

Kimble promotion may cost Alzolay his spot

BY MARK GONZALES

Closer Craig Kimble could join the Cubs as soon as Thursday.

But a potential roster victim is Adbert Alzolay, who has pitched well enough to stay in the rotation.

"There are other ways we can do this," said manager Joe Maddon, careful not to rule out any possibilities. "I don't want to say too much too soon. We're trying to put this all together and figure it out."

Kimble, 31, pitched in four games for Triple-A Iowa and allowed one home run while striking out four in 3 2/3 innings. Reports that indicated Kimble's fastball and curve were sharp pleased team officials.

The Cubs, however, have yet to commit to Alzolay making his next start Monday night against the Pirates. He allowed one hit in 4 2/3 innings in his first major-league start Tuesday against the Braves.

Alzolay, 24, would be in line to make two more starts before the All-Star break should he remain on the roster. But the Cubs are also mindful that Alzolay missed the final four months of the 2018 season because of a right lat strain and missed all of spring

training and the first six weeks of Iowa's season because of a similar injury.

Alzolay has thrown no more than 120 1/3 innings (2016) in any professional season, and the Cubs face the task of enhancing his development without risking injury. Alzolay has thrown a combined 44 2/3 innings in the minors and for the Cubs this season.

"You want to keep him on schedule," Maddon said of a rotation spot for Alzolay. "We're talking this all the way through. He could do it here. He could do it somewhere else. We're not sure, but you also have to be mindful of the innings he's pitching, based on what kind of jump you want him to endure this year."

"He's definitely showing he can pitch here. There's no question he can pitch here, but now we have to figure out how to put him in the mix in a way that's beneficial to him and us. We're not done discussing that. But it's possible both ways."

Thumbs up on All-Star Game: Maddon has no qualms about any of his players participating in the All-Star Game, especially since they won't have to play on the following Thursday as they did last July.

"I don't understand that at all," Maddon said of a stipulation in the collective bargaining agreement that states that two teams will play on Thursday night following the All-Star Game while the other 28 teams won't start the second half until Friday.

Catcher Willson Contreras, shortstop Javier Baez, first baseman Anthony Rizzo and third baseman Kris Bryant are among the finalists to start in the July 9 Classic in Cleveland, along with outfielders Jason Heyward, Kyle Schwarber and Albert Almora Jr.

Fan voting concludes Thursday at 3 p.m., and the starters will be announced three hours later.

"I'm not concerned," Maddon said. "I wish them well. I hope our guys have a chance to go. It's a great opportunity. It's quite an honor to be included. I have no issues with that whatsoever."

Injury updates: Pitchers Kyle Hendricks (right shoulder) and Carl Edwards Jr. (left lat) threw bullpen session Thursday.

Their status will be updated on Thursday.

BASEBALL

American League

Table with columns: EAST, CENTRAL, WEST, W, L, PCT, GB, WCGB, L10, STR, HOME, AWAY. Lists standings for American League divisions.

Late games noted below

THURSDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

Table listing probable pitchers for National League, American League, and Interleague games, including team, pitcher, time, and record.

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher. Vs. Opp: Pitcher's record versus this opponent, 2019 statistics.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Chi. White Sox 8, Boston 7
N.Y. Yankees 8, Toronto 7
Cleveland 5, Kansas City 3

NATIONAL LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
San Diego 10, Baltimore 5
Arizona 8, L.A. Dodgers 3
Colorado 6, San Francisco 3

June 29-30: New York Yankees vs. Boston at London.
July 2: International amateur signing period opens.
July 9: All-Star Game at Cleveland.

BOX SCORES

Box score for Yankees 8, Blue Jays 7. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding statistics.

Box score for White Sox 8, Red Sox 7. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding statistics.

Box score for Twins 6, Rays 4. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding statistics.

Box score for Padres 10, Orioles 5. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding statistics.

Box score for Braves 5, Cubs 3. Includes batting, pitching, and fielding statistics.

One out when winning run scored. 1-ran for Jansen in the 9th. E: Voit (5), Torres (10).
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New York: 030 211 001 - 8 16 2

a-grounded out for Bummer in the 8th. b-lined out for Hernandez in the 8th. c-doubled for Leon in the 8th. 1-ran for Moncada in the 1st. 2-ran for Holt in the 8th. E: McCann (4), LOB: Chicago 6, Boston 10.
CHICAGO: 302 000 102 - 8 12 1
Boston: 201 000 130 - 7 15 0

a-struck out for Rivera in the 8th. b-hit by pitch for Suero in the 9th. c-walked for Brice in the 9th. LOB: Washington 8, Miami 4.
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Miami: 001 000 004 - 5 6 0

NATIONALS 7, MARLINS 5
WASHINGTON: 3 2 2 0 0 1 .287
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Miami: 001 000 004 - 5 6 0
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New York: 000 001 300 1 - 5 9 1
No outs when winning run scored. a-walked for Alvarez in the 7th. b-filled out for Morgan in the 8th.

AL LEADERS
BATTING: G AB R H BI SO ERA
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McNeil, NY 76 271 34 88 351

National League

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Shohei Ohtani throws off a mound for the first time since his Tommy John surgery.

ANGELS

Associated Press
ANAHEIM, Calif. — Shohei Ohtani threw off a mound Wednesday for the first time since undergoing Tommy John surgery, taking another significant step toward a return to pitching for the Angels next season.

Ohtani gets back on mound

But the team and its two-way star believe everything is progressing perfectly toward Ohtani's plan to resume his two-way career next season. Ohtani had elbow ligament replacement surgery Oct. 1, and his rehabilitation has gone remarkably smoothly, even while he continues racking up impressive numbers as the Angels' designated hitter.

"Mentally, I think I have it a little bit better because I've been playing every day as a hitter," Ohtani said. "I think that helps me get through it a little better than other people that can't play."
The AL Rookie of the Year returned to the Angels' lineup May 7 and is batting .277 with nine homers, 31 RBIs and a .829 OPS in 42 games.

AROUND THE HORN

Yankees: Slugger Giancarlo Stanton went back on the 10-day injured list Wednesday with a strained right knee, barely a week after returning from a series of setbacks that kept him out of action for almost three months. Manager Aaron Boone said it's likely Stanton will be sidelined for longer than 10 days.
Rays: The son of former Montreal Expos owner Charles Bronfman believes the predominantly French-speaking city is ready and willing to support — and share — the Rays. Private equity investor Stephen Bronfman leads a group working on bringing baseball back to Montreal and said the city can embrace the sport again.

WHITE SOX

Feisty Sox are 'fighters'

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Barnes.

"We battled and we fought through it the whole game," Abreu said. "When they took the lead we didn't feel down. We kept our head up, and that inning kept grinding."

Winning with only three starters isn't only difficult, it's almost impossible. Can the degree of difficulty get any higher for the White Sox?

"Yeah, that's part of it," Giolito said, referring to the three-man rotation. "It's how we're rolling right now. We know when we're pitching. Just go out there and compete and everything else will fall into place."

"Keep trusting the process."

Easier said than done.

Keeping faith in the Sox hasn't been easy for the last decade or so, and these days it's even harder. But the Sox players aren't conceding anything, even as they struggle to get back to the .500 mark in Year 3 of the rebuild.

"We're facing very good teams, very tough teams, and on top of that we've had so many injuries," Abreu said. "A lot of our main guys aren't playing, our pitching staff, and now 'T.A.' (is out)."

"We're trying to do our best. We're competitors, we're fighters. We come every day trying to win games. I think we are a good team even though the situation we're going through is difficult."

Adding to the health issues, Charlie Tilson came out of Wednesday's game because he was losing his lunch with flu-like symptoms, forcing the Sox to move Jon Jay from designated hitter to right field and losing the DH spot. But the Sox persevered, even after the blown save had them looking at a Red Sox sweep.

Catcher James McCann said he thought this was a special team when he signed in the offseason, and there's no reason to change his opinion now.

"Who knew Giolito was going to turn around the way he has? But you knew the talent was in there," he said. "Even with the pieces we're missing right now, guys like (Carlos) Rodon and (Michael) Kopech, you knew it had a chance to be special."

"It's just a matter of taking all that talent and putting it together and creating the right culture and chemistry. And that seems like what we have right now."

Sox fans were walking on air last week at Wrigley Field when Eloy Jimenez hit his game-winning, broken-bat home run to beat the Cubs. But it has been all downhill since, watching their team blow early leads, play spotty defense and fail to come through in the clutch.

"We haven't played that great in the last few, but we're right there," Giolito said. "We haven't been losing these games by a lot, just a few mistakes. You can look back to my game (Monday), when I walk in the tying run, or an error or something just kind of throwing us off a little bit."

"We've just got to play a little cleaner, take advantage when we have runners in scoring position. As far as pitching goes, just keep going out there and fill up the zone, and for me, cut down the walks."

After a day off Thursday, the Sox will begin a 10-game homestand Friday against the first-place Twins. The starting pitcher once again is TBD, a recurring theme this season. The Sox's starting pitching depth isn't just thin, it's nonexistent.

Still, the Sox hope to get some good crowds this weekend with the nicer, summer weather, and maybe they'll actually weather this rough stretch of the schedule until catching their breath during the All-Star break. But for now it's just cross your fingers and pray.

That's the White Sox Way.

BASKETBALL



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Cheyenne Parker, practicing Tuesday, is working on several other projects outside of her basketball career.

Parker aims high

Parker, from Page 1

Sky. Many wondered if the Sky had made a mistake. The highest praise for her after the 2015 draft was that maybe Parker was a sleeper pick.

"I've been given a second chance and I'm not going to mess that up," Parker said on draft night. "I'm going to work 10 times harder to prove to everyone who thinks that I am that messed-up girl. ... I'm not."

Parker has established herself as one of the league's rising stars and the necessary ingredient to a successful Sky season. Her life seems in focus as her career ascends with personal and professional development.

Averaging 10.4 points, 6.6 rebounds and 1.5 blocks per game coming off the bench, the 6-foot-4 forward has built on last season, when she posted career highs of 10 points and four rebounds per game for the Sky. Her first three seasons, she averaged fewer than 13 minutes and fewer than four points per game.

"You used to hear people like Shaq say, 'Feed me,'" first-year Sky coach James Wade said. "That's how we play to her. She's like the glue. (Teams have) vocal leaders, leaders by example. She's our spiritual leader. When she's in it, she leads the charge and has an amazing energy. Everyone likes her every day. She thinks about the other person. When she does something, it's with the team in mind."

Parker's early seasons with the Sky were filled with insignificant stat lines and injuries. She gained weight and felt out of shape. Her confidence waned.

MYSTICS 81, SKY 74

Old friend spoils day

Associated Press

A familiar face helped beat the Sky on Wednesday at Wintrust Arena.

Former Sky star Elena Delle Donne had 22 points and seven rebounds, Ariel Atkins added 14 points, six rebounds and five steals and the Washington Mystics beat the Sky 81-74.

Delle Donne, who has totaled 72 points in her last three games for the Mystics (8-3), sank a free-throw line jumper at the end of the shot clock to cap the scoring with 14.4 seconds left.

It was just the second loss in the last seven games for the Sky.

Allie Quigley led the Sky (6-4) with 21 points and four 3-pointers. Stefanie Dolson added 13 points and Courtney Vandersloot had eight points, six rebounds and eight assists.

Tianna Hawkins scored 15 points and Kristi Toliver added 10 with four assists for the Mystics, who entered leading the league with an average of 85.9 points per game.

"I wasn't playing to the potential that I had," she said. "I used to overthink everything."

Before the 2018 WNBA season, Parker played professionally for Wisla Krakow in Poland, where she was a go-to player.

"It helped me remember, 'Oh, yeah, I'm pretty good at basketball. Let me carry this over to the WNBA,'" she said. Parker lost 25 pounds, cutting out sweets and modifying her diet.

"I've always had a big appetite," she said, recalling buffet-eating contests with her uncle when she was 12. "Not playing a lot, I put on pounds. I didn't balance it. I have a naturally thick physique. It was another thing I had to learn. That was a really big accomplishment for me."

Approaching free agency, she agreed to a two-year deal with the Sky in February.

"I had to recruit her," said Wade, also the Sky's general manager. "We talked about how we as a coaching staff could help her going forward. I asked how driven she was to be better. We touched on a lot of things and how we could help her. I appreciate her. I knew other teams were interested in her, as they should be. I wanted to put her in a role where she's comfortable and where she can grow."

Growth, Parker said, has been her key.

While Parker aims to have a career-best year, she isn't just invested in this Sky season. She is developing a clothing line for tall women. She models. She is working on a personal fitness consultation business. She's investing her money.

Parker said she turned her mind toward her financial and post-basketball future as she took a course offered to professional ath-

letes through Harvard Business School. She took the classes online while playing overseas.

As WNBA players earn a fraction of what their NBA peers make, Parker said, "We definitely have to (think of finances). I want to have kids and have a family. I'm trying to prepare for that, the longevity. The money I'm making now I want to make it work for me."

After being dismissed from Middle Tennessee State, she said she and Tyus began attending church together. They worked out together, meeting halfway between their schools. The etched out a plan together.

"She's one of the hardest workers I've seen in my life," Tyus said. "I know she's deserving and her time is coming."

Tyus played professionally in Austria last year, while Parker played in South Korea. They live together near the Sky's Deerfield training facility, and he practices on the Sky's scout team.

Before team warmups, he runs drills with Parker. During games, Tyus mops the Wintrust Arena court during timeouts and cheers for Parker.

"He really helped me stay focused," she said. "He was like an angel to me."

Parker has inconsistencies in her game, but she has the skills to use her post game and defense to help the Sky crawl out of the Eastern Conference basement where they've dwelled the last two seasons. Her goals include leaving a WNBA legacy.

"I want to be considered one of the best post players to play the game," she said. "I know I have the potential to be and I'm not going to stop. I just know I can, and I will."

Bulls gain cap space

Voiding Asik's pact frees \$3M for free agency

By K.C. JOHNSON

The Bulls have an additional \$3 million to spend when NBA free agency begins on Sunday.

The NBA ruled that Omer Asik has a career-ending injury/illness and thus voided his player contract, a source confirmed. Asik, who also has battled Crohn's disease, didn't participate in last season's training camp because of inflammatory arthritis.

The Bulls eventually waived Asik in October to sign Shaquille Harrison off waivers from the Suns.

The Bulls applied for relief from the remaining \$3 million on Asik's contract shortly after the season. Internally, they consistently expressed confidence that the league office would rule in their favor.

The additional \$3 million of salary-cap space brings the Bulls' cap space to roughly \$23 million to \$24 million. The Bulls can travel two avenues with their free-agency strategy: They can split their cap space between two players and sign a third using their "room exception." Or they can use the majority of it on a larger target and use exceptions to address their remaining needs.

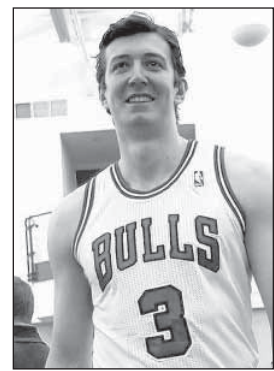
Even after drafting Coby White, speculation exists the Bulls could sign restricted free agent Malcolm Brogdon to an offer sheet that could give the Bucks pause. Coincidentally, George Hill, another Bucks guard, could be part of the first strategy if he's waived before July 2.

The Bulls are seeking big-man depth, shooting and likely another point guard in free agency.

The Bulls originally acquired Asik in a 2008 draft-day trade in which they dealt three second-round picks despite Asik being under contract overseas for two more seasons. Asik played all 82 games and a critical defensive role for the 2010-11 Bulls, who advanced to the Eastern Conference finals.

Several Bulls, including Derrick Rose in his soon-to-be-released autobiography, have pointed to Asik's fractured left fibula as a turning point in their five-game series loss to the Heat. Asik was hurt in the third quarter of Game 3 and tried to play on it for 1 minute, 53 seconds of Game 4.

He will retire with career averages of 5.3 points and 7.1 rebounds in 471 career games, 152 of them with the Bulls. They first lost him when he signed an offer sheet with the Rockets in July 2012. They reacquired him merely as salary filler in the February 2018 trade that sent Nikola Mirotic to the Pelicans and brought back a first-round pick that ultimately became Chandler Hutchison.



JOSÉ M. OSORIO/TRIBUNE

With the voiding of Omer Asik's contract, the Bulls will have more to spend in free agency.

RANKING THE **BEST BEARS** PLAYERS EVER

#71 Jack Manders

'Automatic Jack' a 2-time NFL scoring champion who also played 2 ways

BY WILL LARKIN

Three Bears have led the NFL in scoring. Kevin Butler did it once. So did Gale Sayers. Jack Manders did it twice.

"Automatic Jack" was the NFL's first great kicker and perhaps its most innovative. He also was a key contributor at running back and linebacker on Bears teams that played in four NFL championship games in his eight seasons.

The 6-foot-1, 200-pound Manders showed his all-around skill in the 1937 NFL title game, a 28-21 loss to Sammy Baugh and the Redskins at frigid Wrigley Field. Manders scored two touchdowns, one rushing and another receiving, in the first quarter to put the Bears ahead 14-7. On defense, he intercepted Baugh and recovered a fumble. He also was 3-for-3 on extra points.

That game — one of seven in which he scored multiple touchdowns for the Bears — was his best, but Manders made his most lasting impact as a rookie in 1933. He bucked the drop-kick standard to become the league's first kicker to always have a teammate place the ball for his kicks.

Manders quickly showed that placekicking was the superior option. The entire league had combined for six field goals in 1932; Manders made six in '33.

The next year, to encourage long passes, the NFL changed the shape of its ball to a more aerodynamic version with pointed ends. The new ball, with its unpredictable bounces, made drop kicks extremely difficult. Manders, meanwhile, converted 10 field goals in '34 to set a record that stood for 12 years. He led the way as field goals became strategic scoring weapons instead of the nothing-to-lose larks they had been during the drop-kick era. At one point he converted 76 consecutive extra points.

In his 2013 book, "Placekicking in the NFL: A History and Analysis," Rick Gonsalves wrote: "Watching Manders' successful kicks from placement, NFL kickers were fully convinced that it was the best method to use."

The rest of the nation took notice as well. Manders appeared on Wheaties boxes as part of a 1939 "Champ Stamps" promotion featuring 27 endorsers. Each box featured



CHICAGO TRIBUNE HISTORICAL PHOTO

"Automatic Jack" Manders, who played for the Bears in the 1930s, was the NFL's first great kicker and led the NFL in scoring twice.

three stamps; Manders was grouped with All-Star catcher Ernie Lombardi of the Reds and United Airlines pilot George Myers.

A newspaper ad for the cereal featured a comic strip detailing the exploits of "the greatest placement kicker the game has ever known." One panel read: "Here's one the Giants won't expect, Jack. Think you can boot one from here on the 40-yard line?"

"Why not?" the drawing of Manders replied. "I've had my Wheaties today!"

Manders helped the Bears win titles as a kicker in 1933, his first season, and 1940, his last. In the middle of his career he became the all-around threat that shined in the '37

final.

One of nine children in a South Dakota farm family, Manders had followed Bronko Nagurski as a star fullback at Minnesota, and he turned down a favorable offer from the Packers so he could become a teammate of his hero in Chicago. In 1935 he ended up filling in at fullback after Nagurski injured his back.

The Tribune's George Strickler's pre-season report from Aug. 27, 1935, stated: "Manders is definitely the best fullback on the Bears' squad now. ... He has worked hard and mastered the tricks that made Nagurski the most feared fullback in football. His blocking has been second to none on the squad. ... If he continues to play

MANDERS AS A BEAR

1933-40 | 8 seasons | 93 games

Bears record: 76-22-10 (.750).

Playoff appearances: 4. Won NFL title in 1933 and 1940.

Acquired: Signed in 1933 out of Minnesota.

THE LIST

71. Jack Manders	86. Brandon Marshall
72. James Williams	87. Lee Artoe
73. Jim Dooley	88. Alshon Jeffery
74. Robbie Gould	89. Beattie Feathers
75. Bennie McRae	90. Kevin Butler
76. Johnny Lujack	91. Bill Karr
77. Bill Osmanski	92. Matt Suhey
78. Jay Cutler	93. Ed Brown
79. Jim McMillen	94. Gary Famiglietti
80. Khalil Mack	95. Akiem Hicks
81. Eddie Jackson	96. Joey Sternaman
82. Doug Plank	97. Hugh Gallarneau
83. Zuck Carlson	98. Tom Thayer
84. Bill Wade	99. William Perry
85. Kyle Long	100. Patrick Mannely

at his present pace, Nagurski may need more than full recovery to win back his place as a starter."

Nagurski, of course, reclaimed his starting job after he healed. Manders shuffled between fullback and halfback for the next four seasons, rushing for 1,085 yards and six touchdowns while making 12 catches for 210 yards and five touchdowns.

Manders totaled 1,846 scrimmage yards and 19 touchdowns with the Bears, and he added 40 field goals and 133 extra points for a total of 367 points. He led the NFL with 76 points in 1934 and 69 in '37, and he ranks 11th on the Bears' all-time scoring list.

As Manders' playing time increased on offense and defense, his kicking accuracy decreased, and in 1935 he missed seven of his eight field-goal attempts. Still, it was difficult for any football fan of the time to imagine a kicker coming close to Manders' standard.

Upon his retirement in 1941, he joined the Bears coaching staff. On Sept. 28 the Tribune wrote: "As long as there is a football record book, Manders' name will be right up there, probably more prominent than any other, as the greatest place kicker of all time."

Manders' brother Clarence, or "Pug," also played in the NFL for eight seasons, leading the league with 486 rushing yards in 1941. Both are members of the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame. "Automatic Jack" died at 68 in Chicago in 1977.

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SCOREBOARD

ODDS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL			
AMERICAN LEAGUE		THURSDAY	
at Detroit	-105	Texas	-105
at Minnesota	off	Tampa Bay	off
at LA Angels	-150	Oakland	+140
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
pregame.com			
at Philadelphia	-133	NY Mets	+123
at Chi Cubs	off	Atlanta	off
Washington	-190	at Miami	+175
LA Dodgers	-170	at Colorado	+158
at San Fran.	-105	Arizona	-105
INTERLEAGUE			
at Milwaukee	-163	Seattle	+153
at Houston	-185	Pittsburgh	+170

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

QUARTERFINALS		THURSDAY	
England +100	Norway +260	Tie	+240
FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
U.S.	+127	France	+220
Nether.	+115	Italy	+250
Germany	-135	Sweden	+425
Tie			+240
CUP OUTRIGHT WINNER			
U.S.	1/1	Netherlands	8/1
France	4/1	Sweden	20/1
Germany	9/2	Italy	25/1
England	7/1	Norway	25/1

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES			
At TD Ameritrade Park; Omaha, Neb.			
Vanderbilt (59-12) vs. Michigan (50-22)			
June 24:	Michigan 7,	Vanderbilt 4	
June 25:	Vanderbilt 4,	Michigan 1	
Wednesday:	Vanderbilt 8,	Michigan 2	
VANDERBILT 8, MICHIGAN 2			
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Vanderbilt	013	200	11x — 8 9 0

Kauffman, Criswell (4) and Donovan; Hickman, Eder (7) and Clarke. W: Hickman, 9-0. L: Kauffman, 12-7. HR: Vanderbilt, Demarco (7). CWS Most Outstanding Player: Kumar Rocker, RHP, Vanderbilt. RECENT CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS Best-of-3 Series 2018: Oregon State 2, Arkansas 1 MOP: Adley Rutschman, Oregon State 2017: Florida 2, LSU 0 MOP: Alex Faedo, Florida 2016: Coastal Carolina 2, Arizona 1 MOP: Andrew Beckwith, C. Carolina 2015: Virginia 2, Vanderbilt 1 MOP: Josh Sborz, Virginia 2014: Vanderbilt 2, Virginia 1 MOP: Dansby Swanson, Vanderbilt 2013: UCLA 2, Mississippi State 0 MOP: Adam Plutko, UCLA 2012: Arizona 2, South Carolina 0 MOP: Rob Refsnyder, Arizona

TENNIS

ATP/WTA NATURE VALLEY INTERNATIONAL	
At Devonshire Park; Eastbourne, England; outdoors-grass	
MEN'S SECOND ROUND SINGLES	
Taylor Fritz d. #1 Guido Pella,	6-4, 3-6, 6-4.
Thomas Fabbiano d. #2 Laslo Djere,	7-6 (5), 7-6 (6).
#3 Kyle Edmund d. Cameron Norrie,	6-2, 6-2.
Sam Querrey d. #4 Dusan Lajovic,	6-2, 6-3.
#5 Fernando Verdasco d. Juan Ignacio Londero,	6-7 (4), 6-3, 7-6 (2).
#6 Gilles Simon d. Nicolas Jarry,	6-2, 6-4.
Hubert Hurkacz d. Steve Johnson,	6-3, 7-6 (6).
Dan Evans d. Pierre-Hugues Herbert,	6-3, 7-5.
WOMEN'S THIRD ROUND SINGLES	
#2 Karolina Pliskova d. Elise Mertens,	6-1, 6-2.
#3 Kiki Bertens d. Anna-Lena Friedsam,	6-3, 6-3.
#4 Angeliqe Kerber d. Rebecca Peterson,	7-6 (4), 6-0.
#6 Simona Halep d. Polona Hercog,	6-1, 4-6, 6-3.
#8 Aryna Sabalenka d. #11 Caroline Wozniacki,	2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (5).
Ois Jabeur d. #14 Johanna Konta,	6-3, 6-2.
Alize Cornet d. Zhang Shuai,	6-2, 6-2.
Ekatrina Alexandrova d. Jelena Ostapenko,	6-3, 2-1 retired.

ATP TURKISH AIRLINES OPEN	
R2 at Antalya Tennis Arena; Antalya, Turkey; outdoors-grass	
Viktor Troicki d. #1 Benoit Paire,	7-6 (4), 7-6 (5).
#4 Pablo Carreno Busta d. Kevin Krawietz,	7-6 (6), 6-4.
Miomir Kecmanovic d. #6 Ugo Humbert,	6-4, 7-5.
Bernard Tomic d. Peter Gajdos,	7-6 (3), 6-3.
WIMBLEDON SEEDS	
July 1-14 at All England Club, London	
SD. GENTLEMEN'S SINGLES	
1. Novak Djokovic, Serbia	1
2. Roger Federer, Switzerland	3
3. Rafael Nadal, Spain	2
4. Kevin Anderson, South Africa	8
5. Dominic Thiem, Austria	4
6. Alexander Zverev, Germany	5
7. Stefanos Tsitsipas, Greece	6
8. Kei Nishikori, Japan	7
9. John Isner, U.S.	12
10. Karen Khachanov, Russia	9
11. Daniil Medvedev, Russia	10
12. Fabio Fognini, Italy	13
13. Marin Cilic, Croatia	18
14. Borna Coric, Croatia	14
15. Milos Raonic, Canada	17
16. Gael Monfils, France	15
17. Matteo Berrettini, Italy	20
18. Nikoloz Basilashvili, Georgia	16
19. Felix Auger-Aliassime, Canada	21
20. Gilles Simon, France	25
21. David Goffin, Belgium	23
22. Stan Wawrinka, Switzerland	19
23. Roberto Bautista Agut, Spain	22
24. Diego Schwartzman, Argentina	24
25. Alex de Minaur, Australia	29
26. Guido Pella, Argentina	26
27. Lucas Pouille, France	28
28. Benoit Paire, France	32
29. Denis Shapovalov, Canada	27
30. Kyle Edmund, Britain	31
31. Laslo Djere, Serbia	30
32. Dusan Lajovic, Serbia	33

seed formula: ATP ranking points; adding 100% of the points earned for all grass court events in the immediate past 12 months period prior to June 24. Add 75% of the points earned for the best grass court tournament in the 12 months prior to that.

SD. LADIES SINGLES	
1. Ashleigh Barty, Australia	1
2. Naomi Osaka, Japan	2
3. Karolina Pliskova, Czech Rep.	3
4. Kiki Bertens, Netherlands	4
5. Angelique Kerber, Germany	5
6. Petra Kvitova, Czech Rep.	6
7. Simona Halep, Romania	7
8. Elina Svitolina, Ukraine	8
9. Sloane Stephens, U.S.	9
10. Aryna Sabalenka, Belarus	10
11. Serena Williams, U.S.	11
12. Anastasija Sevastova, Latvia	12
13. Belinda Bencic, Switzerland	13
14. Caroline Wozniacki, Denmark	14
15. Qiang Wang, China	15
16. Marketa Vondrousova, Czech Rep.	16
17. Madison Keys, U.S.	17
18. Julia Goerges, Germany	18
19. Johanna Konta, Britain	19
20. Anett Kontaveit, Estonia	20
21. Elise Mertens, Belgium	21
22. Donna Vekic, Croatia	22
23. Caroline Garcia, France	23
24. Petra Martic, Croatia	24
25. Amanda Anisimova, U.S.	26
26. Garbine Muguruza, Spain	27
27. Sofia Kenin, U.S.	27
28. Su-Wei Hsieh, Taipei	29
29. Darja Kasatkina, Russia	30
30. Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain	31
31. Maria Sakkari, Greece	32
32. Lesia Tsurenko, Ukraine	33

SOCCER

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

THURSDAY'S QUARTERFINAL	
Norway vs. England,	2 p.m. (Le Havre)
FRIDAY'S QUARTERFINAL	
France vs. U.S.,	2 p.m. (Paris)
SATURDAY'S QUARTERFINALS	
Italy vs. Netherlands,	8 a.m. (Valenciennes)
Germany vs. Sweden,	11:30 a.m. (Rennes)

U.S. WOMEN WORLD CUP

GP	GF	GA	SHT	SOG	PEN
4	20	1	95	37	2
OFF	CRN	FC	FS	YC	RC
2	33	30	40	4	0
TEAM USA					
Alex Morgan	3	220	5	3	0
Carli Lloyd	4	173	3	0	0
Megan Rapinoe	3	262	3	1	1
Lindsey Horan	4	240	2	1	1
Rose Lavelle	3	209	2	0	0
Samantha Mewis	3	270	2	0	0
Julie Ertz	3	204	1	0	0
Mallory Pugh	3	118	1	1	0
Abby Dahlkemper	4	352	0	0	0
Adrianna Franch	0	0	0	0	0
Ali Krieger	1	90	0	0	0
Allie Long	1	31	0	0	1
Alyssa Naeher	4	360	0	0	0
Ashlyn Harris	0	0	0	0	0
Becky Sauerbrunn	3	270	0	0	0
Christen Press	4	265	0	0	0
Crystal Dunn	3	270	0	1	0
Emily Sonnett	1	8	0	0	0
Jessica McDonald	1	45	0	0	1
Kelley O'Hara	3	270	0	1	1
Morgan Brian	1	90	0	0	0
Tiarna Davidson	1	90	0	2	0
Tobin Heath	3	237	0	0	0

U.S. MEN'S SOCCER (6-2-1)

CONCACAF Gold Cup	
Wednesday:	W 1-0 vs. Panama
Sunday:	vs. Curaçao, 7 p.m. quarterfinal in Philadelphia

MLS

EASTERN		W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	9	4	5	32	32	21	
Montreal	9	7	3	30	23	29	
D.C. United	8	4	6	30	24	18	
Athlanta	8	6	2	26	21	14	
N.Y. Red Bulls	7	6	3	24	27	19	
N.Y. City FC	5	1	8	23	23	17	
Toronto FC	6	7	4	22	29	30	
Chicago	4	6	7	19	25	24	
Orlando City	5	8	3	18	22	22	
Columbus	5	10	2	17	16	25	
New England	4	8	5	17	18	34	
Cincinnati	3	12	2	11	14	35	
WESTERN		W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	11	1	4	37	39	13	
LA Galaxy	10	6	1	31	24	19	
Seattle	7	4	5	26	26	21	
FC Dallas	7	6	5	26	27	24	
Houston	7	5	3	24	21	20	
San Jose	6	6	6	22	25	27	
Minnesota	6	7	3	21	23	25	
Real Salt Lake	6	8	2	20	22	28	
Vancouver	4	6	8	20	21	24	
Sporting KC	4	5	7	19	27	27	
Portland	5	8	2	17	24	28	
Colorado	4	9	4	16	27	36	

3 points for victory, 1 point for tie.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Philadelphia 1,	New England 1
D.C. United 1,	Orlando City 0
Toronto FC 3,	Atlanta 2
Montreal 2,	Portland 1
FC Dallas 2,	Vancouver 2
San Jose 2,	Houston 0
FRIDAY'S MATCHES	
Chicago at N.Y. Red Bulls,	7 p.m.
Los Angeles FC at Colorado,	9 p.m.
SATURDAY'S MATCHES	
Cincinnati at Minnesota,	3 p.m.
Montreal at Atlanta,	5 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. City FC,	6 p.m.
Houston at New England,	6:30 p.m.
Orlando City at Columbus,	6:30 p.m.
Toronto FC at D.C. United,	7 p.m.
LA Galaxy at San Jose,	9 p.m.
Sporting KC at Real Salt Lake,	9 p.m.
Vancouver at Seattle,	9 p.m.

NWWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Washington	5	1	3	18	13	5
Utah	5	2	2	17	8	5
Portland	4	1	4	16	17	11
Reign FC	3	1	5	14	9	9
North Carolina	3	2	4	13	17	9
Houston	3	2	4	13	10	11
Chicago	3	4	2	11	13	14
Orlando	1	7	2	5	6	21
Sky Blue FC	0	7	2	2	6	14

FRIDAY'S MATCH

Reign FC at Utah,	9 p.m.
SATURDAY'S MATCHES	
North Carolina at Washington,	6 p.m.
Portland at Houston,	7:30 p.m.

WNBA

EASTERN		W	L	PCT	GB
Connecticut	9	3	.750	—	
Washington	8	3	.727	½	
Chicago	6	4	.600	2	
Indiana	5	7	.417	4	
New York	3	7	.300	5½	
Atlanta	2	7	.222	5½	
WESTERN		W	L	PCT	GB
Las Vegas	6	4	.600	—	
Seattle	7	5	.583	—	
Minnesota	6	5	.545	½	
Los Angeles	4	6	.400	2	
Phoenix	3	5	.375	2	
Dallas	3	6	.333	2½	

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Washington 81,	Chicago 74
Dallas 74,	Connecticut 73
THURSDAY'S GAME	
Las Vegas at Los Angeles,	9:30 p.m.

GOLF

PGA TOUR STATS

Scoring Average	
1. Patrick Cantlay,	69.095
2. Rory McIlroy,	69.129
3. Dustin Johnson,	69.205
4. Brooks Koepka,	69.402
5. Webb Simpson,	69.442
6. Matt Kuchar,	69.507
7. Adam Scott,	69.555
8. Justin Rose,	69.597
9. Tiger Woods,	69.692
10. Justin Thomas,	69.701
Driving Distance	
1. Cameron Champ,	316.6
2. Rory McIlroy,	315.3
3. Luke List,	313.4
4. Bubba Watson,	312.2
5. Tony Finau,	311.5
6. Dustin Johnson,	310.8
7. Wyndham Clark,	310.5
8. Grayson Murray,	310.0
9. Lucas Bjerregaard,	309.8
10. Seth Reaves,	309.2
Greens in Regulation Pct.	
1. James Hahn,	72.71%
2. Corey Conners,	72.03%
3. Justin Thomas,	71.90%
4. Tiger Woods,	71.48%
5. Matt Kuchar,	

BASEBALL



JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY (LEFT); CHICAGO TRIBUNE (RIGHT)

Milwaukee County Stadium, left, where the White Sox played several games in 1968-69 because they were drawing such small crowds at old Comiskey Park, right.

Let's play (at) 2 or 3:12

Think the Rays' proposed split between Montreal and Florida is odd? The White Sox did it with Milwaukee 50 years ago.

BY PHIL THOMPSON

What's happening now with the Tampa Bay Rays bears a chilling resemblance to a low period in White Sox history.

Attendance is so poor at run-down Tropicana Field — the Rays rank next to last with an average of 14,546, almost identical to their 2018 numbers — that Major League Baseball is allowing the club to explore splitting games between St. Petersburg, Fla., and Montreal, the former home of Expos.

Folks are calling this proposed hybrid the "ExRays."

During their dalliance with the Milwaukee market in 1968-69, the Sox didn't have such a cool nickname. But they could relate to the circumstances.

Fifty years ago, the Sox were staging "home" games at Milwaukee County Stadium for the second season in a row and, mired in the fifth straight year of declining attendance numbers, they were flirting with the idea of moving there permanently.

In fact, a sort of odd love triangle between Chicago, Milwaukee and Seattle played out between 1967 and 1975.

But you have to go back a little bit further to set the table for all this.

Chicago businessmen William Bartholomay and Tom Reynolds bought the Milwaukee Braves in 1962 from Lou Perini, and, as had been long rumored and feared, the new owners moved the club to Atlanta in 1966.

After the impending move was announced in 1965, former Braves shareholder Bud Selig formed an ownership group to either lure a team to Milwaukee or win an expansion franchise between '65 and '70.

Selig lost out to Seattle (the Pilots) and Kansas City (the Royals) when Major League Baseball granted expansion franchises during the 1967 winter meetings, but he already had other irons in the fire.

Selig and his group of investors scheduled an exhibition between the Sox, owned by brothers Arthur and John Allyn, and the Twins on July 24, 1967. The experiment drew 51,144 fans — more than four times the average attendance of about 12,000 at Sox Park that season, and these games counted.

"(Arthur) Allyn, his eyes lit up," said Rich Lindberg, an author and White Sox historian. "He really saw the opportunity there that, wow, if Chicago can't support this team, Milwaukee will."

The Sox had become a financial burden for Arthur Allyn, the principal owner at the time.

"By 1965, Allyn had exhausted all of his tax write-offs and benefits" from owning the team, Lindberg said.

To make matters worse, Bill Veeck had gutted the farm system before selling the Sox to the Allyns in 1961. Sure, Veeck's trades made the Sox contenders for a while, but the clock was ticking on their roster.

In 1966, attendance at Sox Park dropped below 1 million for the first time since 1958 and kept falling each season. Across town, the Cubs became the hot ticket behind a third-place finish in the National League in 1967 and emerging stars Fergie Jenkins and Ron Santo.

Lindberg said that one of his sources, "John Justin Smith, who was a sportswriter for the Chicago Daily News, had looked at Art Allyn's books (in the late '60s) and he said that Allyn was floating in a sea of red ink."

So, based on those factors and the success of the Milwaukee exhibition game, it didn't exactly take arm twisting to get Allyn to schedule nine Sox games at County Stadium in '68 and another 11 in '69 — in both cases a game against each American League rival.

The Chicago Tribune's "In the Wake of the News" columnist David Condon wrote in November 1967, days after the Sox announced their plans to play in Milwaukee



MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL FILES

Bud Selig, who formed an ownership group to lure a team to his city, stands in Milwaukee's County Stadium in 1988.

in '68, "The move hardly is a credit to the world's greatest sports city."

The '68 schedule attracted more than 264,000 fans to County Stadium. That represented nearly a third of the more than 801,000 total combined home attendance.

In '69, more than 198,000 fans showed up — again, a third of the Sox's total attendance (just over 593,000).

Tribune writer Robert Markus questioned the lack of lack of paying customers at Sox Park in '69: "Is baseball dead on the South Side?"

During this trial balloon with Milwaukee, "the fans were given the explanation that we are doing this to help Milwaukee to either get an expansion team or another major-league team," Lindberg said.

"So this was the Kool-Aid Art Allyn wanted White Sox fans to drink. But clearly it was the White Sox attempt to test the waters."

That summer of '69, Selig and partner Edmund B. Fitzgerald (yes, he's related to the namesake of Gordon Lightfoot's song, "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald") ramped up negotiations with Arthur Allyn to buy the team.

"A price of \$12,400,000 to \$12,500,000, which included the purchase of the White Sox ball park, was discussed," according to the tax lawsuit Selig filed against federal government in 1983. "The negotiations fell through in August when Allyn's brother, a 50% shareholder, determined that he did not want to sell."

Ultimately, John Allyn, who was more a sports aficionado than business-minded brother, bought out Arthur's half to save the team from moving.

Ironically, the Seattle Pilots went bankrupt in their one season in 1969, and Selig snapped them up for \$10.8 million, moved them to Milwaukee and renamed them the Brewers.

"The way I heard it from John Allyn's son was that Art and John became very bitter enemies and it was a very acrimonious situation," Lindberg said. "When the sale occurred (between the brothers), Art apparently sold to John at a cheaper rate than what Selig was going to pay."

It's poetic that Selig's new team won their first game against — you guessed it — the Sox on April 11, 1970.

Later Seattle, on its own hunt to bring back baseball, trained its eye on the Sox and was ready to buy out John Allyn in 1975 and relocate the team.

Instead, John Allyn unloaded the team on Bill Veeck, who had sold the Allyn brothers the team in 1961 when Veeck fell ill.

Though John Allyn had to give up the team, it was the second time he managed to keep the Sox on the South Side: once by buying controlling interest from his brother, and again by selling it to Veeck.

"(John Allyn) loved the team, he loved baseball," Lindberg said. "He is the unsung hero in terms of saving the White Sox for the city of Chicago, in my mind," Lindberg said.

Trying to get some answers for baseball's quirky scheduling, start times and thought process behind it all

BY TIM BANNON

No, it is not a misprint.

Saturday's Twins-White Sox game at Guaranteed Rate Field does start at 3:12 p.m., the first time a Sox game has been scheduled to begin at 12 past the hour.

First pitch for Sox home games is normally 1:10 or 7:10, not uncommon in major-league baseball, although there's little uniformity.

In Cincinnati, for instance, many Reds games start at 40 past the hour. Blue Jays games start at seven minutes after the hour. Giants games often start at 6:45.

Cubs games usually start at 1:20, 7:05, 6:05 or even 3:05.

Confusing, yes. So we have questions — and answers — about baseball scheduling.

Who deserves credit for the 3:12 start?

That goes to the marketing people at Goose Island Beer Company, said Sox marketing director Brooks Boyer. Those are the same folks who brought us the brilliant Cody Parkey-inspired 43-yard kicking contest in January.

"We're always looking for unique ways to celebrate Chicago at the ballpark," Boyer said.

"We decided to have a little bit of fun with the area code and with their beer. We build the schedule and look at opportunities like this."

Goose Island, of course, sells 312 Urban Wheat Ale, named for the Chicago area code that is part of the Sox office phone number.

The Sox will give away hats emblazoned with "312" to the first 10,000 adult fans Saturday.

As it turns out, Major League Baseball wanted teams to shift their schedules around the 12:10 p.m. Yankees-Red Sox game in London that day. So the Sox saw an opening for the 3:12 idea.

The Cubs game in Cincinnati, for instance, starts at 3:10 Saturday. (There is a Nevada company named 310 that makes nutritional products, but it's probably too late for that sponsorship this season.)

"If we can find a unique way to integrate a sponsor, we'll give it a shot," Boyer said.

Will they do it again next year?

"No doubt," he said.

This isn't the first sponsored Sox game time, of course. What happened to those 7:11 games?

From 2007 to '09, the convenience store chain 7-Eleven paid \$500,000 per year for all weeknight games to start at 7:11.

"Every time the media announces the game's start time, it will be a gentle reminder of our sponsorship," Margaret Chabris, a 7-Eleven spokeswoman, told the Associated Press in 2006.

"By delaying the start of weeknight dates to 7:11 p.m. instead of the customary 7:05, the Sox are merely operating like the progressive organization they have become," Tribune columnist Bob Verdi wrote in 2006 when the deal was first announced.

"While struggling businesses such as General Motors opt to enhance their bottom line by cutting costs, the born-again Sox do it the preferred way. They grow revenue."

So why did it end?

"New people came on board at 7-Eleven," Boyer said. "And this wasn't their idea. So it ended up going away."

Here's an idea, Mr. Boyer: How about a 7:08 start next year as a nod to suburban fans?

"There you go," he said diplomatically. "I like it."



ALLISON TERRY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Brooks Boyer, the Sox's vice president of sales and marketing, saw an chance to "celebrate Chicago" with a 3:12 start time.

What about starting games earlier?

That is happening across baseball. As a way to offset longer games, some teams have shifted starts to 6:35 or 6:40.

According to Sports Business Journal, "The earlier start times are generally concentrated on lesser attended weeknight games in April and September, when drawing families is more of a challenge." The Cubs, for instance, had two 6:05 games in May, about an hour earlier than normal.

Every other Sox home game starts at 10 past the hour (except for a 6:15 Cubs game on Fox). Other teams' starting times are all over the place — :05, :07, :15, :35, :40, :45. How is that decided?

Each team determines when to start its home games, working within whatever local regulations might apply (Wrigley Field's limits on night games, for instance). "A lot of that depends on the TV broadcasters," said Colin Faulkner, Cubs senior vice president of sales and marketing.

The primary concern is giving broadcasters enough time to report the starting lineups, pitching matchups and perhaps air the national anthem and other pregame events. It also allows the broadcasters to roll a commercial or two before first pitch.

"You want to get on air, whether it's TV or radio, ... and do some sort of introduction to the broadcast," Boyer said. "A chance to have a little bit of a pregame show."

The Cubs are the only team that starts so many day games at 1:20. How did that evolve?

From 1945 to 1979, Cubs home games (all daytime) typically started at 1:30. For many years that allowed WGN-9 to broadcast a 15-minute news show at 1 followed by the 15-minute "Lead-off Man" show at 1:15.

WGN did away with the weekend news show in 1980, so Saturday and Sunday games were moved to 1:20, preceded by an expanded 20-minute "Lead-off Man."

In 1983, WGN got rid of its 1 p.m. news show on weekdays, too, so the 1:20 start became the standard.

"There is some history and tradition in the 1:20 day game start," Faulkner said. "And that's one thing that we have that not every team has. There is something about the 1:20 start that's special for the Cubs."

In 1988, night games were finally allowed at Wrigley, and those games started at 6:35 or 7:05. Now most Cubs home night games start at 7:05.

So the Sox had 7:11 and now 3:12. Any gimmick times ahead for the Cubs?

"I've been here for 10 years and we haven't had that discussion," Faulkner said. "But I'm always sensitive to saying never."

Sources: Tribune reports, ESPN.com

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Referee Kate Jacewicz listens to a VAR review during the Women's World Cup round of 16 match between Sweden and Canada at Parc des Princes in Paris on Monday.

Reviews have been mixed

VAR has gotten more calls right, but there are still some complaints

BY STEVEN GOFF
The Washington Post

PARIS — There were no Women's World Cup matches Wednesday, but over almost 90 minutes in an auditorium tucked inside Parc des Princes stadium, three defenders were hard at work.

They were not players but FIFA officiating figures — all former referees themselves — responding to questions and criticism about the video replay system, which has been at the center of controversy in several matches.

Though they acknowledge the introduction of technology will not eliminate all mistakes, they defended the decisions made with help from the video assistant referee, or VAR, a review process introduced to soccer in 2018 and in use in a women's world competition for the first time.

VAR has spotted players offside on goal-scoring sequences and overruled offside calls that had incorrectly disallowed goals. It has helped confirm the awarding of penalty kicks and put a fresh set of eyes on red-card infractions.

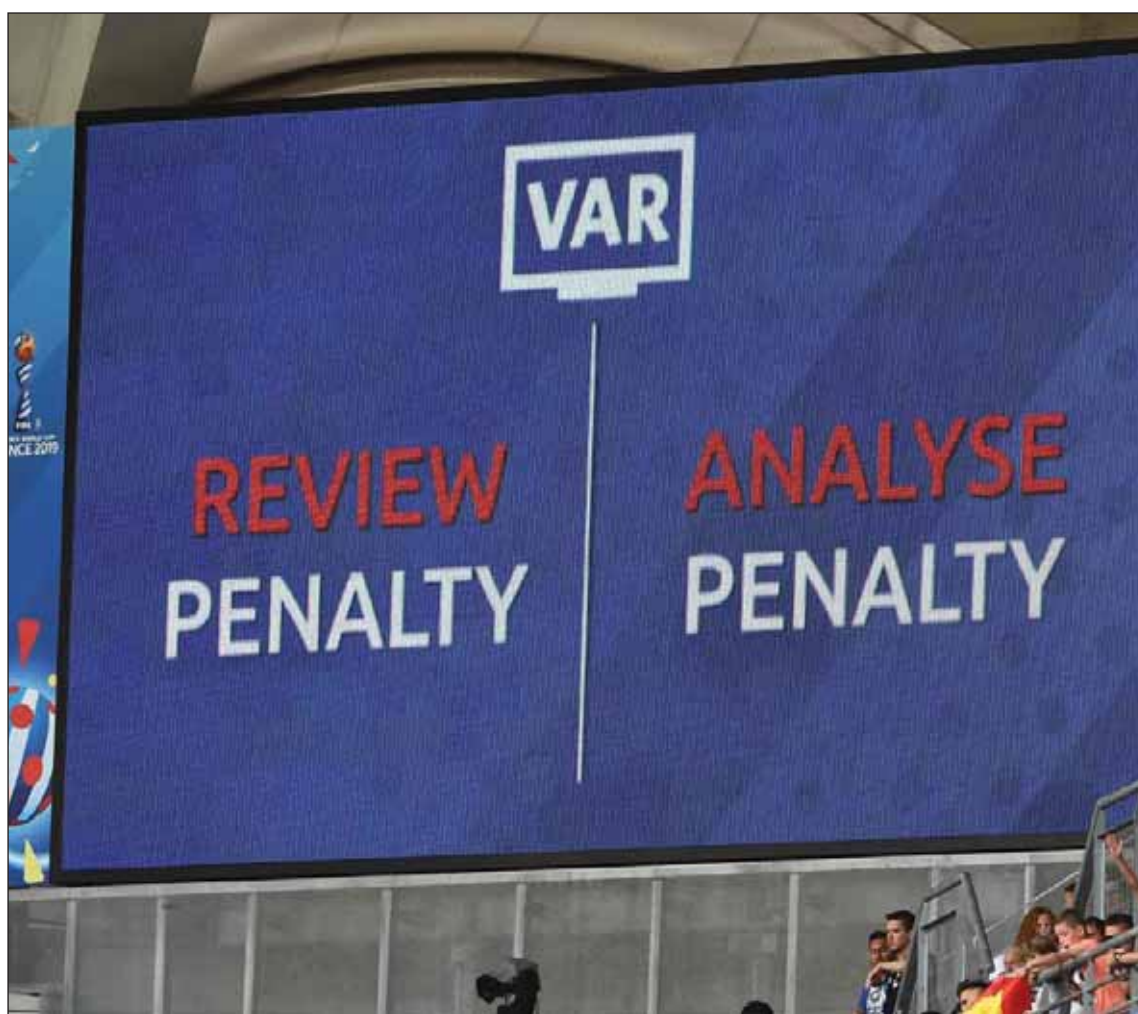
In that sense, VAR is working exactly as designed.

"We cannot make everything perfect," said Italy's Pierluigi Collina, perhaps the most famous referee of modern times who is now chairman of FIFA's referee committee. "So if we have something that can save you ... a parachute that gives you a second chance, no one cares if a wrong decision was corrected by the VAR."

Said Kari Seitz, an American who is FIFA's senior manager of refereeing, "Football has wanted us to be more accurate."

No doubt, it is. Egregious errors affecting the outcome of matches typically decided by one goal are far less frequent.

The FIFA group said that through 44 matches the officiating crews, with help from VAR, have been correct on 98.2% of their calls. Without VAR assistance, it's 92.5%. (VAR is only used



FRANCK FIFE/GETTY-AFP

A giant screens displays a message after the referee called for a video review during the U.S.-Spain game.

for goal-scoring plays, red cards, penalty-kick decisions and cases of mistaken identity.)

Through the round of 16, the video assistant referees have checked 441 sequences, resulting in 29 video reviews. Of those, 25 calls were reversed.

"The VAR cannot be blind, cannot ignore," Collina said. "If you have the tool that offers you the possibility to check, you have to check."

There has also been an uproar among fans and observers this summer about the application of VAR decisions: a Cameroon player's heel was offside as she ran back upfield, nullifying a subsequent goal; several goalkeepers were flagged for taking their foot off the goal line a split-second before a penalty-kick attempt; and

light contact in the box appeared more egregious when viewed in super-slow motion.

Collina defended the fact-based rulings, in which cameras are able to determine whether a ball was out of bounds or a player was offside.

"If we have a tool that can show clearly, without any doubt there is an offside position, it doesn't matter if it's two centimeters or 20 meters," Collina said. "There is not a small or big offside. There is an offside."

U.S. coach Jill Ellis agreed, saying recently: "Why have a rule if you're not going to enforce it? You can't half-measure a rule; the rule is the rule. There is too much at stake not to have it in our sport."

Same goes, Collina said, with the goalkeepers on penalty kicks.

This used to be a rarely enforced infraction, but with video replay available, keepers cannot get away with as much as they used to.

Players, coaches and fans had been accustomed to early movement by the goalkeeper not resulting in a retake, if the initial attempt failed.

"When you are driving and you see a radar," Collina said, "you think the radar is not working. So you keep your speed. And suddenly you get a ticket. What do you think: It's wrong with the law or you're wrong? The law exists to be enforced."

But there are also situations in which a referee's interpretation of what he or she sees on a sideline video monitor is subjective. This has occurred in awarding penalty kicks.

The United States benefited from two such fouls — neither was egregious — during a 2-1 victory over Spain in the round of 16. Only the second one prompted a sideline review.

On the go-ahead sequence in the 75th minute, the referee ruled Rose Lavelle had been fouled in the box. The video assistant referee recommended the referee take a closer look on video. She did, and call remained the same.

"You can still have discussion about interpretation — this is part of our sport," Collina said. "Not all the decisions are black or white."

Massimo Bussaca, head of FIFA's refereeing department, was less diplomatic.

"Tell me which team in this World Cup was perfect until now? Which team? And how many hours do they spend to prepare themselves? No one is perfect. We are trying to do our best to reduce mistakes. ... Mistakes are part of sports and we have to accept it. We're not perfect. What's the problem? What's wrong? It's impossible."

Bussaca then singled out Australian star Sam Kerr, who had missed a penalty kick during a shootout defeat.

"This is part of the thinking that VAR should be something perfect, but it can never be. Sam Kerr is a great player. You agree with me?"

The other complaint about VAR is the amount of time taken to review plays, interrupting a sport that prides itself on continuous play. Collina said the lost time is added onto the end anyway, but that misses the point: The flow is interrupted. He claimed delays caused by NBA video reviews don't bother anyone. Oh, really?

The number of stoppages has increased since the 2018 World Cup for men in Russia: 20 in 64 matches last summer, 29 in 44 this summer.

The fear among many is that it will only get worse.

"We have to think about where is the fine line for us," Seitz said. "Right now, we are following a very clear protocol and we're trying to answer the question football wants, which is to be as accurate as possible do what's right for the game."

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NICK WASS/AP

Manny Machado, now with the Padres, acknowledges the crowd during the first inning of his first game in Baltimore wearing an opponent's uniform Tuesday night.

Warm regards for Machado

Fans welcome star back to Baltimore in his first return since being traded

By **DAVE SHEININ**
The Washington Post

BALTIMORE — As these things go, it was all a bit understated. There was a standing ovation that began well before the public-address announcer's introduction. There was a brief video and a message of "Welcome back, Manny!" that flashed on the scoreboard. Manny Machado, in his road grays of the San Diego Padres, acknowledged the crowd's roar but didn't milk it and didn't doff his batting helmet. And then he stepped into the batter's box and struck out.

If Machado's return to Camden Yards for the first time in a visiting uniform was underwhelming — as might befit a Baltimore Orioles fan base thinned and homebound after a year and a half of undiluted losing — so too was it unencumbered by complicated feelings.

If there was an undercurrent of boos somewhere among those in attendance, it was more than drowned out by cheers as fans welcomed back the best player they had seen wear an Orioles uniform in nearly two decades. And if Machado felt an undercurrent of regret about how his time here ended in July, he hid it well below an outpouring of warmth.

"This is a place I called home for a long time," Machado said before the game. "Coming in here, and going to the hotel and not to my home, and coming to the opposite clubhouse — it's a little different, but it feels good. ... Just a lot of emotions running through me."

This wasn't Bryce Harper returning to Washington with the Philadelphia Phillies, with dueling free agency narratives washed and spun by PR staffs and image consultants. The Nationals made every effort to keep him, but he left over money — Harper wanted to stay, but he never got a serious offer.

Machado didn't depart Baltimore as a free agent, of course. The Orioles traded him to the Los Angeles Dodgers, essentially acknowledging that they didn't have the wherewithal to keep him and wouldn't have wanted to, anyway — not for the money he would be seeking, and not with a rebuild about to begin. Of the five players the Orioles got in the trade, none is in the big leagues.

"I didn't make the choice — it was made for me. It makes it a little easier," Machado said. "When you're in a place so long



GAIL BURTON/AP

Padres infielder Manny Machado signs an autograph for a young fan before playing the Orioles in the second game of the series on Wednesday night in Baltimore.

you call it home, and you see the same faces, the same people every day, it grows on you. To leave like that, halfway through the season, it kind of sucks. But either (way), it's not easy."

In the third inning against Orioles starter Jimmy Yacabonis, Machado hit his 17th homer of the year, a 455-foot shot to center. He added an RBI single in the fourth as he finished 2 for 4 in the Padres' 8-3 win.

Machado's return was another reminder of what the Orioles have lost these past few years. It wasn't that long ago — October 2016 — that the Orioles, with Machado as their engine, were making their third postseason appearance in five years — the best run for the franchise in almost two decades, and the last time it was nationally relevant.

"When I came up, it (had been) 15 years (since) they made the postseason. And when we made it the first time, it was great for the city," Machado said. "We had sold-out crowds. The group we had cared for each other. Those are the things that will never be forgotten. ... We left an impact here that was bigger than baseball."

Almost nothing has gone right for the Orioles since that dramatic loss at Toronto in the 2016 American League wild-card game. They lost 87 games in 2017, then a franchise-worst 115 in 2018 — when they traded Machado, closer Zack Britton and others in July — and are on pace to lose 117



PATRICK SMITH/GETTY IMAGES

Fans gave Manny Machado a warm reception including a standing ovation despite his departure to the Dodgers and then the Padres.

this season.

They are one of those franchises that lets stars walk away (as in the cases of Nick Markakis and Adam Jones) or trades them to big-market contenders (as with Machado, Britton and others). Except in the case of first baseman Chris Davis, of course, to whom they handed a seven-year, \$161 million contract in 2016 that now — as Davis plods through a second straight season as arguably baseball's worst hitter — stands as an expensive monument to mismanagement that will cripple the franchise for three more seasons.

As Machado spoke Tuesday, he was seated at the same table, in the same room, where he had sat on an August day nine years earlier, as an 18-year-old shortstop being introduced to the Baltimore media, having been taken with the third pick out of Miami's Brito School that June. He was promoted to the majors in August 2012 to play third base in a pennant race, having spent all of two games in the minors at the position before his call-up, and over the next six-plus seasons he established himself as the Orioles' best homegrown position player

since Cal Ripken Jr. The 31 wins above replacement (per baseball-reference.com) he accumulated from 2012 to 2018 rank 15th among position players in franchise history — one spot behind Jones and two spots behind Frank Robinson.

And there was a bond that formed between Machado and Orioles fans, who learned to love him and to tolerate his occasional bouts of boorish behavior and lack of hustle in exchange for the sheer brilliance he put on display in the infield and at the plate.

Tuesday's crowd, such as it was, was dotted with fans in orange-and-white No. 13 Machado jerseys and T-shirts. Machado noticed more than a few of them around town Monday, a well-timed day off for the Padres.

Even though he had been preparing himself for this moment for weeks — not long after signing his 10-year, \$300 million contract with the Padres in February — walking into the building Tuesday was as "weird" as anything he had done in this game, he said.

Machado returned Tuesday, 11 days shy of his 27th birthday, holding down the same role on the Padres — a steady, veteran presence for a young team — that older players such as Markakis, Jones and J.J. Hardy played when he broke in. As the Padres' everyday third baseman and No. 3 hitter, he is putting up numbers — a .281 batting average, an .861 on-base-plus-slugging percentage and 17 homers — more or less in line with his career norms while serving as a mentor for young stars such as 20-year-old shortstop Fernando Tatis Jr. and 23-year-old right fielder Franmil Reyes.

"I'm putting on a different uniform today, but I have to try to win, try to take my young team to the playoffs, hopefully, like we did in Baltimore," Machado said before the game.

Machado's return coincided with the introductory news conference, in the same room earlier in the day, of Adley Rutschman, the 21-year-old, switch-hitting catcher the Orioles drafted with the No. 1 pick this month — and who, by virtue of his pedigree and record \$8.1 million signing bonus, is the best Baltimore prospect since Machado himself.

Rutschman was introduced to the Camden Yards crowd at the end of the third inning, one great circle of baseball life closing, another beginning.

And one day, maybe seven or eight years from now, Rutschman will make his own return to Baltimore in another uniform and be greeted by a hearty, appreciative round of applause. Or maybe he'll know what Machado never did — what those roars sound like when you're the one who never leaves.

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Jessica Wadleigh holds a live curly hair tarantula at the bug zoo at "Fantastic Bug Encounters!" at the Field Museum in Chicago.

/JOSE M. OSORIO / CHICAGO TRIBUNE



There's just no need to fear these bugaboos

Field Museum ready to unveil its new 'Fantastic Bug Encounters!'

BY STEVE JOHNSON

It has been more than two decades since the Field Museum presented a special exhibition specifically on bugs.

It's not that the natural history institution is, like certain museum correspondents I might mention, squeamish. Far from it, as all the giant worms in jars and butterflies pinned to boards in 2017's "Specimens" demonstrated.

Instead, it has just been tricky, it seems, to find the right combination of science and showmanship in an exhibition about these animals with six or eight or 750 legs that are virtually everywhere, including under your sink, and will easily outlive sensitive us.

Enter "Fantastic Bug Encounters!," developed by New Zealand's leading natural history museum, Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, and designed by the studio, Weta Work-

shop, whose high-end film credits include the "Lord of the Rings" series.

The exclamation point is a clue that this show, opening Friday, wants to wow you. And it does, from the slow-motion video of a dragonfly downing a butterfly to the live petting zoo featuring a Madagascar hissing cockroach and other creepy-crawlies (to use the scientific term).

"It's really over-the-top," said Jaap Hoogstraten, the museum's exhibitions director, admiringly.

Just to drive the point home, Jessica Wadleigh, one of the "bug zoo facilitators," stuck her hand in a scorpion's terrarium and lifted a rock and pointed a flashlight to show me the animals lounging beneath it.

She was confident they wouldn't sting her, she explained, because scorpions need to save their

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IN PERFORMANCE

'Grandma's House' a welcoming sanctuary for spoken-word poetry

Audience connection is an inherent part of the open mic art form

BY NICOLE BLACKWOOD

Home is a complicated recipe: familiarity, family, safety, care. Too much or too little of any ingredient, bake them too quickly, and the whole endeavor falls flat.

But performer and poet Caroline M. Watson has been tinkering and tweaking anyway. In 2015, Watson moved to Chicago from Texas, and in 2016 began a poetry open mic show on her deck, called "Grandma's House." Watson, who refers to herself as a caretaker of friends and strangers alike, didn't often read her poetry aloud before she arrived in Chicago. The goal of her show was, initially, to "carve out a creative home for (her)self" in the city.

But the project quickly grew more expansive. Watson, who has always been teasingly referred to as a "grandma" — friend and poet Winter Sherrod recalled nights in with peach cobbler — found that she was not just building a show, but a genuine home. Grandma's House is no longer just the pilgrimage Charlie Brown makes at Thanksgiving, but, as its tagline boasts, "Chicago's coziest poetry show." The titular "grandma" might be a



MADDIE ROGERS

Davon Clark likes the tenderness he always finds at Grandma's House.

stand-in figure or a replacement, but either way, tea and vegan mac and cheese are provided.

"A lot of people who write poetry are writing because they're hurting, or they're feeling a lot," Watson said. "A lot of times, those are the people in need of a chosen family."

Now located at The Martin, an event space in Humboldt Park, Grandma's House is a residence

in aesthetics and intention, if not venue. Each month, Watson decorates the space the way she would decorate a house: string lights, her late Mema's doilies hung near the microphone like an upside-down dining room table. It's a tribute as much as a backdrop; Watson credits her Mema, who passed away shortly

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Georgia's abortion ban forces political reckoning among TV, film workers

Struggle between faith and finance comes to head over issue

BY JEFFREY FLEISHMAN
 Los Angeles Times

SENOIA, Ga. — Zombies lurk beyond the train tracks. They have been here for years, working under lights, swatting mosquitoes, bringing eerie charm to streets of gothic homes and magnolia. Tourists come from as far away as Japan to glimpse the set of "The Walking Dead," which has become a neighbor in this town of Bible school classes and soft-serve ice cream.

The show, like many film and TV productions, was drawn to Georgia over the last decade by big tax breaks. Legislators were welcoming and the locals, including those in Senoia, adjusted to shooting schedules and the generally liberal inclinations of thousands of set designers, prop masters, actors, makeup artists and others who descended from California, New York and other film states.

J.D. Schwalm was one of them. He brought his family and most of his Los Angeles special effects company to Atlanta in 2016. Since then he has won an Academy Award, patented a car cannon and learned not to talk politics at barbecues. But threats

of a Hollywood boycott over Georgia's new antiabortion law have upset genteel conversation and exposed the visceral divide between the entertainment industry and Southern conservatism.

"It's a cultural struggle between faith and finance," said the Rev. John Talley, pastor of the First Senoia Baptist Church. "These movie companies were given generous financial breaks. We're grateful for their economic stimulus. But as a Christian, I value the unborn child more than Hollywood."

That kind of stark declaration has forced Schwalm, who is working on "Conjuring 3," to a reckoning over differing opinions on abortion and fears by entertainment workers here that a boycott will take their jobs: "Is this issue enough for me to leave Georgia? My kids and wife love it here. There's a lot of work. It hurts me that the state passed this bill. But leaving won't change it. And you're not going to change Georgia from Los Angeles. You have to stay and have dialogue."

Kara Schaub has similar sentiments. She landed here from Los Angeles to be a set decorator. "I keep my crazy feminism at home. I don't wear my Wonder Woman punching Donald

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ANTHONY DELMUNDO/GETTY

Cardi B waves to fans Tuesday as she leaves court, where she was arraigned on felony charges.

Cardi B pleads not guilty to new charges

NEW YORK — Grammy-winning rapper Cardi B was arraigned Tuesday on new felony charges in connection with a fight last year at a New York City strip club.

“Not guilty, sir, honor,” said the rapper dressed in a dark blue and light pink pantsuit with her hair tinted blue as she pleaded in state court to two counts of attempted assault and various misdemeanor charges, including harassment, criminal solicitation, conspiracy and reckless endangerment.

The rap star, whose chart-topping hits include “I Like It” and “Bodak Yellow,” has showcased her fashion style at each of her court appearances. She didn’t speak to reporters as she entered and left the courthouse, but waved at a small crowd of fans.

The 26-year-old Cardi B, whose real name is Belcalis Almanzar, and her entourage argued with a bartender at Angels Strip Club, police have said. They say a fight broke out in which chairs, bottles and hookah pipes were thrown, causing minor injuries to the woman and another employee.

Cardi B had originally only been charged with misdemeanors. Prosecutors presented the case to a grand jury after she rejected a plea deal that would have given her a conditional discharge.

Two other defendants in the case who allegedly participated in the brawl also pleaded not guilty Tuesday to similar charges.

The judge set Sept. 9 as the next court date, but the rapper does not have to appear.

— Associated Press



MONA WOOD-SWORD/AP

Beth Chapman, the wife and co-star of “Dog the Bounty Hunter” reality TV star Duane “Dog” Chapman, has died. A family representative said in a statement that Beth Chapman died early Wednesday after an almost two-year battle with cancer. She was 51. “This is the time she would wake up to go hike Koko Head mountain,” Duane Chapman posted on Twitter. “Only today, she hiked the stairway to heaven. We all love you, Beth. See you on the other side.”

Video evidence: Lawyers for actor Cuba Gooding Jr. are providing the court with video they say will show the actor did not grope a woman at a New York City bar. The prosecution, meanwhile, presented the court Wednesday with a deposition from Gooding’s accuser. The defense is seeking a dismissal of the case. Gooding was arrested June 13 and has pleaded not guilty to forcible touching and sexual abuse charges.

OK to be gay: Britain’s Prince William says it would be “absolutely fine” if one of his children came out as gay though he’d worry about how the public would respond. William made the comment Wednesday while visiting a London nonprofit group that works with young LGBT people who are homeless or living in hostile environments.

June 27 birthdays: Actress Julia Duffy is 68. Country singer Lorrie Morgan is 60. Writer-producer-director J.J. Abrams is 53. Actor Tobey Maguire is 44. Reality TV star Khloe Kardashian is 35. Actor Drake Bell is 33. Actor Ed Westwick is 32. Actor Chandler Riggs is 20.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Parent feels left out over ex’s ‘secret’

Dear Amy: My ex-fiance and I were together for five years and have been separated for over three years. We have shared custody of our child, and although my ex is very wealthy, I have never asked for any child support or compensation because I just wanted us to focus on co-parenting our child, without the mess. My mother informed me that my ex was engaged, after she saw it on social media. He never told me. We had a great relationship until he started seeing this woman. According to him, she is very jealous of me.

I see my ex at least once a week. Although I had a negative opinion when I found out about their relationship, I got over it quickly and told my ex that if she makes him happy, then I wish him the best.

They got married quickly after being engaged and he still hasn’t said anything to me.

Now our relationship has an awkward vibe. I don’t want to make him feel uncomfortable, and I’ve been waiting to see if he would eventually tell me about his marriage. I have been very nice to his wife. I’m not sure why he’s hiding these important events from me. Should I say something, just to get it out of the way so it doesn’t strain our relationship?
— Glass Half Full

Dear Glass: You seem to focus entirely on your ex’s life, and his feelings, when you should be focusing on your own and your child’s.

You both seem cowardly. He is too chicken to tell you he’s gotten married. And you don’t seem to have advocated for your

child. Do you have a legal custody agreement? Even if you can readily afford raising your child, you could advocate for help with insurance, extracurricular activities and college down the road. Helping to support a child financially is an important aspect of “co-parenting.”

Your child now has a stepmother. This could be a game-changer on many fronts — for all of you. You should receive legal counsel as soon as possible.

Find the words. Say to your ex: “So, I understand that you and Margo got married. Can you explain why you decided not to tell me this?”

Dear Amy: I recently hosted an old college friend for lunch at my house, along with her husband and young daughter, “Lillie.”

I have a medium-sized dog that gets nervous around new people, so for safety’s sake I locked the dog in her kennel and kept her in a back room.

My friend asked several times if she could take her daughter to the back to “see the puppy,” but I said no, because the dog would stay calmer if she was left alone. Well, while I was busy cooking lunch, my friend apparently sneaked Lillie to the back room to see the dog. Next thing I know, Lillie is screaming/crying, and my friend is yelling at me.

Apparently the dog nipped at Lillie and scared her (there was no physical contact). Now my friend is angry with me for “allowing” my dog to scare her child. She is threatening to report me to animal control.

I think she’s insane. My dog was locked away in her kennel. I stated very clearly to leave the dog alone, and she ignored me. My friend says she wants an apology and for me to get rid of the dog, or she won’t visit anymore. Who is right here?
— Daggone

Dear Daggone: From this point forward, it would be wise for you to refer to this person not as a friend but a “former friend.” Taking your narrative at face value, she is an irresponsible parent who deliberately ignored clearly stated warnings and put her child in harm’s way.

I won’t suggest that you counter her threat with one of your own (to report her to child protective services for child endangerment), but the temptation is surely there.

You do not owe her an apology. Nor do I think you should continue to communicate with her about this. I do think you should hold her to her promise not to visit you anymore.

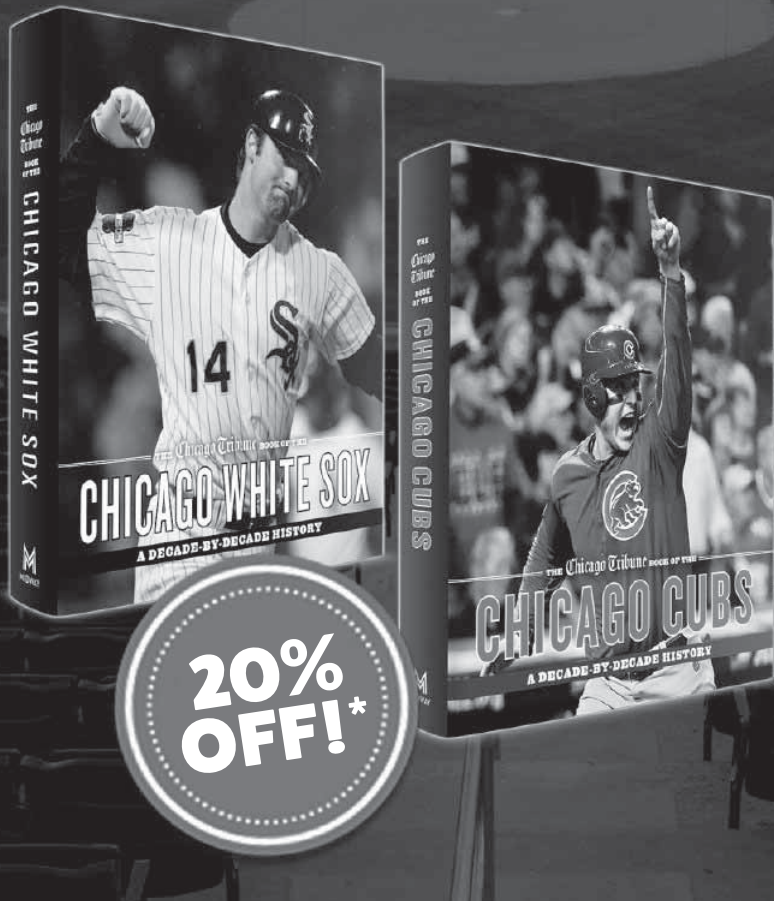
Dear Amy: Cute advice to “Frozen,” to offer a young child an ice pack for a little boo-boo. But — hello — ice packs can actually “burn” young skin. I suggest you rethink your advice.
— Disappointed

Dear Disappointed: Parents must make sure their remedy doesn’t cause other problems. I think most can manage to make their ice packs safe.

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Poetry

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before Grandma’s House took form, with sparking her interest in poetry. Oral storytelling was part of their shared Chickasaw nationality, as was poetry’s generational transcendence. With its next show Thursday, only its third at The Martin, Watson hopes Grandma’s House continues to expand, welcoming more and more members to a matriarchal line.

“I like to be able to give back to her and my mom and my grandma,” she said. “There’s something about poetry and spoken-word poetry in particular that I think gives way to people honoring their own truth.”

Part of this “something,” Watson said, is an inherent understanding between the poet and listeners that can’t be spoken in conversation. Sammie Jo Johnson, a regular attendee and feature poet at Thursday’s show, recalled getting on the back of a motorcycle with a fellow attendee at another poetry show, having met them only a few hours earlier.

“I told that story to people, and they were like, ‘Oh my god, you didn’t know them?’ And I was like, yeah, but I heard their poetry,” Johnson said, laughing.

Because connection is an inherent part of the art form itself, Grandma’s House doesn’t require precise replication of any one familial home, Mema’s or Watson’s. The Martin’s co-founder Lora Miller described the space as conjuring “a lovely feeling of nostalgia and comfort” for all who enter it, regardless of their background. The comfort is deliberate — Watson strives to make the space welcoming for young poets, particularly those under 21, as well as queer individuals and people of color. But the nostalgia is intangible, some tonal balance struck in a recipe that didn’t necessarily call for it.

Watson insists that it’s a fitting paradox: Grandma’s



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Poet and Grandma’s House founder Caroline M. Watson enjoys performing for a receptive audience.

When: 8:45 p.m. Thursday (open mic sign-up at 8:30)

Where: 2515 W. North Ave.

Tickets: \$5 suggested donation; facebook.com/GrandmasHousePoetry

House reveals old memories as much as it generates space for the new. Maybe as a result, Grandma’s House has become intergenerational, with a wide and ever-expanding age range of performers — 16 to 75, Watson estimated — and feature poets who take the stage for the show’s second half.

“People from all age ranges have something that they really want to say and have experiences that are specific to them,” said poet and regular performer Bianca Phipps. “And in their specificity, those experiences become universal.”

While Grandma’s House provides a home for shared particularities, that home does ask something of everyone present, listener and poet. Performance poetry, said poet and regular audience member Levi Todd, is a “means of community engagement,” sharing something with a larger group to immerse yourself within it. Though Todd said that all Chicago poetry events strive to generate authentic community, Grandma’s House is one of the few able to achieve it. There are no

stakes, and new work is welcome. No one comes to preen and promote, and failing to listen is a cardinal sin.

“The only real common thread we have is the tenderness that we all bring to the space,” said poet Davon Clark. “When you’re at Grandma’s House, it’s always felt.”

According to Martin co-founder Whitney LaMora, “anyone can put a microphone on a stage and point a light at it and call it an open mic.” As a side effect, she said, open mics continue to rise in popularity in Chicago — supply and demand for both words and their listeners. What makes Grandma’s House unique is not simply its stability among fledgling shows, but its sustained support. Phipps described each month as a family reunion, full of familiar faces and faces that will become familiar by the evening’s end, an endless refrain of “I missed you” and “I love you.”

Cheesy, maybe, but family often is. That, according to Phipps, is part of the point.

“The nice thing about the show is that its heart never strays too far from the house,” Phipps said. “It feels like: hey, kick off your shoes, you’re at home now. You don’t have to pretend anymore.”

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'Years and Years' a futuristic look at family drama

BY ROBERT LLOYD
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Russell T Davies, who in 2005 rescued "Doctor Who" from suspended animation and who last year wrote the delicious fact-based miniseries "A Very English Scandal," has a new limited series, "Years and Years," which premiered Monday on HBO. Following a Manchester family for 15 years, from 2019 into a plausible dystopian near-future, it is something of a long, raw scream in the face of current events, even as it offers smart, superior entertainment — a marshmallow toasted over a burning world.

Meet the Lyons. Stephen (Rory Kinnear), a successful financial adviser, lives in London with his accountant wife, Celeste (T'Nia Miller), and their daughters Bethany (Lydia West), who is having identity issues of a new sort, and Ruby (Jade Alleyne), who is the least distressed person in the entire series. Younger brother Daniel (Russell Tovey) is a housing official; he has a husband, Ralph (Dino Fetscher), a big lug with a distressing weakness for conspiracy theories. Maybe something will happen with Viktor (Maxim Baldry), the handsome Ukrainian asylum seeker Dan meets in the course of his job.



ROBERT LUDOVIC/HBO

Emma Thompson portrays politically prominent Vivian Rook in "Years and Years" on HBO.

Elder sister Edith (Jessica Hynes) is a sort of globe-trotting citizen-journalist guerrilla activist who has not been home in many years; cheery and impulsive younger sister Rosie (Ruth Madeley), a single mother of two — the second arrives as the series begins — uses a wheelchair because of a birth defect. Above them all is grandmother Muriel (Ann Reid), who lives in a large tumbledown manse where the family will gather intermittently across the years. At least once they will march around a fire to Chumbawamba's "Tubthumping."

Meanwhile, in the public sphere, Vivian Rook (Emma Thompson) is becoming

politically prominent thanks to showmanship, outsider status and a capacity for impolitic "straight talk" (though what she stands for exactly is impossible to say). Sound familiar?

Davies is 56, and "Years and Years" is clearly the work of someone who has been around long enough to know what's being lost, who has seen those darn kids texting on his lawn, leaving their scooters everywhere — regarding them not with anger but sad compassion. ("We were lucky for a bit, born in the '80s," says Stephen. "We had, like, for the first 30 years of our lives, we had a nice time ... Turns out, we were born in a pause.")

"Years and Years" grows out of Brexit and Trump, global warming, populist nationalism, resurgent conservatism, the soullessness of technology, the rise of robots, the fragility of the democratic dream, the frailty of the banking system, the cruelty of deportation. If none of that sounds like trouble to you, you are liable to find large tracts of "Years and Years" to be mere complaining — and you would be wrong.

Even were that the case, you might find the personal business worth hanging in for. Indeed, Davies is good with the political analogizing, but he is really excellent with people. He ends his opening episode with a

Completely Awful Thing that, far from changing everything forever, is quickly forgotten, as people go on with their lives. Though the series interrupts the domestic action with bad-news bulletins from the wider world, our sibling heroes are driven by the usual emotions and motivations — love and jealousy, insecurity and infidelity. Kids lie to their parents, in-laws don't always get along, but family shows up for family, often enough.

Human beings are distractible and adaptable. They get married in war zones. They have kids while the ice caps melt. Someone will have ordered a pizza an hour before the world ends. Davies regards our self-protective, self-destructive capacity for redefinition — denial indistinguishable from optimism — with dismay, wonder and love, much as did his version of the extraterrestrial time-and-space-traveling Doctor. Indeed, we are not far from his "Doctor Who" here, a sci-fi story with political underpinnings, an interest in what it means to be (and no longer be) human and a dark thread of humor.

The future here is well imagined and often funny. Along with the usual jokes about how much things cost in the future, there are things like a wearable Snapchat filter that turns

your face into a puppy or whatever (this seems like something someone will invent after seeing it here) and a sub-dermal implant that turns a hand into a phone (you make the "talking on the phone" gesture to use it). In the future, according to Davies, "Toy Story: Resurrection" is in the theaters, "you can only enter Kensington if you're means tested" and glucose intolerance is no longer a thing, because "what we thought was glucose intolerance turns out to be fructose intolerance."

On rare occasions, the story can seem a little pat, a little too carefully arranged to make a point, and Murray Gold's score sometimes pounds in a little disconcertingly, like Wagner filtered through ABBA. But overall, "Years and Years" is organic and lifelike. The Lyons are believably a family, easy to care about and worry over.

Davies has a talent for writing memorable speech — even speeches — that sounds at once rhythmically elegant, rhetorically eloquent and completely natural.

"The world keeps getting hotter and faster and madder," Edith says, for example, "and we don't pause, we don't think, we don't learn, we just keep racing to the next disaster." Have fun!
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COMMENTARY

'Evangelion' is finally on Netflix, the trauma lives on in me

BY GENE PARK
Washington Post

How much you'll love "Neon Genesis Evangelion" is inversely proportionate to how much you love yourself.

It's an old online adage about a TV show whose six-month run in Japan in 1995 almost instantly elevated it to a cornerstone of pop culture there. Yes, it was another show about teenagers in big humanoid robots saving the world. But it was also a brutal mosaic of depressed kids and adults with severe abandonment issues and debilitating existential crises. For myself and many young viewers in the '90s, it awakened awareness of our depression and childhood trauma.

But before Friday, watching "Evangelion" outside Japan meant paying hundreds for imported DVDs or pirating it. In 1997, at age 16, I rented the tapes from Blockbuster, just one of two home video releases in Western media. I haven't seen the show since, yet it never left my mind.

Netflix gave the series its worldwide release last week. Is the world ready?

"The last time I screened it for a group of people, everyone went out to the patio together and sat in silence," said comedian and

former "Saturday Night Live" writer Heather Anne Campbell, who hosts annual marathons of the show. "A couple of people had whiskeys. Others were smoking cigarettes. Then someone finally said, 'Man, that was the craziest thing I've ever seen.'"

"Evangelion" is notable for its inextricable ties to the mind of its creator, Hideaki Anno, a patron saint of Japanese geek culture who famously discovered his own depression while conceiving the story. This partially explains the jarring tonal shift throughout the show's 26-episode run.

The series follows the story of 14-year-old Shinji Ikari, a boy burdened with the ability to pilot Evangelion, war robots fused with human DNA. Evangelion were built to defend the planet against Angels, apocalyptic creatures whose arrival was foretold by the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Two 14-year-old girls join the fray as other pilots: the quiet, enigmatic Rei Ayanami and Asuka Langley Soryu, a brash, confident German-born girl who seeks meaning in life solely through her accomplishments. The show features a number of leading, powerful women and is often credited as the opening shot of the infamous internet

"waifu wars" — online arguments about which female characters are "the best," all with myriad reasons, from reasonable to misogynistic.

Much of internet culture is rooted in Evangelion fandom. Despite their reputation, users of sites such as 4chan are influential in how people communicate online, and a lot of that communication is via references and memes about Evangelion. Just seeing the iconic, supercharged intro, a meme in and of itself, would substantially help you understand the internet more.

Despite its influence on culture, there's very little official "Eva" content beyond the show and the film "End of Evangelion," which was created and released in response to the harsh blowback that Anno and Gainax Studios received after the final, controversial, mind-bending two episodes. Gainax's office and email inboxes were bombarded with graffiti and emails, including death threats.

"Evangelion" and the vicious reaction to it is an early progenitor of what toxic internet fandom looks like today. The show demonstrated what PBS called "the death of the author;" when an audience feels entitled to a creator's work.

"I was housesitting for



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MARI in the movie "Evangelion: 3.0 You Can (Not) Redo."

two comedians who were on tour in Europe. The house had no air conditioning. It did have a small television," Campbell wrote in a blog post commemorating the film. "I watched The End of Evangelion on a hot night in July, 1999. For a half hour after it concluded, I sat in silence and felt ill."

I also remember feeling ill. I remember wanting to vomit. I came across the movie in 2003. Once it finished, I was in shock. That can't be what happens to the characters. To this day, the debates over the endings remain one of the oldest arguments of the internet, a fire that still rages. I still continue to process its symbolism and meaning.

"Once you get over what you just saw, then you're able to digest the emotional content of it, and that's what makes 'Evangelion' powerful," Campbell told The Washington Post.

And with Netflix's release, a new fear springs from longtime fans: Oh my God, what will the discourse be like in 2019?

That's because along with depression, the show is unflinching in its observations on many social topics, including feminism, suicide, gender roles, sexual identity, sexual assault, objectification and regression among lonely people obsessed with fantasy (an irony and hypocrisy not lost on Anno as he spawned a new kind of obsession).

Campbell has been bracing herself, especially since she has been tweeting about the show for years.

"There'll be a new crush of fans that will bring new life to the show memetically," Campbell said. She's also curious about how fresh minds will receive it.

"For the first generation of 'Eva' fans, it wasn't built up in any way," she said. "Since then it's changed the

vocabulary of filmmaking. A lot of directors I've worked with cite it as heavily influential."

Baltimore resident Aaron Clark, 36, is co-founder of EvaGeeks, the definitive fandom site for the West, and has been a community overseer for at least 15 years. Clark said this is the most affordable the show has ever been, a far cry from spending \$600 on VHS tapes. And he can't wait for the wider internet to be exposed.

"Newbies are the lifeblood of fandom," Clark said. "More fans create more art, more discussion. It's a good thing. I want everyone who laments that their favorite thing is about to be discovered by newbies to chill out in the corner and relax."

And regardless of what the discourse may look like in 2019s standards, the fact remains that it has already changed people's worlds.

"The catharsis, the introspection, it all resonated within myself. I cannot say when it began, but it was an epiphany that would become more and more apparent and integral within myself," wrote Clark in a 2004 post. "It seems odd to say that a 'cartoon' is what helped you cope with feelings of depression and suicide, but it's true."

Bug

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venom for prey. And even if it did it would not be "medically significant," she said. "It would be like a bee sting."

Ditto for the tarantulas, she said. The black widow spiders, on the other hand ...

I took her word for it, as I did when she pulled out some of the other, holdable bugs. I prefer my insect encounters to be entirely accidental and as infrequent as possible.

I went into this expecting an exhibition tuned for younger kids. "Bug Encounters" certainly has elements of that, with the live bug demos, the knob that lets you control the video speed of a bee in flight and a kind of digital whack-a-mole game that compares your reaction time to various insects'.

But there's plenty, and then some, for the larger people who might bring their wee ones to the museum. Indeed, combine this with the ongoing (and breathtaking) "Wildlife Photographer of the Year" show at the Field, and you've got the makings of a



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A live Madagascar hissing cockroach at "Fantastic Bug Encounters!" at the Field Museum in Chicago.

full-day, full-family outing.

The centerpiece of "Fantastic Bug Encounters!" are four walk-through domes, each one dedicated to the spectacular behaviors of a specific bug. The Japanese honeybee, for instance, uses a kind of heat swarm technique to surround the much larger hornets that would kill them and take over their nests. The bees pig-pile on such an invader and, by massing busily around it, raise the temperature enough to roast it to death.

Giant bee and hornet models inside the dome demonstrate this while looking very much like the

kind of things you might see fabricated for a horror movie.

Another dome details the way a jewel wasp "zombifies" cockroaches to lay her eggs in it and turn it into "living food for her young." Such chilling behavioral tales are enhanced by the darkly atmospheric soundscapes, another nod to the filmmaking ethos here.

Surrounding the domes are a range of information stations designed in the exhibit's striking style, which rests somewhere between Paris Metro station, melting candle and Gothic children's picture book.

she added, trying to be diplomatic, "in general the appreciation of insects is not very high."

But they are also "the most species-rich animal group on the planet" and an ancient one that has demonstrated astonishing ability to adapt and survive.

She switched from studying spiders to millipedes, she said, in part because so little of even the basic descriptive work had been done on millipedes. Her most recent work has been micro CT scanning on the pretty amazing millipede "copulatory organs," she said.

Even more basic: Despite the name, the millipede with the most legs has 750. A centipede is a predator with one leg pair per body segment, while the millipede has double the leg pairs and feeds on rotting vegetation, a "detritivore," in the splendid term.

This makes the animal, Sierwald said, "the top waste management company on the planet," turning fallen leaves into fertilizer for eons.

There is huge promise in studying bugs, a point both Sierwald and the exhibition make. Centipede venom, for instance, blocks human pain receptors. Spider silk

is a ridiculously strong substance. And some caterpillar venom can keep human blood from clotting.

There is a monkey, the scientist said, that rubs millipedes on its fur because the arthropods' secretions make a great insect repellent.

"This shows the fantastic adaptations," said Sierwald. "So in a way it's an evolution story."

The exhibit even, at the end, makes the case for mosquitoes. Yes, some species carry malaria and other deadly diseases. But they are also pollinators and food for birds and fish, and many only draw human blood as a non-preferred option.

Thankfully, this mild mosquito evangelism does not go so far as to include them in the live menagerie. That honor is reserved for larger, flightless bugs of docile temperament. So go ahead, hold the Madagascar cockroach and listen for its distinctive hiss. See if the blue death-feigning beetle will do its possum trick in your open palm. I'll be watching from over here.

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BOOK REVIEW

An incisive portrait of Kim Jong Un

Enigmatic leader savvy, ambitious

By KRYS LEE
The Washington Post

Few heads of state inspire as many jokes as North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

After nicknames such as “Kim Fatty III” and “Fatty Kim” went viral in China, Beijing cracked down on their use. In the United States, the nickname “Rocket Man” has a derogatory ring, partly because of the failure of multiple North Korean missile launches.

But in “The Great Successor: The Divinely Perfect Destiny of Brilliant Comrade Kim Jong Un,” Anna Fifield forcefully demonstrates that the North Korean leader is far more savvy, ambitious and ruthless than his ludicrous nicknames suggest.

Writing a biography of Kim is a notoriously difficult undertaking. False information abounds, and testimonies of North Korean escapees and refugees can be unreliable. To overcome these hurdles, Fifield has cross-checked a wealth of facts, relied on extensive primary and secondary sources and engaged in old-fashioned shoe-leather reporting.

Fifield, Beijing bureau chief for The Washington Post, has widely covered North Korea, and “The Great Successor” is a hard-earned, comprehensive portrait of Kim and his country’s uncertain future.

Hereditary succession began in North Korea under the direction of its first leader, Kim Il Sung, who ruled from 1948 until his death in 1994. Handing the leadership to his son, Kim Jong Il, was arguably North Korea’s biggest break from traditional communism and required decades of planning.

The succession of the

grandson, Kim Jong Un, looked more unlikely. His grandfather was a revered Korean war hero, while Kim Jong Un had no such illustrious background.

In 1996, at 12, Kim Jong Un embarked on a relatively ordinary student life in Switzerland, under the alias Pak Un. Based on interviews with his friends and his aunt and uncle who raised him in his first few years in Bern, Fifield draws an intriguing portrait of a lonely teenager who studied democracy and the French Revolution and played basketball passionately.

Once he took power, he needed to demonstrate his break from his father’s rule and respond to international sanctions.

He cracked down on border crossings, the flow of information and religious practices. He executed his uncle Jang Song Thaek in public and had his half brother Kim Jong Nam assassinated.

Fifield describes North Korea’s economic shifts: the development of numerous legalized markets and a rise in entrepreneurship. There is now widespread use of mobile phones, and a growing private transport industry has revolutionized the economy. State-run companies are increasingly managed according to market principles. Operations are driven by profits.

But bribery is still a way of life. Much of the economy resides in a “gray zone” — trading operations may not be legal, but they’re not exactly illegal either.

State firms once focusing on specific products now produce a range of goods to alleviate the pressure from sanctions. Power outages in prime real estate are common. Few beyond state-employed hackers can access the internet.



‘The Great Successor’

By Anna Fifield, Public-Affairs, 308 pages, \$28

But Kim has shown a willingness to break with North Korea’s ingrained culture. His wife, Ri Sol Ju, appears regularly in public, unlike her predecessors, and is the first to appear arm in arm with her husband.

“In a country where even the wives of top cadres wore the shapeless socialist outfits that made everyone equally drab,” Fifield writes, “Ri cut a strikingly modern figure.”

Kim’s appearance is modeled on that of his revered grandfather, but he has been more forthright with the public. He has openly acknowledged the people’s economic hardship, allowed once-forbidden images to air on TV and publicly said in 2012 that a launched satellite had failed to enter orbit, a rare admission for a North Korean leader.

“The Great Successor” is essential reading for anyone seeking insight on one of the world’s least-understood leaders. The book makes a convincing argument that with Kim at the helm, North Korea is painfully forging its way toward a more prosperous, stable future, regardless of whether the West likes it.

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BOOK REVIEW

Brilliant comedy, blistering commentary in ‘Fleishman’

By RON CHARLES
The Washington Post

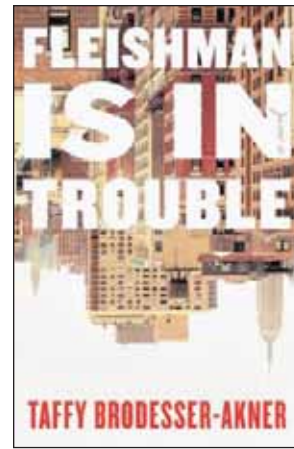
Believe the hype. “Fleishman Is in Trouble” is even better than we were promised. Taffy Brodesser-Akner, a New York Times Magazine writer, brings to her first novel the currency of a hot dating app and the wisdom of a Greek tragedy. The result is a feminist jeremiad nested inside a brilliant comic novel — a book that makes you laugh so hard you don’t notice till later that your eyebrows have been singed off.

As the story opens, life sounds like an erotic carnival for Toby Fleishman. A New York doctor newly separated from his wife, Toby has arrived at the age of 41 to discover a city suddenly flush with women who want him. Now. “His phone was aglow from sunup to sundown,” the narrator writes, with texts that contained “underboob and sideboob and just straight up boob and all the parts of a woman he never dared dream he would encounter.”

Brodesser-Akner demonstrates an anthropologist’s thoroughness in her study of contemporary adult dating and its catalog of sexual practices, but her prose, ringing with manic energy, is obscenely funny.

Poor Toby is thrust into a state of constant arousal, punctuated by moments of deep confusion about his impending divorce from a successful talent agent. What should he reveal to his colleagues about the dissolution of his marriage? And most baffling, what should he tell his son and daughter, who find themselves suspended between two homes?

Perhaps every engaged couple should read this book before they tie the knot. With merciless precision, Brodesser-Akner



‘Fleishman Is in Trouble’

By Taffy Brodessa-Akner, Random House, 384 pages, \$27

traces the arcing trajectory of doomed affections: the glorious takeoff, the deluded calm, the shrieking descent.

Much of the first section of the novel follows Toby’s frantic efforts to sleep with as many women as he can, while locking down a big promotion at the hospital and taking care of his children. You see, Fleishman is in trouble. His estranged wife, Rachel, has stopped returning his calls. She’s no longer picking up the kids. Toby doesn’t even know where she is. It’s just her latest infuriatingly selfish stunt — or at least Toby would have us believe as he recalls one example after another of her lack of affection, her disregard for how much he does to keep their family humming.

So far, so John Updike. But there’s something wonderfully contrary going on here.

This entire story is told by Toby’s old friend, Libby Epstein. So expansive and intimate is her knowledge of Toby’s experience that it’s easy to imagine we’re hearing the voice of an

omniscient narrator. It turns out that, like Brodessa-Akner herself, Libby used to be a writer for a men’s magazine, and she’s most comfortable expressing herself in expansive profiles of other people. The further we read into this tale of Toby’s marital discord, the more we realize that Libby is trying to work out something about her own existential plight.

That becomes more explicit in the novel’s final section. Libby’s sympathies — and ours — are suddenly unmoored in the conflicting currents of love and resentment. Perhaps Toby is not the long-suffering saint he imagines himself to be. When Libby finally comes out from the margins of this story, she uses Rachel to offer a sustained reflection on the impossible pressures that talented women endure.

I haven’t felt this much energy sparking off a novel since Claire Messud’s “The Woman upstairs.” Here, in one gut-punching paragraph after another, is the articulate fury of someone who once dared to imagine that her ambition could be expressed and appreciated. Only too late does Rachel realize that “her success made her poison.” She’s ripped apart by the demands of full-time motherhood and the new requirements of full-time work.

But Brodessa-Akner swings the sword full circle, slicing through the demeaning rules of the patriarchy just as effectively as she slays the fatuous optimism of that “girl-power” propaganda fed to modern girls.

Conveying the full tragedy of that predicament in a story that’s often blisteringly funny is the real triumph of this book. Few novels express so clearly that we’re all in trouble.

Ban

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Trump in the face T-shirt,” she said. “But little by little Georgia is becoming more of a purple state, and the film industry is contributing to that. I never felt I could put down roots in L.A. I rent a four-bedroom house here for the same price as my old 400-square-foot apartment in North Hollywood.”

Abortion has long been one of America’s most combative political and moral issues. Much of the furor around the Georgia law, which forbids abortion after a fetal heartbeat is detected, is emblematic of wider battles between left and right on immigration, healthcare, guns and race in a nation increasingly polarized since President Trump took office.

Evangelicals portray Hollywood as an elitist carpetbagger peddling bankrupt morals. But a number of those in the entertainment industry here are conservative, including crew members who support Trump and a set worker who named his dog after the president. Trump won Georgia with 50.4% of the vote in 2016. Two years later, though, progressive TV and film transplants helped the state nearly elect Democrat Stacey Abrams as its first black female governor.

Liberals celebrated Abrams’ campaign as a sign that Old South attitudes were succumbing to younger generations in a state where film crews and production companies, including Tyler Perry Studios, are more diverse than in Hollywood. But liberals were whipped last month when newly elected Republican Gov. Brian Kemp rallied his conservative base by signing one of the most restrictive abortion laws in the country.

Such a landscape blurs assumptions on both sides and reveals the fissures running through Georgia politics. It leaves film and TV workers troubled over the state’s conservative



CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP

Ian Hunter, from left, Paul Lambert, Tristan Myles and J.D. Schwalm accept the award for best visual effects for “First Man” at the Oscars on Feb. 24. Schwalm believes there would be calls for a Hollywood boycott in Georgia due to the state’s new abortion law.

legacy. They’re also angry at calls for boycotts by celebrities and threats by studio leaders, including Ted Sarandos at Netflix and Bob Iger at Walt Disney Co., to stop production, which could jeopardize jobs while further emboldening right-leaning politicians. Abrams opposes a boycott for those reasons.

The abortion law is scheduled to take effect next year. But the law, like ones in Louisiana, Alabama and other states, is certain to be challenged in the courts. The conservative strategy is to push the abortion issue before the Supreme Court in an effort to overturn Roe vs. Wade. That tact has kept much of Hollywood from calling for a boycott as studio heads wait to see how legal battles play out.

Georgia’s film industry accounts for 92,000 jobs and generates about \$3 billion in annual revenues for the state. Studios receive up to 30% back on their investments through tax credits and other incentives that brought Disney here for “Avengers: Endgame” and Marvel Studios for “Black Panther.” The state is also a hub for TV shows, including Netflix’s “Stranger Things” and “Ozark.”

Hollywood and the Republican right have clashed

for years over the morals of the silver screen and the piety of the steeple. The entertainment industry and civil rights groups in recent years battled Georgia over proposed anti-gay legislation and North Carolina over a “bathroom bill” that critics said discriminated against transgender people. The furor around Georgia’s abortion law raises deeper questions over how Hollywood and conservatism can coexist in an age when Trump is hardening cultural lines and entertainment workers must balance their politics with their livelihoods.

“Georgia’s politics is rooted in white supremacy. It’s not going away overnight. We have to keep fighting against gerrymandering and voter suppression,” said Jaime Rosegren, an on-set dresser who moved to Atlanta from New York five years ago with her husband, Rob, a gang boss in set decoration. “The knee-jerk reaction of Alyssa Milano and others calling for a boycott doesn’t help. This industry employs a lot of women, and we can help incrementally change the politics here.”

Rosegren sat the other day at an Atlanta cafe with Jared Fleury, a prop master who moved to Georgia 15 years ago. The state’s lower

cost of living allowed them to buy bigger homes than they could have afforded in Los Angeles. Rosegren even hired dog walkers and landscapers. The quality of life is better, both said, even as they acknowledged that Atlanta is a “blue dot” in a red, rural sea.

“I left Hollywood to get out of the rat race,” said Fleury, who, like Rosegren, is a member of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees. “I wanted a different lifestyle. The diversity here is amazing. The film industry in L.A. is largely white and male. Here it’s men, women and people of color. But the politics of Georgia definitely affects my thinking. Will I be able to work here? Will there be work?”

Politics is kept off film sets here, but differences between liberals and conservatives, many of whom are native Georgians, are palpable if mostly left unspoken over religion, Trump, gun rights and immigration.

“Just because we’re in a union doesn’t mean we’re all progressive,” said Rosegren, her shoulder tattooed with a scene from “The Jungle Book.” “A lot of guys in our union agree with the abortion bill. I’m 37 and some union men incessantly harp at me for not having chil-

dren. They have traditional views. But this abortion law means women will die. Women will go to prison.”

Fifty minutes south of Atlanta, past pine and kudzu, Senoia, a onetime railroad and cotton gin town, rises like a well-swept artifact lifted from the pages of Southern Living magazine. All is hospitable — it’s the kind of place where you’d sip a gin and tonic on the front porch — except for the “Walking Dead” store and the cosplay man with an eye patch and sidearm, who leads tourists toward zombie territory at the edge of Main Street.

“The film industry is very much in the fabric of our life,” said the Rev. Jesse Dukes of Legacy Christian Church. His sister is a set designer; the house of his child’s friend appeared in “Avengers: Endgame.” “We did a sermon series on ‘The Walking Dead.’ We wanted to explore how we all struggle with those interests that make us less than human. The zombies are mindless consumers.”

Dukes said much of the debate over abortion falls along generational lines and comes from a fear that what once was will be no more.

“I remind older people here that the world fundamentally changed with the internet,” said Dukes, sipping coffee in an empty vestibule on a humid afternoon. “But a small rural world is a closed community that doesn’t want to change. They feel they’re being flooded with the reality of different perspectives. So they say, ‘Let’s circle the wagons.’ The abortion bill is the latest movement in a culture war. But Hollywood gets disingenuous too. White Southern people are an easy target for caricature.”

Unlike Talley, whose First Senoia Baptist Church is about a mile away, and who leaves no doubt of his opposition to abortion, Dukes believes dilemmas of morality and women’s rights are rarely clear-cut.

“I wouldn’t preach on abortion today. It’s too divisive,” he said. “I know there are women in our congregation who have had

abortions. They have experienced deep shame in terms of their faith. It’s incredibly painful. I don’t think it’s a good idea to get up and toe the party line. There are nuances. Both sides are creating these casualties of war. I wonder, between Hollywood and the Southern right, who will be the first to listen?”

J.D. Schwalm has similar feelings. His Innovation Workshop in Atlanta is a neat grid of computerized lathes, battery boxes, drills, metal shavings and computer screens that spin special effects in three dimensions. Depending on the job, the shop employs 65 to 200 workers. Schwalm stopped and explained how his nitrogen and compressed air cannon lifts stunt cars into the air; he nodded toward a wooden cutout of a Na’vi, the forest-dwelling tribe in James Cameron’s upcoming “Avatar 2.”

“I’m pretty heavily rooted in Georgia now,” said Schwalm, who moved here after working on “The Fate of the Furious.” If Hollywood left the state over the abortion bill, he said, “It’s not going to have as big an impact as people think. Look at all the swinging cranes over Atlanta. But the politics of it all is scary.”

After he won the Academy Award this year for “First Man,” Schwalm was asked by Gov. Kemp’s office how Hollywood might react to an abortion ban. He answered that there would be calls for a boycott. Since Kemp signed the bill into law last month, Schwalm, who has two small sons, has wondered how to reconcile the liberal industry that gives him work with the conservative state he has adopted.

“I’m so against this bill,” he said. “What’s going on in Georgia politics is happening across the country. Everyone is thinking short term. From the president to Congress, it’s all about enacting as much change as they can while they’re in power. It’s not good for the country’s future. The point of our Constitution is for people to meet in the middle. That’s not happening.”

WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Colin Hanks

"Life in Pieces" (8:01 p.m., CBS): The family sitcom closes out its run after four seasons with two final back-to-back episodes. In the first, "Cabana Hero Action Son," Greg (Colin Hanks) tries to steal Matt's (Thomas Sadoski) thunder during a family trip to the Bahamas. Then, in the finale "Reverse Burden District Germany," Joan (Dianne Wiest) is fed up with being the go-to babysitter for her grandkids. James Brolin also stars.

"Siren" (7 p.m., FREE): Ben and Maddie (Alex Roe, Fola Evans-Akingbola) confront a thorny moral dilemma as they try to balance the demands of their relationship with Ryn (Eline Powell) and the reality that the only way to improve Elaine's (Sarah-Jane Redmond) health is to continue the procedures on their mermaid friend in the new episode "Mixed Signals." After a member of the group falls under its spell, the humans re-focus on understanding how the siren-song really works.

"In the Dark" (8 p.m., CW): This offbeat drama about a prickly young blind woman trying to solve the murder of a close friend has flown under the radar for many viewers during Season 1, but network executives have picked up the series for a second season. For now, the show wraps up with a finale called "It's Always Been You," in which things take an interesting turn between Murphy (Perry Mattfeld) and Dean (Rich Sommer).

"Little Women: Atlanta" (8 p.m., 12:01 a.m., Lifetime): Juicy scopes out new artists and investors as she continues to build her clientele in the new episode "Jealousy Is Not a Good Look." Emily tries to convince Bri not to perform solo, while Andrea considers leaving the music business to focus on her family. After learning that The Twinz recorded a music video, Abira pops off at Minnie's birthday party.

"Unspouse My House" (8:30 p.m., 11:30 p.m., HGTV): In the new episode "Bright New Future," Orlando Soria's latest client is a mother of four with a lot on her plate. As if her own children aren't enough to keep her busy, she runs a daycare in her Los Angeles home. On top of everything else, she's trying to get over a recent heartbreak by making over her kitchen, laundry room and master suite.

"Alone" (9:03 p.m., 12:06 a.m., History): Painfully aware that wildlife in the region soon will start to disappear for the brutal winter months, the survivalists put a heightened priority on hunting while quarry is available in the new episode "The Moose." One participant sustains a puncture wound as a result, but another gets an opportunity to score a place in this show's history by taking down some big game.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Isaac Hempstead Wright.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Singer Nicki Minaj; comic Phoebe Robinson; Julia Michaels performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Former Gov. Chris Christie; theSkimm founders Carly Zakin and Danielle Weisberg.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Miles Teller; actress Ayesha Curry; Hollywood Vampires perform.*

* Subject to change

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BOOK REVIEW

Poetry collection offers safe harbor in spiritual solace

BY BARBARA MAHANY
Chicago Tribune

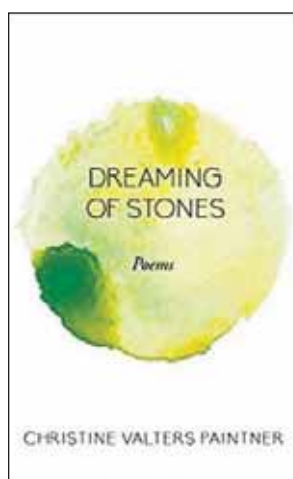
To enter the pages of Christine Valters Paintner's "Dreaming of Stones" feels akin to wandering the undulations of Celtic wilds, the barren landscape that cloisters timeless secrets and truths. It's not hard to imagine ancient ruins off in the mist-drenched distance. Nor to hear the cry of North Atlantic winds, sweeping across moor and mountain. It's haunting and it's beautiful.

Most of all, it's to find yourself at home in a place you've never been — the very definition of soulful retreat.

And so it is in this first full poetry collection by Paintner, a writer, painter and Benedictine oblate who moved to the west coast of Ireland in 2012. She now calls herself the abbess — or "urban monk and part-time hermit" — of Abbey of the Arts, a virtual monastery and global ecumenical community that combines contemplative practice and the arts.

No less than Richard Rohr, the bestselling spiritualist and Franciscan friar, writes that Paintner's poems "have both a mystical and earthly sensibility, drawing us to the transcendent as well as the immanent presence of the divine." Paintner herself writes that "poetry is language carved down to its essence," and she calls these 80 poems "little love notes to the world." Love notes of the soul, perhaps.

Paintner is fluent in the lush language of earth and sky as well as the otherworldly, the mysterious beyond. Born and raised in New York City, she is old-soul Celtic, through and through. Her poems rise out of the monastic practice of dwelling in silence, and hers, often, is a

**'Dreaming of Stones'**

By Christine Valters Paintner, Paraclete, 96 pages, \$18

churchless god. A god who can't — and won't — be confined. A god who belongs to any and all.

The poems here are distillations of the most enduring wisdoms — love, hope, heartache, the unfolding of time — penned with a painstaking eye on the earthly. Carved out of the raw stuff of existence, especially in these troubled times, these dispatches offer safe harbor for taking stock, seeing the sacred, absorbing the solace.

And as with all the finest poetry, it's the unwritten volumes beyond the words that hold our lingering attention. To enter these poems is to slow time, to pause long enough to grasp what might otherwise have escaped us.

The poems here might as well be prayers — many of them anyway. Others put words to lasting truths.

In one of the collection's six sections, in a poem titled "St. Gobnait and the Place of Her Resurrection," Paintner writes: "Is there a place for each of us, /

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where we no longer yearn to be elsewhere? / Where our work is to simply soften, / wait, and pay close attention?"

Or, pages later, in "St. Brigid and the Fruit Tree," this: "Your tears splashed onto / cold stony earth, ringing out / like bells calling monks to prayer, / like the river breaking open to / the wide expanse of sea. ... There will always be more grief / than we can bear ... Life is tidal, rising and receding, / its long loneliness, its lush loveliness, / no need to wish for low tide when / the banks are breaking."

In her afterword, Paintner writes of her devotion to the great poet Rainer Maria Rilke and "the way he wrote about the God of darkness and mystery, the God who loves the questions rather than the answers." She shares that inquiry. And it's her hope, she writes, that those who find their way through "Dreaming of Stones" find "a moment of sanctuary" in its pages.

The poet's prayers, then, are answered. This collection — probing the mystery and the darkness, embracing the god of question not answer — indeed carves out sanctuary in a most turbulent landscape, amid these wild, wild times.

Barbara Mahany's latest book, "The Blessings of Motherprayer: Sacred Whispers of Mothering," was published last spring. Twitter @BarbaraMahany

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 27

		MOVIES							
		PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Young Sheldon ©	Young Sheldon ©	(8:01) Life in Pieces (N)	Life in Pieces (Series Finale) (N)	Elementary: "Command: Delete." (N) ©	News (N) ▶		
	NBC 5	The Wall ©		2020 Democratic Candidates Debate: "Night No. 2." (N) (Live) ©			NBC 5 News (N) ▶		
	ABC 7	Holey Moley: "The Thunderdome of Mini Golf." (N)		Family Food Fight: "Meet the Families: Part 2." (N)		Reef Break: "Lost and Found." (N) ©		News at 10pm (N) ▶	
	WGN 9	black-ish ©	black-ish ©	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	Johnny Carson ©		3's Comp.	
	This TV 9.3	Getting Even With Dad (PG, '94) **	Macaulay Culkin.			Popi (G, '69) ***	Alan Arkin. ©		
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		The Beatles: Eight Days a Week -- The Touring Years (NR, '16) ***	Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr.			Theater Project ▶	
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©	
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett	
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ▶	
CABLE	Bounce 26.5	The Game	The Game	Kevin Hart's	In the Cut	College Road Trip (G, '08) *			
	FOX 32	MasterChef: "Gordon Takes on a Tarte." (N)		Spin the Wheel: "Feiler Family." (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©	
	Ion 38	Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago ▶	
	Telem 44	Un poquito tuyo (N) ©		Decisión 2020: Debate presidencial (N) ©				Chicago (N)	
	CW 50	iZombie (N) ©		In the Dark (Season Finale) (N) ©		The Good Wife ©		Chicago ▶	
	UniMas 60	*(6) Minority Report (PG-13, '02) ***	Tom Cruise.			Noticiero Uni Nosotr.		40 y 20	
	WJYS 62	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Christian	Dn. Carson	Monument	
	Univ 66	La reina soy yo		La Rosa de Guadalupe		Por amar sin ley		Noticias (N)	
	AE	The First 48 ©		The First 48 ©		Hero Ink (N)	Hero Ink (N)	First 48 ▶	
	AMC	Caddyshack (R, '80) **	Chevy Chase. ©			The Sandlot (PG, '93) ***			
ANIM	River Monsters ©		Fish or Die (N)		Fish or Die (N)		Monsters ▶		
BBCA	Predator (R, '87) ***	Arnold Schwarzenegger, Carl Weathers. ©			Predator 2 (R, '90) ***				
BET	*(5:35) National Security		Are We Done Yet? (PG, '07) *		Ice Cube, Nia Long.				
BIGTEN	Campus	Campus	BTN Basketball in 60 ©		Campus	Wisconsin Basketball			
BRAVO	Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC (Season Finale) (N)		Watch (N)	Housewives/NYC			
CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©		Politics		
CNBC	Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Shark Tank ©		Shark ▶		
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	The Office	Daily (N) ▶		
DISC	Naked and Afraid Pop-Up		Naked and Afraid: "Strife in Africa." (N) ©				Naked (N) ▶		
DISN	Bunk'd (N)	Bunk'd ©	Coop	Sydney-Max	Amphibia	Big City	Bunk'd ©		
E!	Keeping Up With the Kardashians: "Khloe's Pop-Up Birthday!" (N) ©						Kardas ▶		
ESPN	O.J.: Made in America: "Part Four." © (Part 4 of 5)				UFC Main Event		SportCtr (N)		
ESPN2	*(6) NFL Live/CFL Football: Edmonton Eskimos at Winnipeg Blue Bombers. (N) (Live)								
FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News		
FOOD	Chopped: "Holy Bologna!"		Chopped (N) ©		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby		
FREE	Siren: "Mixed Signals." (N)		(8:01) Siren (N) ©		grown-ish	grown-ish	700 Club ▶		
FX	*(6:30) Jurassic World (PG-13, '15) **	Chris Pratt. ©			Baskets (N)	Baskets ©	Baskets ©		
HALL	Bottled With Love (NR, '19)	Bethany Joy Lenz. ©			Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls		
HGTV	Beach	Beach	Christina (N) Unspouse		Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl (N)	Hunters		
HISTV	Mountain Men ©		Mountain Men (N)		(9:03) Alone (N) ©		Mnt. Men ▶		
HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic		
IFC	*(6) Blazing Saddles ***	Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (G, '71) ***	Gene Wilder.				Conan © ▶		
LIFE	Little Women: Atlanta (N)		Little Women: Atlanta (N)		(9:03) Suburban Swingers Club ('19) ▶				
MSNBC	*(6) Debate Pre-Show (N)		2020 Democratic Candidates Debate (N) (Live) ©				Post (N) ▶		
MTV	Double Shot at Love (N)		Double Shot at Love		The Hills: New		Dbl Shot ▶		
NBCSCH	MLB Baseball: Atlanta Braves at Chicago Cubs. From Wrigley Field in Chicago.						Boxing (N) ▶		
NICK	Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (PG, '08) ***				Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©		
OVATION	*(6:30) A Good Year (PG-13, '06) **	Russell Crowe.			No Reservation		Broadain ▶		
OWN	20/20 on ID ©		20/20 on OWN ©		20/20 on OWN		20/20 ▶		
OHY	Snapped ©		Snapped ©		Snapped: "Tanasha Siena." ©		Snapped ▶		
PARMT	*(6) The Longest Yard (PG-13, '05) **	Adam Sandler.			Lip Sync (N)	Lip Sync	Longest ▶		
SYFY	*(6) Underworld (7:45) Annabelle (R, '14) **	Annabelle Wallis, Ward Horton. ©					Krypton ▶		
TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan © ▶		
TCM	To Hell and Back (NR, '55) ***	Audie Murphy.			The Story of G.I. Joe (NR, '45) ***				
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life (N)				Dr. Pimple Popper ©		Stories ER ▶		
TLN	Humanit	Faith, Culture and the Fate			Life Today	Like You	Humanit		
TNT	RoboCop (PG-13, '14) **	Joel Kinnaman, Gary Oldman. ©					Mad Max: Fury Road (R) ▶		
TOON	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick, Morty		
TRAV	The Dead Files (N) ©				The Dead Files (N) ©		Dead Files ▶		
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King		
USA	The Fast and the Furious (PG-13, '01) **	Vin Diesel.			Queen of the South (N)		Fast ▶		
VH1	*(6) Notorious (R, '09) **	Angela Bassett, Romeo Must Die (R, '00) **	Jet Li, Aaliyah. ©						
WE	Growing Up Hip Hop		Growing Up Hip Hop (N)		Growing Up Hip Hop		Hip Hop ▶		
WGN America	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man		
PREMIUM	HBO	Years and Years ©		The 15:17 to Paris (PG-13, '18) **		(9:35) Euphoria: "Pilot."			
	HBO2	Love, Simon (PG-13, '18) ***	Nick Robinson.			True Justice: Bryan Stevenson ▶			
	MAX	Inception (PG-13, '10) ***	Leonardo DiCaprio. ©			Maze Runner ▶			
	SHO	City on a Hill ©		The Original Kings of Comedy (R, '00) **				Desus (N)	
	STARZ	*(6:51) Vida (7:26) Vida		(8:03) The Front Runner (R, '18) **	Hugh Jackman.			Vida © ▶	
STZNC	*(5:28) The Lone Ranger		Only the Brave (PG-13, '17) ***	Josh Brolin, Miles Teller. ©					

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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (June 27): Get physical with your work, health and fitness this year. Disciplined collaboration leads to powerful results. A personal breakthrough this summer leads to a fork in the path with a partner. Romantic partnership sparks anew next winter, before a self-image reorientation.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Take advantage of windfall apples. Ignore rumors or gossip. Focus to gather in a nice harvest. Tend your garden, and sidestep distractions.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Consider consequences before leaping into action or saying something you might later regret. Minimize risk. You're making a good impression. A surprising development merits thought.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 6. Slow down. Temporary confusion could lead you into a costly mistake. Dreams show you the right path. Consider things from a higher perspective.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Huddle with your team. Don't force an issue or risk breakage. Help others see the big picture. Play your part. Go for distance, not speed.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Focus on a professional challenge. Prepare your presentation before going public. Misunderstandings abound; clarify as you go. A sudden move changes the game.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Passions are in high gear. Look before you leap. Slow to avoid sparking someone with a short fuse. Stay flexible, and roll with the tide.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Resist the temptation to throw your money around. Stick to your financial plan. Clean up to discover valuable resources you didn't know you had.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Stay objective in a tense situation with your partner. Save time and upset by compromising. Change direction intuitively. A creative spark can ignite.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Plan thoroughly before implementation. Prioritize your own health and wellness. Maintain practices and routines as long as you can. Balance activity with rest.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Passions could heat up. Avoid provoking your partner's sensitivities. When in doubt, listen to your heart. Keep harsh words to yourself. Let your love lead.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. A difference in priorities could arise at home. Work out misunderstandings immediately, or they could grow. Family matters require attention. Avoid risky propositions.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Research and study facts and data. Ignore rumors or gossip. Keep your tone respectful. You won't agree with everyone. Stay objective.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, West deals

North		East	
♠ AK 8	♥ K 7	♠ 3	♥ 10 8 5 4
♦ 7 6 5	♣ K J 9 7 5	♥ K 8 4	♦ A Q 10 8 4
South		West	
♠ J 6 2	♥ A Q J 9 6 3 2	♠ Q 10 9 7 5 4	♥ Void
♦ A Q 10	♣ Void	♦ J 9 3 2	♥ Void
		♠ 6 3 2	♦ Void

North's double showed a sound opening bid — 13-15 points. We don't know the meaning of East's redouble, but we suspect it was an effort to muddy the waters. The waters were too muddy for South to make a bid at his first turn, but he made up for it on the next round.

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
2♦*	Db1	Redb1	Pass
2♣	Pass	Pass	6♥

All pass
*Multi, a weak two-bid in either major
Opening lead: Three of ♣

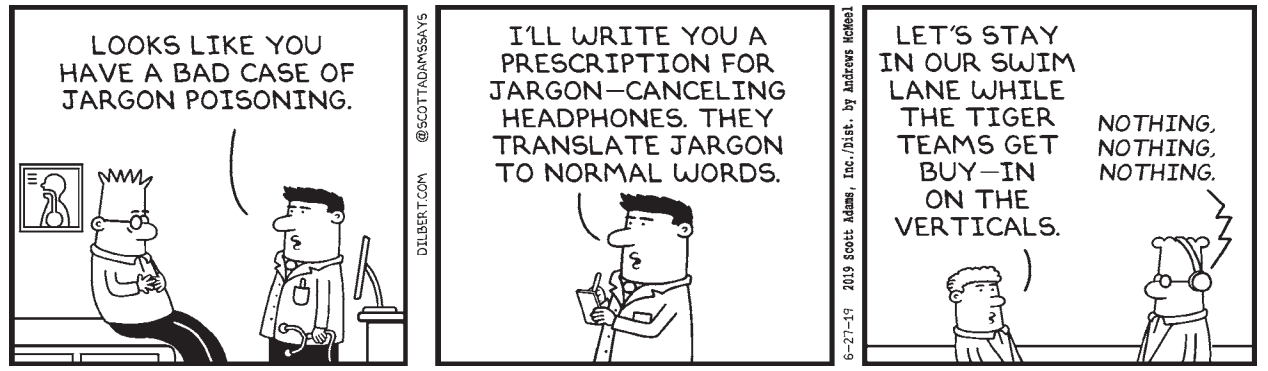
dummy's ace was followed by a diamond to the queen for a successful finesse. This was the position:

North		East	
♠ K 8	♥ Void	♠ Void	♥ Void
♦ 7	♣ J 5	♥ K 4	♦ Q 8 4
South		West	
♠ J 6	♥ 6	♠ Q 10	♥ Void
♦ A 10	♣ Void	♦ J 9 3	♥ Void
		♠ Void	♦ Void

South cashed the ace of diamonds, hoping a sleepy East would play low and then get employed with the king. East was not asleep, and he unblocked the king of diamonds under the ace. South now cashed the last trump and West couldn't defend the position. There was no winning discard between the queen-10 of spades and the jack-nine of diamonds, as a diamond discard would see West end played with the jack. Very well played!

— Bob Jones, tcaeditors@tribpub.com

Dilbert



Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott (Baby Blues is on vacation until July 1. Please enjoy this strip from 2015.)



Zits



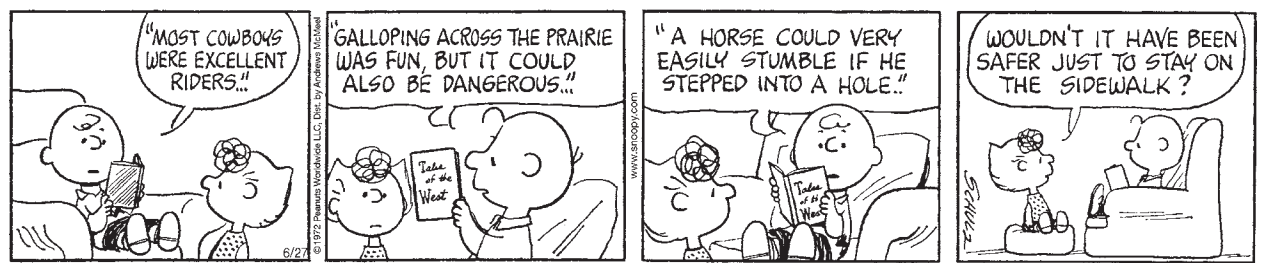
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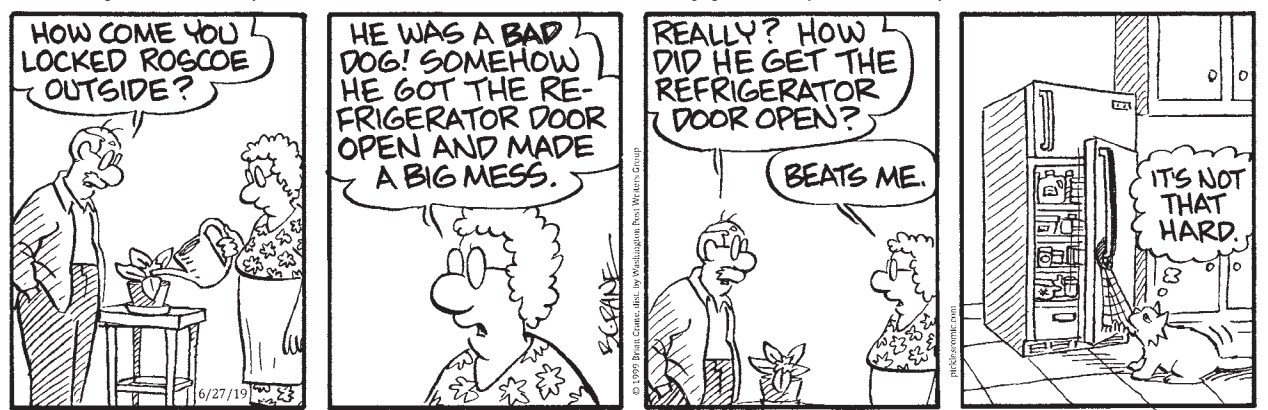
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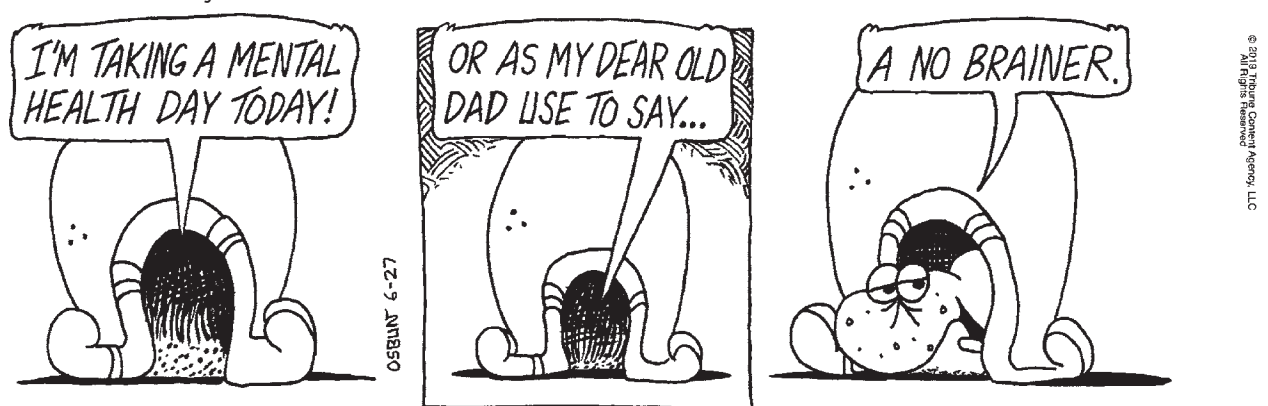
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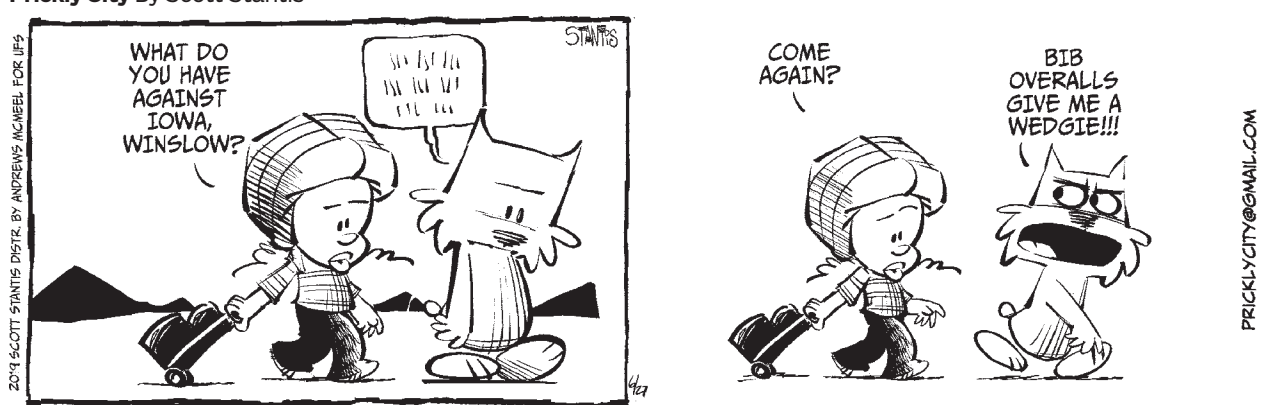
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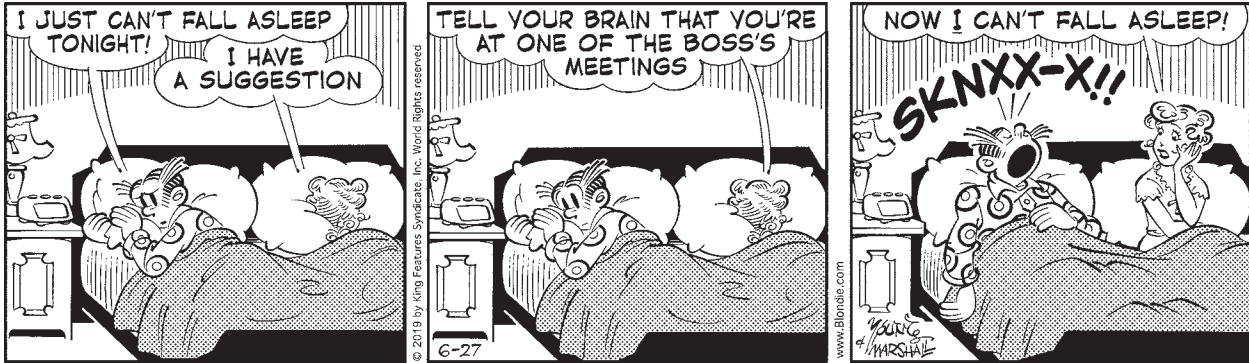
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For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston



Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall



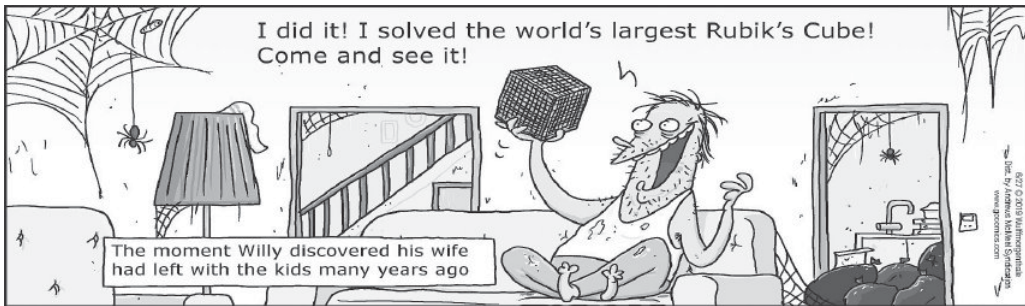
Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne



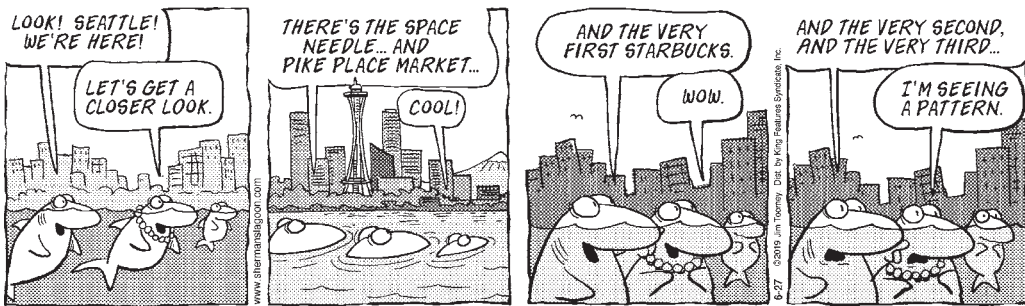
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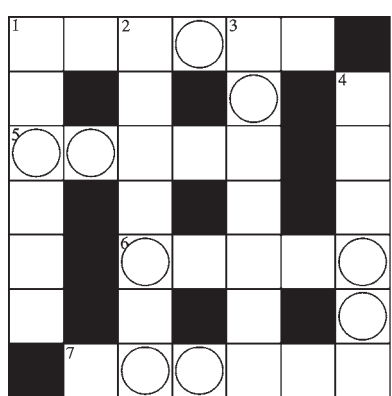
Trivia Bits

Who earned the nickname "Mrs. 59" in 2001, after she shot the first sub-60 round in the Ladies Professional Golf Association history?
 A) Juli Inkster
 B) Lorena Ochoa
 C) Annika Sorenstam
 D) Michelle Wie

Wednesday's answer: George Clinton.

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Jumble Crossword



CLUE: Construction on the _____ began in 447 BC and was completed in 438 BC.

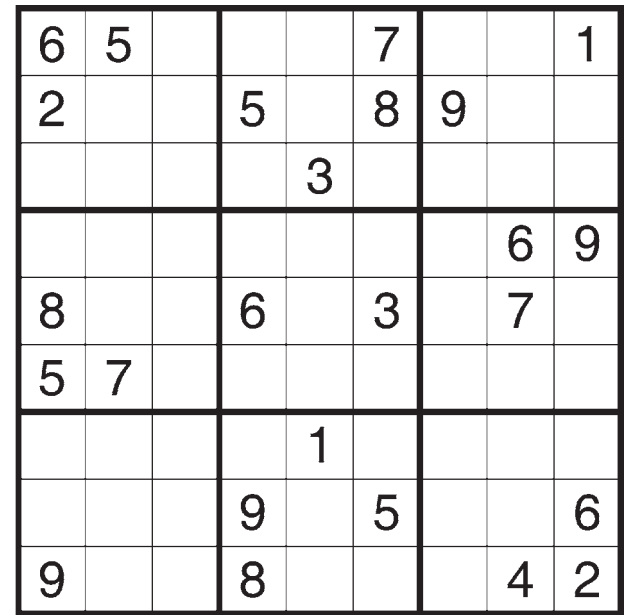
BONUS _____

- ACROSS**
- 1. Prejudiced, biased
 - 5. Badger
 - 6. _____ bulb
 - 7. _____ Hemingway
- DOWN**
- 1. Sustained
 - 2. Disconcert
 - 3. Treat oneself
 - 4. _____ show
- ANSWER**
- RFUAIN
 UODHN
 IPTLU
 RSEETN
- ANSWER**
- LDPHUE
 RLUEFST
 LNIGEDU
 PUTPEP

How to play - Complete the crossword by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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9	3	2	5	8	6	4	1	7
6	4	5	7	1	3	2	9	8
7	8	1	2	9	4	6	5	3
8	7	4	1	6	9	3	2	5
1	2	6	3	7	5	9	8	4
5	9	3	8	4	2	7	6	1
2	1	8	9	3	7	5	4	6
4	5	7	6	2	8	1	3	9
3	6	9	4	5	1	8	7	2

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

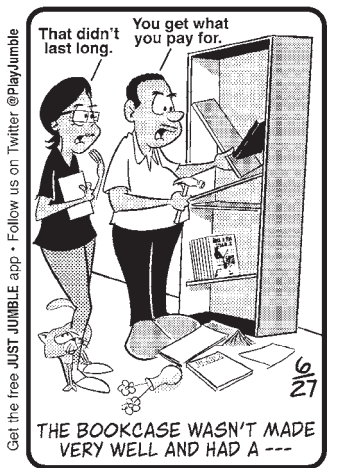
Wednesday's solutions

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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.

- SUFHL
- ENOYH
- DARTIE
- FESYAL



Answer here



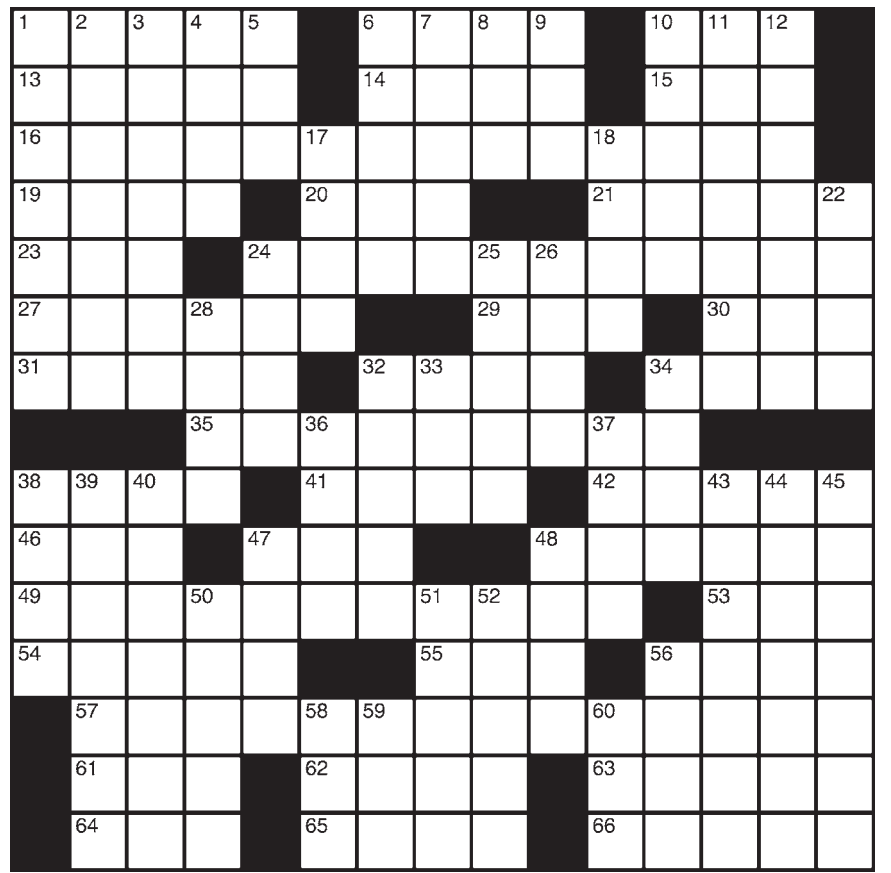
Wednesday's answers

Jumbles: BRAVE PORCH RARELY MIRROR
 Answer: It was hard to choose which new socks to buy because they were so — "COM-PAIR-ABLE"

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Crossword

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- Across**
- 1 "Welcome to Kauai!"
 - 6 Channel bobber
 - 10 Persian for "crown"
 - 13 "Service at the Speed of Sound" fast-food chain
 - 14 Tolstoy title name
 - 15 Moment or way lead-in
 - 16 Place to get gifts?
 - 19 Web statistic
 - 20 Cruet contents
 - 21 "Yay me!"
 - 23 French friend
 - 24 Place to get fireplace equipment?
 - 27 Hedy of Hollywood
 - 29 Stick with a boat?
 - 30 Singer DiFranco
 - 31 Roman fountain
 - 32 "Rebel Yell" singer Billy
 - 34 Grasp, in slang
 - 35 Place to get movie actors?
 - 38 Put up with
 - 41 Techniques
 - 42 Liver spreads
 - 46 Prefix with catastrophe
 - 47 Online help page
 - 48 "My turn"
 - 49 Place to get laundry detergent?
 - 53 Shopkeeper who by his own admission sells "surprisingly expensive" penny candy at the Kwik-E-Mart
 - 54 Silent performers
 - 55 Oz. or lb.
 - 56 "Instinct" star Cumming
 - 57 Place to get help with estate planning?
 - 61 Park it, so to speak
 - 62 Slope overlooking a loch
 - 63 Speak formally
 - 64 Pair of allies?
 - 65 "G'day" addressee
 - 66 Put on the back burner
- Down**
- 11 Ring-shaped
 - 12 Host of a "garage" show since 2014
 - 17 Jordan's Queen —
 - 18 Berth place
 - 22 Composer Satie
 - 24 _____ fixe
 - 25 They may be pitched
 - 26 Spanish surrealist
 - 28 Say with conviction
 - 32 Mosul native
 - 33 Calendar square
 - 34 FBI agent
 - 36 Christmas poem contraction
 - 37 Tach nos.
 - 38 Ray
 - 39 Total or partial event
 - 40 Outlook alternative
 - 43 One steeping in a cup
 - 44 One-sided, in legal proceedings
 - 45 Huge surprise
 - 47 Complain
 - 48 Analogy words
 - 50 Conquers
 - 51 Pester
 - 52 One sporting a mic
 - 56 "Back forty" unit
 - 58 Tech giant that sold its PC division to Lenovo
 - 59 New Deal agcy.
 - 60 Drift (off)

Wednesday's solution



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THURSDAY, JUNE 27 NORMAL HIGH: 83° NORMAL LOW: 62° RECORD HIGH: 101° (1971) RECORD LOW: 47° (1992)

Warm, humid air arrives – has staying power

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 92 **LOW** 72

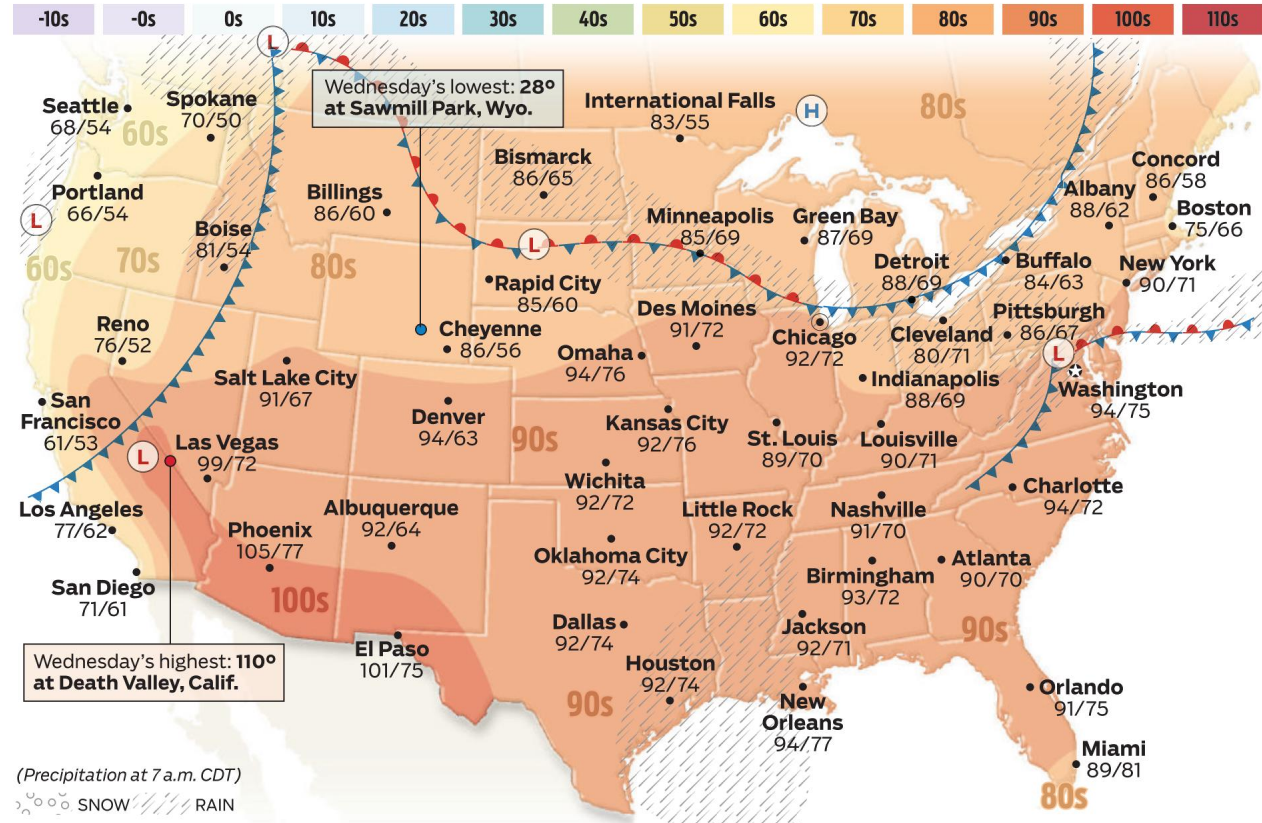
■ A "short-wave" disturbance aloft will ripple over our area bringing a chance of showers or some thunderstorms late afternoon into the overnight hours.

■ Summer heat/humidity build with dew points nearing the uncomfortable 70 degree mark.

■ Partly sunny skies and south winds of 10-20 mph raise temps into the lower 90s.

■ T-storms possible afternoon/evening. Good chance of t-storms overnight.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Southwesterly winds and abundant sunshine boosted Chicago area temps into the upper 80s and lower 90s Wednesday afternoon. A lake breeze front developed and moved inland passing O'Hare and triggering late afternoon and early evening thunderstorms over western portions of the Chicago area. Some of the stronger storms had heavy downpours and large hail – St. Charles observed 1.05 inches of rain in 15 minutes and Hanover Park reported ping-pong sized hailstones. Temps will warm into the lower 90s Thursday and an upper air disturbance will track across Wisconsin and northern Illinois with another round of thunderstorms likely later afternoon into the overnight hours. It will get even warmer and more humid Saturday and Sunday into Monday with highs reaching into the middle 90s.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

HIGH 93 **LOW** 72

Hot and humid. Afternoon high temps 90-95. A chance of t-storms toward evening and overnight. SW winds. 10-20 mph.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

HIGH 94 **LOW** 73

Partly sunny, hot and humid. Sunshine dominates area skies, but an isolated t-storm cannot be ruled out. High temps in the low to mid 90s. West to southwest winds 10-20 mph. Warm and humid overnight.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

HIGH 94 **LOW** 72

Partly sunny. Front may slip inland across part of the area triggering a few t-storms mainly Chicago/east. Highs in the low/mid 90s west/south sections, with mid-upper 70s lakeside. Chance of t-storms overnight.

MONDAY, JULY 1

HIGH 95 **LOW** 70

Considerable sunshine, hot and humid. Afternoon highs in the low to mid 90s. Partly cloudy overnight. Light west to southwest winds.

TUESDAY, JULY 2

HIGH 88 **LOW** 68

Partly cloudy with a chance of t-storms. Very warm and humid with a high in the upper 80s. Muggy with a chance of showers overnight. Southwest winds.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

HIGH 88 **LOW** 70

Partly cloudy, warm and humid. Afternoon highs in the upper 80s. A chance of late afternoon and evening t-storms. Becoming partly cloudy later at night. Southwest winds.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASKTOM

Dear Tom,
Has May, June or September ever been the hottest month of the year at Chicago?
Nick Recchia, River Grove

Dear Nick,
In 148 years of Chicago temperature records (1871 through 2018), May has never been the warmest month of any year. June has been the warmest month of the year on three occasions: in 1933, 1967 and 1971. The average June temperature in 1933 was 76.2 degrees, beating July's 75.6 degrees and August's 71.5 degrees; in 1967, June averaged 71.4 degrees, beating runner-up July with 70.6 and August with 69.2 degrees; and in 1971, June was 75.8 degrees versus July with 72.6 degrees and August with 72.4 degrees. September was the warmest month of the year only once, in 1884, with 68.7 degrees. It was a cool summer in 1884: June averaged 64.2, July 68.5 and August 68.2.

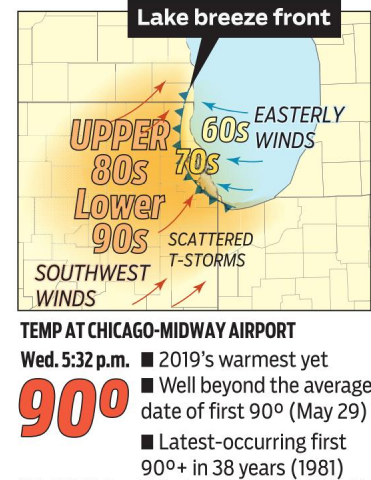
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Thunderstorms Wednesday/Thursday; 90s lock in

WEDNESDAY'S LAKE BREEZE
Conditions at 5 p.m. Wed.
Temps were in the 60s over the near shore waters and in the 70s inland 2-3 miles; further inland readings reached the upper 80s

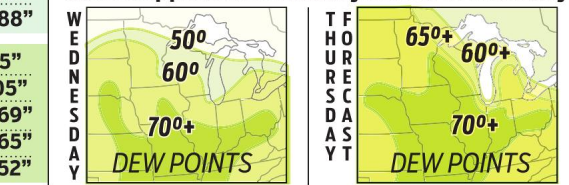


WEDNESDAY STORMS

HAIL	Streamwood	2.00"
REPORTS	Hanover Park	1.00"
(DIAMETER)	Bolingbrook	0.88"
HEAVY RAINFALL	Elburn	1.15"
TOTALS	St. Charles	1.05"
	Burr Ridge	0.69"
	Naperville	0.65"
	Aurora	0.52"

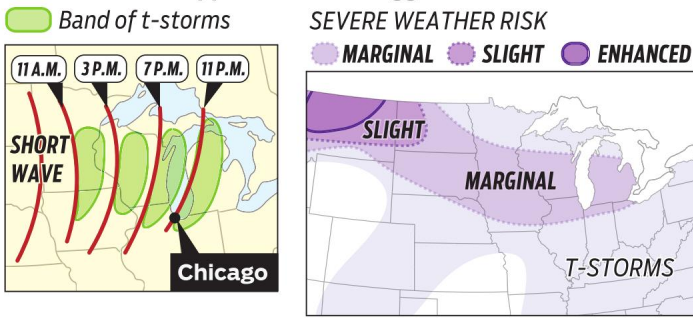
HUMID AIR ARRIVES IN CHICAGO

Fairly comfortable dew points Wednesday before oppressive humidity moves in Thursday



THURSDAY FORECAST INCLUDES BAND OF THUNDERSTORMS

"Short wave" in upper air flow to trigger band of t-storms



■ Northern Illinois and NW Indiana in Marginal Risk for severe storms—best chance in the Chicago area later afternoon and evening

MIDWEST CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	ts	82	68	pc	84	70
Carbondale	pc	80	69	pc	84	71
Champaign	pc	80	69	pc	84	70
Decatur	pc	83	68	pc	82	73
Maquokette	pc	89	69	pc	89	71
Quincy	pc	91	71	pc	91	73
Rockford	pc	90	69	pc	89	70
Springfield	pc	90	69	pc	89	71
Sterling	pc	91	70	pc	89	71
Indiana	ts	87	68	pc	88	70
Bloomington	ts	86	69	pc	88	71
Evansville	pc	89	69	pc	90	71
Fort Wayne	pc	89	69	pc	89	70
Indianapolis	pc	89	69	pc	89	70
Lafayette	pc	89	69	pc	89	69
South Bend	pc	88	70	pc	88	70
Wisconsin	ts	87	69	pc	87	65
Green Bay	ts	87	69	pc	87	65
Kenosha	ts	83	69	pc	83	68
La Crosse	ts	88	70	pc	90	71
Madison	pc	89	69	pc	89	68
Milwaukee	ts	87	69	pc	83	69
Wausau	ts	84	65	pc	84	64
Michigan	pc	88	69	pc	89	70
Detroit	pc	88	69	pc	89	70
Grand Rapids	pc	90	70	pc	87	68
Marquette	ts	78	61	sh	67	58
St. Ste. Marie	pc	84	63	sh	76	56
Traverse City	pc	88	66	sh	78	61
Iowa	pc	92	71	pc	92	71
Ames	pc	91	69	pc	91	70
Cedar Rapids	pc	91	72	pc	92	73
Des Moines	pc	92	71	pc	92	73
Dubuque	pc	92	71	pc	92	70

OTHER U.S. CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	pc	93	71	su	95	71
Albuquerque	pc	88	62	pc	89	69
Albany	pc	92	64	pc	92	66
Amarillo	pc	91	67	pc	94	66
Anchorage	pc	77	60	su	80	62
Asheville	pc	88	63	ts	84	62
Aspen	su	77	46	su	79	48
Atlanta	pc	90	70	pc	90	70
Atlantic City	pc	84	68	pc	84	72
Austin	pc	91	72	pc	94	70
Baltimore	pc	92	75	pc	94	76
Billings	pc	86	60	pc	82	61
Birmingham	pc	93	72	pc	90	72
Bismarck	pc	86	65	pc	89	70
Boise	pc	81	54	sh	77	54
Boston	pc	75	66	pc	87	71
Brownsville	pc	92	77	pc	93	75
Burlington	su	86	63	cl	86	66
Charlottesville	pc	89	74	pc	86	74
Charlton SC	pc	89	74	pc	86	74
Charlton WV	pc	90	66	pc	90	67
Chattanooga	pc	94	69	ts	92	70
Cheyenne	pc	86	56	su	89	58
Cincinnati	ts	87	68	pc	89	69
Cleveland	pc	80	71	pc	83	71
Colo. Spgs	pc	90	59	pc	92	61
Columbia MO	pc	91	71	pc	93	72
Columbia SC	sh	94	71	pc	94	70
Columbus	ts	88	69	pc	90	71
Concord	pc	86	58	pc	88	61
Corps Christi	pc	89	78	pc	90	76
Dallas	su	92	74	su	95	74
Daytona Bch.	pc	88	74	pc	87	75
Denver	pc	94	63	pc	95	64
Duluth	ts	67	54	pc	59	53
El Paso	pc	101	75	pc	99	75

WORLD CITIES

THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Palm Beach	pc	90	80	ts	88	79
Palm Springs	su	102	70	pc	105	73
Philadelphia	su	92	71	pc	95	74
Phoenix	su	105	77	pc	109	84
Pittsburgh	ts	86	67	pc	88	70
Portland, ME	pc	74	58	pc	72	52
Portland, OR	ts	66	54	pc	70	55
Providence	pc	88	64	pc	90	69
Raleigh	pc	94	72	pc	94	71
Rapid City	su	85	60	pc	82	67
Reno	pc	76	52	sh	77	48
Richmond	pc	95	71	pc	94	72
Rochester	pc	86	62	pc	88	69
Sacramento	pc	80	57	pc	85	63
Salem, Ore.	ts	65	51	pc	71	51
Salt Lake City	pc	91	67	pc	93	64
San Antonio	ts	91	73	pc	93	71
San Diego	pc	71	61	pc	72	63
San Francisco	pc	61	53	pc	64	52
San Juan	pc	87	78	pc	88	79
Santa Fe	pc	85	57	pc	86	57
Savannah	pc	91	73	pc	92	73
Seattle	cl	68	54	pc	70	54
Shreveport	su	93	74	pc	92	72
Sioux Falls	pc	92	71	pc	94	75
Spokane	sh	70	50	pc	72	49
St. Louis	pc	89	70	pc	90	72
Tucson	su	106	74	pc	107	76
Syracuse	pc	84	61	pc	88	67
Tallahassee	pc	94	72	pc	92	73
Tampa	pc	95	77	ts	97	77
Topeka	pc	93	73	pc	95	75
Tulsa	pc	94	74	pc	95	75
Tulsa	pc	94	74	pc	95	75
Washington	pc	92	72	pc	92	72
Wichita	pc	92	72	pc	92	72
Wilkes Barre	pc	81	59	pc	84	65
Yuma	su	102	71	pc	106	76
Algeria	pc	90	80	pc	90	80
Amsterdam	pc	93	66	pc	90	75
Ankara	su	92	63	pc	90	75
Athens	su	92	75	pc	92	75
Bahamas	su	120	86	pc	120	86
Bangkok	ts	89	81	pc	89	81
Barbados	pc	86	80	pc	86	80
Barcelona	su	83	72	pc	83	72
Beijing	su	94	71	pc	94	71
Beirut	su	85	74	pc	85	74
Berlin	su	77	57	pc	77	57
Bermuda	ts	82	76	pc	82	76
Bogota	su	58	48	pc	58	48
Brussels	su	77	53	pc	77	53
Bucharest	su	95	69	pc	95	69
Cairo	su	94	62	pc	94	62
Cancun	su	88	78	pc	88	78
Caracas	pc	77	64	pc	77	64
Casablanca	pc	74	66	pc	74	66
Copenhagen	pc	73	58	pc	73	58
Dublin	pc	62	55	pc	62	55
Edmonton	ts	68	55	pc	68	55
Frankfurt	su	73	57	pc	73	57
Geneva	su	97	69	pc		

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HOME REMEDIES

Take measures now to prevent summer mold

BY PAUL F.P. POGUE
Angie's List

Summer provides ideal conditions for mold growth in many regions of America. The combination of humidity, rainfall and tightly sealed home envelopes help mold grow out of control in a hurry. Fortunately, you can take steps to keep this problem from ever happening. Follow these tips to ensure a mold-free home for the season.

Moisture control: Mold needs water to grow, so moisture control is your best weapon. Cooking, showering, running the dishwasher and outside air entering the home all help mold grow. Make sure bathroom and kitchen fans run properly, and that they vent to the outside. When you observe excess moisture on the walls and ceilings of those rooms, wipe it away promptly. If you live in a particularly humid area, you may need to get a dehumidifier.

Drainage: Make sure your drainage systems are in good order. And also make sure your foundation slopes away from the home so groundwater and rain don't pool near the home. Your gutters and downspouts should direct water at least 3 feet away from the house.

Basement/storage: If you have a crawl space, install a specialized sheet of polyethylene that prevents moisture from seeping through and giving mold a foothold on the surfaces. If you have a damp basement, run a dehumidifier to keep it dry. Keep an eye on soft goods in storage. Clothing, paper and cardboard all provide excellent breeding spots for mold if they come in contact with water.

Circulation: Air circulation slows down mold growth. Even in rooms you don't often use, keep the vents open so the air conditioner runs through them. (This is a good idea anyway; it's a myth that closing

vents to unused rooms increases HVAC efficiency.)

Leaks: Periodically check for plumbing leaks. Pools of unchecked water are quick to grow mold.

What to do

Once mold gets a foothold, it can be difficult to remove. If you find it covering a small area, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says it can be scrubbed away thoroughly with a mix of detergent and water. However, if it covers more than 10 square feet, or you don't feel confident in doing it yourself, you should call in the assistance of a professional remediation company.

The best practice is to hire separate mold testing and remediating companies. A tester can confirm the substance is mold and determine the extent of necessary remediation. Hiring separate companies prevents conflicts of inter-



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You can remove small amounts of mold by diligently scrubbing with detergent and water, but anything beyond 10 square feet probably requires professional assistance.

est; you can have more confidence in a mold tester who doesn't stand to profit from recommending more work. Mold removal can be a very expensive job, so you

want the most reliable information.

Most states don't license mold removal companies. Ask if they're familiar with EPA standards, or seek

companies with separate accreditation such as Mold Removal Specialist certification from the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification.

Thermostat senses when you're in and out

BY GREGG ELLMAN
Tribune News Service

Winter, summer, spring or fall, morning, noon or night. That's just a sampling of when the new Honeywell Home T9 thermostats with room sensors are useful.

In most homes, the thermostat is in a convenient centralized hallway and works great there. But what doesn't work great is getting a consistent temperature in other parts of the house where that thermo-

stat is in control but nowhere close to the room. With the T9, sensors are placed in rooms that need more temperature control.

Installation should be easy, and Honeywell tech support can help if you need troubleshooting.

After the T9 is powered up, onscreen instructions will walk you through a few steps to connect the T9 to your Wi-Fi system and smartphone. With the connection, the rectangular-shaped thermostat display and settings are

controlled from the display or on your smartphone or tablet with the free accompanying Honeywell app.

While it's easy to set up schedules for when the air is on or off along with automatic settings, your schedule does change. For example, if your AC is supposed to go on to cool the house at 5 p.m. as the family begins to arrive home and plans change where no one will now be home till 11 p.m., it takes just a second to turn on the app and override the schedule. Now you're sav-

ing money by not cooling an empty house.

Weekly or daily schedules can be made with specific hours, rooms, times and temperatures. Email notifications can be set up to alert you when it the system or even a specific room reaches a specific high or low temperature.

The system allows up to 20 sensors to be connected per thermostat. In the settings, you have your choice of having the temperature entirely controlled by a sensor, have it aver-



Honeywell Home T9 Wi-Fi Smart Thermostat with 1 Smart Room Sensor \$199; Single T9 Smart Sensor \$39.99 each or a two pack for \$74.99. www.honeywellhome.com

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aged out or even have a sensor turned on with motion. A pair of AA batteries and 3M tape is included for installing and powering the sensors.

Geofencing is another great feature. When you

have it activated the system will know when you're home or away.

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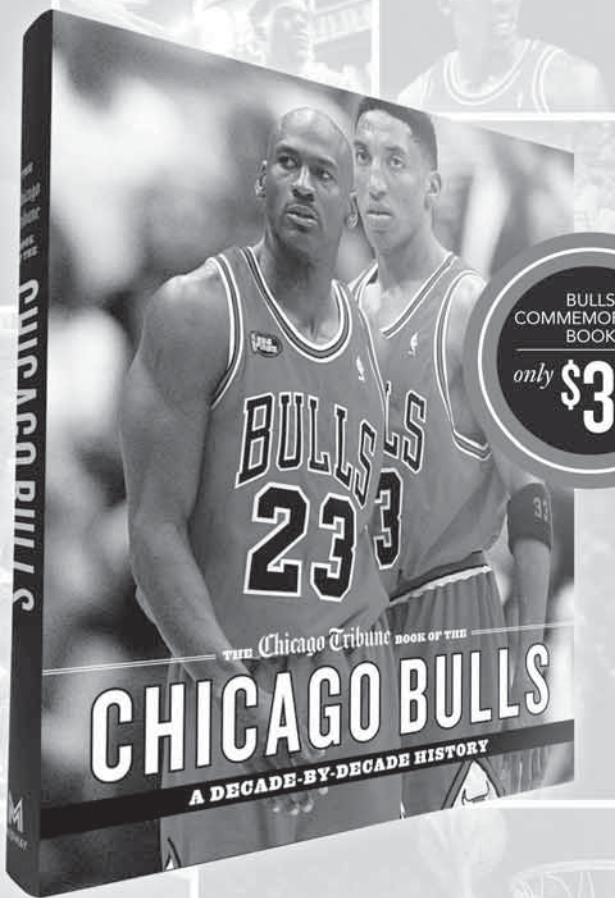
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Farmhouse chic inspires weekend home

BY KATIE LAUGHRIDGE
Tribune Content Agency

With summer off to a busy start, I have been craving a retreat, an oasis where I can relax and renew. That is why when I had the opportunity to go tour the lovely weekend home of longtime customers Susan and Joe, I jumped at the chance. I adore touring beautiful homes and had heard wonderful things about the newly renovated farmhouse property named Wagon Wheel Farms. After huge renovations and working alongside our designers, the couple transformed their property into the weekend home of their dreams.

When they first discussed the idea of buying the little farmhouse in the country, the task of a fixer-upper seemed somewhat daunting. However, when the demo revealed vaulted ceilings and wonderful open spaces, the concerns quickly melted away. With some encouragement and advice from Susan's close friend Meg, they were soon embarking on an adventure that led to the creation of a peaceful getaway.

This didn't happen overnight. The couple stripped the house down to the studs and rebuilt it completely to get the perfect balance of rustic and elegant. By raising the ceilings, adding wooden beams and skylights, and switching out the darker tones for blond wood and white accents, the home was completely transformed.

My first thought upon entering the home was "WOW!" Susan truly succeeded in creating a light, bright and open space that immediately makes you feel at home. The removal of the original dark wood accents and the addition of natural light drastically changed the space, making the rooms appear more spacious and the ceilings much higher. With all the light shining through the windows, it's almost as though you haven't gone inside at all.

While Susan's color scheme trends heavily toward blue hues, they are balanced nicely by the white and red accents found throughout the home. The pops of vivid color against the soothing and peaceful shades of blue give the home a playful atmosphere. Rustic elements like her dining room table, fitted with goodies



TNS PHOTOS

Carry your color scheme throughout your open floorplan with upholstery tie-ins from dining room to living room.



Leaving your dining room table set and on display is a great way to tie in seasonal decor to your everyday design.

such as juicy-looking tomato bowls and white-and-red checkered tins, enhance the farmhouse flair Susan and Joe wanted to bring to the space.

The true magic of Susan and

Joe's home comes from the personal touches. From her impeccably decorated bookshelves that feature a perfect mix of traditional shapes, updated patterns and natural elements to her



The kitchen sink ledge is the perfect space for seasonal decor.

kitchen banquette that ties beautifully into her mudroom cabinet, not one detail was left unaccounted for. Susan also incorporated cherished memories from her past into her present home. The ledge above her kitchen sink has a personal significance I find beautiful — growing up her mother had a sink ledge that

housed treasured seasonal decor, and she had always wanted one of her own to decorate. Little additions like that to the new space truly take the energy in the home to the next level.

Katie Laughridge is the owner of Kansas City interior design store Nell Hill's.

Prune shrubs below the level of the windowsill to avoid creating a hiding place for a home invader to work on opening the window. How we plant and maintain trees and shrubs can affect home security.



MORTON ARBORETUM

When you're landscaping, think about home security

BY BETH BOTTS
Chicago Tribune

When we plan our yards and gardens for beauty, curb appeal, shade, privacy and outdoor enjoyment, we may not think about security.

But how we plant and maintain trees and shrubs, as well as other simple measures, can make a home invasion less likely, according to Vince Gortner, director of visitor operations at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle. He was formerly a deputy police chief in Naperville.

The best burglar alarm system consists of attentive neighbors and passersby who will call police if they see anything suspicious, Gortner said. To make sure that neighbors can see into the yard and that police can see from the street, "it's important to provide a clear field of view," he said.

For example, potential burglars can hide behind large shrubs or evergreen trees, he said. Reduce that hazard by pruning out the lowest branches, so a lurker's feet and ankles would be visible. Deciduous trees rarely have trunks wide enough to hide behind, but

it's wise to prune low-hanging branches that might provide cover.

Keep shrubs pruned back, so they don't block the view of doors and windows and give an intruder time to work on your locks. Make sure shrubs planted along the foundation stay below the level of the windowsills.

Lighting is another important element. Landscape lighting that stays on all evening doesn't do much for security, Gortner said, because an intruder can find a path between the pools of light. Instead, he recommends lights with motion sensors. "When that light pops on, it attracts attention," he said. "It's a signal that something might be wrong."

The goal is not to make our homes into fortresses. "We're trying to let malefactors know that the people in this house are aware and alert," Gortner said. "It will encourage them to decide this house might be too risky and move on."

He knows that no one wants a bare, flat landscape just for the sake of a clear field of view. In fact, homeowners often plant trees and shrubs precisely to

keep people from seeing into the yard or the house. "You have to find a balance between privacy and security," Gortner said.

For example, rows of arborvitae or other tall shrubs often are planted for screening. "At least keep the shrubs a good distance away from the house, so any intruder would have to cross open space," Gortner said. "Make sure that open space is covered by motion-sensor lights to alert you to any activity."

He advises one more step: "Have a conversation with your neighbors." People often hesitate to call police when they see something odd for fear of getting involved or intruding on a neighbor's privacy.

"Make sure neighbors know you won't be annoyed if they see someone doing something suspicious in your yard and call the police," he said, "and you'll do the same."

For tree and plant advice, contact the Morton Arboretum's Plant Clinic (630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org).

Beth Botts is a staff writer at the Arboretum in Lisle.

A weed, invasive species or an ornamental plant?

BY TIM JOHNSON

I am having a terrible time keeping up with the weeds in my garden this year. Is there a biological difference between a weed and an ornamental plant?

— Jennifer Jacobson, Wheeling

The staff at the Garden is also dealing with a robust weed population to remove this spring. As soon as they are pulled, more seem to appear. Lots of rainy weather has reduced the time the staff has been able to work, while promoting very heavy weed growth. Chickweed seems particularly happy this year. I define a weed as a plant that is growing where it is not wanted in the garden. Different gardeners have different ideas as to what constitutes a weed in the garden.

For example, to some gardeners, violets in the lawn are weeds, but to others, those same violets are nice seasonal color accents. Dandelions are widely recognized as weeds, however, their peak flowering time in early spring is when many bees and other pollinators emerge and use dandelions as a food source.

There is a biological difference between a weedy plant and an invasive plant. Weedy plants readily spread, especially in disturbed areas, but generally do not pose a threat to the integrity of native plant communities. Invasive plants are usually nonnative and are able to establish themselves within existing native plant communities. They pose a threat to the integrity of the plant community. When plants are introduced to a new location, either intentionally or accidentally, they can spread prolifically, out-compete native species for resources, and eventually



ROBIN CARLSON

The staff at the Chicago Botanic Garden is dealing with a robust weed population to remove this spring.

even dominate the landscape. Buckthorn is an example of an invasive plant in the Chicago area that requires continual management for native communities to thrive. Buckthorn is a common weed in home gardens too.

Some factors common to many invasive plants include rapid growth and early maturity, production of many seeds, wide dispersal of seeds by birds and wind, and seeds that germinate quickly. These invasive plants have escaped from natural enemies and are able to reproduce vegetatively. Use regional resources for guidance regarding invasive plants. The Chicago Botanic Garden has an invasive plant policy that can be accessed on the Garden's website to help you avoid choosing an invasive plant for your garden.

Goutweed (*Aegopodium podagraria*) is a fearsome invader in many home gardens and it makes me

cringe when I see it. You can dig it out multiple times and it will reappear and grow within clumps of perennials and spread to other others when dividing and transplanting. I have sprayed patches of it in my garden with an herbicide four times so far this year and it is still coming back. This weed takes sustained management over a long period of time to control. Star of Bethlehem (*Ornithogalum umbellatum*) is another plant pest common in home gardens. The best control is to carefully dig it out (making sure you get the bulbs out) or it will continue to grow back. This plant has moved into my lawn too. The plant will go dormant and disappear in summer. Watch for buckthorn, mulberry and boxelder tree seedlings in your borders, as they are easy to pull out when they are seedlings. One of the best times to weed to get more of the roots out is when the ground is moist.

Protect investment by doing your homework

BY TIM CARTER

Tribune Content Agency

The inspiration for this column came to me recently while I was working on my daughter and son-in-law's new home up in Downeast Maine. I'm not the builder, but I act as their primary adviser, plumber, electrician and radiant heat installer.

My son-in-law and I arrived at the house to work about 7 a.m. and at 8:30, a medium-size box truck pulled onto the lot along with a pickup truck. Five workers tumbled out of both vehicles and they started to put in fiberglass insulation under all the floors in the house.

With the help of my son-in-law a month or so ago we had installed 900 Uponor heat transfer plates and 6,000 feet of Uponor hePEX tubing that will keep my daughter, son-in-law and new granddaughter as snug as bugs in a rug. Uponor happens to be one of the leaders in radiant heat products and technology. Read the beginning pages of their installation manual about the simple science behind radiant heat and you'll be amazed.

The middle-aged leader of the insulating crew, Sebastian (not his real name), and I got into a friendly discussion about exactly how the insulation batts should be installed. Sebastian asked me, "Do you want a 1- or 2-inch airspace between the insulation and your PEX tubing?"

"I don't want any airspace. The Uponor installation manual says to put the insulation in direct contact with the tubing," I replied. "Well, my entire career we've always installed the insulation with an airspace. That's the way to do it," Sebastian countered.

"That's very interesting, Sebastian. Since heat travels



TIM CARTER

This is a modern vapor retarder. Some contractors don't believe in using them, for a host of reasons.

directly to cold, you want the insulation to be in contact with the heat pipes. This forces the heat upward into the floor. If what you suggest is the right way to do it, why are you filling the wall cavities all the way with your fluffy insulation? Why not leave airspace between the back of the drywall and the batt?"

I could tell the gears in his head were spinning. We then had a quick discussion about the new high-performance vapor retarder my son-in-law and I were installing over his insulation. Once again, his lack of scientific critical thinking soon bubbled to the

surface.

Downeast Maine can get darn cold in the winter. Last winter I was working in the house installing cast iron drain pipes and it was 2 degrees F in the house. Sebastian had never thought much about the condensation that forms on the outside of a beverage can while sitting on his deck after work.

The same thing happens inside a wall cavity in a home in a frigid climate. The water vapor that's in the warm air inside a house can easily travel through drywall and fiberglass on its way to the outdoors. When this vapor contacts

the cold exterior wall sheathing, it transforms to liquid water just as the droplets of water form on your soda can, beer can, or glass of iced tea on a humid day.

When Sebastian first arrived, he introduced himself to my son-in-law. At lunch that day, my son-in-law said to me: "Tim, guess what? Sebastian came up to me a couple of hours after talking with you and out of the blue said, 'I just discovered I've been doing things wrong for my entire career.'"

I've had similar conversations with other contractors and subcontractors for years, but

Sebastian was the first one who admitted he was wrong. You should realize that a strong ego is highly recommended if you want to survive in the residential construction industry. But you can temper it with an open mind and the desire to apply simple science to the building process.

One of my biggest complaints about the construction industry, as a whole, is there's no formal education required to get into the game. Think about it. You can go to a big box store and buy a ladder, a tool belt, a hammer, tape measure, and razor knife and be a roofer by noon. Yet, you've never been trained on how to install a roof. You've never read the written instructions that are out there. However, my guess is you can get a customer or two to hire you to re-roof their home.

What does this have to do with you and your hard-earned money? You need to stop trusting all contractors. You cannot assume they're always doing things the right way. You cannot assume they're always thinking of your best interest.

You need to start doing one simple thing to protect your home and your investment. You need to select the products you want to use for your next project, your next remodeling adventure or your next new home. Then you must take the time to read the written installation manuals or watch the manufacturer's installation videos online.

You need to do this before you hire a contractor — not after, when things go wrong. Ask her/him exactly how they intend to do the job. See if they've been doing it wrong their entire career.

Yes, this is work. Yes, this conversation with the contractor is not comfortable. But it's your money, and therefore, of utmost importance.

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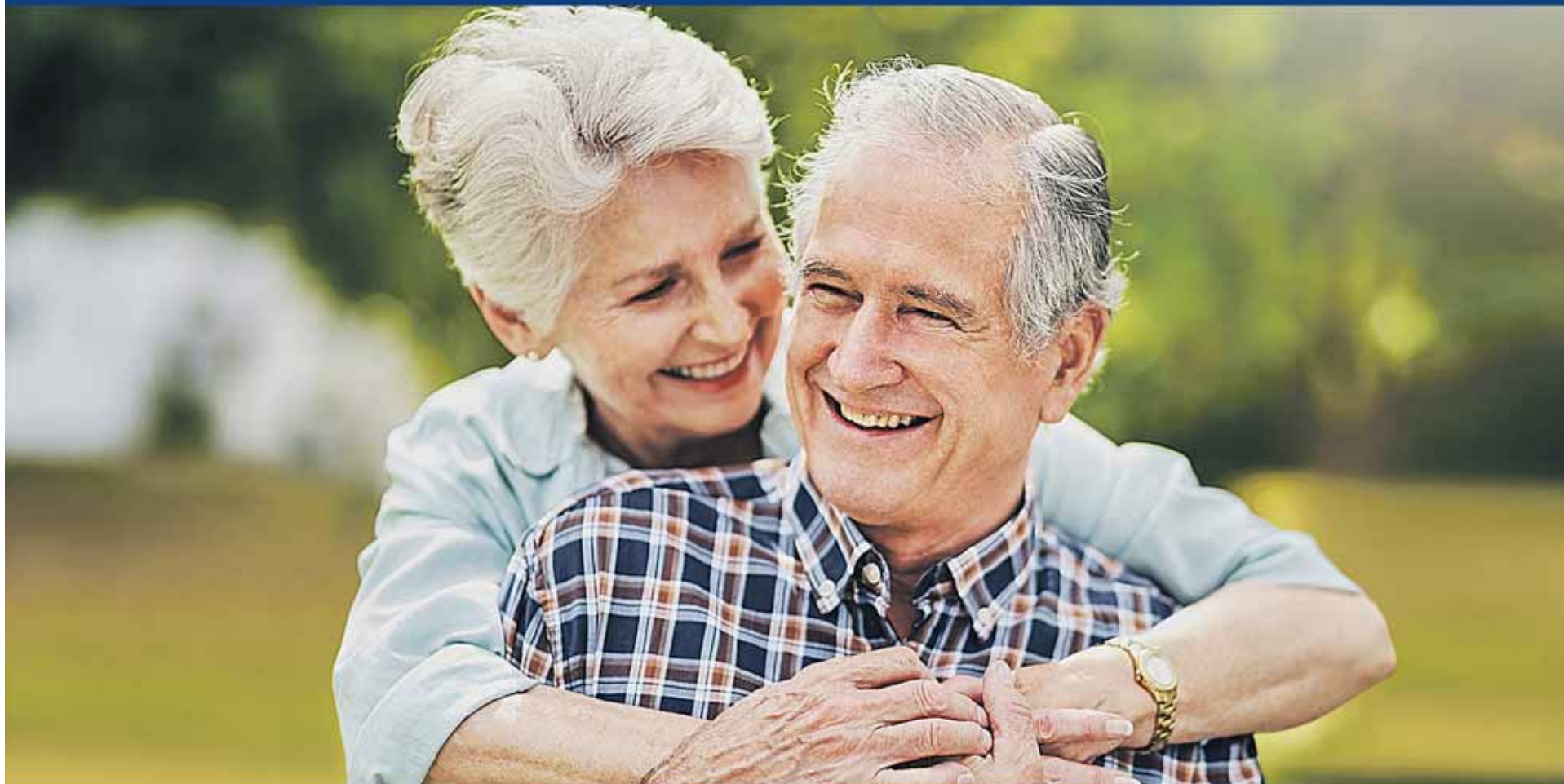
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Hiring a housecleaner can give you a leg up on the things you don't get to every time you clean, including baseboards, fans and blinds.

Pro housecleaners know how to make homes sparkle

BY PAUL F.P. POGUE
HomeAdvisor

Professional housecleaners are masters of their craft — and they know all the tricks of the trade to make your home sparkle and shine.

Depending on the size of your house, you can typically expect to spend between \$80 and \$400 on a deep clean and between \$60 and \$180 on regular maintenance cleaning. Here's why it's worth it, and how you can make the most of every penny.

Getting a deep clean: Many cleaning services will ask you to commit to a deep cleaning before regular maintenance cleanings. The specifics vary by company, but a deep clean generally means every corner of your home receives special attention. This will get your home sparkling clean and create a baseline for regular weekly, biweekly or monthly visits to follow.

Digging into nooks and crannies: Whether it's a deep clean or a maintenance clean, professional

housecleaners pay attention to stuff that nearly everyone misses. The tops of door frames, the area above the oven where airborne grease collects, bathroom baseboards — these are the nooks and crannies where an experienced worker can really make a difference.

Preparing for a big event: Do you have a Fourth of July gathering coming up? Family reunion? Holiday party? Call in a housecleaning service for a one-time job. This way, you'll be able to direct your attention to party planning, decorating and entertaining your guests, safe in the knowledge that the baseboards and floors will be bright and clean.

Handling everyday housekeeping: This is where you want to be clear about what a service offers. Housecleaning and housekeeping services are not the same thing, though the same individual or company may offer both.

Are you looking for someone to clean the kitchen, scrub the toilets and make appliances

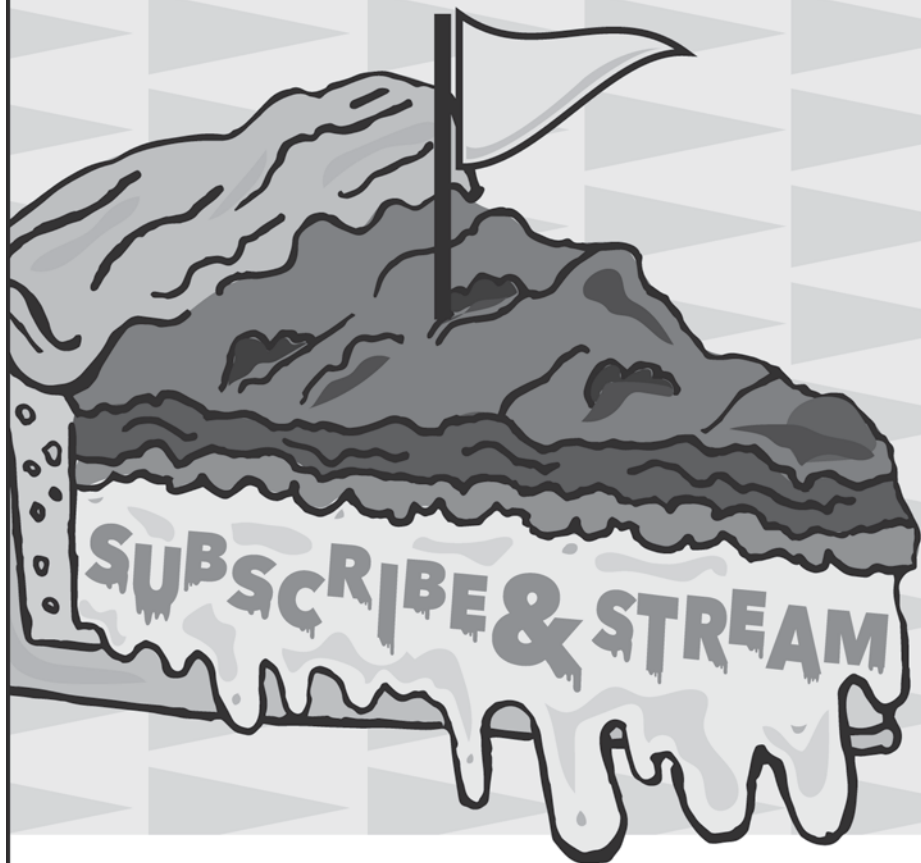
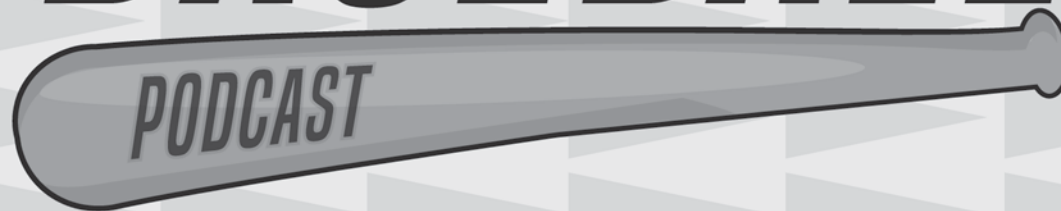
shine? In that case, you want a cleaner. If you're looking for someone to change the sheets, tidy up the living room and wash the dishes, you want a housekeeper.

Saving time: The benefits of hiring professional cleaning and housekeeping services don't end at the clean floors and sparkling countertops. You'll also get back your free time. After all, the hours you'd otherwise devote to scrubbing floors could be better put to use spending time with family or doing something else that you enjoy or need to do. Plus, if you're like most of us, a pro can probably get the job done better in a fraction of the time.

Pro tip: Make sure you know upfront how your cleaning service operates. Will they send one person or a team? A team generally works faster, but you may pay a bit more. And will the same person or team be addressing your home each time? If so, they'll get familiar with your home and know when to rotate certain tasks.

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Though the Federal Reserve hasn't changed interest rates since December, the prospect of them cutting rates has been much in the news. If you'll be shopping for a mortgage or a refinance, you may wonder whether the Fed's actions could impact future mortgage rates.

What the Fed reviews every 6-8 weeks is the Federal Funds Rate. This is what banks pay to borrow money from each other overnight to meet their required daily reserve levels. The higher the Fed rate, the more expensive it is for banks to do business, and as a result, the more they'll charge borrowers and pay savers.

When the Fed raises rates, as it has done repeatedly the last three years, it primarily affects short-term and variable rates. The most prominent impact shows up in credit card rates and CD and savings account rates. The higher the Fed rate, the more banks will charge on credit card balances, and the more they're willing to pay consum-

ers for deposits into CDs and savings.

Auto loans can also be affected, as they are short- to medium-term loans. But the impact of Fed rate changes is less dramatic since auto loans generally last at least three years.

This leads us to mortgages, which are generally much longer term loans. More important, though, is that mortgage rates are largely influenced by market forces, such as demand from bond investors. This far outweighs the influence of the Fed, making mortgages significantly less susceptible to Fed rate fluctuations. In fact, there have been instances in history where the Fed rate and mortgage rates moved in opposite directions.

In short, no one can't predict where mortgage rates will head any more than reliably predicting exactly what the Fed will do. Forecasters will forecast, but nothing is certain until it actually happens.

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