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Soldiers prepare an armored vehicle Wednesday for display near the Lincoln Memorial ahead of Thursday's celebration.

Gun wasn't done after Rogers Park spree

The weapon tied to two execution-style killings spilled blood on W. Side

BY JEREMY GORNER

Chicago police have concluded that the same gun that killed two men in execution-style slayings last fall in the Rogers Park neighborhood was later used in separate shootings on the West Side, the Chicago Tribune has learned.

The fatal shootings just 36 hours apart of Douglass Watts, who was gay, and Eliyahu Moscovitz, an Orthodox Jew who wore traditional religious attire, shook the culturally diverse Far North Side community, sparking fears at the time that a serial killer bent on hate crimes might be on the loose.

Two weeks after their slayings, someone pulled the trigger on the same .40-caliber gun more than 10 miles away in the West Side's Lawndale neighborhood, wounding two men following a petty dispute, according to police reports obtained by the Tribune through a public records request.

Then in late March, the same weapon was used in yet another shooting about half a mile west of the United Center, the reports show. No one was injured.

Despite the ballistic matches on shell casings found at all four shootings, police appear no closer to solving the two Rogers Park killings because the gun has not been recovered.

"We continue to seek community information given the leads that were initially investigated about the offender did not identify a person of interest," Anthony Guglielmi, the Police Department's chief spokesman, said Wednesday.

Police think the Rogers Park killer may have gotten rid of the gun after the crush of media attention in the days after the killings of Watts and Moscovitz just blocks apart.

"It's not uncommon for guns to trade hands," Guglielmi said. "It's kind of a street culture that these



Moscovitz



Watts

Trump defends the cost of 'Salute' as event rolls ahead

John Adams predicted an Independence Day on July 2 but fate interceded

BY BIANCA SANCHEZ

On July 3, 1776, the day after the Second Continental Congress voted on a resolution to declare independence from the British, John Adams sent a letter to his wife, Abigail, back home in Massachusetts. In the letter, the founding father prophesied a grand celebration of America's independence.

"It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shews, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other from this time forward forever more," he wrote expectantly.

And while Adams aptly predicted much about our Independence Day celebration, what he did not anticipate was the day it would all take place.

"The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable epocha, in the history of America," Adams wrote. "I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding generations, as the great anniversary festival."

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President touts value of celebration, but aides won't reveal show's price

BY JOHN WAGNER

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Wednesday boasted that his Independence Day celebration planned for Thursday will be "the show of a lifetime" and defended concerns about its cost, saying that it will be "very little compared to what it is worth."

Trump administration officials have refused to say how much taxpayers will have to pay for the expanded celebration on the Mall this year.

The Washington Post reported Wednesday that the National Park Service is diverting nearly \$2.5 million in entrance and recreation fees primarily intended to improve parks across the country to cover costs associated with Trump's event, according to two individuals familiar with the arrangement.

The diverted park fees represent just a fraction of the extra costs the government

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Trump says 2020 census question back on the table

The Justice Department said Wednesday that the government is looking for a way to add a citizenship question to the 2020 census, just one day after it said it would drop that effort and was printing the form without it. Justice Department lawyers told a federal court they had been "instructed" to try to find a way to add the question. President Donald Trump in a tweet said reports he had given up the fight were "incorrect or, to state it differently, FAKE!" **Nation & World, Page 10**



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Rebecca Pallmeyer is in her first week as chief judge of the city's federal court. She is the first woman to lead the district in its 200 years.

Now ruling: 1st female chief judge in city federal court

'Eminently fair' Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer takes reins at district

BY MORGAN GREENE

A college student in northwest Indiana was in the cafeteria line when a friend asked what she planned to do with the rest of her life.

"You're going to law school, right, Becky? Because I know you love to argue."

Rebecca Pallmeyer, midscoop of corn and mashed potatoes, did like to argue. But, over the years, she came to like making the final decision even more.

Now, Pallmeyer, who took her lunch companion's advice and went to law school, is in her first week as chief judge of the city's federal court. She is the first woman to lead the district in its 200 years.

"It's really an honor," Pallmeyer said during a break from her caseload in her chambers on the 25th floor of the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse. "And I think that it should be encouraging, not just to women but to people generally, that devoting yourself to a project or an institution pays off."

Over the years, Pallmeyer's

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Corrections and clarifications: Publishing information quickly and accurately is a central part of the Chicago Tribune's news responsibility.

■ The June 28 On the Town section contained incorrect information for fireworks displays at Arlington Park. For fireworks held July 5 at Arlington Park, admission is \$22 for adults and \$6 for youths.

■ A story in Wednesday's paper about Illinois' laws regarding fireworks incorrectly described the percentage of fireworks injuries that are second- and third-degree burns. It is nearly 30 percent.

■ Eric Zorn's July 3 column listed an incorrect date for the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District No. 1. The correct date was June 2007.

■ Two stories published Wednesday about animal shelters mischaracterized the Anti-Cruelty Society. It is an open-admission shelter that takes any animal given up by an owner, at no charge. The Tribune regrets the errors.

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A worker washes one of two M1A1 Abrams tanks that are loaded on rail cars at a rail yard on Tuesday in Washington.

Welcome to the Big Dumb Fourth of July Festival of Narcissism!



REX W. HUPPKE

Greetings, fellow Americans* (*designation of "Americans" does not apply to critics of President Donald J. Trump) and WELCOME to President Donald J. Trump's "Salute to America" celebration of the Fourth of July and of President Donald J. Trump.

For the first time in our nation's history, we have a president (Donald J. Trump) who is recognizing the Fourth of July and the important role it plays in American history, as well as the important role he (President Donald J. Trump) has played in finally getting Americans to celebrate the Fourth of July, a holiday never celebrated under previous presidents.

We're so glad you decided to join us (and patriotically donate to President Donald J. Trump's reelection campaign) and we're VERY EXCITED to share with you all the America-loving fun you're about to experience thanks to our great and benevolent president. (Shout his name! And buy something with his name on it from one of the President Donald J. Trump merchandise kiosks located throughout the National Mall.)

This day will be a celebration of all the things America holds dear: the honoring of one man above all others; the flaunting of giant machines of war; and soldiers marching in unison before a political leader who personally involved himself in every detail of a celebration for which he is the keynote speaker.

While media outlets like The Washington Post are reporting that the National Park Service "is diverting nearly \$2.5 million in entrance and recreation fees primarily intended to improve parks across the country to cover costs associated with President Trump's Independence Day celebration" and the event will also "likely cost taxpayers millions of dollars," we want to assure you that we will, as the Founders intended, patriotically call that Fake News without providing any evidence that's true.

The last thing you should be worry-

ing about while you're in Washington, D.C., for the FOURTH OF JULY EVENT OF A LIFETIME (brought to you by President Donald J. Trump) is what it might be costing or whether bridges at your local parks might collapse. Lighten up! Worrying is for liberals!

The best way you can honor American greatness is to enjoy all this event has to offer, which includes:

■ A first-ever Fourth of July fireworks display. The president himself had the idea to develop these decorative sky explosions that he dubbed "fireworks." The night will conclude with a massive fireworks show, with Donald Trump Jr. lighting all the fuses himself!

■ Jumbo high-definition television screens will be located throughout the Salute to America event grounds showing streaming video of DANGEROUS illegal immigrants being patriotically deprived of basic human rights in camps along the country's southern border.

■ A Virtual Reality Outrage Booster tent will allow visitors to put on VR headsets and watch as Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton do some of the same things President Trump has done. Your blood will boil as you watch Obama making money off foreign diplomats staying at a Washington, D.C., hotel he owns. And you'll be filled with anger as you see Clinton letting her daughter, Chelsea, act as a representative of the U.S. government at high-profile meetings with world leaders! Can you imagine anyone besides President Trump doing that?!

■ The Indoor Skydiving Trump Donation Experience uses a giant wind turbine to simulate skydiving while also sucking all the money out of your pockets and shooting it into a life-sized replica of President Trump's pockets. You'll have no idea you're being taken for a ride!

■ An entire row of all-American carnival games for kids and adults, including favorites like "Whack-A-Lib"; a tricky magnetic fishing pole game called "Put the Migrant Kids in Cages"; and a high-stakes guessing game called "Who's the Daughter Who's Not Ivanka?"

There will be, as the president promised, "the brand-new Sherman tanks" on display in the Definitely-

Not-Overcompensating-for-Something Dome of Manliness. (Don't believe the LYING MEDIA claims that Sherman tanks were last used in the 1950s. These Sherman tanks will be new, and they will be MAGNIFICENT!)

There will be powerful military jets flying overhead, accompanied by Eric Trump making "ZOOOOOOOM!!!!" noises over the loudspeakers.

And of course, the highlight of the night will be a speech by our great leader, the best president in the 1,000-year history of America.

Best of all? Everyone will have great seats to hear President Trump detail how great he has made America and how grateful we should be for his greatness. And by "everyone," we mean everyone who has done their civic duty and donated large amounts of money to President Trump.

In keeping with our all-American ethics, the White House has reserved prime seats for Republican donors and political appointees. This is truly "the people's event" and the people seated closest to the president will be the ones who donated the most money, as well as those who served their country by not responding to congressional subpoenas or flipping like rats.

So welcome to President Donald J. Trump's glorious Salute to America. Enjoy your day, donate money until you feel American glory coursing through your veins and give a full-throated cheer to CELEBRATE ALL AMERICANS, except for: the pro-crime liberal LOSERS; the late Sen. John McCain; Robert Mueller; certain Gold Star families who have criticized the president; anyone who has ever criticized the president; all the president's ex-wives; all former presidents; and the entire U.S. women's soccer team.

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Fireworks rule gives state no bucks for its ban



DAHLEEN GLANTON

Have you been awakened at 2 o'clock in the morning this week by a loud pop, followed by a sizzling noise? Do strange circles of charred grass start appearing on your neighbors' lawns around the first week of July? Has your normally docile puppy been covering in a corner and peeing on the carpet?

Have you come to dread the Fourth of July, the week leading up to it and several weeks afterward? Do you find yourself secretly wishing that it would rain just so you could sleep through the night?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you might live in Illinois, where consumer fireworks have been banned since 1942 but are as much a summer ritual as they are in the 46 states that had the common sense to make most of them legal.

Even the threat of a fine of up to \$2,500 or a year in prison isn't enough to stop Illinoisans from crossing over into Indiana or other nearby states and bringing their cache of sky rockets, firecrackers and Roman candles home. In some places, fireworks stores are so close that you can literally walk a few feet to purchase them, and while you're there, save 7 cents on a plastic bag to put them in.

Illinois, it's time to face the truth. That 77-year-old law banning fireworks isn't worth the paper it's written on. Clearly, the ban isn't working, and nobody wants to see our overwrought police officers taking time away from fighting real crimes to enforce such a ridiculous law.

Yes, backyard fireworks are a nuisance, and in the hands of people who don't know what they are doing, they can be dangerous. But then again, so can cigarettes, marijuana and alcohol, and no one is trying to stop people from using them. We just tax the hell out of them.

When it comes to generating new revenue, Illinois has taken the position that if the people need a thing bad enough or enjoy using it, it's fair game to be taxed



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ / CHICAGO TRIBUNE

An 8-year-old boy lights fireworks in the Englewood neighborhood on July 4, 2018, in Chicago. Clearly the state's 77-year-old ban isn't working.

Illinois, it's time to face the truth. That 77-year-old law banning fireworks isn't worth the paper it's written on.

— excessively.

This week, Illinois residents saw the tax on gasoline double from 19 cents a gallon to 38 cents — among the highest in the nation. And you can bet money-hungry Chicago is going to take advantage of the option to add another 3 cents per gallon tax onto it.

If you drive a car, it's going to cost an extra \$51 to get a license plate next year. And you'll have to pay 6% to 9% more to park that car in a public garage or lot.

The \$1.98 tax on a pack of

cigarettes was already high, and it just went up to \$2.98. To make sure it doesn't miss out on a penny of your hard-earned money, Illinois is going to see to it that you pay your share by adding a 10.25% sales tax at checkout on items bought from online stores such as eBay and Zappos.

That's on top of the 7 cents Chicagoans have to pay for grocery bags, the extra dollar for every new tire purchased and 5 cents extra for a bottle of water.

Consumer fireworks are a surefire source of quick revenue, generating nearly \$1 billion in sales a year across the country, according to the American Pyrotechnics Association. Indiana, where most Chicagoans go to buy fireworks, rakes in about \$2.5 million a year from the extra 5% fee it tacks on to fireworks sales, on top of the 7% sales tax.

Other states that once banned fireworks have jumped on the bandwagon, including Iowa and Pennsylvania. Officials in Penn-

sylvania say their 12% tax on fireworks has generated more than \$8.2 million in revenues since fireworks sales were legalized in 2017.

So why is Illinois kicking a cash cow in the mouth?

Residents of Chicago and Cook County pretty much have given in to being overtaxed. We realize the city and county is saddled with huge pensions debts that have nothing to do with our quality of life but are being tossed on us anyway.

It's a good thing that casinos are now on the table. Legislators are talking about consolidating the debt with other municipalities in the state. In other words, policymakers are beginning to think outside the box. Legalizing fireworks isn't even a stretch. It's just common sense.

Why should Illinois residents keep pouring money into Indiana's economy while our own state is barely staying afloat financially? Why is Illinois one of only four

states that refuse to allow fireworks sales? What do our politicians know that others don't?

If you ask them, they will say fireworks are dangerous. That's true. According to an analysis by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 12,900 fireworks-related injuries were treated in emergency rooms across the country in 2017. Needless to say, even one injury is bad. But let's put the numbers into perspective. By comparison, 25,700 children were injured playing with toy balls that same year.

Of course, strict safety guidelines should be imposed for the use of fireworks. By no means should they be made available to children. And there should be restrictions on how and when fireworks can be used. But adults should have a choice.

If fireworks are going to keep us up all night, at least taxpayers ought to get something out of it.

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Chicago Tribune CHICAGOLAND

Teachers union scoffs at Lightfoot proposal

Claims her offer of 'significant' 14% pay raise 'not what it seems'

BY JUAN PEREZ JR.,
HANNAH LEONE
AND GREGORY PRATT

Mayor Lori Lightfoot's new administration wants to offer the Chicago Teachers Union a five-year contract with what the mayor describes as "a significant pay raise" — but union officials balked at the city's pitch to settle a brewing dispute over a new deal for public school educators.

Chicago Public Schools negotiators submitted a proposal that includes a 14% overall cost-of-living pay increase to be paid out over the course of a five-year deal that extends through the 2023-24 school year, which would cross over into a possible second term for the new mayor.

The raises, which a city official said would cost CPS an estimated \$325 million, were delivered to a neutral fact-finder who is presiding over negotiations, as part of an ongoing legal process that still must cross several thresholds in the coming weeks before a teachers strike could occur.

The city's offer to teachers sticks to compensation, and does not address a host of other staffing and policy demands the union has included in its hopes for a new contract. Those items are still being negotiated.

Union officials countered that Lightfoot's offer not only didn't address the labor group's demands for smaller class sizes, school nurses and other staffing —

but also falls short on their demands for 5% annual salary increases under a new deal.

The back and forth isn't unusual for a contentious relationship between City Hall and the teachers union. But labor talks offer a tough test for Lightfoot's administration, which is also preparing to take on heated bargaining with the city's police union.

Lightfoot called on the teachers union to "come to the table with reasonable requests" in order to reach an agreement before the start of the coming school year. At an unrelated news conference by the lakefront, Lightfoot said her administration's offer is "a very robust and fair proposal to CTU and the various teachers and support staff that they represent."

"It's over \$300 million, five-year contract, over the life of the contract it would represent a 14% increase. That's a pretty good offer," Lightfoot said. "I hope they will come to us with a serious evaluation of that and embrace the reality that there's no reason why we can't get a deal done well in advance of the time that school starts."

The CTU's contract expired last weekend, and union leaders have staged news conferences and rallies to pressure Lightfoot's administration at the bargaining table.

Union leaders lodged the outline of their first demands for a new contract in January — including pay hikes and a host of topics state law bars the group from striking over.

Those past proposals included a 5% pay raise for union members. The union also is demanding

maximum classroom sizes that range between 20 and 24 students in early grades, counselors for every 250 students, and librarians and nurses staffed at every school.

The union also wants the district to hire more teaching assistants for some early-grade classrooms, plus secure additional pay raises for the category of employees that includes those aides and school clerks. The union has called on CPS to boost the district's ranks of African American and Latino job applicants, and halt its outsourcing of school custodians from private contractors.

In a statement released Wednesday, CTU said it's considering the teacher contract proposals as an opening offer showing the school district and mayor "know they can afford educators' demands for fairness."

CTU President Jesse Sharkey said the mayor is "lowballing" the union.

"Contrary to Mayor Lightfoot's comments earlier this week, this is the first movement of any significance made by her office and Mayor Rahm Emanuel's bargaining team since the union first submitted our proposals six months ago," Sharkey said in a written statement.

As the cost of living in Chicago has climbed, teachers and professionals have received average cost-of-living increases of 1.4% per year, Sharkey's statement said.

Proposed health care increases of 0.5% per year starting in 2022 would bring the proposals' value down by 1.5%, Sharkey said. "Instead of 14% over five years, it works out to be 12.5% — or an

average 2.5% increase per year."

CTU Vice President Stacy Davis Gates said the city and union have 21 disputed issues they submitted to the fact-finder.

A report from the fact-finder is expected to arrive in August and unveil new details of the ongoing contract negotiations. Either side could reject the proposed settlement offered by the fact-finder, opening the door for teachers to strike after a several-week wait that's mandated by state law.

The union, though, has not yet scheduled a strike authorization vote from its members.

Davis Gates also disputed the city's characterization of the proposed raise for educators.

Davis Gates said the mayor's proposal "is completely silent on school nurses, school social workers, school counselors ... special education ... it is silent on class size, it is silent on everything effectively."

Based on Lightfoot's platform while she was running for mayor, Davis Gates said, it seemed like those should have been the first things the two sides agreed on.

"It's kind of insulting that we have a person who would campaign on fairness, equity and justice, and her first offer is as disrespectful as this one is," Davis Gates said.

The union endorsed Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle against Lightfoot in the mayoral race and served as one of Preckwinkle's most outspoken surrogates during the campaign.

Davis Gates and Sharkey both said there are notes of Lightfoot's vision that align with the union's

platform but aren't evident in the proposals.

"Why does public education in this city — a profession dominated by women — routinely get undermined and disrespected?" Sharkey said.

Any final contract agreement will face scrutiny from credit ratings agencies with concerns about how growing CPS expenses will impact the district's mostly junk-rated bonds.

CPS credits a combination of increased state aid and city property tax revenue with helping stabilize the district's long-troubled finances.

But the system continues to rely on short-term loans for cash, while facing big and growing pension debts and dwindling enrollment. Spending more money on teacher salaries adds to the pressure.

"CPS has a relatively predictable cost structure, but its ability to reduce expenditures is constrained by strong union groups and growing fixed costs," Moody's Investors Service analysts concluded in a March report.

It's unclear there's political will to further raise taxes for CPS. The city counts a yawning budget gap and looming pension contribution spikes among its own budget woes for the coming years.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker said this week that Illinois cannot assume unfunded municipal pension liabilities because the state's credit rating would be reduced to junk status if it did.

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Domestic abuse claim for cop on mayor team

CPD officer charged with misdemeanor battery of her girlfriend

BY JEREMY GORNER,
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A Chicago police officer assigned to Mayor Lori Lightfoot's security detail has been charged with a misdemeanor count of domestic battery, officials said.

The officer, identified as Marni Washington in court records, turned herself in at 3:30 a.m. Wednesday to Area North police headquarters on a warrant, police said. The warrant stemmed from an incident last Thursday afternoon.

Washington allegedly pinned her girlfriend against a wall at their shared home in the Galewood neighborhood on the Northwest Side, according to a petition for an order of protection filed Monday by the girlfriend.

The attack left her with ripped clothing and bruising on her chest, she alleged.

The alleged victim also told authorities that Washington has been controlling and verbally abusive in the past.

Washington appeared in Domestic Violence Court Wednesday. She posted \$1,000 bail and was released from custody Wednesday afternoon, a spokeswoman for the Cook County sheriff's office said.

As a condition of her release, she cannot contact the alleged



Officer Marni Washington, left, walks with then-Mayor-elect Lori Lightfoot in May. Washington is on desk duty pending the outcome of her case. BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

victim or enter her home, work or school, records show.

A police spokeswoman said Washington, 50, had been stripped of her police powers and placed on paid desk duty pending the outcome of her criminal case. She is paid \$107,790, according to city records.

Lightfoot spokeswoman Anel Ruiz released a statement saying the mayor's office was "aware of the allegations of potential criminal

conduct by a member of the mayor's security detail involving a domestic dispute."

"While the charges are pending, the individual will not be involved in any police duties," according to the statement.

At an unrelated news conference, Lightfoot was asked her reaction to the charge.

"I'm not going to get into the specifics given the circumstances. The process will be a process

that's followed that's longstanding CPD protocol," the mayor said. "It's a person I know, a person I care (about) and value, but the process is going to have to play out in the normal course."

Lightfoot's security detail drew scrutiny earlier this year after the Chicago Fraternal Order of Police criticized Lightfoot for hiring former Deputy U.S. Marshal James Smith to command the detail — a break from tradition in which

Chicago mayors relied on city police officers to protect them. The detail led by Smith includes Chicago police officers.

Lightfoot, a former federal prosecutor, called the controversy "a tempest in a teapot" and said she's comfortable with Smith.

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Marci Webber, now 52, was found not guilty by reason of insanity in 2012 for the killing of her 4-year-old daughter in 2010.

'I'm not insane,' says mom who killed daughter in '10

Blaming her meds, she continues to seek to be freed from Elgin facility

BY CLIFFORD WARD

A woman who was judged to be insane at the time she killed her daughter in 2010 testified Wednesday that she should be released from the Elgin Mental Health Center, where she has been committed.

Marci Webber, 52, testified for about an hour during a DuPage County court hearing before Judge George Bakalis, who will decide whether Webber can be released from the custody of the Illinois Department of Human

Services.

The hearing, which is being conducted periodically, is expected to conclude in August.

Webber, who was found not guilty by reason of insanity in 2012 for the killing of her 4-year-old daughter, told the judge she should be released.

"I'm not insane. I'm not mentally ill," she told Bakalis, who declined to release Webber at the conclusion of a similar hearing in 2017.

She reiterated testimony that she gave at a previous hearing — that she had suffered a psychotic break due to psychotropic medications she had been prescribed.



Maggie

Those medicines brought on the mental breakdown that caused her to kill her daughter, she said Wednesday.

At the time of the incident, Webber, then a New York resident, and the daughter, Maggie, were visiting Webber's mother, who lived in Bloomington.

DuPage County prosecutors, who oppose Webber's release, questioned her about disciplinary issues involving Webber reported by Elgin Mental Health Center staff. She mostly blamed staff, whom she called "petty," for reports of infractions.

"I believe they're 80 percent at fault," Webber said. "They're look-

ing for reasons to punish me."

However, she acknowledged that she rarely meets with her appointed psychiatrist at the center, whom she said does not help her.

Under questioning from Assistant State's Attorney Joe Lindt, Webber acknowledged that she probably would not take psychotropic medications if the court ordered it as a condition of her release. She said she does not need drugs, which she said played the central role in her killing her child.

"I am who I am, who I was before I took the medication," she said.

Clifford Ward is a freelance reporter.

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GOD IS THE LORD, THE PEOPLE HE
CHOSE FOR HIS INHERITANCE. PSALM 33:12

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PRESIDENTS

"It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor." - George Washington

"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. ... Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." - John Adams

"Before any man can be considered as a member of civil society, he must be considered as a subject of the Governor of the Universe." - James Madison

"And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just: that His justice cannot sleep forever." - Thomas Jefferson

"Is it not that in the chain of human events, the birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior? That it forms a leading event in the progress of the Gospel dispensation? Is it not that the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer's mission upon earth? That it laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity?" - John Quincy Adams

FOUNDING FATHERS

"To the kindly influence of Christianity we owe that degree of civil freedom, and political and social happiness, which mankind now enjoys. ... Whenever the pillars of Christianity shall be overthrown, our present republican forms of government – and all blessings which flow from them – must fall with them." - Jedidiah Morse

"An appeal to arms and to the God of hosts is all that is left us! ... Sir, we are not weak if we make a proper use of those means which the God of nature hath placed in our power. ... Besides, sir, we shall not fight our battles alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations, and who will raise up friends to fight our battles for us. ... Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!" - Patrick Henry

"I have lived, sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: That God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been

assured, sir, in the sacred writings that 'except the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it.' I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel." - Benjamin Franklin

SUPREME COURT JUSTICES

"The Bible is the best of all books, for it is the word of God and teaches us the way to be happy in this world and in the next. Continue therefore to read it and to regulate your life by its precepts." - John Jay: First Chief Justice

"Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation, to select and prefer Christians for their rulers." - John Jay: First Chief Justice

"Human law must rest its authority ultimately upon the authority of that law which is Divine. ... Far from being rivals or enemies, religion and law are twin sisters, friends, and mutual assistants. Indeed, these two sciences run into each other." - James Wilson: Original Justice on the U.S. Supreme Court

"One of the beautiful boasts of our municipal jurisprudence is that Christianity is a part of the Common Law. ... There never has been a period in which the Common Law did not recognize Christianity as lying at its foundations. ... I verily believe Christianity necessary to the support of civil society." - Joseph Story: U.S. Supreme Court Justice

CONGRESS

"We are a Christian people...not because the law demands it, not to gain exclusive benefits or to avoid legal disabilities, but from choice and education; and in a land thus universally Christian, what is to be expected, what desired, but that we shall pay due regard to Christianity?" - Senate Judiciary Committee Report, January 19, 1853

"At the time of the adoption of the Constitution and the amendments, the universal sentiment was that Christianity should be encouraged. ... In this age there can be no substitute for Christianity. ... That was the religion of the founders of the republic and they expected it to remain the religion of their descendants." - House Judiciary Committee Report, March 27, 1854

EDUCATION

"Let every student be plainly instructed and earnestly pressed to consider well the main end of his life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life (John 17:3) and therefore to lay Christ in the bottom as the only foundation of all sound

knowledge and learning. And seeing the Lord only giveth wisdom, let every one seriously set himself by prayer in secret to seek it of Him (Proverbs 2, 3). Every one shall so exercise himself in reading the Scriptures twice a day that he shall be ready to give such an account of his proficiency therein." - Harvard 1636 Student Guidelines

"All the scholars are required to live a religious and blameless life according to the rules of God's Word, diligently reading the Holy Scriptures, that fountain of Divine light and truth, and constantly attending all the duties of religion." - Yale 1787 Student Guidelines

SUPREME COURT RULINGS

"There is no dissonance in these [legal] declarations. ... These are not individual sayings, declarations of private persons: they are organic [legal, governmental] utterances; they speak the voice of the entire people. ... These, and many other matters which might be noticed, add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterances that this is a Christian nation." - Church of the Holy Trinity v. U.S., 1892 (Unanimous decision declaring America a Christian nation) Significantly, the U.S. Supreme Court cited dozens of court rulings and legal documents as precedents to arrive at this ruling; but in 1962, when the Supreme Court struck down voluntary prayer in schools, it did so without using any such precedent.

"Why may not the Bible, and especially the New Testament, without note or comment, be read and taught as a divine revelation in [schools] – its general precepts expounded, its evidences explained and its glorious principles of morality inculcated? ... Where can the purest principles of morality be learned so clearly or so perfectly as from the New Testament?" - Vidal v. Girard's Executors, 1844 (Unanimous decision commending and encouraging the use of the Bible in government-run schools)

FOREIGN OPINION

"The Americans combine the notions of Christianity and of liberty so intimately in their minds that it is impossible to make them conceive the one without the other." - Alexis de Tocqueville: French observer of America in 1831, author of Democracy in America

"There is no country in which the people are so religious as in the United States. ... The great number of religious societies existing in the United States is truly surprising: there are some of them for everything; for instance, societies to distribute the Bible; to distribute tracts; to encourage religious journals; to convert, civilize, educate...to take care of their widows and orphans; to preach, extend, purify, preserve, reform the faith; to build chapels, endow congregations, support seminaries...to establish Sunday schools...to prevent drunkenness, etc." - Achille Murat: French observer of America in 1832

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'All hands on deck' to curb weekend violence

Mayor, police: Number of cops on the street to be boosted by 1,500

BY GREGORY PRATT, ALEJANDRO SERRANO AND JEREMY GORNER

Ahead of the Fourth of July holiday, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot and police leaders detailed their plans to combat violence over the weekend by boosting the number of cops on the streets by 1,500 officers and taking guns from people with expired firearm owner's identification cards.

Increasing the number of police on patrol is a tactic that has long been a staple of warm-weather holiday crime-fighting efforts under former Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration, though Lightfoot and Superintendent Eddie Johnson also emphasized efforts to work with community members.

As one example, Johnson said Chicago police business liaisons got some liquor stores in the Austin District, which includes the Austin neighborhood, to close early on the Fourth of July.

In the same district, Johnson said, there would be faith leaders walking to "let troublemakers know who live in those areas that mischief will not be tolerated."

"Our first goal of the weekend is the safety of our family and our residents," Lightfoot said. "That's why over the next few days we'll be all hands on deck."

Chicago police also will have stepped up their efforts on taking guns from people who have had their FOID cards revoked, Deputy Superintendent Anthony Riccio said.

"If your card's been revoked, you're a priority," Riccio said. "You shouldn't be in possession of your guns."

In another action typical of the city's efforts to curb violence ahead of holidays, Chicago police made a series of drug and gun raids on the West and South sides that resulted in 170 arrests, including a convicted felon who once reported directly to the imprisoned notorious gang leader Larry Hoover.

"The community wants these people out of their neighborhood," Riccio said. "Everybody in these communities wants to go out and have a barbecue over the

weekend. They want to let their kids play in the front of their house."

One monthlong investigation led to 77 arrests and the seizure of 11 guns and more than \$400,000 worth of drugs, Riccio said. Other raids resulted in 93 other arrests and the seizure of 27 guns, he said.

Among those arrested was David Dixon, 66, a former top lieutenant for Hoover, who ran the Gangster Disciples, the largest and one of the most violent gangs in Chicago. The origins of the gang go back to the 1960s, and it became a major criminal force under Hoover in the 1970s.

Dixon was arrested last week and charged with selling heroin near a school.

The guns recovered during the raids ranged from handguns to shotguns and assault rifles — including one with a drum capable of holding 100 rounds of ammunition, Riccio said.

"That's a pretty scary thing," he said. "They can fire off those shots in seconds ... think of the large gatherings we are going to have over the Fourth of July."

The investigations were concentrated on the West and South sides, according to Salvador Avila,

chief of the department's organized crime unit.

"We are fully committed to ensuring the safety of all Chicagoans, and we'll leverage every resource at our disposal," Avila said, adding that officers from his unit will be part of the extra deployment over the holiday weekend.

This is the city's second holiday weekend under Lightfoot, who entered office days before the Memorial Day weekend that traditionally marks the start of a spike in Chicago street violence that lasts throughout the summer. Lightfoot's administration flooded the streets with 1,200 cops during Memorial Day weekend, but at least 37 people were shot, five fatally, anyway, underscoring the city's challenges containing violence.

Lightfoot campaigned on reducing crime and made it a top priority in her inaugural address, declaring there is "no higher calling than restoring safety and peace in our neighborhoods." Earlier this week, Lightfoot was asked if she's satisfied by the fact that crime is down year over year and said no "because there's still so much more that we need to do."

"We are ahead in violent crimes. We're down in homicides, we're down in shootings, and that's because people are working really, really hard," Lightfoot said. "Our Police Department absolutely is doing a yeoman's job. There's more work to be done."

She has emphasized that police can't solve the city's violence alone, saying the administration will focus on investing in communities on the South and West sides where there are few jobs and scarce opportunities.

Though Chicago sees astonishing gun violence, city officials also waxed poetic about the city's beauty and urged residents to enjoy themselves over the weekend.

"Nobody celebrates summer quite like the people of Chicago," Johnson said. "Our lakefront beaches come alive as the warm weather arrives. Sidewalk cafes fill with those hungry for sunshine and barbecue. Smoke spills out of our backyards and beautiful parks. There's truly no better city than Chicago in summertime."

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Chicago Fire Department personnel demonstrate the dangers of illegal fireworks in Chicago on Wednesday.

Even humble sparkler can be dangerous

They burn up to 1,800 degrees, fire officials say as they urge safety

BY JAVONTE ANDERSON

Gripping two silver sparklers, Deputy District Chief Walter Schroeder demonstrated just how hazardous the simple copper firework could be.

In an instant, fire started by the sparklers ripped through the jersey and T-shirt pulled over a mannequin.

During a news conference Wednesday morning at the Chicago Fire Academy, fire officials urged Chicagoans to be safe while celebrating Independence Day, even when it comes to the sparkler, which many people many consider one of the more reserved fireworks.

"Sparklers are easily available, and while they may not go boom ... they will burn up to 1,800 de-

grees," Fire Commissioner Richard Ford II said.

Injuries occur in Illinois even though most fireworks are banned across the state. And the data proves that while sparklers are simple, they are dangerous.

Statewide, the sparkler was the second leading cause of fireworks injuries, accounting for roughly 14% of injuries during peak summer months in 2018, according to data from the state fire marshal's office.

Last year, during summer months, 164 people were hurt by fireworks, which followed 349 hurt in 2017. Last year, Illinois hospitals treated 12 dismemberment or amputation injuries, according to the fire marshal's office.

While adults age 22 and older were most likely to suffer a fireworks-related injury, almost 10% of the injuries were suffered by children 6 years old or younger. Most people suffered injuries to the hands, followed by the face,

arms and legs.

Nationwide, five fireworks-related deaths were reported in 2018, with all five dying from the direct impact of the fireworks, according to a report released by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. In 2017, a Gage Park man died when fireworks he was checking suddenly went off.

"The injuries that we see year in and year out range from minor burns to catastrophic life-changing incidents," Ford said.

Federal law prohibits the use of the most explosive fireworks, saying they must contain less than 50 milligrams of flash powder for firecrackers and 130 milligrams for aerial devices. M-80s, quarter sticks, cherry bombs and silver salutes have been banned for decades. Professional fireworks, like those seen at Navy Pier on July 4, are regulated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Illinois has banned all fire-

works, except for a few novelty items. The exceptions to Illinois' ban include sparklers, snappers, booby traps, trick noisemakers and cigarette loads.

But Chicago has prohibited the use of all fireworks, including sparklers. The sparkler is particularly dangerous if someone has not been taught how to stop, drop and roll, Schroeder said.

"When people are on fire, their instinct is to start to run, causing the fire to spread to the facial area, chest and arms," he said.

Despite the ban, fireworks remain accessible to Chicagoland residents, who often travel to Indiana, where anyone at least age 18 can legally purchase fireworks, fire officials said.

Chicagoans are only authorized to use party poppers, trick noisemakers, cigarette loads and snappers.

"I want everyone to have a great time, but do it in a safe manner," Ford said.

Marking dibs early along Evanston's parade route

BY GENEVIEVE BOOKWALTER

It wouldn't be Fourth of July in Evanston without a parade, fireworks and dibs.

With an approach that rivals any snowed-in Chicago neighborhood, Evanston residents don't leave their spots along the Fourth of July parade route to chance.

Days before the parade kicks off at 2 p.m. on Thursday, the parkway and sidewalks along Central Street are already littered with folding chairs, camping recliners, plastic patio furniture, tarps and tape as dedicated parade-goers mark their turf for the upcoming festivities.

Evanston City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz said residents are allowed to begin claiming their spots at 6 a.m. on July 1.

"They were all there at 6:05 (a.m.)," he said.

Bobkiewicz likened reserving a spot along the parade route to going to a concert.

"They know they have their tickets," he said.

The current rules reign in a practice that at one time resulted in deck chairs, benches and even crime scene tape being sprawled along Central Street for weeks in advance, residents said.

In an effort to scale back the early reservations, Bobkiewicz said the Evanston City Council passed an ordinance in 2004 that dictated seating could only be set out after 6 a.m. on July 1.

The parade ends near Northwestern University's Ryan Field and Welsh-Ryan Arena, and the mile-plus route can sometimes look like the aftermath of a long-over tailgate party.

Up to 140 entries are expected to wind their way down Central Street in the parade put on by the private Evanston 4th of July Association. No city money goes toward the day's events, which also include organized sports at a number of playgrounds, roller skating at Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center, a fun run, concert and fireworks on the lake, according to the group's website.

Still, not everyone thinks the street-side lawn furniture is a necessity.

"I've been here 15 years. Same thing every year," said John Roman, an agent with State Farm Insurance whose office is along the parade route.

Looking out the window at two folding chairs with masking tape around them, Roman observed that "this is kind of a new thing, where people are taping off their safe space."



PIONEER PRESS

Those planning to attend Evanston's July 4 parade set out chairs and reserve their spot along the route.

July 2

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So, Americans, we should have been planning a "shew," playing a game, ringing a bell, lighting a bonfire and setting out sky-high illuminations Tuesday. But what about our dearest Fourth? Why, for centuries, have Americans celebrated independence two days later?

On July 2, 1776, Congress, after succumbing to a demand by South Carolinian delegates to cut an anti-slavery passage out of the drafted Declaration of Independence, unanimously voted on Virginian Richard Lee's resolution that, "These united colonies are, and of right, ought to be free and Independent States; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown; and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, dissolved."

Over the next two days, final edits were made to the Declaration of Independence, the document that would announce Congress' decision to the world. On July 4, the declaration was finally sent to the printing press. Hence the masthead at the top of the declara-

tion, first printed by John Dunlap, "In Congress, July 4, 1776. A Declaration by the Representatives of the United States of America."

"There's no question there wouldn't be a July 4, a printing of the document, if the resolution had not been passed on July 2," University of Chicago historian Steven Pincus said. "But July 4 transformed what was a political decision by a relatively small group of delegates sitting in Philadelphia into a public document that was not only known throughout North America but throughout the world."

The public release of the Declaration of Independence marked an early step by the United States toward a more transparent, democratic government.

"The idea (behind) the Declaration of Independence was a government by the people, for the people," Pincus said. "The printing of the Declaration of Independence was very much a public statement to the American people about what their kind of government was going to be."

The next year, on July 2, 1777, not a single member of Congress remembered the anniversary of the independence resolution until a day too late. Celebrations were

scheduled for a day later, on July 4, 1776. "They were really setting a haphazard, unintentional precedent," Northwestern University historian Caitlin Fitz said.

While various preachers and individual towns hosted Fourth of July celebrations throughout the remainder of the 18th century, the holiday became more widespread after the U.S. stood its ground against the British during the War of 1812.

"The declaration's practical purposes were served," Fitz said. "The United States' independence had been declared and secured by 1815."

This ushered in a new era for the declaration as anti-slavery activists began using the rhetoric of its second sentence, "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights," to advocate for true equality.

In a July 5, 1852, address commemorating the 76th anniversary of the declaration's public release, Frederick Douglass reflected on the July 2 resolution, "Citizens, your fathers made good that resolution. They succeeded; and today you reap the fruits of their success." He asked, "What, to the American slave, is your 4th of July? I answer: a day that reveals to

him, more than all other days in the year, the gross injustice and cruelty to which he is the constant victim."

"Gradually," Fitz said, the newer reading of the declaration as a document for equality "became the primary meaning that we remember today."

The virtues of the declaration, the debated definitions and practices of freedom, prosperity and fair government, shared internationally on July 4, have taken on new life thanks to the independence declared July 2.

David Hargrove, of Summerville, S.C., was visiting Chicago with his family. On Wednesday, he was going to head back home, just in time for the Fourth. And while he considers himself a bit of a fun-fact "buff," he had not heard of America's July 2 resolution. He still plans to celebrate Independence Day the way he always does, on July 4 with a cookout and card games. "Being an American, I still strive for those goals of protecting my family, prospering, being happy and having the opportunity to grow," he said. "That's what I look at the American dream as and the Fourth of July as, celebrating that opportunity to grow."

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People walk past a memorial for Elyahu Moscowitz in Loyola Park on Wednesday. Moscowitz was fatally shot to death in Rogers Park last fall.

Gun

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guns trade hands frequently.”

2 killings, 2 days, 1 gun

The randomness of the two Rogers Park killings set them apart from Chicago's usual violence. Watts, 73, was walking his two small dogs just steps from his home in the 1400 block of West Sherwin Avenue when a lone man walked up and shot him on a sunny Sunday morning — the last day of September.

Barely 36 hours later — about 10:20 p.m. that Monday, Oct. 1 — Moscowitz, 24, was slain as he walked alone on a popular lakefront bike path in the 1100 block of West Lunt Avenue in Loyola Park. Moscowitz, who supervised a kosher kitchen at a Jewel-Osco store, was dressed distinctively in a black suit, white shirt and black hat.

Both were shot once in the head at close range.

Police were at a loss for a motive. No phones, wallets or credit cards were taken from either victim.

Watts and Moscowitz also did not know one another, police said.

A day after Moscowitz's slaying, police Superintendent Eddie Johnson, joined by then-Mayor Rahm Emanuel at the Rogers Park District police station, announced that the same gun was used in both slayings, most likely by the same gunman.

The next day, police released video from a surveillance camera that captured the suspect at the time of Watts' shooting. He had a slim build and wore a black tracksuit with a hat and scarf obscuring most of his face. Police emphasized his distinctive gait, with his feet splayed outward.

No video was obtained of Moscowitz's killing, police said.

At a community meeting, more than 100 people crowded into a gymnasium at Loyola Park and heard Anthony Riccio, first deputy police superintendent, say investigators believed the gunman lived in Rogers Park because the video captured him walking to the scene of the first shooting.

The shootings created palpable fear in Rogers Park — not one of the city's most dangerous areas but the scene of occasional spurts of gun violence, including two killings since last week.

Last fall, some residents had refused to leave their homes, while others avoided walking alone outside. Police increased patrols, saturating the lakefront and surrounding areas in Rogers Park with officers, some on bicycle. Officials at nearby Loyola University Chicago issued an alert encouraging students to walk in pairs and avoid listening to headphones if out alone.

Hundreds of tips poured in, and police assigned as many as 40 detectives to the two killings. The FBI and federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives joined the investigation.

Within weeks of the slaying, a reward for helping solve the killings rose to \$150,000, perhaps the largest ever for a Chicago crime.

“We had some good leads initially,” Guglielmi said. “Unfortunately, we have not been able to confirm any sighting of the possible offender.”

A link to a West Side shooting

Two weeks after Moscowitz's killing, two men in their 20s riding in an Infiniti SUV in the 4300 block of West Fifth Avenue were shot by an occupant of a passing vehicle shortly before midnight on Oct. 15, the police reports show.

One suffered a graze wound to his upper left arm, while the other victim had three bullet wounds to his right hand.

At Loretto Hospital, a 31-year-old woman riding with the victims told an Area North detective she believed the shooting was linked to a fight she had been involved in moments earlier.

The woman said she had traveled on the CTA Blue Line in hopes of selling a coat to a woman who lived near Van Buren Street and Kostner Avenue. The buyer offered \$20, but the woman told the detective she insisted on \$30.

The two argued on the street, leading a man to grab someone else's crutch and strike the seller on her left arm, injuring her, police said.

Police were called, and the woman told the detective she reached out to a friend to pick her up. The friend arrived in the Infiniti about the same time as police, so the woman left without speaking to officers, according to the police report.

As the Infiniti drove off, another vehicle pulled up from behind and an occupant opened fire at the Infiniti, one victim told police. Surveillance cameras captured a light-colored, four-door sedan — possibly silver or gold — then pulling alongside the Infiniti, according to the police reports. The footage shows the person in the sedan's front-passenger seat opened fire, shattering windows and wounding the two men, the reports said.

The sedan then went into reverse, heading east on Fifth Avenue, while the Infiniti continued westbound, police said.

Police recovered nine 40-caliber shelling casings at the scene, the police reports show.

Two weeks later, an Area North detective submitted a report to his sergeant explaining how shell casings recovered at the Lawndale neighborhood shooting matched those found at

both the Rogers Park killings, according to the police reports.

Chicago police use firearm examiners trained to analyze each shell casing under a high-powered microscope, said Thomas Ahern, a Chicago police spokesman who is also a former ATF special agent. Images of the casings are then recorded, entered into a national database and compared with casings from police investigations across the country.

“Every gun leaves unique markings on shell casings,” Ahern said. “It'll match up what's already in the system of another shell casing from another crime. ... But these crimes could be across town, across the state, across the country.”

A second West Side shooting

Police records show the Chicago police firearms laboratory reported April 5 that shell casings recovered from a shooting on the Near West Side about a week earlier also matched those found at both the Rogers Park killings and the Fifth Avenue shooting.

According to the reports, officers responded to a call of shots fired at a residential complex in the 2300 block of West Jackson Boulevard shortly before 1 a.m. on March 28. Employees at a security guard outpost told police that gunfire erupted after a white SUV pulled up there. No one was hurt.

The security employees reported hearing five or six shots, and investigators later found several shell casings at the crime scene, police said. Detectives also found evidence that bullets struck a fence, a concrete barrier and a window frame, police said.

The department did not provide additional information about the shooting or the SUV.

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Pastor's wife accused of trading alcohol for sex

Prosecutors say the Baptist schoolteacher also sent nude photos

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY

A kindergarten teacher at a religious school in suburban Burbank supplied alcohol to a 15-year-old student and had sex with him at least five times while he was underage, prosecutors alleged in court Wednesday.

Shannon Griffin, 49, a teacher at Jordan Baptist School, also allegedly sent nude images to that student and a 16-year-old boy using Snapchat and asked for illicit images in return, Cook County prosecutors said. Some of the photos showed her getting into the shower and included text saying, “Come on in,” and “Missing you,” Assistant State's Attorney Kyle Gruca said.

The new details emerged as Griffin, of Oak Lawn, appeared in court for the first time since being charged Tuesday with sexual assault, solicitation of child pornography, distribution of harmful materials and grooming in two separate cases. The alleged conduct began in late 2013 and continued through last year, Gruca said.

Griffin is married to the pastor who runs the school and has three adult daughters, said her attorney, Lori Levin.

“Mrs. Griffin vigorously maintains her innocence,” Levin told reporters after the hearing.

Griffin did not say anything during the hearing. She wore a pink tank-top dress and pink Nike sneakers, standing with her hands

behind her back and her blonde shoulder-length hair down. She has no previous criminal history.

Cook County Judge John Mahoney ordered Griffin held on a total of \$750,000 bond for both cases, calling the allegations “horrible.” He also ordered that she have no contact with the alleged victims in the case or with any minors.

“It boggles my mind,” he said. “What a betrayal.”

Griffin's husband, Pastor Thomas Griffin, was present at the court hearing with a church member. Neither answered questions from a reporter.

Earlier Wednesday, the doors were locked at Jordan Baptist Church, a red brick building with a tall white spire. Several school buses sat in the parking lot connected to the church at 5040 W. 87th St. A small fenced playground with a slide and a swingset also sat empty behind the building.

The school's and church's websites appear to have been taken offline since Tuesday.

Authorities began investigating the allegations when the Burbank Police Department received an anonymous tip in early March, according to police records obtained through a public records request. The Cook County sheriff's office took over the investigation in May because of jurisdictional questions that arose in the case.

Gruca said in court Wednesday that most of the alleged sexual encounters between Griffin and the 15-year-old student occurred



Griffin

when the two had sex in the back of a minivan behind a Burger King near West 25th Street and South Pulaski Road in Chicago. That victim is now 21, Gruca said. Five of the alleged sexual encounters occurred when the victim was a student and a sixth occurred after he graduated in 2016, Gruca said.

The student, an athlete, and Griffin, a cheerleading coach, got to know each other while riding the bus to sporting events, according to Gruca. They continued talking over Snapchat and arranged times to meet up, Gruca said.

After the first alleged encounter in November 2013, Griffin gave the student one bottle of Maker's Mark (bourbon), Gruca said.

Additional encounters occurred in December 2013, November 2014, November 2015, and December 2015. Griffin allegedly gave him another bottle of Maker's Mark as a minor and \$120 worth of alcohol after a sixth encounter when the student was 18, Gruca said.

In the second case, Griffin is accused of sending nude images to a 16-year-old student at Jordan Baptist in January 2018, Gruca said. That student, who is now 17, took six screen shots of images and messages that he allegedly received from Griffin on Snapchat, Gruca said. Some of the images included lewd captions, Gruca said.

Griffin's attorney in court said that none of the images showed her client's face. But the student

told police he was able to identify Griffin because of an arrow tattoo on her hip and her Snapchat username, according to Gruca.

Police said they were also able to verify the pictures that Griffin allegedly sent from her bathroom by checking the room in her home with a search warrant after she was taken into custody, Gruca said.

In Oak Lawn, where the Griffins live in a brick home with an enclosed porch on a residential street, several neighbors doing yardwork Wednesday said they had never been to the church.

Miguel Castellanos, 33, said he has lived across the street from the Griffins for two years but has not interacted with them much, other than a wave “hello” from time to time. Castellanos said Shannon Griffin and her daughters often are outside, riding their bikes or walking together.

“I'm just shocked right now,” he said after learning about the charges.

Castellanos said he saw about five unmarked police cars outside the Griffin home Monday morning when he was returning home from working an overnight job.

“It looked like the house was being raided,” he said.

No one answered the door Wednesday at the family home, which is just about three blocks from the church. The house is also steps from a large playground at Brandt Park.

The Cook County sheriff's office said the investigation into Griffin's alleged conduct is ongoing.

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Agents say seizure of rat meat not unusual

‘We see meats of all kinds’ through customs at O’Hare

BY ELIZA FAWCETT

As unusual as a man arriving at O'Hare International Airport from Ivory Coast with 32 pounds of rat meat might seem, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokesman said Wednesday it was far from a remarkable sight for customs agents.

“We see meats of all kinds,” spokesman Steve Banschach said.

The traveler was not fined because he declared the meat at customs, Banschach said. Inspectors later determined that it was African rodent meat, he added. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention prohibits the importation of African rodents, either dead or alive. The meat was subjected to steam sterilization and destroyed at an off-site facility to prevent the spread of diseases into the country, Banschach said.

It's not certain what type of rat meat was confiscated June 26, but rodents such as marsh cane rats, also known as grasscutters, are eaten in West African countries including Ghana, according to the sustainable agriculture group Heifer International.

“Bushmeat is a specialty now because as cities grow, it's more rare,” said James McCann, a professor of African ecological and agricultural history at Boston University, referring to meat from animals living in the wild. “It's a cultural engagement with a historical diet.”

McCann said the rodent meat might have been cane rat, which is sometimes prepared in stews in parts of West Africa. Bushmeat dishes tend to be reserved for special occasions like weddings, he added.

In Chicago, customs agents frequently seize meats like pork and bushmeat that travelers try to bring into the country, Banschach said.

In May, agents discovered four pieces of wood, 2 pounds of eggplant, 11 pounds of antelope meat and 3 pounds of “nonhuman primate meat” from within the luggage of a passenger from the Democratic Republic of Congo, according to the Customs Service's Chicago field office Twitter account.

Last month, agents found prohibited duck and chicken products hidden in a box among individually wrapped pieces of bread.

In March, K-9 dog Bettie helped agents discover a thermos stuffed with 2 pounds of pork belonging to a passenger on a flight from China.

Agents often seize plants and fruit, in addition to various kinds of meat, Banschach said.

In April, K-9 Bettie identified a suitcase full of vegetables, including 16 heads of bug-infested spinach, various kinds of lettuce, seven onions, three eggplants and a radish.

Streets in Grant Park closed ahead of 39th Taste

BY MARIE FAZIO

Several streets in Grant Park already have closed for Taste of Chicago, the 39th annual food festival happening July 10 to 14.

The closures began Monday and Tuesday, happening far in advance to allow vendors to set up tents and cooking stations and unload materials, said Susan Hofer, a spokeswoman for the Chicago Department of Transportation.

The roads will remain closed until July 15, the day after the festival ends.

Closures affect the following streets: Jackson Drive from Michigan Avenue to Lake Shore Drive; Columbus from Monroe Drive to Balbo Drive; Columbus from Balbo to Roosevelt Road; and Ida B. Wells Drive from Michigan to Columbus. For more details, check the city's website.

Eighty-two food vendors, representing diverse cuisines found around the city, will have booths at the festival, which also features a variety of musical acts and performers throughout the five days. Last year the festival drew a crowd of 1.5 million, according to city estimates.

'It's .. an honor' for new chief judge

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conviction in her job has only grown.

"It's so much more satisfying to be the one that sits and makes the hard decisions, but tries to do that in the most respectful and gentle way."

'Nobody is that good'

Pallmeyer, the daughter of a Lutheran minister, was born in Tokyo, but her buoyant, Midwestern-hued voice signals her St. Louis upbringing.

After studying history and the humanities at Valparaiso University, Pallmeyer coupled a love of arguing with a desire for academic structure at the University of Chicago Law School, where she graduated in 1979.

It was while clerking for Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Rosalie Wahl — the state's first woman to hold the position — that Pallmeyer started to imagine becoming a judge.

The Tribune reported in 2005 that Wahl, who died in 2013, said Pallmeyer was among her "brightest" clerks. Pallmeyer's ambition was palpable, Wahl said, and "she set her sights high."

But Pallmeyer thought running for judicial office might be outside her talents.

"I really don't like asking people for things," she said. "And you have to ask people for things."

For five years, Pallmeyer worked as an associate at what was then Chicago firm Hopkins & Sutter and then became an administrative law judge for the Illinois Human Rights Commission.

Friend Richard Gonzalez, a professor at Chicago-Kent College of Law who served with Pallmeyer on the commission, told the Tribune a story in 2005 about how a group was supposed to go to a training session for judges in Reno, Nevada, — until a snowstorm shut down travel, causing everyone to bail.

Except Pallmeyer.

"I didn't want to fight the storm, but I also didn't really want to miss the training," Pallmeyer said this week, remembering the trip. "I had very mixed feelings about the whole thing because I had a small baby at home. ... But it was still a worthwhile experience."

In an interview this week, Gonzalez joked that he didn't like Pallmeyer when he first met her because "nobody is that good." She was like the kid you went to junior high with who got everything perfect while your science project was falling apart on the way to school, he said.

"Nobody is that smart, considerate, that nice," he said. "But then you get to know her a little and you realize, she really is like that."

After they became friends, Gonzalez said he and Pallmeyer used to joke about obituary headlines. Pallmeyer would say she hoped to do something notable so her headline wouldn't be boring.

'It's very beautiful'

On a recent afternoon, through the windowed walls surrounding Pallmeyer's desk in her chambers, a boat sailed across Lake Michigan's dark blue horizon and a giant crane loomed over a sprouting building. The mammoth owls perched atop the Harold Washington Library looked up at the courthouse. No one looked down from the top of the Metropolitan Correctional Center's rooftop slit.

To the left of her desk was a chest of collectible Supreme Court justice bobbleheads. On top of her desk was a copy of "Greek to Me" by the New Yorker's "Comma Queen."

"I'm kind of a punctuation nut myself," Pallmeyer said. "And this book is great. I'm a very, very careful proofreader. And she is, too, so that's great."

There's a shelf of worn books in Pallmeyer's chambers with some titles she and her law clerks have met to discuss — "Americanah," "Evicted."

Outside work, when Pallmeyer isn't reading, she might be singing in a choir or listening to choral music, making another attempt at playing the cello, going for a run, cheering on the Cubs, spending time with her family or seeing a show at Steppenwolf Theatre — "when there's time."

Longtime friend Judge Virginia Kendall, who appeared in front of Pallmeyer as a prosecutor and later became a colleague, said Pallmeyer is often the last judge to leave the building.

"Because when she is working on something, she is not satisfied with just the legal answer," Kendall said. "She takes into account all of the other human issues in the case, and that makes her especially good as a judge. Because she doesn't look at the law as simply a black-and-white book."

"I remember being in front of her on the day before Thanksgiving," Kendall said. "And we were



U.S. District Chief Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer speaks in her new office on July 2, 2019.

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U.S. District Chief Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer's collection of bobblehead judges, shown early this week, have a prominent spot in her new office.

doing a pretrial conference and everybody in the building had pretty much left. And there she was, plugging away. And I was sitting in this conference thinking, 'Could she please let me go home so I could start making my turkey?'

"But she was so focused on getting it done, and getting it done right, that the last thing on her mind, I think, at that moment was that anybody at that table had to go make Brussels sprouts."

When asked what drives Pallmeyer, Kendall said: "It's very beautiful."

"A sense of justice," she said. "A sense of helping those who are underprivileged and who need access to the courts. A sense of the precedent and the rule of law that defines our profession. A sense of making sure that our judiciary has integrity so that the public can have faith in it and turn to it in time of need."

The most satisfying rulings

In 1991, Pallmeyer was appointed a federal magistrate and, after being nominated by President Bill Clinton, has been a district judge in the Dirksen courthouse since October 1998.

Pallmeyer's new role follows a career defined by high-profile cases, even if, for Pallmeyer, some of the smaller cases carry the most significance.

The case most frequently followed by Pallmeyer's name is the six-month corruption trial of former Gov. George Ryan.

By the time Pallmeyer was set to preside over Ryan's trial, she had already handled the trial of Ryan's top aide and dealt with the chaotic trial of death row inmate Aaron Patterson, who attacked his own lawyers in court. The Ryan trial was a new challenge.

"Kind of everything that could happen in a trial that you wouldn't want to happen, did," she said.

But Pallmeyer said one of the most satisfying rulings she made was one that received far less attention.

After Sept. 11, as schools adopted zero-tolerance policies, a third grader brought a crayon box to school — unaware there were spent bullet shells inside — and was expelled, Pallmeyer said.

"And I was just stunned that he had not been in school at that time for several days," Pallmeyer said. The boy needed to be put back in school — and needed a tutor immediately, she said.

"I remember thinking, he's in third grade," Pallmeyer said. "If he doesn't learn to multiply now, we all know what happens. If you don't learn what you're supposed to learn, the year you're supposed to learn it, everything cascades on itself. And I'm thinking, here's a kid, he's a perfectly capable kid, and now something's going to go wrong for him just because of this stupid accident."

Years later, Pallmeyer heard the boy was doing fine. He made it to high school.

"The expression is a federal judge can stop a train," Pallmeyer said. "But here was a way that I could interfere in a big way, in a small child's life. And it was the most satisfying thing I ever did as a judge, I think."

'A fundamental sense of fairness'

After years on the bench, one of the only criticisms of Pallmeyer is that she gives those in her courtroom too much of a say.

"When I was a trial attorney, she gave the other side a lot of time," Judge Kendall said. "Where one would think as a trial attorney, 'OK, this is an easy one.' And she would listen. I think that's her way of making sure that everybody has their say in court, and that she gets it right."

As Pallmeyer decided whether to declare a mistrial in the Ryan trial after months of giving everyone their say, she listened to hours of arguments from all parties, the Tribune reported. She would sometimes end days by recommending a good night's sleep for all.

"She has a fundamental sense of fairness," said Patrick Collins, who appeared before Pallmeyer in a number of cases, including as lead prosecutor in the Ryan trial. "Every day you left the courtroom, I was putting myself in the shoes of the defendant on the other side and thinking, 'If I ever had a loved one that had to be in a criminal trial, I would want Judge Pallmeyer to be the judge because

'She takes into account all of the other human issues in the case, and that makes her especially good as a judge.'

—Longtime friend Judge Virginia Kendall

she's eminently fair."

"I think sometimes smartness and experience can chip away at a sense of fairness, but it never has with her," he said.

Corinne Heggie, president of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois, said she'll never forget when she was in Pallmeyer's courtroom and the judge excused herself from behind the bench and came down to congratulate a litigant in another case on his hard work in a deferred prosecution program.

"I had never seen it happen in that courtroom, in that court building," Heggie said. "It was one of the most impactful events I have witnessed in a courtroom in my 18 years of practicing law."

Judge Joan Lefkow said each new chief judge has their own personality and faces their own challenges.

"She'll put her own stamp on the court," Lefkow said. "She's a very quick study."

'Not as fast as it should be'

On Monday, an afternoon ceremonial session of the court will honor Pallmeyer.

"I recognize that there will be a lot of attention to the position, not only because I'm the first woman but just because the court has tremendous prominence in the community and it's a significant force. And I will be the face of that significance to the city. And I really want very much to be effective at that," Pallmeyer said.

Even if she still doesn't like the spotlight.

"It makes me a little nervous," Pallmeyer said. But "I have to recognize people need to hear

from the court, and if I'm not willing to speak out, there will be this haphazard way of collecting information."

Federal law dictates the chief judge position goes to the district judge with the most seniority under the age of 65. Former Chief Judge Ruben Castillo announced on International Women's Day in March that he would step down a year early, clearing the way for Pallmeyer.

"It's really a shame that in 200 years a female has not been the chief judge of this court," Castillo told the Tribune earlier this year. "I told myself there's something you can do."

"(Castillo) could have filled out his full term, and then the next person in line would be a man," Pallmeyer said, crediting the former chief judge with advancing the cause of women and minorities.

There's still never been a female U.S. attorney in Chicago's federal court, Kendall said.

Pallmeyer said even though more and more women are graduating from law school, you still don't see women as 50% partners in firms — "So it's not as fast as it should be, but certainly we are making progress."

Pallmeyer, who has two daughters, said it helps significantly when young fathers ask to take leave. "Because that communicates to the world that it's not something that only mothers do, it's something parents do because they care about their children."

"We tend to assume a woman with a small child will not be as hardworking as a young man who's single," Pallmeyer said. "And in truth we find, that's not true at all."

'The opportunity is there'

Pallmeyer said she hopes to build on Castillo's efforts to reach out to the community, including pretrial diversion programs that keep people from being indicted, as well as the reentry program for people who served their sentences and are returning to society.

She said she would like to see more school groups in the building and more people observing naturalization ceremonies. And Pallmeyer expects to face challenges, from maintaining the building to boosting colleagues' morale.

Pallmeyer said she still misses arguing sometimes, when "the witness is wiggling a little bit," or after listening to a rousing opening or closing statement. And "any judge who says that he or she has no regrets isn't paying attention."

"We all make mistakes, it's a human process," she said. "It's not so much that I feel like I've done everything right. It's that the opportunity is there to do the right thing in every case."

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Judge wants explanation about 'two damn watches'

BY ALICIA FABBRE

An agitated Will County judge has ordered the head of the Illinois State Police to appear in court Friday and explain why two watches taken from an Orland Park man nearly a decade ago during an arrest were not returned to him after charges were dropped.

The watches were identified on evidence sheets as a Cartier and a Rolex, according to court records, though authorities believe they were not the genuine articles.

Regardless of their origin, they were seized during the 2010 arrest of Wail Salem, 53, on a drug-related charge.

Judge David Carlson, seeking to resolve the matter of the watches, which he has overseen the past couple of years, last week ordered acting State Police Director Brendan Kelly to appear in his courtroom. And on Wednesday Carlson rejected a motion that another state police official be allowed to appear instead.

Lawyers representing the state police, including counsel from the Illinois attorney general's office, argued Kelly was only recently appointed and had no direct knowledge of the case. The attorneys offered a master sergeant to testify



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Illinois State Police Acting Director Brendan Kelly speaks about enhancements to the ISP evidence collection.

instead. Carlson rejected the offer saying he did not want someone else to be the "fall guy."

"The attorney general doesn't believe the buck stops at the top, so put these guys on the chopping block?" Carlson asked Wednesday.

The watches were taken into possession by the state police during Salem's arrest in what was a multi-police agency investigation, according to court records. Salem has served time in prison for other crimes, records show, but there is no connection between them and the watches.

The watches were never used as evidence and were never deemed to be forfeited. Salem and his attorney, Alan Bruggeman, have

been inquiring about the return of the watches since 2017. The following year, Carlson issued a ruling for the return of all items that were not needed for evidence or forfeiture or considered contraband.

"I have spent more time on two damn watches," Carlson said last week. "I'm absolutely sick of this. This is ridiculous."

In the emergency motion considered Wednesday, the attorney general's office noted the two watches, which the defendant claims had a combined value of \$30,000, were determined to be counterfeit by an appraiser at a Lockport jewelry store and were sent "through an apparent administrative error" to the Clinton Auto Auction along

with other items seized in the case that were rightfully forfeited. At least one of the watches was sold for \$400, officials said in court Wednesday.

"While ISP and its Director fully understand the court's frustration at the length of time that the Court has spent dealing with this issue, they believe that this Court now has all of the information necessary to bring this matter to a final conclusion," attorneys for the Illinois State Police wrote in their emergency motion. "ISP respectfully suggests that its Director can offer no more information than what has previously been provided."

Carlson, however, on Wednesday noted that the answers about the whereabouts of the watches came at the "11th hour" and only after he ordered the appearance of the state police director.

Saying that he "could care less" about the watches, Carlson also expressed concern that they were sold despite a court order requiring the return of evidence or that had not been forfeited.

Carlson, who is presiding judge over the felony division in Will County, added he may seek a "complete audit" of items held by the

Illinois State Police related to Will County felony cases.

"We follow the law," he said. "It doesn't matter if you're a criminal defendant, a lawyer or the director of the Illinois State Police."

"What else has been inadvertently sold or destroyed without leave of the court?" he later asked. "If this is a symptom or symbolic of a bigger issue ... dear God."

Carlson also questioned how the state police could legally sell items they deemed were counterfeits, but he did not delve more into that issue Wednesday.

Attorneys for the state police told Carlson there was no indication that there is a larger problem with how evidence is handled. Following the hearing, they also declined to comment if Kelly would appear before Carlson on Friday.

Salem's attorney said his client simply wants his watches. "We want the watches back," Bruggeman said. "If not, they have to pay my client for the property they disposed."

Alicia Fabbre is a freelance reporter.

2M to pass through city's airports this weekend

BY LIAM FORD

As more than 2 million people move through Chicago's airports over the Fourth of July holiday weekend, drivers in the Chicago area were expected to join a record number of people on the road, with the worst delays in local traffic expected Friday afternoon even as Wednesday sees the most roads congested, according to officials.

City Aviation Department officials expect more than 2.1 million passengers to travel through the city's airports for the holiday. About 1.6 million passengers were expected at O'Hare International Airport and nearly 490,000 were expected at Midway Airport, according to the department. The holiday travel period runs from Tuesday through Monday, July 8. It's a 1.2% increase over last Fourth of July.

On the roads, the AAA Chicago Motor Club expects 2.36 million people to travel by car in Illinois for the weekend, up more than 4.5 percent from 2018, as about 41.4 million people travel by auto nationally.

In most places, the worst traffic tie-ups were expected Wednesday, with delays making for travel times as much as four times as long as the normal commute, according to AAA. In Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin, the most congested area was expected to be around Chicago, with the

largest delays over a normal day on Friday between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., according to AAA. Wednesday also was expected to be the worst overall day to travel, as most area expressways see above-normal congestion.

The delays Friday were expected to come from people returning to the city after the holiday, said Mark Burfeind, a spokesman for INRIX, a company that does detailed traffic analysis for AAA.

"It's predominantly a function of Chicago's geography," Burfeind said in an email. "As people return to the city and suburbs on Friday (for work or the extended weekend), there are limited alternatives to going around the city since the lake bounds it. Going through Chicago is the fastest route for drivers despite extreme delays since the inconvenience of going around Chicago is greater."

Road projects in Illinois were scheduled to be suspended from 3 p.m. Wednesday until just before midnight Sunday, with many lanes that had been closed for construction open to traffic, according to the Illinois Department of Transportation. However, a number of lane closures in Chicago and elsewhere, including some related to the Jane Byrne Interchange project, will remain in place.

The Associated Press contributed.

Man back in jail after parole, hanged in cell

BY DEANESE WILLIAMS-HARRIS

A man on parole for killing two men in Lakeview was found hanged to death Tuesday night in his cell at Cook County Jail, about a week after he was arrested for firing a gun at his home on the North Side, according to the sheriff's office.

Patrick Tullis, 55, was found unresponsive by correctional officers during a routine check around 9 p.m., according to the office.

The officers began "lifesaving measures" that were continued by Chicago Fire Department paramedics, but Tullis was pronounced dead about 30 minutes later, the office said in a release. Autopsy results were pending further tests, but the office said foul play was not expected.

The Illinois State Police was investigating, the office said.

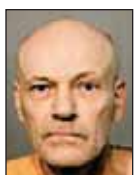
Tullis was sentenced in 1989 to 60 years in prison

after pleading guilty to killing two men he accused of soliciting him for sexual acts. He admitted to strangling John Tolbert, 25, with a phone cord on April 5, 1987, and fatally stabbing Raymondo Hernandez, 43, about three weeks later, on April 29.

Hernandez's body, with 21 stab wounds, was found under the Brown Line CTA elevated tracks at 3425 N. Ashland Ave. Tolbert's body, tied hand and foot, was found in a dumpster in an alley behind 3048 N. Sheffield Ave., near Tullis' home at the time.

Tullis told police he killed both men when they invited him to engage in sexual acts.

He was released on parole two years ago. Last week, Tullis was arrested and jailed after firing a gun. He was charged with being an armed habitual criminal, unlawful use of a weapon by a felon and resisting a peace officers.



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Bid revived to add citizen question

Reversing course, Justice Dept. wants new run at census

BY NOAH BIERNAN
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Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration reversed course again on the controversial issue of putting a citizenship question on the 2020 census, as Justice Department lawyers told a federal court Wednesday that they had been “instructed” to try to find a way to add the question, despite statements from the administration Tuesday that they were giving up the effort.

The Commerce Department, which oversees the Census Bureau, said Tuesday that it would begin printing forms without the citizenship question, retreating from the legal battle.

The government was running out of time to begin printing the millions of forms, and court injunctions continue to bar the administration from adding a question to all forms asking whether household members are U.S. citizens.

But President Donald Trump, in a tweet Wednesday, said reports that he had given up the fight were “incorrect or, to state it differently, FAKE!”

A White House official declined to comment on what Trump’s tweet meant and whether it had changed the administration’s policy, which is hemmed in by deadlines and legal requirements.

But in a court appearance late Wednesday, Trump attorneys indicated — much to the frustration of a fed-



President Donald Trump, left, speaks with Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross last month.

eral judge — that they may yet try to find a way to include the question in 2020.

“We at the Department of Justice have been instructed to examine whether there is a path forward, consistent with the Supreme Court’s decision, that would allow us to include the citizenship question on the census,” said Joseph Hunt, assistant attorney general for the department’s civil division. “We think there may be a legally available path under the Supreme Court’s decision. We’re examining that, looking at near-term options to see whether that’s viable and possible.”

Hunt said the adminis-

tration plans to go back to the Supreme Court and seek guidance on how to proceed.

“Our current plan,” he said, “would be to file a motion in the Supreme Court to request instructions on remand to govern further proceedings in order to simplify and expedite the remaining litigation and to provide clarity to the process going forward.”

U.S. District Judge George Hazel, who is hearing one of the legal challenges to the citizenship question, voiced exasperation at the changing and conflicting positions.

“If you were Facebook and an attorney for Facebook told me one thing, and

then I read a press release from Mark Zuckerberg telling me something else, I would be demanding that Mark Zuckerberg appear in court with you the next time because I would be saying I don’t think you speak for your client anymore,” the judge said.

Joshua Gardner, another Justice Department attorney, told the court he first heard about the new position from Trump’s morning tweet.

“This is a very fluid situation which we are trying to get our arms around and, obviously, once we get more information, we will communicate that immediately to the court and the parties,” Gardner said.

Experts say including the question would likely discourage many people from responding to the census, lowering the official population counts in states with large immigrant communities. That could cost those states congressional seats and billions of dollars in federal funds that are distributed based on population.

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, who oversees the census, issued a statement Tuesday saying that he had “started the process of printing the decennial questionnaires without the question.” The Commerce Department did not respond to a request for further comment after

Trump’s tweet.

The Supreme Court issued a 5-4 decision last week that stopped Ross from including the question, ruling that Ross had “contrived” the rationale for adding it.

The ruling written by Chief Justice John Roberts, however, left a slim opening to include the citizenship question if the administration could draft a more plausible legal rationale. Doing that, however, will take time, and the administration has already told the courts that it needed to begin printing questionnaires by the end of June.

The Supreme Court has begun its summer recess, but the justices respond to emergency appeals in pending cases.

Attorneys for the groups that challenged the legality of the question expressed dismay at the latest reversal. Just a day ago they were celebrating their legal victory.

“Under this administration, there’s no accounting for doubling down on stupid,” said Thomas Saenz, president and general counsel of MALDEF, a Latino legal advocacy group that led the suit in the Maryland court.

“Unfortunately, and embarrassingly for our nation, today’s reversal from yesterday’s certainty repeats the pattern of this entire affair, which began with Secretary Wilbur Ross lying to Congress and the public about the reason for the late attempted addition of the citizenship question to the census 2020,” he said.

Despite the legal setbacks, Trump has been publicly urging a fight, insisting he will delay the census if necessary.

Biden maintains big lead among Dems, survey says

Biggest advantage is his ability to beat Trump in 2020

BY DAN BALZ
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WASHINGTON — Former Vice President Joe Biden leads his Democratic rivals in the campaign to win the party’s presidential nomination, continuing to show broad support despite coming under sharp attack from Sen. Kamala Harris of California and others in last week’s debate in Miami, according to a Washington Post-ABC News survey.

Democrats judge Harris as the standout performer among the 20 candidates who debated over two nights, but she ranks behind Biden and Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., in preferences for a nominee to challenge President Donald Trump in the 2020 general election.

Biden is the leader among Democrats in two separate measures, the first when those surveyed were asked to volunteer the name of a candidate they would support at this point as well as in a more traditional question that identifies the

list of those running and asks respondents to select from among them.

When asked to identify their preferred candidate, without being prompted with a list of names, Biden is cited by 21 percent of Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents, a gain of eight points since late April. Sanders runs second at 13 percent, up four points since April. Harris and Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts are tied at 7 percent, both up three points.

Among the others, only South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Buttigieg, named by 3 percent, gets above 1 percent in this ranking. Meanwhile, 41 percent of Democrats did not volunteer a preferred candidate, down from 54 percent in April.

The Post-ABC survey shows a clear stratification of the large Democratic field, based on a combination of first and second choices. In that grouping, four candidates — Biden, Sanders, Warren and Harris — are chosen by at least 20 percent as the first or second choice of Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents.

No other candidate tops 10 percent when combining

first and second choices. Buttigieg comes closest, with a combined 9 percent. Thirteen candidates register at 2 percent or lower in the combined first and second choices.

The event in Miami was the first time Americans could see nearly the entire Democratic field onstage together, albeit split over two nights. Harris’ attack on Biden over his past position on school busing and his comments about working in the Senate with segregationist senators provided the most electric moment of either night and gave the campaign of the senator from California a jolt of energy in the aftermath.

Biden in recent days sought to recoup from his performance in Miami, where he was also challenged to yield to a younger generation and struggled at other times. During a recent event before the Rev. Jesse Jackson’s Rainbow PUSH organization in Chicago, Biden offered a vigorous defense of his overall civil rights record of more than four decades while arguing that the nomination battle should not be about the past.

Other national polls taken after the debate show



SCOTT OLSON/GETTY

Joe Biden defended his civil rights record during an event last week at the Rainbow PUSH organization in Chicago.

Biden with a more tenuous advantage.

A CNN poll released Monday showed him with 22 percent of Democratic-leaning voters’ support, followed by 17 percent who backed Harris, 15 percent for Warren and 14 percent for Sanders. The survey found Biden’s support had fallen 10 points since May, while Harris gained nine points. A Quinnipiac University poll showed similar overall results.

The Post-ABC poll underscores what has been

the case from the time Biden entered the race in April: While he is the leader in the Democratic field, he is by no means a commanding front-runner. There are also signs in the poll that those who watched either of the two nights of debating came away with impressions of the candidates that were different from those Democrats who watched neither night.

Health care stands out as a key issue for Democrats, with 29 percent saying it’s one of the most important

factors in their 2020 general election vote. But climate change (25 percent), immigration (24 percent) and gun violence (23 percent) also rank highly.

Meanwhile, 20 percent of Democratic-leaning adults say issues of special concern to women are a top issue, with 18 percent apiece saying the same of the economy and abortion. Fewer say foreign policy (12 percent) and taxes (10 percent) are an important factor.

The competition for the nomination remains fluid.

Biden’s biggest advantage is on the question of who can beat Trump in the general election. Forty-five percent of Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents name Biden as the candidate best positioned to do that. Sanders runs a distant second at 18 percent, followed by Harris at 9 percent and Warren at 7 percent. No other candidate gets above 2 percent on the electability question.

Whatever Biden’s standing overall, his debate performance did not impress Democrats as much as did that of two other candidates. Harris was the standout, with 41 percent saying she did an especially good job in Miami. Next is Warren, at 26 percent. Biden, meanwhile, is cited by 21 percent, Sanders by 19 percent, Buttigieg by 13 percent, Castro by 12 percent and Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey by 10 percent.



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White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham blasted the judge who blocked a plan to hold migrants indefinitely.

White House attacks judge in asylum case

BY JOHN WAGNER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The White House on Wednesday blasted a federal judge in Seattle as being “at war with the rule of law” in response to her blocking an administration plan that would detain thousands of migrants indefinitely while they wait for asylum cases to be heard.

“The decision only incentivizes smugglers and traffickers, which will lead to the further overwhelm-

ing of our immigration system by illegal aliens,” White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham said in a statement. “No single district judge has legitimate authority to impose his or her open borders views on the country.”

The order issued Tuesday by U.S. District Judge Marsha Pechman blocked an order issued in April by Attorney General William Barr that would have denied some asylum seekers a bail hearing.

Pechman said that was

unconstitutional and issued a preliminary injunction in a class-action lawsuit brought by migrants and their advocates.

“The court finds that plaintiffs have established a constitutionally protected interest in their liberty, a right to due process, which includes a hearing before a neutral decision maker to assess the necessity of their detention and a likelihood of success on the merits of that issue,” Pechman wrote.

In her order, Pechman said migrants seeking asy-

lum must be granted a bond hearing within seven days or be released if a hearing does not occur during that period. The administration is expected to appeal her decision.

In Grisham’s statement, she said the injunction “prevents the government from ensuring the detention of those aliens who cross the border unlawfully until the completion of their immigration court proceedings.”

President Donald Trump often criticizes judges who rule against him.

Self-evident truths still inspire

Declaration a guide to all eras' activists, from MLK to LGBTQ

BY HILLEL ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Shauna Marie O'Toole is a transgender activist who has organized and attended countless rallies and lobbied New York State lawmakers for legal protections. Convinced that "no amount of science" would win over opponents, she decided that an "emotional statement" was needed, one drawing upon words as rooted as any in American history.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident," O'Toole wrote, "that all people, regardless of race, gender, religion, immigration or economic status, sexual orientation or gender identity, are created equal, that they are endowed by their government with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

O'Toole, who lives in the Rochester area, received hundreds of responses after she posted her Declaration of Transgender Independence online, from expressions of support to suggestions that Thomas Jefferson would have thought she was crazy. But for O'Toole, the original Declaration of Independence is more than an old document for students to memorize. It's a starting point for seekers of social justice.

"I think for many activists like myself, it symbolizes what we are willing to do to secure Liberty for ourselves and our posterity," she said in an email.

Historians debate what the slave-holding Jefferson and his fellow drafters meant by writing "all men are created equal," but the Declaration has inspired those not mentioned or even imagined in the text. For more than two centuries, it has informed some of the country's defining



SHAUNA MARIE O'TOOLE

Trans activist Shauna Marie O'Toole's Declaration of Transgender Independence drew upon Thomas Jefferson's words.

rhetoric, from Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, while serving as a template for feminists and labor unions, LGBTQ rights and civil rights.

When Americans seek to appeal to the country's presumed ideals, its fundamental promises, they often turn to the Declaration.

"When Jefferson made his famous statement about equality, he did not really mean that we were created equal individually; the real point was that Americans, collectively, as a people, had the same right to self-government as all other peoples," says Jack Rakove, whose books include "Revolutionaries: A New History of the Invention of America" and "Original Meanings: Politics and Ide-

as in the Making of the Constitution," which won the Pulitzer Prize in 1997.

"But over time ... the equality statement acquired the aspirational purpose it has held ever since: that each of us is equal in legal status or moral weight or civic ability to everyone else," Rakove says.

Danielle Allen, author of "Our Declaration: A Reading of the Declaration of Independence in Defense of Equality," says that soon after 1776, abolitionists were mentioning the Declaration in their fight against slavery.

But its canonization was gradual.

Allen and Christopher Warren, a curator of American history at the Library of Congress, both cite the War of 1812 as heightening national pride and anxiety and reviving emotions about the

country's past. The Declaration took greater hold in the 1820s as Jefferson, John Adams and other founders died.

Through much of the 19th century, "declarations" were issued. The Working Men's Declaration of Independence, issued in 1829, begins, "When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one class of a community to assert their natural and unalienable rights in opposition to other classes of their fellow men. ..."

The Socialist Labor Party stated in 1895, "When, in the course of human progression, the despoiled class of wealth producers becomes fully conscious of its rights and determined to take them, a decent respect to the judgment of posterity requires that it should declare the causes which im-

pel it to change the social order."

Before and during the Civil War, North and South invoked the Declaration, but for different reasons.

Historian Ted Widmer, currently working on a book about Lincoln, notes that Lincoln often mentioned the Declaration in speeches even before he was president. When he journeyed from Springfield, Illinois, to Washington for his 1861 inauguration, Lincoln made a point of stopping at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, where he told those gathered that he "never had a feeling politically that did not spring from the Declaration of Independence."

"The Declaration is the cudgel he uses to beat his political opponents," Widmer says. "We can be the kind of country that builds

upon the Declaration of Independence and grants equality and rights or we can be a slave society."

Meanwhile, the Confederates cited the Declaration in asserting their right to secede, but scorned the language of equality.

Georgia's leaders borrowed from the Declaration in announcing that they had "dissolved their political connection with the Government of the United States of America." In 1861, Confederate Vice President Alexander H. Stephens gave what was called the "Cornerstone" speech, insisting his new government's "cornerstone rests upon the great truth, that the negro is not equal to the white man; that slavery — subordination to the superior race — is his natural and normal condition."

Abolitionists and civil rights speakers again and again drew upon the Declaration.

"Are the great principles of political freedom and of natural justice, embodied in that Declaration of Independence, extended to us?" Frederick Douglass asked in his famous 1852 address "What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?"

In his "I Have a Dream" speech, King insisted the document meant "all men, yes, black men as well as white men, would be guaranteed the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Author and journalist Ta-Nehisi Coates, in his recent Congressional testimony on whether the country should offer reparations for slavery and racial discrimination, cited the Declaration of Independence as a reminder of a path untaken.

"Enslavement reigned for 250 years on these shores. When it ended, this country could've extended its hallowed principles — life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness — to all, regardless of color," Coates said.

"But America had other principles in mind."



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As overcrowding at a Border Patrol station in McAllen, Texas, made news, the president tweeted: "Many of these illegals ... are living far better now than where they came from."

Dems call administration's handling of migrants 'callous'

BY ALAN FRAM
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WASHINGTON — Democrats pivoted Wednesday from a divisive fight over a border bill to what they label the government's "willful neglect" and "callous" treatment of thousands of detained migrants, even as President Donald Trump defended Border Patrol agents and said many people being held "are living far better now than where they came from."

Democratic outrage was fueled by lawmakers who reported overcrowded, unsanitary conditions at South Texas detention facilities they visited this week, observations that a report by the Homeland Security Department's inspector general seemed to confirm.

In addition, a Facebook group for Border Patrol agents surfaced that included flippant posts about migrants referring in U.S. custody and references to two female House Democrats as "hoes."

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., called for the firing of Mark Morgan, acting commissioner of the federal Custom

and Border Protection Agency. He said the reports of migrants' plight and the Facebook group "paint a picture of a toxic culture" and said Morgan and other agency leaders "are too callous about the way in which children and their families are treated."

Morgan took the agency's top post barely a week ago, after then-acting Commissioner John Sanders resigned amid an outcry over the revelation that children were being held in miserable conditions at one of the agency's Texas facilities.

The House Oversight and Reform Committee planned a July 12 hearing on the treatment of detained families and the conditions under which they are held. The Democratic-led panel has invited Morgan and Kevin McAleenan, acting Homeland Security Department secretary, to testify.

In addition, the House Judiciary Committee was planning its own hearing this month to examine conditions for holding migrants.

"What we're seeing is willful neglect of these people," said Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-Texas, leader of the Congressional Hispanic

Caucus. Castro and other members of that caucus toured two Texas detention facilities this week. He later released cellphone video he secretly recorded showing women sitting on sleeping bags on what appear to be concrete floors.

In a series of tweets, Trump defended Border Patrol agents, saying they "are not hospital workers, doctors or nurses," and made no concessions about the conditions at detention centers. The administration has long said federal agencies trying to cope with the growing flow of migrants across the southern border were overwhelmed and based its request for the \$4.6 billion border package that Congress approved last week on the need to improve those facilities.

"Many of these illegals are living far better now than where they came from, and in far safer conditions," he wrote.

Though many migrants are fleeing nations beset by war, crime and poverty, there have been few defenders of the lack of adequate space, water and food that many of them have faced after being detained by U.S. authorities.

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faces as a result of the event, which will include displays of military hardware, flyovers by an array of jets including Air Force One, the deployment of tanks on the Mall and an extended pyrotechnics show.

"The cost of our great Salute to America tomorrow will be very little compared to what it is worth," Trump wrote on Twitter. "We own the planes, we have the pilots, the airport is right next door (Andrews), all we need is the fuel. We own the tanks and all. Fireworks are donated by two of the greats. Nice!"

In an earlier tweet Wednesday, Trump said that the "July 4th Salute to America at the Lincoln Memorial is looking to be really big."

"It will be the show of a lifetime!" he added.

Trump will speak from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on Thursday evening in what's billed as an apolitical event that comes as the 2020 presidential campaign is heating up.

Gates open at 3 p.m. EDT for his event — six hours before fireworks begin — with temperatures expected to reach the low 90s.

Trump is effectively rebranding a celebration that attracts thousands of families to watch the fireworks but almost never includes presidential speeches on the Mall.

Critics say his revisions risk turning Washington's July 4th into a de facto Trump rally that's likely to draw counterprotests.

Trump's remarks are expected to last roughly half an hour, an administration official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. His speech will celebrate America's independence, the flag and the military, the official added.

Trump will reserve space for special guests — the Trump campaign and Republican National Committee have received tick-



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A soldier maneuvers a Bradley Fighting Vehicle into place Wednesday near the Lincoln Memorial in Washington.

ets, while the Department of Defense, with 5,000 tickets of its own, will send several top officials, including acting Defense Secretary Mark Esper.

Federal law bars political fundraising in government buildings or rooms where officials perform their duties, but doesn't restrict presidents from inviting deep-pocketed donors to the White House or official events.

The day also includes a parade in the late morning and early afternoon, and a concert at the Capitol.

The fireworks generally last about 15 minutes but this year will span 35 minutes after a donation by two pyrotechnic companies valued at \$750,000.

Because of the flyovers, the Federal Aviation Administration will suspend commercial air traffic at Reagan National Airport near Washington for the first time during a July 4th celebration. The FAA said flights would be affected again during the fireworks display.

The Defense Department said it would provide a pair of M1A2 Abrams tanks and two M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicles that will be parked on the Mall for the event.

There will be several flyovers, including by the Navy's Blue Angels flight team. The air show will also include Air Force One, a Marine One presidential helicopter, two F-35 fighter jets, two F-22 Raptor, two F/A-18 Hornets, a B2 bomber and four Apache

helicopters.

The cost of the event drew increasing scrutiny from Democratic lawmakers Wednesday, with several pointing to reports that the White House is distributing VIP tickets for Trump's speech at the Lincoln Memorial to Republican donors and political appointees.

In a statement, Rep. Betty McCollum, D-Minn., objected to the diversion of money from parks fees.

"These fees are not a slush fund for this administration to use at will," said McCollum, who chairs a House appropriations subcommittee with jurisdiction over the Interior Department. "They are meant to improve our national parks, keep them safe and protected for Americans to enjoy, and are clearly not to be used for a political rally."

Sen. Bob Menendez, D-N.J., meanwhile, called the situation "shameful."

"But sure, let's throw a taxpayer-funded rally so Trump can brag about the President's military power while @SenateGOP continues to block funds to pay medical costs for 9/11 first responders," he said sarcastically on Twitter.

Menendez was referring to legislation to renew the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has said the Republican-led chamber is working to pass the bill by August.

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Wanted: Whales' final resting place

US agency seeks private beaches so they'll rot in peace

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS
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PORTLAND, Ore. — So many gray whales are dying off the West Coast that scientists and volunteers dealing with the putrid carcasses have an urgent request for coastal residents: Lend us your private beaches so these ocean giants can rot in peace.

The number of dead whales washing ashore in Washington state alone — 29 as of last month — means almost every isolated public beach has been used. Authorities are scrambling to find remote stretches of sand that are privately owned, with proprietors who don't mind hosting a rotting creature bigger than a school bus with a stench to match its size.

"The preferred option is, at all times, that they just be allowed to decompose naturally," said John Calambokidis, a research biologist with the Olympia, Washington-based Cascadia Research. "But it gets harder and harder to find locations where they can rot without creating a problem. This is a new wrinkle."

At least 81 gray whale corpses have washed ashore in California, Oregon, Washington and Alaska since Jan. 1. If tallies from Mexico and Canada are added, the number of stranded gray whales reaches about 160 and counting, said Michael Milstein, spokesman for NOAA Fisheries.

U.S. scientists in May declared the die-off an "unusual mortality event," a designation that triggered additional resources to respond to the deaths and launch an investigation.

The first private-beach owners to respond, a Washington state couple, received their carcass earlier this month. Volunteers with the so-called "stranding network" — a coalition of non-profits, research institutions and government agencies — attached a rope to the dead whale's tail and used a motorboat to tow it 3 miles along the coast to the couple's beach, where they an-



MARIO RIVERA/AP

Officials examine a decomposing whale that washed ashore May 28 in Port Ludlow, Washington.

"It's decomposing nicely. There've been a couple of days ... when I was out there mowing and I was like, 'Oooph.'"

— Mario Rivera, who has allowed a whale carcass to rot on his privately owned beach in Port Townsend, Washington

chored it to tree stumps.

Mario Rivera and his veterinarian wife, Stefanie Worwag, asked their neighbor's permission first and are using copious amounts of lime to speed decomposition and reduce the stench. They visit the carcass daily and consider it a scientific opportunity.

"It's decomposing nicely. There've been a couple of days ... when I was out there mowing and I was like, 'Oooph,'" Rivera said of smell from the 40-foot adult male whale sitting 150 yards from his house.

"But it's only temporary. It's only going to be smelling for about a month — and after that, the smell's gone."

Since the Port Townsend, Washington, couple welcomed the carcass, 15 private individuals have signed on to do the same, mostly in

remote areas around the Salish Sea in far northwest Washington state, Milstein said.

The number of dead whales found in Washington state this year has already surpassed the tally for 2000, when the last significant die-off of gray whales occurred on the West Coast. In Oregon, five dead gray whales have been documented as of last month, more than in all of last year. California has seen 37, and 10 have come ashore in Alaska.

Experts estimate the washed-up whales represent just 10 percent of the total number of the dead, with the rest sinking into the sea unnoticed by humans.

In past years, the majority of stranded whales were left to rot in place after necrop-

sies were done. A few were buried, hauled to a landfill or sunk at sea. Towing them back out to sea isn't the preferred method because the bodies could wash up again or could cause problems if they float into shipping channels and collide with boats.

Officials have learned how not to dispose of whale carcasses from experience, including a 1970 attempt to blow up a dead sperm whale with dynamite in Oregon. The blast sent chunks of burning, rotting blubber raining down on spectators, and several cars in a nearby parking lot were crushed by blobs of putrid flesh.

Now, it's about "getting people to step up and say, 'Yeah, we can take these animals and have them on our beach,'" said Betsy Carlson, the citizen science coordinator for the Port Townsend Marine Science Center.

"There's such sadness in them just washing up on the shores and seeing these big, majestic animals there."

It's a disappointing twist in what is otherwise considered a success story for species recovery.

The eastern North Pacific gray whales were removed from the endangered species list in 1994, after rebounding from the whaling era. The population has grown significantly in the past decade and is now estimated at 27,000 — the highest since surveys began in 1967.

But that has raised questions about whether their population has reached the limit of what the environment can sustain. Another theory cites the loss of Arctic sea ice due to global warming.

The whales spend summers in the Arctic feeding on tiny shrimp-like, bottom-dwelling creatures called amphipods before migrating 10,000 miles to winter off Mexico, where the females give birth. Though they eat all along their route, they are typically thinning by the time they return north along the West Coast each spring.

Although scientists are far from an answer about the die-off, whale expert Calambokidis wonders if fluctuations in the food supply because of global warming are having an outsized

impact on the whales because their population has increased.

"It isn't like there are twice as many gray whales this year as there were last year," he said. "The increases (in numbers) are small, so why would you expect this huge jump in deaths? There has to be some other variable."

The whales that have washed up this year are emaciated, and scientists have also noted that whales migrating north are showing up in places they wouldn't normally venture, such as the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, California, or San Francisco Bay. That leads researchers to wonder if the gigantic mammals are veering off course in a desperate bid to find food far south of where they usually fatten up in the late summer months.

The dead whale Rivera and Worwag have on their beach had a stomach full of eel grass. A necropsy showed the adult male starved to death.

"This whale was desperation feeding," said Rivera. "It's like a starving human eating grass to stay alive."

D.C. residents given a say on fate of kingpin

Public asked to weigh in as early release sought

BY ASHRAF KHALIL
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Long before it became a tranquil middle-class neighborhood scattered with pride flags, the area around 7th Street and Orleans Place near Gallaudet University in northeast Washington was a 24/7 open-air drug market that police generally avoided. And Rayful Edmond was the undisputed boss.

In the 1980s, Edmond was believed to have controlled about a third of the city's drug trade during a devastating crack epidemic that led to a surge in homicides and destroyed thousands of lives. Armed enforcers protected the territory and Edmond's operation was linked to at least 30 murders, although none was ever pinned on him.

"All over the city, he was known as THE MAN," said George Madison, a 54-year old retired security guard, who grew up across town, but recalled that everyone

knew the kingpin.

Edmond was eventually arrested and sentenced to life in prison. But federal prosecutors are now seeking his release, citing his years of assistance in helping authorities convict other dealers. In an unusual move, U.S. District Judge Emmet G. Sullivan has asked Washington Attorney General Karl Racine to solicit community opinions on whether Edmond, now 54, should be set free and whether he should be welcomed back to the city.

The prospect of Edmond going free has dredged up intense memories of a crime-ridden Washington that was the per capita murder capital of the country, a status hard to picture now amid an ongoing construction boom and an influx of affluent, mostly white newcomers.

"The emotions are incredibly fresh," said Racine, who is organizing a string of town hall events on the topic. "I really did not expect some of the feelings that were articulated to be so raw and passionate."

At a recent event in southeast Washington, a

half dozen people spoke, with opinions split on the prospect of Edmond's release.

"If the state feels that he's paid his debt to society, then I can live with that," said May Lewis, who attended but didn't speak publicly. "But I do hope he doesn't return to Washington to live. That might be too much for a small community like this to handle."

At the time of his arrest, Edmond, then 24, was a household name in a city that was a smaller, closer-knit place than now. His family-run operation was estimated by law enforcement officials to be moving up to 1,700 pounds of cocaine per month and making more than \$1 million per week.

Madison, the retired security guard, recalled Edmond's reign with ambivalence.

"There's two sides: On one side, yes he flooded the streets with drugs," he said. "But at the same time he did help people in the community. He bought school clothes for kids and gifts at Christmas."

Edmond lived a high-profile life, sponsoring local

basketball tournaments and taking lavish trips to Las Vegas to attend boxing matches. Racine, the attorney general, said he grew up in the same generation as Edmond and may have unwittingly played in basketball tournaments that were partially sponsored by him. He said the tales of Edmond's generosity in the community were commonly heard about urban drug lords and Mafia dons alike.

Edmond's trial was marked by unprecedented security measures; jury members were kept anonymous for their protection. He received a sentence of life without parole and was sent to a maximum-security prison in Pennsylvania. He continued to run a drug distribution network from inside the prison, and when he was caught, Edmond received an additional 30-year sentence. That seemed to change him.

He began cooperating with authorities. Federal prosecutors, in their motion to reduce the life sentence, say Edmond has helped jail dozens of other drug dealers, break up distribution



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District of Columbia residents debate if 1980s drug kingpin Rayful Edmond should be welcomed back if set free.

rings and even taught prison authorities how to better prevent trafficking inside the prison system. The federal prosecutors say their counterparts in Pennsylvania are considering requesting a similar reduction, based on Edmond's cooperation.

His assistance has already resulted in the early release of his mother, Constance "Bootsie" Perry, who was sentenced to 14 years for her part in her son's operation. It has also prompted authorities to put Edmond under witness protection and remove his

name from the Bureau of Prisons public records.

Mary Cheh, a D.C. council member who teaches law at George Washington University, said she recalls Edmond's arrest and trial. From a legal perspective, she said, prosecutors wouldn't have made the request if Edmond's assistance hadn't been substantial.

"It's extraordinarily distasteful, but occasionally prosecutors do need to do this," she said. "You make deals. It's unsavory but sometimes it's the only way to get things done."

SEAL is demoted but spared jail for posing with dead Iraqi captive

BY JULIE WATSON
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Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A Navy SEAL who was acquitted of killing a wounded Islamic State captive but convicted of posing with the corpse was sentenced by a military jury Wednesday to a reduction in rank and four months of confinement.

A judge, however, credited Special Operations Chief Edward Gallagher with enough time already spent in custody to ensure

he won't be locked up.

Gallagher turned to his wife, shook his head and pretended to unpin his "anchors" — and fling them across the courtroom. He then smiled and hugged her.

The sentencing came after Gallagher addressed the jury that had acquitted him Tuesday of murder, attempted murder and other counts stemming from an incident during a 2017 deployment to Iraq.

"I put a black eye on the two communities that I love



GREGORY BULL/AP

Edward Gallagher was acquitted of murder and attempted murder Tuesday.

the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Navy — specifically the SEAL community," he said.

He said he tried to lead by

example but didn't always succeed.

"I'm not perfect, but I've always bounced back from my mistakes. I'm ready to bounce back from this," he said.

The jury reduced Gallagher's rank by one grade to petty officer 1st class and ordered his monthly pay cut by \$2,697 for four months.

The judge then modified the sentence, capping the pay cut at two months and giving Gallagher 60 days' credit for being held in overly harsh conditions be-

fore being tried and being deprived of treatment for a traumatic brain injury.

Gallagher also got credit for 201 days of pretrial confinement.

President Donald Trump, who intervened this year to have Gallagher moved from the brig to less restrictive confinement, tweeted congratulations to the SEAL and his family.

"You have been through much together. Glad I could help!" the president wrote.

Defense lawyers said Gallagher was framed by

junior disgruntled platoon members who fabricated the allegations to oust their chief.

The outcome dealt a blow to one of the Navy's most high-profile war crimes cases and exposed a generational conflict within the ranks of the elite special operations forces.

Asked in an interview Wednesday on Fox what his message might be to future Navy SEALs, Gallagher said he would tell them that "loyalty is a trait that seems to be lost."

No home for IS foreign fighters

As they pile up in camps, Europe wary to repatriate them

BY MICHAEL BIRNBAUM
The Washington Post

BRUSSELS — European leaders have hammered the United States for nearly two decades about the injustice of Guantanamo Bay, where prisoners are held indefinitely at a detention camp outside the normal U.S. justice system.

But faced with what to do about European nationals who went to fight for the Islamic State and ended up in Syrian detention camps, the continent's leaders are proving reluctant to bring their citizens to trial at home.

Three months after the collapse of the Islamic State, about 2,000 foreign fighters are imprisoned in Syria and Iraq, and about 800 of them are believed to be European, according to U.S. officials. Those figures don't include the thousands of wives and children with foreign citizenship.

European leaders have made little movement to repatriate their citizens, even as U.S. and Kurdish authorities beg them to take back their people. Some security officials warn that inaction could enable future attacks, and human rights advocates deplore the conditions in overcrowded camps.

"It's obvious that there is a humanitarian crisis unfolding in the camps in northeast Syria and the prisons in Iraq that are holding thousands of foreigners," said Letta Tayler, a global terrorism researcher at Human Rights Watch. "Western Europe's response has been to look the other way."

European leaders have taken a hard look at what their domestic populations want — and blinked. Popular opinion is overwhelmingly against bringing back the European fighters. The



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Thousands of foreign fighters are in prisons in Iraq and Syria. Their families are held in camps, including al-Hol, above.

anger sharpened after terrorist attacks in Paris in 2015 and Brussels in 2016, in which some of the perpetrators had visited the caliphate.

"Ordinary Belgians want them to be taken care of over there," said Koen Metsu, a Belgian lawmaker who has worked on security issues. The Europeans who joined the Islamic State "knew up front what they were about to do," he said.

Even bringing back the children of the fighters is unpopular. France and the Netherlands have taken back orphans in recent days, because those children are free from the leaden political baggage of having parents who might also want to return alongside them. Belgium last week announced plans to do the same. Britain, meanwhile, has sought

to strip suspected Islamic State sympathizers of their citizenship.

Some fighters and sympathizers have been convicted in absentia — unable to appear at their European trials because they were in Syria. But authorities have little appetite to bring people home to serve their sentences.

European countries have also begun to outsource prosecutions to Iraqi courts. Justice is swift, the burden of proof light, access to lawyers minimal and the punishment consistent: death by hanging, according to human rights groups who have witnessed the proceedings. In recent weeks, 11 French citizens, among others, have been sentenced to death. France, which opposes the death penalty, signaled it will not

stand in the way of the trials, saying it respects Iraqi sovereignty.

Advocates of shifting prosecutions to Iraqi courts, including Metsu, acknowledge that some fighters may have fought in Syria only, not Iraq, raising questions whether Iraqis truly have jurisdiction. But they say justice is better served close to where crimes were committed and where witnesses and evidence are nearby.

The question of whether to reclaim fighters and their families is less pressing for the United States, because only a few dozen U.S. citizens are known to have traveled to join the Islamic State, according to counterterrorism analysts. But America has started to bring its people home. This month, six children and two women were flown back

from the al-Hol camp to be resettled in the United States, according to Syrian Kurdish authorities. Three men and a woman are awaiting U.S. trial. Three others agreed to plea deals. And one Virginia man is appealing a sentence of 20 years for providing material support to a designated terrorist organization.

U.S. officials, having made greater progress than their European counterparts, have sought to claim the moral high ground and to impress that the current situation is not sustainable.

"It is not a solution to leave these people in camps in northeast Syria. This is a burden on the people of northeast Syria," James Jeffrey, the U.S. special representative for Syria engagement, told reporters.

The challenge bloomed

as a U.S.-led coalition took over the final pockets of Islamic State territory in Syria and Iraq. That sent a wave of refugees and ex-fighters into the already fragile camps in Kurdish-controlled northeast Syria. Many of the men are in improvised prisons. Women and children are not under the same tight control, but those suspected of Islamic State sympathies are not allowed to move freely.

At al-Hol, more than 73,000 people are packed into facilities built to house about half that. The camp population includes 3,200 foreign women and 7,900 foreign children, alongside more than 60,000 Syrians and Iraqis, according to Kurdish authorities. There are just three mobile clinics at the camp, and shortages of medicine are acute.

The Kurdish forces who operate the jammed camps have few resources. Some of them complain they are being forced to lavish more money on their defeated enemies than on their own war-frayed population.

The inaction by European politicians also comes over the objections of some of their own security officials. Many who work to keep Europeans safe — but who don't have to win their votes — would prefer to keep terrorism suspects and convicts close by, where they can be watched, instead of running the risk they could vanish abroad and plot future violence.

"There is a disconnect between the political world that is very concerned about the political risks that are associated with the repatriation of terrorists, and the various services that are dealing with counterterrorism daily," said Thomas Renard, a terrorism expert at the Brussels-based Egmont Institute. "Having these individuals here, prosecuting them here, is not only feasible but also probably less problematic."



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Debris covers the ground after an airstrike at a detention center east of Tripoli in Libya.

Airstrike kills at least 44 in Libyan detention center

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BENHAZI, Libya — An airstrike hit a detention center for migrants near the Libyan capital of Tripoli early Wednesday, killing at least 44 people and wounding dozens of others in an attack that the U.N. human rights chief said could amount to a war crime.

The Tripoli-based government blamed the attack on forces associated with Gen. Khalifa Hifter, whose Libyan National Army has been waging an offensive against rival militias in the capital of the war-torn North African country since April.

It refocused attention and raised questions about the European Union's policy of cooperating with the militias that hold migrants in crowded and squalid detention centers to prevent them from crossing the Mediterranean to seek better lives in Europe. Most of them were apprehended by the Libyan coast guard, which is funded and trained by the EU to stem the flow of migrants.

At the United Nations, the Security Council was scheduled to meet later Wednesday in an emergency session on the

airstrike in Tripoli's Tajoura neighborhood, and Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called for an independent investigation.

Hifter's forces said they were targeting a nearby military site, not the detention center. There also were suspicions of involvement by foreign countries allied with his forces. Countries assisting Hifter include Egypt, the United Arab Emirates and Russia.

Two migrants said the airstrike hit a compound that houses a weapons warehouse and an adjacent detention center holding about 150 migrants, mostly Sudanese and Moroccans. The two spoke on condition of anonymity.

Online video purported to be from inside the detention center showed blood and human remains mixed with rubble and the belongings of the victims.

The U.N. gave an initial figure of 44 dead and more than 130 wounded.

But the two migrants said that three or four escaped harm and about 20 were wounded. They said the rest were killed, indicating the final death toll could be much higher.

Prince Alfani, the Libya medical coordinator for Doctors Without Borders, visited the detention center

hours before the airstrike and said it had held 126 migrants.

Survivors fear for their lives, he said, urging their immediate evacuation.

Charlie Yaxley, a spokesman for the U.N. refugee agency, said the detention center's proximity to the weapons depot "made it a target for the airstrikes."

"Coordinates of this detention center were well-known to both sides of the conflict," Yaxley said. "It was known that there were 600 people living inside. So there can be no excuse for this center having been hit."

U.N. human rights chief Michelle Bachelet said the attack "may, depending on the precise circumstances, amount to a war crime."

The attack "killed by surprise innocent people whose dire conditions forced them to be in that shelter," said U.N. envoy for Libya Ghasan Salame.

Magdalena Mughrabi, deputy Middle East and North Africa director for Amnesty International, said the attack "must be investigated as a war crime" by the International Criminal Court.

The deaths are the "consequences of Libya and Europe's callous migration policies," she said

Rouhani: Iran to soon enrich uranium beyond deal's limits

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TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's president warned that Tehran will increase its enrichment of uranium to "any amount that we want" beginning Sunday, putting further pressure on European nations to save its faltering nuclear deal and offer a way around intense U.S. sanctions.

President Hassan Rouhani's threat, combined with Iran surpassing the stockpile limits of the 2015 atomic accord, could narrow the estimated one-year window it would need to produce enough material for a nuclear weapon, something Iran denies it wants but the deal sought to prevent.

But as tensions rise a year after President Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew America from the deal, it looks unlikely that Europe can offer Iran a way to sell its oil on the global market despite U.S. sanctions.

All this comes as the U.S. has rushed an aircraft carrier, B-52 bombers and F-22 fighters to the region and Iran recently shot down a U.S. military surveillance drone. On Wednesday, Iran also marked the anniversary of the U.S. Navy shooting down an Iranian passenger jet in 1988, a mistake that killed 290 people and shows the danger of miscalculation in the current crisis.

"The Trump administration is pushing the center of Iranian politics to the right at the detriment of the Iranian people and the entire region," said Ali Vaez, an Iran analyst for the International Crisis Group. "Rouhani is clearly at the end of his rope and has no choice other than green lighting further escalation."

The deal saw Iran agree to limit its enrichment of uranium to 3.67%, which is enough for nuclear power plants but far below the



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In an address to Cabinet, President Hassan Rouhani on Wednesday said Tehran will "put aside" its commitment.

90% needed for weapons. It also limited its stockpile of enriched uranium to 661 pounds. In exchange, Iran saw crippling economic sanctions lifted.

But after Trump withdrew from the deal, those sanctions and even more stringent newer ones took effect. On Monday, both Iran and the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog agency confirmed that Tehran had breached that stockpile limit.

Rouhani some two months earlier set the Sunday deadline that Iran would increase its enrichment of uranium. Wednesday's remarks underlined that.

"From July 7 onward, the level of our enrichment will not be at 3.67% anymore," Rouhani said. "We will put aside this commitment as much as we want to and to any level we think is necessary and we need."

However, Rouhani's remarks Wednesday in a televised address to his Cabinet, while strident, seemed to still insist last-minute diplomacy could be possible.

"Our advice to Europe and the United States is to go back to logic and to the negotiating table," he said. "Go back to understanding, to respecting the law and resolutions of the U.N. Se-

curity Council. Under those conditions, all of us can abide by the nuclear deal."

On Tuesday, European powers separately issued a statement on Iran breaking through its stockpile limit, calling on Tehran "to reverse this step and to refrain from further measures that undermine the nuclear deal."

Vaez, the Iran analyst, said the current state of the deal forced Rouhani to shift right, while also highlighting the limitations faced by Europe.

"It is a pity that despite its goodwill and efforts, Europe fell short of preserving an agreement that incarnates European belief in multilateralism," he said.

The heightened tensions between the U.S. and Iran have seen a series of incidents spiral across the wider Persian Gulf. Mysterious attacks have struck oil tankers near the Strait of Hormuz, which the U.S. and Israel blame on Iran, although Tehran denies involvement.

Yemen's Iranian-backed Houthis rebels have launched drone attacks on Saudi Arabia. Iran also shot down a U.S. military surveillance drone valued at more than \$100 million June 20, nearly sparking a retaliatory American strike.

NEWS BRIEFING

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Mexican police revolt against plans to join National Guard

MEXICO CITY — Hundreds of uniformed federal police blocked highways in and around the Mexican capital Wednesday in open revolt against plans to absorb the officers into the newly formed National Guard, a move that the police fear could upend their jobs.

The protests came as the government officially began deploying the National Guard to several states to fight crime and control immigration. The

demonstrations threatened to complicate the formation of the new force, which President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has bet Mexico's future security on.

The president gave military officers the bulk of the responsibility for the National Guard.

Protesting police at the command center in the capital said their seniority, rank and benefits would not be recognized within the National Guard.

Man charged in hiker's death on Appalachian Trail unfit for trial

ABINGDON, Va. — A Massachusetts man accused of fatally stabbing a hiker on the Appalachian Trail is not mentally fit to stand trial, a federal judge ruled Wednesday.

James Jordan, 30, of West Yarmouth, Massachusetts, was charged with murder and assault with intent to commit murder in the knife attack on two hikers on the Appalachian Trail in southwestern Virginia on

May 11.

Ronald Sanchez Jr., 43, of Oklahoma, died after being stabbed repeatedly, and a female hiker was seriously hurt.

During a brief hearing in U.S. District Court in Abingdon, Magistrate Judge Pamela Meade Sargent found that Jordan is mentally incompetent. She ordered him to be sent to a federal facility to be rehabilitated until he is competent to stand trial.

13 arrested after protesters damage Hong Kong legislature

HONG KONG — Police said they have arrested at least 13 people for Monday's pro-democracy protests, including one man accused of storming into Hong Kong's legislature building along with hundreds of protesters who vandalized offices and the main chamber.

The local man surnamed Poon was arrested in Mong Kok for assaulting police, criminal destruction, misconduct in

public places and forced entry of the Legislative Council Complex, police said late Wednesday night.

The 12 others, including 11 men and one woman, were arrested in connection with a different protest that took place Monday morning.

They face charges such as possession of offensive weapons, unlawful assembly, assaulting a police officer and failing to carry an identity document.



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New York Police Department pallbearers carry retired Detective Luis Alvarez's casket Wednesday. Alvarez died Saturday of colorectal cancer that he attributed to the three months he spent digging at site of the World Trade Center after the 9/11 attacks.

Parents of woman killed in '17 Vegas massacre sue gun firms

LAS VEGAS — The father of a young woman killed in the 2017 Las Vegas massacre said Wednesday his family is blaming gun manufacturers for their daughter's death.

"Someone murdered our daughter," said James Parsons, whose 31-year-old daughter Carrie Parsons was one of 58 people killed when a gunman sprayed gunfire from a high-rise hotel. "Someone should be held accountable for that."

A wrongful death lawsuit filed Tuesday targets Colt and seven other gun manufacturers, along with gun shops in Nevada and

Utah, arguing their weapons are designed to be easily modified to fire like automatic weapons.

The lawsuit is the latest case to challenge a federal law shielding gun manufacturers from liability. It charges that gun-makers marketed the ability of the AR-15-style weapons to be easily modified to mimic machine guns and fire continuously, violating both a state and federal ban on automatic weapons.

Parsons and his wife, Ann-Marie, argue in the lawsuit that the firearms are "thinly disguised" machine guns that the

manufacturers knew could be easily modified, even without the use of a "bump stock," an attachment used by the Las Vegas gunman that allowed him to fire in rapid succession.

The Trump administration banned bump stocks this year, making it illegal to possess them under the same federal laws that prohibit machine guns.

The lawsuit charges the manufacturers showed a "reckless lack of regard for public safety" by advertising the firearms "as military weapons and signaling the weapon's ability to be simply modified."

Putin signs bill suspending role in nuclear treaty

MOSCOW — President Vladimir Putin has signed a bill suspending Russia's participation in a pivotal nuclear arms treaty.

Putin's decree, released on Wednesday, formalizes Russia's departure from the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces treaty with the United States following

Washington's withdrawal from the pact.

The U.S. gave notice of its intention to withdraw from the INF in February, setting the stage for it to terminate in six months unless Moscow returns to compliance.

Russia has denied any breaches, and accused the

United States of violating the pact.

The INF treaty, signed by President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, banned production, testing and deployment of land-based cruise and ballistic missiles with a range of 310 to 3,410 miles.

No charges for Ala. woman who was shot and lost fetus

BESSEMER, Ala. — An Alabama district attorney said Wednesday that she is dropping the manslaughter charge against a woman who lost her fetus when she was shot during a fight.

Marsha Jones was arrested last week after a grand jury concluded she intentionally caused the death of her fetus by initiating a fight, knowing she was pregnant.

Jones was five months pregnant when 23-year-old Ebony Jemison shot her in the stomach during a December argument over the fetus' father, authorities said.

A Jefferson County grand jury declined to indict Jemison on a manslaughter charge after police said an investigation determined Jones started the fight, and Jemison ultimately fired in self-defense. Jones, 28, was indicted by the same grand jury and arrested.

In Kentucky: A fire destroyed a massive Jim Beam warehouse filled with about 45,000 barrels of bourbon, sending flames shooting into the night sky and generating so much heat that fire-truck lights melted, authorities said Wednesday.

Firefighters from four counties responded to the blaze that erupted late Tuesday. Lightning might have been a factor, but fire investigators haven't been able to start looking for the cause, Woodford County, Kentucky, Emergency Management Director Drew Chandler said.

No injuries were reported, Chandler said. The fire was contained but was allowed to burn for several hours Wednesday to reduce the amount of contaminated runoff from distilled spirits, he said.



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America's impossible mission to the moon



NASA

The lunar module carrying Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin approaches for a rendezvous with the Apollo command module manned by Michael Collins in 1969.

A few weeks before the scheduled launch of Apollo 11, which was intended to land the first humans on the moon, presidential speechwriter William Safire got a call from Apollo 8 astronaut Frank Borman. He suggested that the White House might want to have a speech ready in case the mission went awry. When Safire tried to grasp the point, Borman added, "Like what to do for the widows." The first men on the moon might never leave it.

That speech was written but, fortunately, never delivered. The mission was a complete triumph. That recollection lives indelibly in the memory of everyone who was old enough to understand what was happening in July 1969.

Avenging the Sputnik humiliation

Fifty years after that epochal achievement, it's easy to assume that the outcome was foreordained. Looking back, it seems as though the American combination of adventure and ingenuity ensured success. But it was always a close-run thing, and hope was always shadowed by fear and fretting.

The journey began after a profound national shock: the launch of the first man-made satellite, known as Sputnik, by the Soviet Union in 1957. Americans were frightened by the prospect that space would be dominated by a formidable enemy.

"Soon, the Russians will be dropping bombs on us from space like kids dropping rocks onto cars from freeway overpasses," Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson warned. Congress created the National Aeronautics and Space Administration under intense public pressure to catch up with the Soviets.

John F. Kennedy's commitment

But the threat of being outdone persisted. In 1961, after Yuri Gagarin became the first person to fly in space, orbiting Earth, President John F. Kennedy summoned a spirit of urgency. In a speech to Congress, he said, "I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to Earth."

It was an audacious goal, with no guarantee of success. Even if Americans could reach the moon, the Soviets might get there first. There were innumerable opportunities for failure — and tragedy. In 1967, three U.S. astronauts died when a fire erupted as their craft sat on a launchpad. Apollo 10's manned lunar module suffered a malfunction and nearly crashed on the moon.

Just as dicey: The 240,000-mile return

When the Apollo 11 lander descended toward the surface, astronaut Neil Armstrong saw only dangerously cratered, boulder-strewn terrain and was almost out of fuel before he found a safe spot to land. Finally, he reported to Mission Control, "The Eagle has landed," and a worldwide audience breathed a sigh of relief.

Even then, danger loomed. Once Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin had walked on the lunar surface and returned to their module, there remained "the possibility that they might not be able to launch from the moon's surface," recalled historian John Logsdon years later. Once they did, they had to retrace their

240,000-mile route back to Earth and land safely.

For the entirety of human history, the notion of traveling to the moon had been nothing more than a fantastic dream. The achievement was a milestone that will never be forgotten. But somehow, it soon elicited boredom and complacency.

With the race won, and the Sputnik embarrassment avenged, Americans soon gave up lunar endeavors. The last astronauts to tread lunar soil departed in December 1972. Lunar bases were never built. Manned missions to Mars, which once were assumed to be the inevitable next step in space exploration, have yet to materialize. The next people to land on the moon may well be Chinese.

Anxiety and achievement

The present moment, with all its political furies, has been called "the age of anxiety." But anxiety even more acute than ours existed even at the moment that humans were extending their limits beyond our earthly home. Americans didn't know then that the United States would get to the moon ahead of the Soviet Union — or that the Cold War, which spawned the race, would end in their favor.

That generation had its own divisions — even over the lunar mission, which many Americans considered an expensive waste. Those Americans confronted their fears, strove mightily to overcome them and achieved things that were once beyond reach.

So it has been for the 243 years since July 4, 1776. All of us can find reassurance, instruction and inspiration in what the lunar pioneers did. And, more broadly, in what we as a people can do.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

The Washington Post, June 4: The number of children ages 6 to 17 who rode bicycles regularly — more than 25 times a year — decreased by more than a million from 2014 to 2018, according to the Sports & Fitness Industry Association.

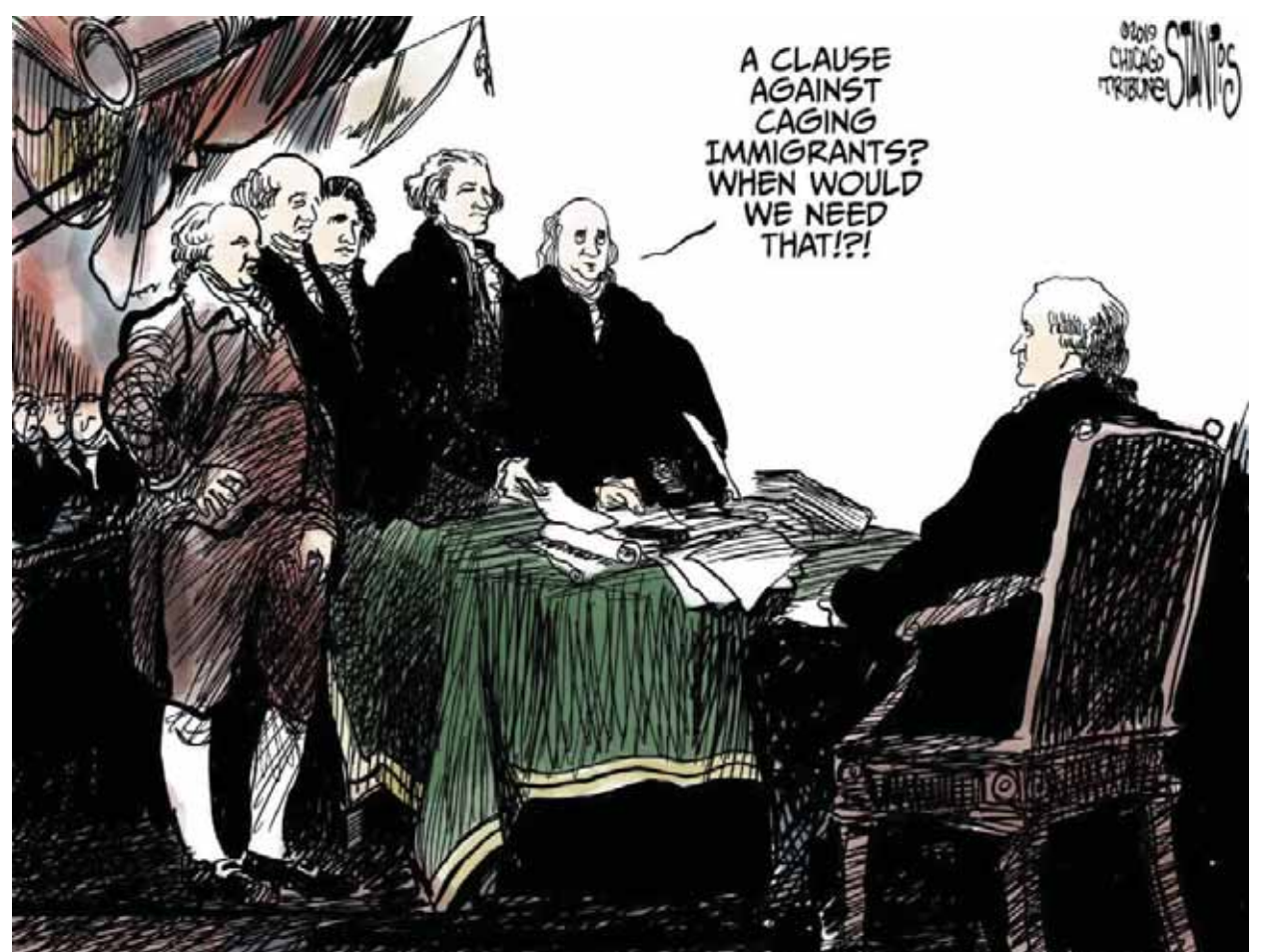
Hey, kids: It's your buddy Jason here. You shouldn't make a habit out of listening to adults, because adults tend to be overrated know-it-alls who talk too much about politics and real estate. But I need you to listen to me on this point: Ride a bicycle. ... There are a million reasons why. ...

But really the reason I want you to ride a bicycle is this: You'll be free. I cannot underline this enough. A chain gliding over a cogset is a miracle of engineering, but the joy of a bicycle is the liberation it provides. You're the captain of your own ship, dependent on no one, free to escape, explore and experience, the three essential E's of human growth. ...

Last year, when the basketball great LeBron James was opening up a public school in his hometown of Akron, Ohio, he gave every student who enrolled a bicycle. When I asked him why, he said riding a bicycle was the first time he'd ever seen parts of the city outside his own. It had literally opened his world. "If you had a bike, it was a way to let go and be free," he told me.

Jason Gay, *The Wall Street Journal*

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MCCALLUM HIGH SCHOOL PHOTO

After a racial brawl at McCallum High School in Austin, Texas, in September 1971, volunteer students form a human relations committee to address issues arising from desegregation. Co-chairs Stella Roland and Steve Chapman are seated on the stage at left. Cleo Moore, a fellow committee member, is at far left.

Joe Biden, Kamala Harris have reignited the busing debate



STEVE CHAPMAN

For Joe Biden, being called to account for his positions on busing in the 1970s must feel like being called to account for his fashion decisions in that era. Yes, he might admit, he made some bad choices, but at the time, it was hard to make good ones.

Nearly half a century on, the controversy may seem a simple matter of choosing whether to support racial integration. But simple is one thing the issue was not.

Let me be clear: School segregation was a hideous blight and a grievous injustice. There were many people who opposed busing out of ugly motives, and its supporters had the best of intentions.

Biden may have been guilty of deferring and even pandering to white constituents. But any politician who lasts as long as he has in public life has to take some positions that are unsavory at the time and regrettable in hindsight.

The basic dilemma was that we had no good remedies for entrenched public school segregation. Mandatory

busing was a defensible policy, not an unassailable one. It had flaws that made it unpopular among African Americans as well as white people.

I speak from experience. Growing up in Midland and Austin, Texas, I attended public schools that were all white, except for a few Hispanics, until I reached A.N. McCallum High School for 10th grade. It had some 2,000 students, only a few of them black. But in 1971, the fall of my senior year, things changed in a big way.

After years of litigation, a desegregation plan closed L.C. Anderson High School, which was virtually all African American, and bused its students to other schools. Overnight, McCallum was integrated.

Not everyone was happy about it. Black students resented losing their neighborhood school, being separated from their friends and being forced to endure bus rides. Some McCallum parents and students were hostile. When the first bus arrived, the Anderson kids were greeted by a group of white students brandishing chains and sticks and hurling insults, a ritual repeated each morning for a week or so.

Cleo Moore, a senior classmate who was bused, recalled all this in conversations we've had. One day, the black students arrived to find that someone had chalked a racial slur on the street. That day, with emotions boiling over, a

racial brawl erupted in the cafeteria.

Police arrived in force and remained on campus for days. A student human relations committee was formed (an African American, Stella Roland, and I were co-chairs), and the climate calmed. Moore, who was also on the committee, recalls the "riot" as the turning point: The bullying white kids found that their victims would fight back. "We learned to coexist in the same space," she says.

The experience was invaluable for white people who had almost no previous interaction with black peers. I learned things about our divergent experiences and perceptions that stayed with me.

But was it a net benefit for the African American students? That's not so clear. The neighborhood around Anderson High School suffered from the loss of businesses and a long-standing community anchor.

The effects didn't end there. Some white students transferred to private schools. Some families moved out of the Austin school district. The tiny nearby town of Round Rock grew from 2,811 people in 1970 to 12,740 in 1980.

That was the practical flaw in busing to integrate schools: Many white people resisted, and they found ways to escape. Today, 75% of Austin's residents are white but only 28% of public school enrollment is white.

White flight proved to be a common reaction elsewhere. A 2013 study in the *American Sociological Review* found that in recent decades, "minority students have become increasingly isolated and less exposed to whites."

Biden may be faulted for indulging the resistance of white constituents. But in our democracy, they had a vote, and perhaps a majority. Sen. Kamala Harris, the Democratic presidential rival who called Biden out on the issue, can legitimately claim that being bused gave her a better education. But not all African Americans got the same benefit.

In hindsight, supporters of racial equity might have done better with other remedies: redrawing school boundaries to integrate schools with less disruption; establishing attractive magnet schools; and pouring money into mostly black schools to improve educational outcomes.

This is one of those issues that fit what the jurist Learned Hand wrote: "The spirit of liberty is the spirit which is not too sure that it is right." Maybe Biden didn't have the correct answers then. But the correct answers weren't easy to identify then. They still aren't.

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The freedoms we must not take for granted on Independence Day

BY DAVID McGRATH

I filled the gas tank of my SUV, packed a cooler with Gatorade, a bag of trail mix and six hard-boiled eggs, and I set out on a journey of 1,200 miles that would traverse six states.

For two days, I drove through sun and rain, through the Great Smoky Mountains and across bridges of dizzying heights over the Tennessee River and the Ohio River.

I sped across state borders at 77 mph, and I hardly spoke to anyone, save a gregarious cook at a Waffle House in Georgia. And I only stopped when I wanted to. No border control agents, no customs and no checkpoints or being asked for my papers.

On several other continents, enjoying a similar road trip may be impossible or forbidden. But in the United States of America, unfettered interstate travel is one of my precious freedoms, and one which we should never take for granted.

Additionally, while driving across the country, I could tune to multiple radio stations, ranging from the Howard Stern show on satellite radio, featuring liberal political views and obscene language, to the Sean Hannity program, a right-wing political action committee posing as a talk show.

Most important, there was no government-controlled radio or TV dictating what I hear or see. With two fingers, I could dial in schools of thought across the entire political spectrum, either embracing or trashing the very government that guarantees the free airwaves, because I live in America.

I wrote an essay recently that was published in three newspapers, in which I criticized the leader of this country for telling lies, and for mishandling information even when it was the truth; and the

papers were read by tens of thousands of people.

But I was not detained, interrogated or arrested, which might have been the case in, say, Russia, North Korea or the People's Republic of China, among other places. Instead, I had protection from generations of American soldiers who fought and died for our freedoms of speech and the press, which, again, we should never take for granted.

Afterward, some readers affirmed and some rebutted my column, exercising those same freedoms. In fact, in the United States of America, there is no impediment to any citizen publishing a letter to the editor calling a columnist an ignoramus, their president a moron, their mayor a coward or even their God a disappointment. Yet in too many other countries, those same individuals might be dead men walking.

I am not rich, but I have owned boats all my life, with which I've plied the waters in Wisconsin, Illinois, Alabama, Florida and elsewhere to catch bass, pike, trout or grouper.

And if I had the notion, I could launch one into the Calumet Sag Channel and motor to Lake Michigan, where, after taking on fuel, I could sail north, under the Mackinac Bridge to Lake Huron, then across Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, proceeding east through the St. Lawrence Seaway into the North Atlantic, and on to Europe, down to Africa and back across the "pond" to Brazil.

With a credit card and a passport, I have the keys to other continents, free to choose where I want to roam on this planet, all thanks to the generations before me who sacrificed mightily for the freedom, resources, wealth and power we enjoy in this land.

Certainly success is not guaranteed, and

the pursuit is too often much harder for some because of race, ethnicity, wealth or residential ZIP code. Yet every citizen of this country is, nonetheless, free to try to become anything they wish, whether it's a paperboy, a teacher, an artist, a janitor, a public official, an entertainer, a racetrack policeman, a grocery clerk, an independent contractor, a carpenter, a journalist or a truck driver — all roles I was at liberty to assume.

Admittedly, I have occasionally taken our amazing way of life for granted, not always remembering the courage and sacrifice of those who made my indulgences possible.

But at this moment in history, our freedoms are jeopardized by an administration that threatens the free press, labeling it our "enemy" and even canceling daily news briefings; is determined to build a wall across our southern border; has imposed tariffs that levy a burdensome tax on consumers while obstructing free trade; has abridged free speech by punishing critics; has been conspiring to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, to deny women rights over their bodies; and has sought to curtail and deny our sacred right to vote, under the guise of a census citizenship question.

We must, therefore, celebrate and honor Independence Day this year by resolving to use the ballot box in upcoming state primaries and the subsequent federal election in order to "fire" any public officials and posers, starting at the very top, who are corrupting our democracy and conspiring to rob American citizens of the freedoms that have made this the greatest country on Earth.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

The real threat to America

The future of America is not about the threat of immigrants and refugees. America is bigger and better than that. Welcoming immigrants is good for America.

That's what the Democrats are trying to say, in the impossible box of a debate. That's not pandering. It is the better angels of our nature. And, yes, that is who we are. Not fearful and cowering and bellowing, as President Donald Trump would have it.

The real threat to America is not immigrants but greed that allows massive inequality, no growth in middle-class wages, tax giveaways to the ultrawealthy, and the destruction of our natural resources and our kids' future to continue the rampage.

— Tony Quintanilla, Chicago

Free health care for immigrants?

Regarding Democrats' support for health care for people in the U.S. illegally: The issue here is not simply free health care for the undocumented. It will likely go beyond that. Consider the benefit status of America's immigrants. A September 2015 study by the Center for Immigration Studies found that in 2012, 51% of immigrant households (legal or illegal) used at least one welfare program, 42% were on Medicaid, 40% received food assistance and 12% received cash assistance. Indeed, 76% of immigrant households with children were on welfare in 2012, according to the study. While a substantial number of native-born Americans are on welfare, the numbers for immigrants are higher. I doubt these numbers have changed much today. Is the thought that we can somehow provide free medical care while denying these other forms of assistance? Hardly, is my guess.

While I appreciate and sympathize with the plight of these immigrants, I believe our plate is full just providing health care and social services to Americans. Immigrants dependent on our safety net — and many legal immigrants have been relying on it for many years — are of no help to Social Security and, beyond that, are a growing drain on the overall federal budget.

— Neil Gaffney, Chicago

Chicago's defiance of ICE

While we live in northwest Indiana, my wife and I have always spent a lot of time and money in the city of Chicago. Sporting events, dinners, plays and overnight stays have always been a part of our lives. Recently we have spent less time there due to the violence, even on the Mag Mile. We so looked forward to the election of Lori Lightfoot since she was so determined to change the attitudes in the entire city. We loved how she took control of her first council meeting. We are, however, disappointed in her refusal to follow federal law regarding cooperating with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. None of us is entitled to observe only the laws we agree with. Hopefully, Mayor Lightfoot will realize this and declare that Chicago is no longer a sanctuary city.

— Tom and Rita Jerome, Winfield, Ind.

Definition of an American fascist

Henry A. Wallace, vice president under Franklin D. Roosevelt, wrote the following in *The New York Times*: "The American fascist would prefer not to use violence. His method is to poison the channels of public information. ... If we define an American fascist as one who in case of conflict puts money and power ahead of human beings, then there are undoubtedly several million fascists in the United States. ... They are patriotic in time of war because it is to their interest to be so, but in time of peace they follow power and the dollar wherever they may lead. ... (Fascists) can be identified by their appeal to prejudice and by the desire to play upon the fears and vanities of different groups in order to gain power. ... They claim to be super-patriots, but they would destroy every liberty guaranteed by the Constitution. They demand free enterprise, but are the spokesmen for monopoly and vested interest. ... Using the power of the state and the power of the market simultaneously they may keep the common man in eternal subjection."

Draw your own conclusion regarding our current state of affairs.

— Marla Cowan, Glenview

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To construe the Constitution, look to the Declaration of Independence



GEORGE WILL

On this 243rd anniversary of the beginning of the best thing that ever happened — "The Great Republic" — was Winston Churchill's tribute — many of today's most interesting arguments about America's nature and meaning are among conservatives. One concerns the relevance of the Declaration of Independence to the contested question of how to construe the Constitution.

The crucial question is: What did the Founders intend — what was their foundational purpose? Mark Pulliam, who might disagree that this is the crucial question, certainly thinks the Declaration is not pertinent to construing the Constitution.

Pulliam, a lawyer and contributing editor of the excellent *Law & Liberty* blog, notes portentously that the Declaration is not mentioned in the Constitution. This, however, is as obvious as it is obviously irrelevant. Neither is democracy "mentioned," and the Declaration is hardly mentioned in *The Federalist Papers*. However, the Declaration expressed, as Thomas Jefferson insisted, the broadly shared "common sense of the subject." Rather than belabor the Declaration's (to them, unremarkable) assertions, the Constitution's framers set about creating institutional architecture that would achieve their intention: to establish governance that accords with the common sense of their time, which was that government is properly instituted to "secure" the preexisting natural rights referenced in the Declaration.

Also obvious and irrelevant is Pulliam's observation that Jefferson, the Declaration's primary author, was not at the Consti-

tutional Convention (he was a U.S. diplomat in Paris). What is obvious — and, concerning the Constitution's original meaning and continuing purpose, dispositive — is this: The Declaration's role is the locus classicus concerning the framers' intention, which is surely the master key to properly construing what they wrought.

The late Judith Shklar (1928-1992), a Harvard political philosopher, correctly noted the "momentous novelty" of the Constitution's first three words, "We the people." They announced a "declaration of independence from the entire European past," a root-and-branch rejection of all prior attempts to ground the legitimacy of government in anything other than the consent of the governed. The Constitution was, however, written by men of the Enlightenment who were not confident that the rationality they practiced and espoused could be counted on to constantly characterize the republic for which they wrote.

The Declaration did not mention majority rule, which the Founders embraced because they considered it, when public opinion is properly refined and filtered, the best — although hardly a certain — mechanism for protecting the natural rights affirmed in the Declaration. Those rights, not a procedure (majority rule), was their foundational concern. The equilibrium of James Madison's constitutional architecture is currently in disarray, with congressional anemia enabling presidential imperialism. Nevertheless, the architecture was designed to "secure" — the crucial verb in the Declaration's second paragraph — the natural rights the Declaration affirms.

Martin Luther King Jr.'s genius — he was, in a sense, the final founder — was in understanding what the University of Pennsylvania's Rogers Smith terms the "Declaration of Independence-centered view of American governance and peoplehood." Over the years, this stance of "Declarationists" explicitly opposed Jacksonian democracy's majoritarian celebration of a

plebiscitary presidency, and the 1854 Kansas-Nebraska Act's premise that majorities ("popular sovereignty") could and should — wrong on both counts — settle the question of whether slavery should expand into the territories.

The learned and recondite disputes currently embroiling many conservatives, disputes about various doctrines of interpretive constitutional "originalism," are often illuminating and sometimes conclusive in constitutional controversies. But all such reasoning occurs in an unchanging context. Timothy Sandefur, author of *The Constitution of the Constitution*, rightly sees the Declaration as the conscience because it affirms "the classical liberal project of the Enlightenment and the pervasiveness of such concepts as natural rights."

Furthermore, Sandefur says, this explains the Constitution's use of the word "liberty," which "does not refer to some definitive list of rights, but refers to an indefinite range of freely chosen action." Which means that the Constitution should be construed in the bright light cast by the Declaration's statement of the founding generation's general intention to privilege liberty.

Pulliam dismisses as "inapt Biblical imagery" Abraham Lincoln's elegant formulation that the Constitution is the frame of silver for the apple of gold, which is the Declaration. Lincoln's mission was to reconnect the nation with its founding. The frame, Lincoln said, is to "adorn" and "preserve" the apple. Frames are important and silver is precious, but what is framed is more important and gold is more precious. So, tonight, by the light of some sparklers, read the Declaration, which illuminates what came next, the Constitution, and a nation worth celebrating.

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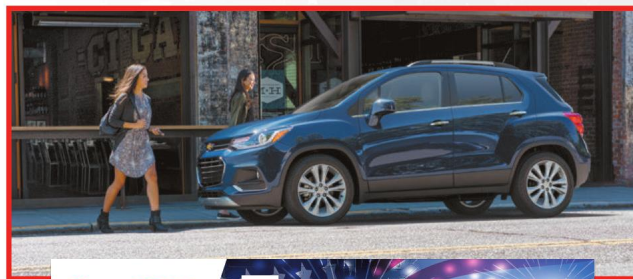
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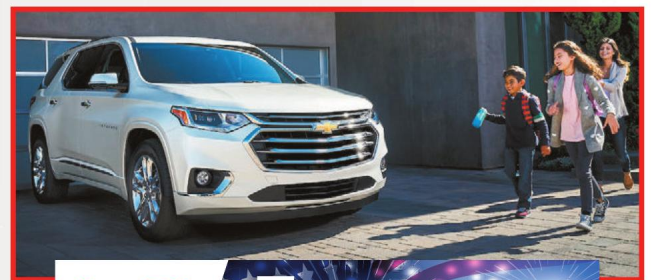


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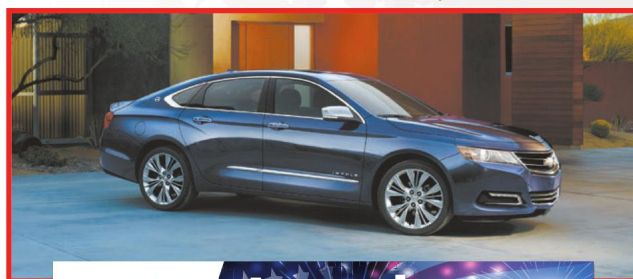
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Should the Betsy Ross flag be labeled as racist?

Nike listened to Colin Kaepernick, but hate group monitors say no

BY ALEXANDRA OLSON
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Nike's sales have only grown since it seized attention with its ad campaign featuring former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick. So, the shoemaker deferred to its star endorser when he raised concerns over a sneaker featuring an early American flag.

Nike pulled the Air Max 1 USA shoe, which included a Revolutionary-era U.S. flag with 13 white stars in a circle on the heel. Kaepernick reached out to Nike after learning they planned to release the sneaker to explain that the flag recalls an era when black people were enslaved and that it has been appropriated by white nationalist groups, a person familiar with the conversation told The Associated Press.

The person requested not to be named because the conversation was intended to be private.

Nike decided to recall the shoe after it had been already sent to retailers to go on sale this week for the July Fourth holiday, according to The Wall Street Journal.

The decision caused an instant backlash among conservatives who accused Nike of denigrating U.S. history, with Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey tweeting that he is asking the state's Commerce Authority to withdraw financial incentives promised to Nike to build a plant in the state.

Others expressed surprise that the symbol known as the Betsy Ross flag, so named after the



AP PHOTOS

Top, Nike pulled the Air Max 1 USA shoe, which included a Revolutionary-era U.S. flag with 13 white stars in a circle on the heel, after Colin Kaepernick raised concerns that the flag recalls an era when black people were enslaved and that it has been appropriated by white nationalist groups. Below, Cyndi Janzen, portraying Betsy Ross, displays a 13-star U.S. flag on June 6, 2006, at the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia.

beloved Philadelphia woman credited with designing it, could be considered offensive. Although some extremist groups appear to have appropriated the flag, it is not widely viewed as a

symbol of hate, and is used in museums that focus on 18th century U.S. history.

The Anti-Defamation League does not include it in its database of hate symbols. Mark Pitcavage,

a senior research fellow for the ADL's Center on Extremism, said extremist groups have occasionally used it, but the flag is most commonly used by people for patriotic purposes.

"We view it as essentially an innocuous historical flag," Pitcavage said. "It's not a thing in the white supremacist movement."

Nike said in a statement that "it pulled the shoe based on concerns that it could unintentionally offend and detract from the nation's patriotic holiday." The company pushed back against criticism that the decision was being "anti-American."

"Nike is a company proud of its American heritage and our continuing engagement supporting thousands of American athletes including the U.S. Olympic team and U.S. Soccer teams," Nike said.

Nike is showing consistency by listening to Kaepernick, the star of the brand's "Just Do It" campaign last year that ultimately proved a win for the company, said Chris Allieri, founder of New York public relations firm Mulberry & Astor.

"Listening to somebody that has helped the brand in so many countless ways, it makes sense. It would be completely hypocritical for them not to listen to him," Allieri said.

Kaepernick was the first NFL athlete to take a knee during the national anthem to protest police brutality. Some people called for boycotts after Nike featured him in a campaign last year that included a print ad featuring a close-up of his face and the words, "Believe in something. Even if it means sacrificing everything."

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Boeing to pay families \$100M

Airplane manufacturer will provide 'investment' to 737 crash victims

BY DAVID KOENIG
Associated Press

Boeing said Wednesday that it will provide an "initial investment" of \$100 million over several years to help families and communities affected by two crashes of its 737 Max plane that killed 346 people.

The Chicago-based company said some of the money will go toward living expenses and to cover hardship suffered by the families of passengers killed in the crashes.

Boeing faces dozens of lawsuits over the accidents. Relatives of passengers on a Lion Air Max that crashed off the coast of Indonesia agreed to try to settle through mediation, but families of passengers killed in an Ethiopian Airlines crash are waiting until more is known about the accidents.

Preliminary investigations point to the role played by new software that pushed the planes' noses down. Boeing is updating the software to make it easier for pilots to control, but the company doesn't expect to submit its work for final regulatory approval until September.

Lawyers who are suing Boeing on behalf of passengers' families said the new \$100 million promise won't stop them from demanding that Boeing provide details about how the plane and the new flight-control software were developed. Some of them discounted the amount of aid.

"For the totality of these losses, that is a very small number," said Robert Clifford, who represents relatives of those killed in the March crash of an Ethiopian Airlines Max. "I wouldn't even say it's a good start."

Boeing didn't give many details about the financial help. It did not say how much will go to families and how they will apply for aid. The company said it will work with local governments and non-profits on programs and economic development to help affected communities.

"We at Boeing are sorry for the tragic loss of lives in both of these accidents and we hope this initial outreach can help bring them comfort," Boeing chairman and CEO Dennis Muilenburg said in a statement.

The CEO added that the company is focused on winning the trust of airlines and the flying public in the months ahead. Nearly 400 Max jets at airlines around the world have been grounded since mid-March.

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Ill. employers warned state of layoffs in June

Report gives a figure of more than 700 workers from 6 businesses

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

Wynright Corp., a manufacturer of conveyors and robotics, warned the state in June that it planned to lay off more than 250 employees, according to a monthly report by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

The company is headquartered in Elk Grove Village with a conveyor plant in Oak Lawn. Wynright is closing both facilities and will begin layoffs by the end of August, according to the state report.

Wynright is a subsidiary of Daifuku, a company that offers engineering and installation services to distribution centers.

Wynright was one of six businesses that altogether warned the state in June of more than 700 layoffs.

Employers with more than 75 workers are required to give the state 60 days' notice of any

closures or layoffs affecting more than a third of their workforce under the Illinois Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act.

Other companies that reported closures and layoffs to the state were:

■ San Francisco-based Sun Basket reported more than 270 layoffs with the closure of its Valmeyer facility. The firm provides subscription meal services.

■ Twin Peaks Restaurants warned the state of plans to close a location in Orland Park and lay off 50 workers.

■ Transportation company Ryder announced the company was laying off 82 workers in Rochelle, according to the report.

■ Conifer Health Solutions, a health care business services company based in Texas, reported it was laying off 32 employees at its Springfield location.

■ Georgia-based Pallet supplier 48Forty Solutions warned of plans to layoff 32 workers at its Romeville location.

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A Jim Beam bourbon warehouse in Woodford County, Ky., burns Wednesday after catching fire the previous night. No one was reported injured in the blaze, but some 45,000 barrels of bourbon were destroyed.

45,000 barrels of bourbon destroyed in warehouse fire

Massive blaze at a Jim Beam facility melted firetruck lights

BY BRUCE SCHREINER
Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — A fire destroyed a massive Jim Beam warehouse filled with about 45,000 barrels of bourbon, send-

ing flames shooting into the night sky and generating so much heat that firetruck lights melted, authorities said Wednesday.

Firefighters from four counties responded to the blaze that erupted late Tuesday. Lightning might have been a factor, but fire investigators haven't been able to start looking for the cause, Woodford County Emergency Management Director Drew

Chandler said.

No injuries were reported, Chandler said. The fire was contained but was being allowed to burn for several more hours Wednesday, he said.

"The longer it burns, the more of the distilled spirits burn with it," he said in a phone interview. "So when they go to put it out,

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Trump favors economists for Fed vacancies

Pair who favor lower interest rates are said to get nomination

BY HEATHER LONG
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump plans to nominate Judy Shelton and Christopher Waller to fill the two remaining seats on the Federal Reserve Board of governors, the latest push in Trump's effort to get the central bank to lower interest rates ahead of the 2020 election.

Shelton is a conservative scholar and former adviser to the Trump campaign who told The Washington Post last month that she thinks interest rates should be cut "as fast as possible."

Waller is an economist who serves as research director at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. He rarely speaks publicly, but his boss, St. Louis Fed President James Bullard, was the only member of the Fed's policy setting committee to vote for an interest-rate cut in June.

Trump has lashed out at



Judy Shelton is a former adviser to the Trump camp.



Christopher Waller rarely speaks publicly.

the Fed for months, claiming the central bank is harming the economy ahead of the 2020 election by keeping interest rates high. Fed leaders have ignored Trump, saying they are doing what is best for the country by raising rates last year and holding them steady so far this year.

Trump's last four nominees for the Fed board failed to get through the Senate confirmation process as Republicans broke ranks with Trump to kill the nomina-

tions.

"I am pleased to announce that it is my intention to nominate Christopher Waller, PhD, Executive VP and Director of Research, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Missouri, to be on the board of the Federal Reserve," Trump tweeted Tuesday, adding in another tweet that he also plans to nominate Shelton.

Trump appointed Shelton U.S. executive director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

early in his tenure, a position that required Senate confirmation. Shelton's Fed nomination could potentially move faster since she has been vetted before. She holds a doctorate in business administration from the University of Utah and was a fellow for many years at Stanford's Hoover Institution.

She has been a strong proponent of returning the United States to the gold standard, which the nation abandoned years ago and

many economists think would be a mistake to bring back. During the crisis, she criticized the Fed for cutting interest rates to zero and doing so much to stimulate the economy, but now she is in favor of lower rates.

"I would lower rates as fast, as efficiently, as expeditiously as possible," Shelton said last month. "The goal is still job creation even though it's low employment."

Waller earned his doctorate in economics from Washington State University and is considered a more typical candidate for a Fed job given his many years as an economics professor and researcher at the central bank. A spokeswoman for the St. Louis Fed said the White House approached Waller about the role in June and Waller met with the president Tuesday.

"Waller seems like he's a perfectly fine candidate. I don't see anything glaringly wrong with him," said Tim Duy, a University of Oregon professor and author of the "Fed Watch" blog. "Judy Shelton is more complex.

She was adamantly against interest rates at zero during the recession a decade ago and now she's for low rates like Trump."

Interest rates are low by historical standards, but they are at the highest level since the financial crisis. Fed leaders argue the economy is healthy and does not need extra stimulus from ultra low interest rates, but Trump blames the Fed for any problems in the economy or markets.

The Fed is expected to cut rates in July or September to counterbalance the harm from Trump's trade war, which has sent investment down. But Trump is likely to want even lower rates.

Trump appointed four of the five Fed governors, including Chair Jerome Powell, but the president has looked into demoting Powell, a move that would likely cause an uproar in the financial markets.

Business leaders and investors generally believe the Fed must be independent from politics to make the best decisions for the long-term health of the economy.

Fire

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there will be less contaminated runoff that goes into a drinking-water tributary."

Company officials said they are working with authorities to assess environmental effects.

The distiller hired an emergency cleanup crew and state environmental officials were coordinating efforts to control bourbon runoff into a nearby creek that flows into the Kentucky River, said John Mura, a spokesman for the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet.

"We do know there has been runoff enter the creek," Mura said. "And it has made its way into the Kentucky River."

The runoff could have a "serious impact on aquatic life," he said. Runoff is expected to create "low dissolved oxygen levels," which could result in substantial fish kills, the agency said in a release.

State officials warned recreational users on the Kentucky River that runoff will result in water discoloration, foaming and an odor.

The distilling company said the multistory warehouse that burned contained "relatively young whiskey," meaning it had not reached maturity for bottling for consumers. Bourbon acquires its color and flavor while aging for years in charred new oak barrels.

"Given the age of the lost whiskey, this fire will not impact the availability of Jim Beam for consumers," the spirits company said in a statement.

The distiller said it was grateful to the "courageous firefighters" who brought the blaze under control and kept it from spreading. A second warehouse sustained minor exterior damage but its contents re-



PAT MCDONOGH/AP

Flames and smoke rise from a bourbon warehouse fire Wednesday at a Jim Beam distillery in Woodford County, Ky. Firefighters from four counties responded to the blaze, which erupted late July 2.

mained intact, the company said.

The whiskey maker suffered a total loss in the burned warehouse. The destroyed whiskey amounted to about 1% of Beam's bourbon inventory, it said.

One standard bourbon barrel usually holds about 53 gallons of bourbon that eventually turns into around 150 to 200 750 milliliter bottles, the Courier Journal reported. If all the barrels held bourbon, that would be a loss of at least 6 million bottles, the Louisville newspaper reported.

Jim Beam is the world's largest bourbon brand. The classic American whiskey brand is owned by Chicago-based Beam Suntory, a subsidiary of Japan's Suntory Holdings.

Authorities were alerted of the fire shortly after 11:35 p.m. EDT Tuesday, Chandler said. The orange glow from the inferno could be seen miles away, he said.

Firefighters who with-

stood the intense heat were able to keep the fire from spreading to some other nearby storage warehouses, he said.

"It melted lights off some of the firetrucks, it got so hot," Chandler said.

The destroyed warehouse, near the Woodford-Franklin county line, was about 100 yards from Glens Creek, a tributary of the Kentucky River, he said. Existing containment berms were reinforced with sand to try to prevent runoff into the creek, he said.

Beam Suntory officials said the distiller has a "comprehensive" warehouse safety program that includes regular inspections and "rigorous protocols" to promote safety. The distiller said it operates 126 barrel warehouses in Kentucky that hold about 3.3 million barrels for its brands.

The Beam fire was the latest warehouse loss suffered by a Kentucky distiller.

Last month, a storm

caused the partial collapse of a warehouse at O.Z. Tyler Distillery in Owensboro. The painstaking process of recovering barrels is continuing as part of the distiller's overall plan that included taking down the entire structure.

Another Kentucky bourbon barrel warehouse collapsed last year. Half of a warehouse collapsed at the Barton 1792 Distillery in Bardonia in June 2018, and the other half came down two weeks later.

Kentucky distillers produce 95% of the world's bourbon, according to the Kentucky Distillers' Association. The state's bourbon sector is in the midst of a \$2.3 billion-plus building boom among KDA members — signaling distillers' confidence that growing demand for their spirits will continue. Projects include new and expanded production facilities, more warehousing and bottling lines and new and expanded tourism centers.

OPEC weighs longer cuts amid falling demand

BY KIYOKO METZLER
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Associated Press

VIENNA — OPEC looked set to extend its current deal to cut production for nine months as the oil cartel faces a weakening outlook for demand because of waning global growth.

Member country representatives met Monday at the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries' headquarters in Vienna and will hold talks with nonmember producing states on Tuesday.

The decision is complicated by tensions between non-OPEC country U.S. and Iran, which have sent prices higher.

Several key representatives said group members were falling into line behind a nine-month extension to a six-month extension. Saudi Arabia's Energy Minister Khalid Al-Falih said "we will not know for sure until tomorrow" but that most countries "want nine months."

And Iraq's oil minister Thamer Ghadhban said nine months was "mostly likely."

The official rollover of the full deal is dependent on both OPEC and non-OPEC countries agreeing.

The current deal to support prices reduced production by 1.2 million barrels per day starting from Jan. 1 for six months.

Most of the cuts came from OPEC nations, who agreed to cut 800,000 barrels per day, with the rest of the cuts coming from Russia and other countries. The cuts were aimed to put upward pressure on oil prices and reduce supply.

Tensions between the U.S. and Iran and attacks on tankers near the Strait of Hormuz have pushed up oil prices in recent days. Over the longer term however, demand could weaken according to the International Energy Agency, which cut its demand estimate earlier this month.

Benchmark crude oil rose 62 cents to settle at

\$59.09 a barrel. Brent crude added 32 cent to close at \$65.06 a barrel.

Since December's decision to cut production, conditions in the oil market have become increasingly complex, making a decision over an extension less clear.

"It's a much harder market to forecast," said Amy Myers Jaffe, senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations.

"I'm of a confused mind, and I think many participants are," Jaffe said. "I think the outlook right now is very ripe for a supply shock."

Geopolitical turmoil and production problems in various markets have led to concern that oil supply would be tight, conditions that tend to push the price of oil higher. Tensions have been rising in the Middle East as the U.S. imposed new sanctions on Iran, and oil tankers have been attacked near the Strait of Hormuz, a narrow passage through which a fifth of all oil traded around the world passes.

Experts say a military conflict between the U.S. and Iran would further constrain oil supply and send oil prices higher.

In addition to the supply concerns, there are worries over demand not least because of the slowdown in the global economy partly as a result of trade tensions between the U.S. and China. That raises the prospect of lower oil demand and consequently lower prices.

To some degree, those opposing forces have counterbalanced each other, but the dueling dynamics make it difficult to predict what's likely to happen with the price of oil, and that may make decisions for OPEC leaders challenging.

Jaffe expects the price of oil to continue rising for the next few months.

"I disagree with people on the thesis that the geopolitical risk and the razor-thin supply doesn't matter because the economy is slow, because it just hasn't slowed down that much," Jaffe said.

Flag

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The boycott calls fizzled.

Nike's annual sales have jumped 7% to more than \$39 billion, according to the company's last quarterly report. Its stock is up 12% since the start of the year. And Nike CEO Mark Parker has said the Kaepernick campaign inspired "record engagement with the brand," an important goal for a company trying to strengthen its direct-to-consumer business.

Because the Betsy Ross flag is not widely considered a racist image, it's difficult to judge whether Nike should have designed the shoe in the first place.

"Can a brand be expected to know everything possible that could be offensive? That's probably tough, but that's why you have to have inclusive teams," Allieri said.

While some took to Twitter to thank Nike and

Kaepernick for yanking the sneaker, several Republican politicians were quick to condemn the company.

"If we are in a political environment where the American flag has become controversial to Americans, I think we have a problem," said Sen. Mitch McConnell.

Ducey ordered Arizona to withdraw a grant of up to \$1 million that was slated for Nike, said Susan Marie, executive vice president of the Arizona Commerce Authority, which administers the grant. But the governor has no authority over more than \$2 million in tax breaks over five years that were approved Monday by the City Council in the Phoenix suburb of Good-year, where Nike committed to opening a \$185 million factory that would employ more than 500 people.

Nike is unlikely to suffer financially over the flag flap, said Matt Powell, a sports industry analyst at NPD Group Inc.

"I'm sure there are

plenty of states out there that would love to have a Nike factory that would employ 500 people," Powell said. "Today's consumers really want brands to be vocal on social issues, especially the younger consumers. This very much aligns with the social position of their core consumers."

Indeed, New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham responded to Ducey's tweet with her own: "Hey @Nike, Let's talk." The abandoned shoe sparked a discussion on social media and beyond about the Betsy Ross flag itself.

In 2016, a Michigan chapter of the NAACP said the flag has been "appropriated by the so-called 'Patriot Movement' and other militia groups who are responding to America's increasing diversity with opposition and racial supremacy." The statement came in response to a high school football event where the NAACP said some white students used the

flag while attempting to intimidate players from a predominantly black school.

The Anti-Defamation League says "Patriot movement" describes groups that include militias and others who have adopted anti-government conspiracy theories. The ADL says there is some overlap between the "Patriot" movement and the white supremacist movement, but that overlap has shrunk over time.

Lisa Moulder, director of the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia, said she has never heard of the flag being used as a hate symbol.

"Personally, I've always seen it as a representation of early America," Moulder said. "The young nation was not perfect, and it is still not perfect."

The AP's Michael Kunzelman in College Park, Md.; Jonathan Cooper in Phoenix; and Summer Balentine in Jefferson City, Mo., contributed.

Boeing

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In April, Boeing reported a \$1 billion charge against earnings because of higher production costs for the Max. Analysts expect more charges will follow, including compensation for families and for airlines that have lost the use of the planes until regulators clear them to fly again.

Thomas Demetrio, a

lawyer with cases in both crashes, called Boeing's announcement Wednesday "a PR move" that won't affect compensation for families.

"I would like it to go to making the plane safer," he said.

The lawyers said Boeing didn't provide enough details about how the money will be distributed and spent. They added that Boeing did not tell them in advance about the announcement.

Economy not boosting Trump

Americans give mixed reviews to president in poll

By JOSH BOAK AND HANNAH FINGERHUT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The solid economy is doing little to bolster support for President Donald Trump.

Americans give Trump mixed reviews for his economic stewardship despite the growth achieved during this presidency, according to a new survey by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Nearly two-thirds describe as “good” an economy that appears to have set a record for the longest expansion in U.S. history, with decade-long growth that began under President Barack Obama. More people consider the economy to be good today than did at the start of the year.

But significantly fewer approve of Trump’s handling of the economy, even as it remains a relative strength compared with other issues. The survey indicates that most Americans do not believe they’re personally benefiting from his trade policies.

And only 17% said they received a tax cut, despite government and private sector figures showing that a majority of taxpayers owed less after the president’s tax overhaul passed in 2017.

These doubts create a possible vulnerability as Trump highlights the economy’s solid performance in his campaign for re-election in 2020.

During two nights of debates last week, almost every Democratic presidential candidate found ways to criticize the president by decrying the wealth gap.

Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren said it was evidence of “corruption.” Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders railed against the concentration of wealth in the



Trump supporter Ryan Brueggemann, who runs a dairy farm with his brother in New Berlin, Wisconsin, dislikes tariffs.

three richest Americans, while former Vice President Joe Biden said Trump thinks Wall Street, not the middle class, built America.

Christel Bastida, 39, a neuroscience researcher, was active in Democratic politics last year during the Senate race in Texas and plans to run for Houston City Council.

“I personally don’t feel more secure financially and I think that’s the case for a lot of people who are middle class,” she said. “A lot of working-class people are not comfortable now. I know there were tax breaks that were supposed to be helpful to people, but it turns out they’re helpful to billionaires and corporations and I’m neither.”

Nearly half of Americans, 47%, approve of Trump’s handling of the economy, but his overall approval rating — 38% — is low compared with what past presidents have enjoyed in strong economic conditions. Only about 4 in 10 Americans approve of his handling of taxes and trade negotiations.

The public skepticism has persisted even as the president routinely congratulates himself on the economy, including the 3.6% unemployment rate and stock market gains.

He tweeted last week: “The Stock Market went up massively from the day after I won the Election, all the way up to the day that I took office, because of the enthusiasm for the fact that I was

going to be President. That big Stock Market increase must be credited to me.”

The 2017 tax overhaul was sold by the administration as a way to return more income to everyday Americans.

But the poll shows nearly half said they think their taxes stayed the same or are unsure; 33% said they increased. This suggests the tax cuts may have been too modest to notice or were eaten up by daily expenses, or that people were disappointed with their refunds.

That feeling of being left behind has energized Democrats seeking to turn out the vote next year. The tax overhaul disproportionately favored corporations and the wealthy, allowing

Democrats to say the tax cuts were fundamentally unfair.

Democrats are more likely than Republicans to say the amount they paid in taxes increased in the last year, 42% versus 25%, while more Republicans say their taxes decreased, 25% versus 10%.

Nor are tariffs popular.

Trump has imposed a tax on roughly \$250 billion worth of Chinese imports, part of an effort to force the world’s second-largest economy to trade on more favorable terms with the United States. China retaliated with their own tariffs that hit the U.S. agricultural sector, causing the Trump administration to provide aid to farmers with lost profits.

The president has also threatened tariffs on Mexico in order to get that country to reduce the border-crossings into the United States and has mused about hitting European autos with import taxes as well.

A mere 15% of Americans said the tariffs will help them and their family.

With regards to the national economy, just 26% said the tariffs will help, a sharp decline from 40% who said that last August. About half said the tariffs will be harmful.

Republicans, in particular, are less optimistic: Half think Trump’s tariffs will help the economy, down from 7 in 10 in August.

Ryan Brueggemann, 37, of New Berlin, Wisconsin, runs a dairy farm with his brother.

He supports Trump but dislikes the tariffs, though he understands why the president has deployed them so frequently.

“I don’t believe it’s a great business practice to use them,” Brueggemann said. “But it came down to the point where our country is being taken advantage of unfairly and that the only way other nations were going to listen to what we wanted to renegotiate and even get them to the table to think about it was to get their attention by putting some tariffs on products.”

Paul Miller, 81, a retired shoe factory foreman from Carlisle, Pennsylvania, said he still intends to vote for Trump, since he hasn’t seen anyone better yet in the Democratic field.

Living off his pension and Social Security, Miller said the tax cuts were basically irrelevant for him.

And he doesn’t agree with the president’s claim that China is paying for the tariffs, rather than U.S. consumers and companies.

“I sort of have mixed feelings about the tariffs,” he said. “Of course, I don’t believe it when Trump says we won’t have to pay them. We will.”

US-China trade truce fuels record highs in S&P 500, Dow, Nasdaq

By DAMIAN J. TROISE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Investors extended a rally through a holiday-shortened day and pushed the S&P 500 index to its third consecutive record close Wednesday. Other major indexes also closed at record highs.

The rally follows a slight easing of trade tensions between the U.S. and China. Both nations have agreed to refrain from new tariffs while they open a new round of negotiations. The development relieved some pressure on the market, though the trade war still looms over global economic growth.

The S&P 500 rose 22.81 points, or 0.8%, to close at 2,995.82. The third record close in as many days also pushed the index closer to breaching the 3,000 mark.

The Dow Jones Industrial

Average also reached a record, gaining 179.32 points, or 0.7%, to close at 26,966.

Technology stocks led the gains, helping the Nasdaq composite join the record-breaking club. The Nasdaq rose 61.14 points, or 0.8%, to 8,170.23.

“Clearly the trade truce with China has been a catalyst for the market even though there remain uncertainties,” said Quincy Krosby, chief market strategist at Prudential Financial.

Technology companies, which tend to do a lot of business with China, have been particularly sensitive to the trade war between the U.S. and China. The sector has been broadly higher this week.

Cybersecurity software company Symantec surged 13.6% and did much of the heavy lifting Wednesday as reports suggest it is considering a sale to chipmaker

Broadcom. Microsoft and Apple also made gains.

A broad mix of health care companies lifted that sector. Johnson & Johnson rose 1.5% and Merck rose 1.6%.

Communications and internet companies were also among the biggest gainers, with strong pushes from Facebook and Netflix.

Tesla rose 4.6% after telling investors that it delivered more electric cars in the second quarter than any three-month period in its history. The upbeat trading comes as the electric car maker struggles to meet production promises and to consistently make money.

The records are adding to a yearlong rally. The S&P 500 is up more than 19%, while the Dow is up more than 15%. The Nasdaq is now up 23% for the year.

The market will be closed Thursday for Independence Day.

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Beware: Employment scams can target your accounts

When you’re looking for work, the goal is to increase your available income. But for those falling prey to an employment scam, the result is usually a loss instead.

Scammers attract job hunters by promising reasonable or even minimal hours and too-good-to-be-true hourly pay. They also often offer the option to work from home. While you may see flyers for jobs like this stapled to telephone poles, savvy scammers also list these “opportunities” in the same places you’d find legitimate jobs, whether in newspapers, online, or even advertised on TV and radio.

What employment scammers are targeting is an advance payment from you, or access to your bank or credit card accounts, or both. Whenever you’re asked to pay upfront for the opportunity of a job, whether it’s billed as being for certification, software, training materials, or expenses for placing you with the company, watch out. Legitimate jobs almost never carry a buy-in price tag.

Other red flags are unprofessionally written emails with no contact information provided, job requirements and a job description that are very vague, an interview that will happen via instant messenger, and being given the job right away. You may also hear the false promise of being connected with “previously undisclosed” government jobs (all federal jobs are publicly listed).

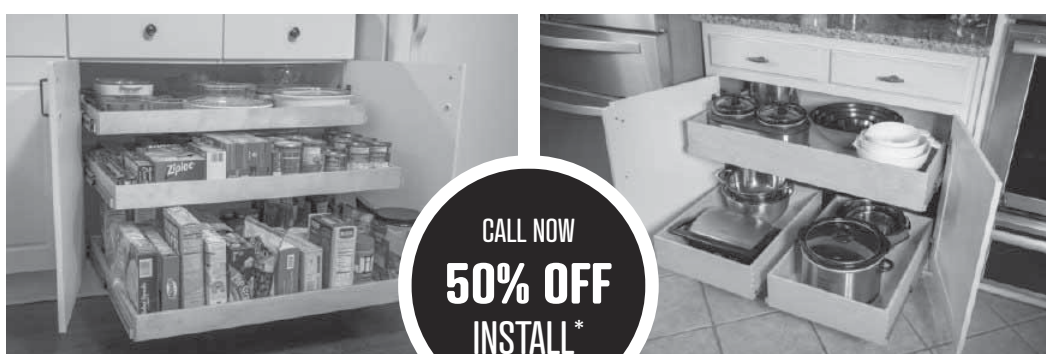
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As with all possible scams, the advice remains the same: don’t give your bank account and credit card numbers to anyone you can’t verify as legitimate.

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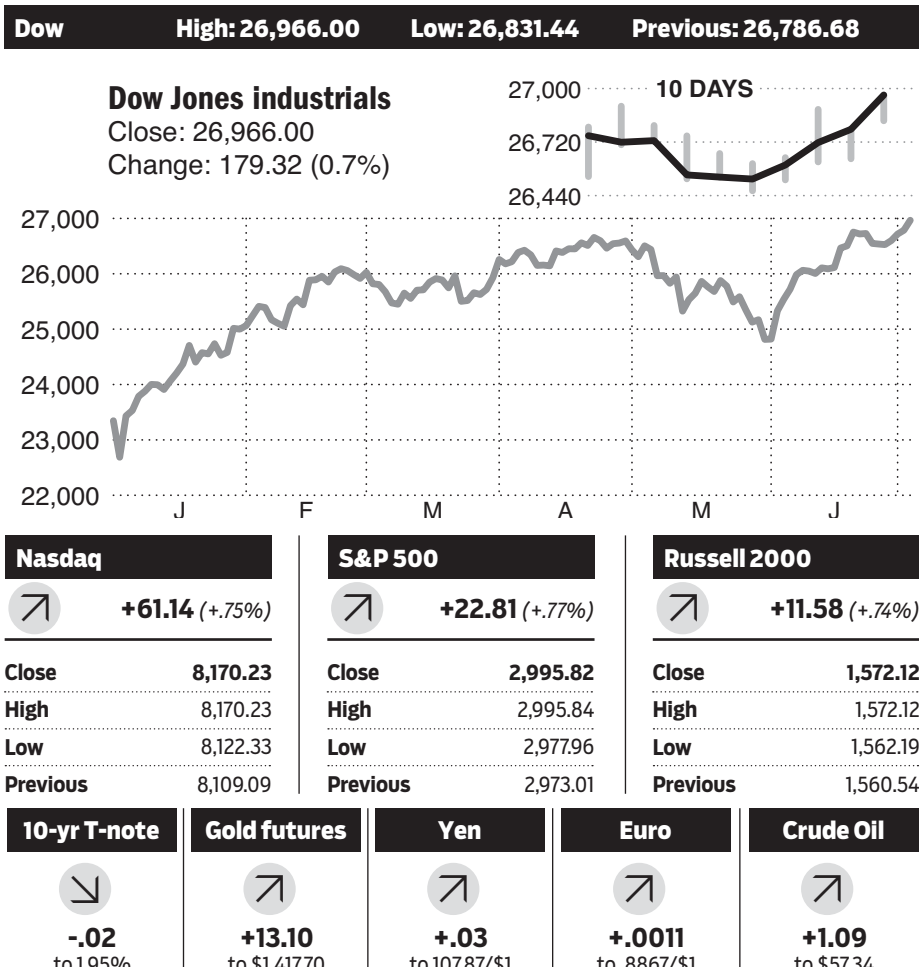
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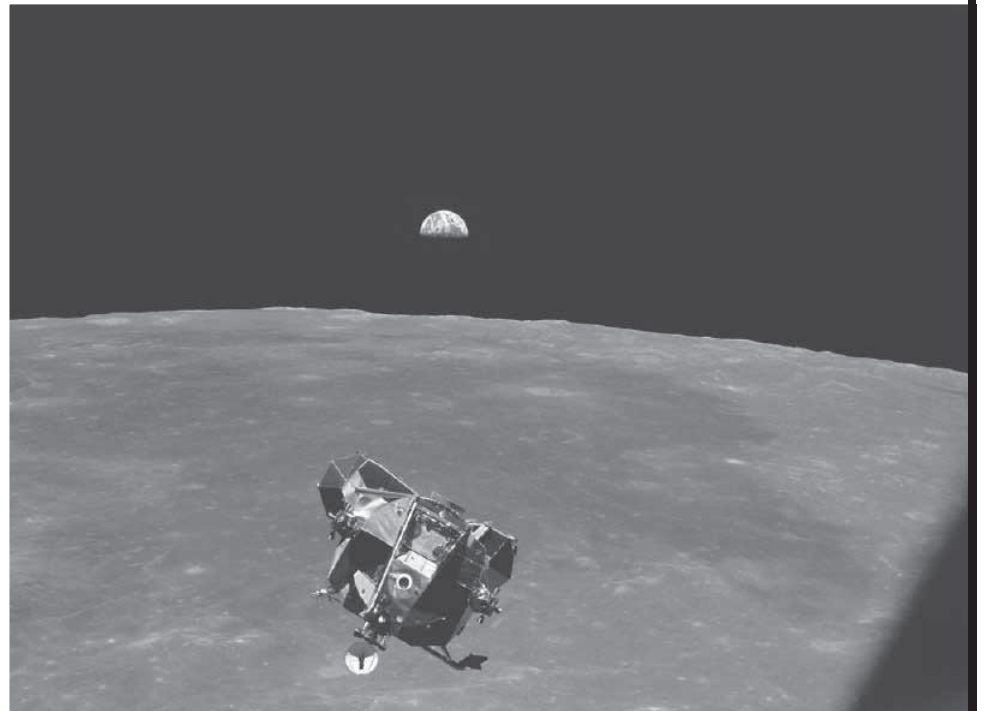
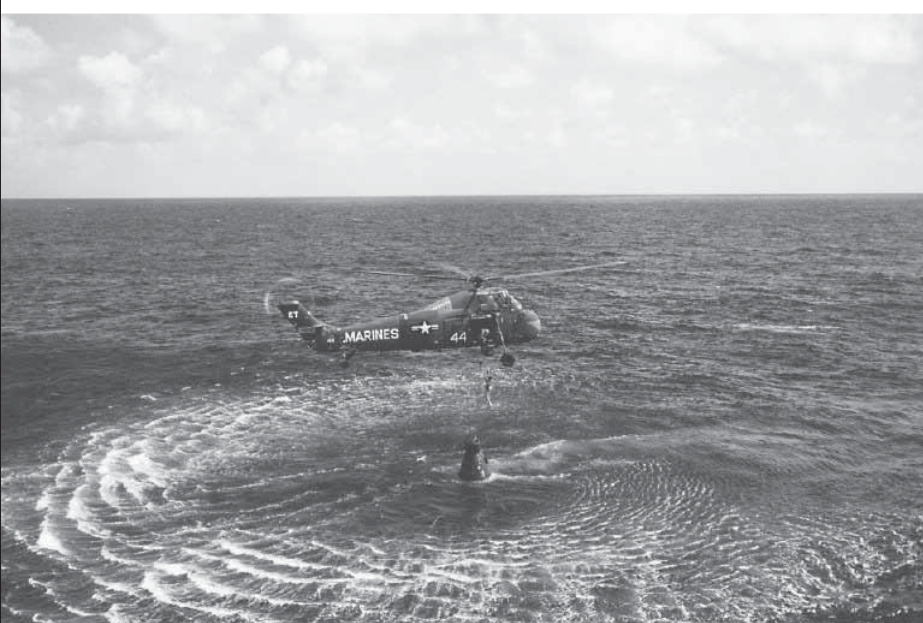


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OBITUARIES

ARTE JOHNSON 1929-2019

Emmy-winning star of comedy show 'Laugh-In'

BY PAT SAPERSTEIN
Variety

Comedian and actor Arte Johnson, Emmy-winning star of 1960s and '70s comedy sketch show "Laugh-In," died early Wednesday in Los Angeles. He was 90.

Family representative Harlan Boll says Johnson died of heart failure following a three-year battle with bladder and prostate cancer. No services have been planned, but his ashes will be spread in a private ceremony.

On "Laugh-In," he was most familiar as Wolfgang, the heavily accented German soldier who thought World War II was still going on. His catchphrase "Very interesting ..." was one of many that caught on from the hit show. Johnson won one Emmy for the show in 1969 and was nominated two more times.

Appearing on the NBC series for its full run from 1968 to 1973, his other well-known character was as the dirty old man Tyrone F. Horneigh who sat down on a park bench and made off-color remarks to Ruth Buzzi. In a 1970 episode, the two appeared in a wedding scene with Tiny Tim as best man. Though the character probably wouldn't have worked in modern times, he and Buzzi reprised their characters in the 1977 cartoon series "Baggy Pants and the Nitwits."

Buzzi paid tribute to Johnson on Wednesday afternoon via Twitter: "Thank you for a wonderful half-century of friendship. I could not have shared the spotlight with a nicer guy. Rest in peace. And yes, Arte Johnson, I believe in the hereafter!"

Born in Benton Harbor, Michigan, Johnson started out performing in New



VINCE BUCCI/GETTY 2002

Actor Arte Johnson died Wednesday at the age of 90.

York nightclubs and was then cast in "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" onstage. Moving into television, he appeared in early series including "Sally" and "Hennessy," as well as in the "Twilight Zone" episode "The Whole Truth" as a car salesman who punches a used car lot owner.

His other TV appearances during the 1960s and '70s included "Bewitched," "Lost in Space," "The Partridge Family" and "The Donna Reed Show."

While the bulk of Johnson's roles were on television, his film roles included the Gore Vidal character in Jack Kerouac's "The Subterraneans," as a federal agent in "The President's Analyst," as Dracula's comic sidekick in "Love at First Bite."

Later in his career, he

made numerous gameshow appearances on "The Match Game," "Wheel of Fortune" and "The Gong Show," guested on "Murder She Wrote" and "Night Court," as well as on "General Hospital."

Johnson also did extensive voice work for cartoons including "Justice League Unlimited," "The 13 Ghosts of Scooby-Doo," "DuckTales" and "Animaniacs," and later narrated numerous audiobooks.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Gisela, and his brother, Coslogh, TV writer on "Laugh-In" and many other shows. Donations can be made to Actors & Others for Animals, Best Friends and/or to cancer research.

Associated Press contributed to this report.

In 1927, playwright Neil Simon was born in New York.

In 1939, in a farewell speech to fans in Yankee Stadium, ailing baseball great Lou Gehrig called himself "the luckiest man on the face of the Earth."

In 1946, the Philippines became an independent republic after 48 years of U.S. sovereignty.

In 1959, America's 49-star flag honoring Alaska statehood was officially unfurled. Exactly a year later, the 50-star flag honoring Hawaii's statehood was officially unfurled.

In 1976, Israeli commandos raiding Entebbe airport in Uganda completed their rescue of almost all of the passengers and crew of an Air France jetliner seized by pro-Palestinian hijackers.

In 1980, North Michigan Avenue was jammed with people attending the first Taste of Chicago.

In 1987, Klaus Barbie, the Gestapo chief known as the "Butcher of Lyon," was convicted in France of crimes against humanity and sentenced to life in prison.

In 1994, Rwandan Tutsi rebels seized control of most

of their country's capital, Kigali, from the Hutu-led government.

In 1995, British Prime Minister John Major won reelection as Conservative Party leader. Also in 1995, actress Eva Gabor died in Los Angeles; she was 74.

In 1997, NASA's Pathfinder spacecraft landed on Mars, inaugurating a new era in the search for life on the Red Planet.

In 1999, white supremacist Benjamin Nathaniel Smith shot himself to death as police closed in on him in southern Illinois, hours after he had shot and killed a Korean man in Bloomington, Ind.

In 2003, Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant was arrested on suspicion of sexual assault after a woman accused him of sexual misconduct at a hotel near Vail, Colo.

In 2004, a 20-ton slab of granite, inscribed to honor "the enduring spirit of freedom," was laid at the World Trade Center site as the cornerstone of the future Freedom Tower skyscraper.

In 2005, former NFL coach Hank Stram, whose Kansas City Chiefs team won Super Bowl IV, died in Covington, La.; he was 82.

In 2007, the Black Sea resort of Sochi was elected the host city of the 2014 Winter Olympics, taking the Winter Games to Russia for the first time.

In 2013, Adly Mansour was sworn in as acting president of Egypt, one day after the military ousted Islamist leader Mohammed Morsi.

In 2016, NASA received a radio signal from the solar-powered Juno spacecraft confirming that it was in orbit around the planet Jupiter after a trip of nearly five years and 1.8 billion miles.

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(For Tara)

Your eyes represent the innocence and the brilliance of the Fourth of July
The innocence of the child in wonderment at the fireworks,
The brilliance of your personality blazing across the sky,
You are no longer limited by the earth and it plains
You are now part of the heavens.

When I see fireworks on the Fourth of July,
I will think of you.
The innocence, openness, and hopefulness of a child.
The brilliance of what was, is now, and shall in the future be.
You see, you left behind three brilliant sparks for us to marvel at (Travis, Leo, and Maya): and they will lead us on from where you left off.

When I look at fireworks, it is their brilliance, and uniqueness that catch my attention, more so than the time spent in the air. People will remember your beautiful smile - which has no earthly bounds.

Your presence on this planet definitely gives us hope, and lights up the darkness-like fireworks on Independence Day.

Love, Mom and Dad

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Death Notices

Auerbach, John E.

John E. Auerbach, 97, of Atlanta GA, formerly Homewood IL, died April 18. Only child of late John A. and Rose (VonHuben) Auerbach of Chicago's Englewood neighborhood, he was predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Muriel. A retired psychologist, he enjoyed years as researcher in emerging field of neuropsychology (with Dr. Halstead, University of Chicago) and later served south suburban school districts. WWII Army veteran who served in Brazil where he met his wife, he loved his family, his profession, dogs and football. Survivors include his children Edward (Wendy), Vivian (the late David Freides), and Barbara (Anne Borish); grandchildren Edward Jr (Heather Cooper) and Gregory Auerbach, Priscila and Tatiene Freides; great-grandchildren William, Alice and Ingrid Auerbach and Joshua Freides. Interment of ashes July 12, Noon, Beverly Cemetery, Blue Island, IL. Donations in his memory to International Neuropsychological Society, www.the-ins.org/donations, will benefit student researchers.

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Campbell, Martha G.

Martha G. Campbell beloved wife of 54 years to Richard; loving mom of Heather (Brad) Schmitt, Richard (Michele), Jennifer (Christopher) Jochaniewicz; cherished Nana of Jessica, Evan, Eden, Forrest, Maeve, Campbell and Ryan; dear sister of Paul (the late Madeline) Grant, Jeanne Grant, Vincent (Dianne) Grant, Dennis (Mary Kay) Grant and the late Jack (Janice) Grant. Visitation Friday, from 3 to 9 P.M. Funeral prayers Saturday, 9:15 A.M. at Nelson Funeral Home 820 Talcott Road, Park Ridge. Procession to Mary, Seat of Wisdom Church for 10 A.M. Mass of Christian Burial. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For info www.nelsonfunerals.com or (847) 823-5122.



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Carlos, Elizabeth L. 'Betty'

Elizabeth 'Betty' L. Carlos (nee Windauer) age 73 longtime resident of Crete, Illinois passed away on July 2, 2019. Beloved wife to Paul M. Carlos Jr. Loving mother to Paul (Victoria) Carlos III, Anthony (Karen) Carlos and Brian (Trang) Carlos. Dear grandmother to Lauren, Allison, Emily, Robert, Danny, Kelli, Kara and Nicholas. Fond sister to Dr. Robert (Judy) Windauer, Barbara (Marvin) Wolgast, William (Madelaine) Windauer, Bernard (Leslie) Windauer and Bernadette Newton. Fond aunt to many nieces and nephews. Beautiful daughter to the late Dr. Robert and late Bernardine (nee Moenic) Windauer. Betty was a devoted homemaker, gardener, seamstress, world traveler and master of everything she pursued in life. She also owned and operated Espresso Depot in Monee, Illinois for 10 years. Visitation Sunday, July 7th from 4-8 P.M. at Crete Funeral Home, 1182 Main Street, Crete, Illinois. Funeral mass on Monday at St. Liborius Catholic Church, 35th and Halsted Blvd, Steger, Illinois, Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment: Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip, Illinois. Info: (708) 672-7600.

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Davis, Marlene

Loving wife of Jay Davis. Devoted mother of Julie (Saul) Shaoul and Joel (Brenda) Davis. Proud grandmother of many. Dear brother of Phillip Doppelt. Services Friday, 10AM at Chicago Jewish Funerals Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Road, (One block north of Lake Cook Road) Buffalo Grove. Interment Shalom Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to your favorite charity, would be appreciated. Arrangements by: Chicago Jewish Funerals - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com



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Dickson, Ruth B.

Ruth B. Dickson (nee Osinski), Born into Eternal Life on July 1, 2019. Beloved wife of the late James T. Dickson. Loving mother of Michael (Gaye), Kitty (John) Moesle, Karen (Eddie) Psik, Daniel (Sue), and Terry Dickson. Proud grandmother of Colleen, Bridgit, Lindsey, Casey, Daniel, Bryan, and Morgan. Dear great grandmother of Jason, Oktober, and Leah. Devoted sister of Arlene Gould, the late Phyllis Rosell, Dorothy Bosco, and Kathleen Brown. Ruth especially enjoyed summers with her family in Syracuse, IN on Lake Wawasee, and on Thursdays with her card club, especially her dear friend, Jan Burns. She is fondly remembered by all whose lives she touched in her daily life. Family and friends will meet at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, 10621 S. Kedvale Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453 on Saturday morning, July 6th, for memorial visitation 10:00am-10:30am. Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30am. Private Interment. Memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908 are most appreciated. Funeral info: Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors 708-636-5500 or www.heeneyfh.com



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Fleischer, Ray

Ray Fleischer best friend and devoted husband of 71 years to Marlynn Fleischer; proud father of Cary, Ken (Judy), David (Tina), and Adam (Kim); loving grandfather of Holly (Tony), Benjamin (Erica), Rachel (Avi), Tamara (Michael), Johanna, Julia, and Jordan beloved great grandpa of eight, and brother of Larry (the late Beverly) and the late Davie (Lenie); treasured uncle, cousin and friend of many.

Ray lived his commitment to community by serving as President of the of the Skokie School Board 73 1/2, Niles Township High School Board 219, and the Skokie Park District Board. He was founder and vice president of McNally Park Little League, a board member of Y-Me Breast Cancer, and a tireless worker for Jewish causes including Israel Bonds and the Niles Township Jewish Congregation where he held numerous leadership roles over 60 years. Ray will be remembered for his quick wit, humor and unique pun-manship. His eye-rolling one-liners will live on through generations in what forever will be affectionately and lovingly known as "such a grandpa joke."

Chapel service Friday 2:30 PM at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Ezra-Habonim, the Niles Township Jewish Congregation at www.ehnt.org. For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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Giangrasso, John

Born on June 16th, 1921 - John passed away at home, in peace, on Wednesday, June 5th, 2019 at the age of 97 years old. Preceded in death by his wife Anne, John is survived by daughters Catherine, Donna, Janet, Joan and Nancy as well as by twelve grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. John was a member of St. Plus X Catholic Church in Lombard, Illinois and worked as a senior accountant at Wyman Gordon for 30 years in Harvey, Illinois. John was a World War II veteran who served in Europe and witnessed a D-Day flyover from his coastal position in Ipswich, England. John will be fondly remembered by family and friends as a lover of nature and the north woods, a fishing enthusiast and a man appreciative of life's many simple pleasures. A celebration of John's life is planned in memorial this September.

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Groner, Joseph

Joseph Groner, 95. Loving husband of Suzanne nee Teichman. Cherished father of Robin (Howard) Diamond, Marilyn (Robert) Pohn, and David (Keryn) Groner. Adored grandfather of Lauren (Steve), Stephani (Ari), Scott (Talia), Allyson, Jeremy, Matthew, Will and Emma. Great-grandfather of Murphy. Dear brother of the late Dr. Samuel M. (Helen) Groner and dear brother-in-law of the late Melvin (Adele) Teichman. Services Friday, 12 noon at Chicago Jewish Funerals Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Road, (One block north of Lake Cook Road) Buffalo Grove. Interment Shalom Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Jewish War Veterans, Post 89, 1811 R Street NW, Washington, DC 20009 www.jwv.org and Temple Beth-El, 3610 Dundee Road, Northbrook, IL 60062 www.templebeth-el.org or your charity of choice, would be appreciated. Arrangements by: Chicago Jewish Funerals - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Haynes, Mary

Mary Haynes Ret C.P.D. Beloved mother of Linda (John) Stepany, Kimmy C.P.D. David Jr C.P.D. (Annie) and Tina Lipski C.P.D. Devoted grandmother of Nathaniel, Francesca, Julia, Nicholas and Michelle. Visitation at Cooney Funeral Home 3918 W Irving Park Rd Chicago Friday 3-9 pm. Funeral Saturday 9:15 am to St Benedict Church, Mass at 10 am. Interment Private. For information please call 773-588-5850 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Jorgensen, Ronald M.

Age 67. Beloved husband of 44 years to Carol A. (nee Griffin). Devoted father of Erin (Kevin) Sagon, Nick (Colleen) Jorgensen, Julie Drew, and Maureen (Matt) Gill. Proud grandfather of Brian, Moira, James, Colin, Connor, Katherine, Riley, Sean, and Anna. Loving brother of Barbara Gregory and the late Joan (late Greg) Bartke. Dear brother-in-law of Mary (Minnie), Donna (Tom), John (Petra), and the late Dan (Mary Lynn). Cherished uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. Funeral Saturday 9:00 a.m. from the Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to Our Mother of Good Counsel Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Good Shepherd Cemetery. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

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In 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence.

In 1802, the U.S. Military Academy opened at West Point, NY.

In 1826, the nation's second and third presidents, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, died.

In 1831, the fifth U.S. president, James Monroe, died in New York.

In 1845, author Henry David Thoreau began his 2-year experiment in simple living at Walden Pond near Concord, Mass.

In 1863, Union troops under Gen. Ulysses Grant defeated Confederate forces at Vicksburg, Miss., ending a 14-month siege in the Civil War. Also, cartoonist Rube Goldberg was born in San Francisco.

In 1902, mobster Meyer Lansky was born in Grodno, Russia.

In 1917, during a ceremony in Paris honoring the French hero of the American Revolution, U.S. Lt. Col. Charles Stanton declared, "Lafayette, we are here!"

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ILLINOIS
July 3
Powerball 40 43 45 50 61 / 25
Powerball jackpot: \$150M
Lotto jackpot: \$6.25M
Pick 3 midday 726 / 7
Pick 4 midday 4071 / 5
Lucky Day Lotto midday
04 10 11 37 45
Pick 3 evening 246 / 4
Pick 4 evening 7169 / 3
Lucky Day Lotto evening
04 22 30 37 44

July 5 Mega Millions: \$95M
WISCONSIN
July 3
Megabucks 13 14 29 38 40 45
Pick 3 975
Pick 4 9084
Badger 5 05 07 27 29 30
SuperCash 03 06 09 14 17 31

INDIANA
July 3
Lotto 01 08 13 24 30 36
Daily 3 midday 090 / 8
Daily 4 midday 3065 / 8
Daily 3 evening 767 / 0
Daily 4 evening 0673 / 0
Cash 5 16 31 34 38 43

MICHIGAN
July 3
Lotto 05 13 14 18 19 40
Daily 3 midday 746
Daily 4 midday 8622
Daily 3 evening 287
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Kaminski, Michael G.

Michael G. Kaminski, born November 18, 1960 and born into eternal life July 2, 2019. Beloved husband of Kathy Kaminski (nee Hanson); loving father of Krystyna and Andrew; son of the late Dr. Ludwig and Krystyna (nee Marchut); dear brother of John (Ann) Kaminski and Dorothy "Dee" Kaminski (Brian Kuehne); proud uncle of eight and grand-uncle of two. Michael had many friends and enjoyed having engaging conversations. He passed away peacefully surrounded by his family after a courageous fight against brain cancer for over two years. He graduated from Northwestern University with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering and M.S. in Computer Science. He worked for many years as a computer programmer specializing in warehouse and transportation programs. Michael was an avid volleyball player and foodie. Most of all, he loved spending time with family, friends, and being a part of his children's growth. Visitation Friday July 5th from 3-8 PM at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home** 6150 N. Cicero Ave. Chicago, IL 60646. Family and friends will meet Saturday July 6th for a funeral mass at 10 AM at St. Mary of the Woods Church 6955 N. Hiawatha Ave. Chicago, IL 60646. Interment to follow at Maryhill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the American Brain Tumor Association <https://www.abta.org/> or to an education fund for Krystyna and Andrew c/o St. Mary of the Woods Church 7033 N. Moselle Ave. Chicago, IL 60646. Info 773-736-3833 or www.smithcorcoran.com

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Lamm, Elaine

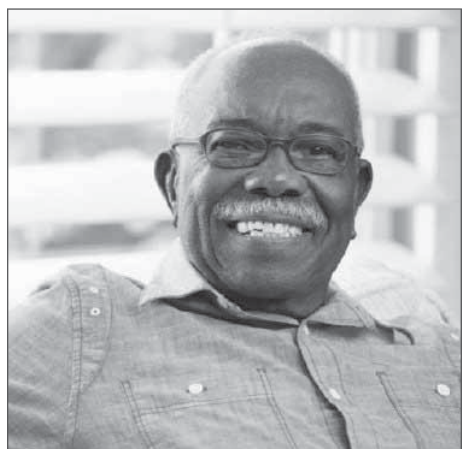
Elaine Lamm, nee Hoffman, 88. Beloved wife of the late Arnold B. Lamm. Loving mother of Craig (Linda), Jeffrey (Mitra Ryndak) and Cheryl (Mike Rock) Lamm. Proud grandmother of Erin (Bryan) Wilson, Howard (Lauren), Arielle (Zachary) Sicotte, Scott, Shane and Shawn Lamm. Cherished sister of Joanne (Michael) Simon; and sister-in-law of Eleanor Schuman, Gladys (the late Sidney) Siegel, Randy (Melvin R.) Berlin and Eileen (the late Murray) Friedman. Treasured aunt to Amy (Jeff) Cardella, and her many nieces and nephews. Service Friday, 10:30 am at Westlawn Cemetery, (Section Dalia) 7801 W Montrose St, Norridge, IL In lieu of flowers, memorials in her memory to the Jewish United Fund (JUF), 30 S Wells Street, Rm 3134, Chicago, IL 60606, www.juf.org would be appreciated. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Linn, Doris

Doris Linn, (nee Ellison), 93, died peacefully at home on Friday, June 28th, 2019, in Skokie, Illinois. Born January 5, 1926, to Louis Ellison and Rose Wellenckek Ellison on Division Street in Humboldt Park. She was preceded in death by her parents, her older brother Jack (Dixie) Ellison, and her husband of 48 years, Appellate Court Justice David Linn. Loving sister of Larry Ellison of California, and mother of Jimmy (Pamela) Linn and Lesley Linn. Mother-in-law to Elyse M. Linn and grandmother to Alexis (Dominic) Merica and Dana Linn. Doris had numerous nieces, nephews, friends and companions, all of which she kept in close contact with as long as she could. In the last chapter of her life, Doris enjoyed a close and loving bond with her caretaker, Deana Cebedo, and several others including Dima and Alla Kott, Asela, Connie and Malou, who gave her great comfort. Doris grew up during the Depression and became a self-made successful woman long before women's working rights were recognized. She attended Tuley High School in Humboldt Park, skipping several grades and attended Northwestern University. Doris received a master's degree in Social Work from the University of Chicago and worked with adolescents with mental health issues for many years. Doris published a book on that topic which is still used in college curriculums today. Doris was extremely bright and quick witted and her engaging personality left quite the positive impression on all who met her. In her later years, she and her friend, Helene Kochanski, traveled extensively with her brother Larry and thoroughly enjoyed every moment. They were known as the "Golden Girls." She will be fondly and lovingly remembered by all who knew her. Arrangements are private. A celebration of life for family and friends will be announced at a later date. No memorial contributions please. As Doris would say, "Buy yourself something nice."
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Mills, James Stephen 'Jim'

James Stephen Mills, co-founder and former chief executive officer of Medline Industries, Inc. passed away suddenly on July 1, 2019. He was born in Chicago on September 29, 1936, and he attended DeWitt Clinton Elementary School. The eldest child of Irving and Beatrice Mills, Jim recalled at one point that when he was a small boy with his brother Jon, "nothing was mine or nothing was his...everything belonged to our family."

Upon graduating from Senn High School, Jim attended Northwestern University and graduated in 1957 with a bachelor's of science in Business. He then served his country in the United States Army as a clerk and a typist. After his discharge, Jim continued to serve in the Army Reserve Corps for 5 1/2 years, despite a self-evaluation of not being very good at being in the Army. By his own admission, he broke four pairs of glasses learning to shoot a rifle and was best when marching in a parade or carrying the company flag.

After his military service, he went to work as a sales representative first at National Cash Register and later at General Mills in Rockford, Ill. In 1960, he became a sales rep at his father's company, Mills Hospital Supply.

Jim's first marriage gave him three children, Charles, Donald and Peggy, and in 1973 he married the love of his life Victoria Krisch, bringing two daughters, Margueritte and Deidre, into the family.

In 1961, Irv Mills sold Mills Hospital Supply, and Jim and his brother Jon stayed on for five years. In 1966, the two brothers left and founded the company that today is Medline. By 1972, the business had more than \$8 million in annual revenue and has continued to grow at a double digit rate annually.

In 1997, Medline was a medical supply company with more than \$600 million in annual sales when Jim and Jon handed the reins to Jim's son and current CEO Charlie Mills, Jim's nephew and current company president Andy Mills, and Jon's son-in-law and current COO Jim Abrams. Jim and his brother stayed on as co-chairmen of the business that today is a healthcare company manufacturing and distributing medical supplies globally with more than \$13 billion in annual sales and 23,000 employees.

Jim laid out his principles for Medline and said that "...the management of the company will run the company for the total workforce of the company, not necessarily for the shareholders or any individual." He and Vicki established the company's total focus on customer service, opening their home to customers and often having houseguests staying with them two to three nights each week for more than 25 years.

Jim established Medline's strong entrepreneurial spirit, work ethic, relentless dedication to customer service, and never-give-up attitude. He was a man who loved Orange Julius from Dairy Queen and trips to Las Vegas equally. His love of horseback riding included dreams of being a cowboy, and he was known to eat blueberry blintzes while razzing family and friends.

As Medline continued to grow, Jim remained humble and took pride in working longer and harder than anyone else. He was very philanthropic, making generous donations to Chicago Public Schools, Misericordia, the Friends of Clinton School and established its "One Year Older, One Year Smarter" program which selects one eighth grader each year to earn a scholarship. Additionally he quietly and without fanfare often paid for both employees' and strangers' college tuition and medical bills.

In addition to his wife, Vicki, Jim is survived by his children Charlie, Donnie, Peggy (John) Baker, Margueritte (Mark) Millhollin and Deidre (Clay) Grubb, 10 grandchildren Adam, Julia, Tessa, Blair, Hayden, Wilson, Miriam, Joseph, Rosalie, and Davis, his brother and sister-in-law Jon and Lois Mills, and dozens of nieces and nephews and many, many life-long friends. Services will be held on Friday, July 5 at 1:00 p.m. at Am Shalom, 840 Vernon Ave., Glencoe with visitation to immediately follow until 5:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to a charity of your choice.

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Ogg, William

William Ogg of Buffalo Grove and formerly of Evanston, died June 28 after a long illness. He was 93.

Mr Ogg had an undergraduate degree from the University of Tennessee and a master's degree from the University of Chicago. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the Pacific. He was a Systems Analyst at CNA for many years.

Mr Ogg was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred. He is survived by six children. Ruth Ann Peacock of Madison WI, Kathryn Hayes (Mark) of El Sobrante CA, Lauren Ogg of Buffalo Grove IL, David Ogg of Savoy IL, Linda Hill (Robert) of Lincolnshire IL, John Ogg of Skokie IL: 11 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Services are private. Memorial contributions may be made to The Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation PO Box 871847 Kansas City, MO 64187-1847

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Pihl, Hadley Chamberlain

Hadley Chamberlain Pihl died peacefully at Park Place, Elmhurst, Illinois, on May 27, 2019. He was pre-deceased by his wife Carol Brooks Pihl and is survived by his two children Robert Hadley Pihl (Deborah) and Martha Pihl Bacus (Steven), five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren (with another expected in October). Hadley was born and raised in the Cape Cod area of Massachusetts, attending Barnstable High School, St. Marks School, Holy Cross College and Harvard University where he graduated in 1947 with a degree in business administration. In the late 1940s, he moved to Chicago to begin training and employment at Sears Roebuck and Co., starting out as a buyer for the plumbing and toy departments before moving on to catalog marketing; he retired in 1981. Before moving to Park Place in 2013, Hadley and Carol lived in Hinsdale for over sixty years.

Hadley married Carol, a Hinsdale native, in October 1950, and the twins Marty and Rob were born in August 1951. They raised their family in Hinsdale with community involvement often focused on their beloved Union Church. Later, their full lives included wide-ranging travel to Europe, Central and South America as well as many visits to see their growing family in the US and Canada.

Hadley enjoyed long-term volunteer service with the Union Church of Hinsdale and the Boy Scouts of America, but he assisted many other organizations as well. His love of painting began early in life under the tutelage of his father and flourished in the decades that followed. While he loved to create art, Hadley also greatly enjoyed sharing it. Most recently, Hadley and several other artists at Park Place formed the "Arts in Mission" program which directs proceeds from the sale of their artwork to an endowment fund that assists residents in need. A memorial service will be held at The Union Church of Hinsdale on July 7, 2019 at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Providence Life Services (Giving: Endowment Fund — Resident Assistance) or The Union Church of Hinsdale.

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Rodriguez, Julio H.

On June 30th, 2019, Julio H. Rodriguez, loving father, friend, and mentor to many, passed away from brain cancer at the age of 69. Julio was born February 14, 1950 in Salinas, Puerto Rico to Julio and Maria. He was married to Diane Willey Rodriguez from 1972 to 1996. They remained loving friends and united parents and grandparents to their two daughters and granddaughter. He earned his college degree from UIC, followed by an MBA at DePaul. He had an international corporate career that included serving as CFO for Wal-Mart Argentina and Puerto Rico. When he returned to Chicago, he co-founded a financial consulting company, and worked extensively with local charitable organizations. Julio was committed to mentorship and community service, and enjoyed exploring culture through travel, music, art, and wine. Family was his top priority, and he often advised them to live, love, and laugh without fear. Julio was survived by his sister, Noris, children, Julia and Victoria, nephew, Paul, and niece, Marie. Viewing 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., visitation will continue from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. on Friday July 5th at Drechsler, Brown, and Williams Funeral Home, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Funeral service Saturday, July 6th at 2:30 at St. Christopher Church, 545 S. East Ave., Oak Park. Donations in his name can be sent to Association House of Chicago (associationhouse.org/donate/), the Humane Society (action.humanesociety.org), or DePaul University (alumni.depaul.edu/GiveNow/Home). Funeral info: 708-383-3191 or drechslerbrownwilliams.com

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Trim, Gary

Gary Trim passed away on June 30, 2019. Beloved and loving partner of Carole Timkovich; dear father of Steve Trim; cherished son of the late Emerson and Lillian Trim; fond cousin of Alice (the late Murton) Sommerville and Janice (Jim) Drechsel. Gary's lifelong career was in publishing, first at Chas. Levy Co., then as sales manager at the University of Chicago Press. In 1981 he founded Trim Associates to represent academic publishers throughout the Midwest and to national chains and wholesalers. Visitation Saturday, July 6, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at Curley Funeral Home, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge; interment Mount Greenwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, because of Gary's profound love of jazz, donations to Youth Education Programs of Chicago Jazz Philharmonic, 1111 N. Wells Street, Suite 501, Chicago, IL 60610 or www.ChJazzPhil.org/donate are appreciated. For service info 708-422-2700 or www.curleyfuneralhome.com
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IN THE INTEREST OF Jason Mann
A MINOR NO. 2019JD00659

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, **Jason Mann (Father)** respondents, and **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **May 3, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Stuart Katz** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **07/18/2019 at 9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 55 COURTROOM 5,

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.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT July 4, 2019
ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: **A. Brannon, C. Winslett**
ATTORNEY FOR: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ADDRESS: 1100 South Hamilton CITY/STATE: Chicago, Illinois 60612 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000 ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Joshua J Mccaskill
A MINOR NO. 2019JD00607

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT July 4, 2019
ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: **J. Auguste, Z. Peasall, C. Nugarus**
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Khayree R Fateen
A MINOR NO. 2019JD00469

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
Notice is given you, **Khayree Fateen, Sr. (Father)**, respondents, and **TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **March 27, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kristal Royce Rivers** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building located at 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **07/18/2019 at 9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR **56 COURTROOM 10**,

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT July 4, 2019
ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: **G. Morris, S. Bostic**
ATTORNEY FOR: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ADDRESS: 1100 South Hamilton CITY/STATE: Chicago, Illinois 60612 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000 ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

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Motor Vehicle Dispatcher (Original)

Application Filing Period: July 5, 2019 through July 12, 2019. **Examination Date:** August 3, 2019 at Northside College Preparatory High School, 5501 North Kedzie, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of motor vehicle dispatcher practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under supervision, assists in regulating parking on District property and assists in maintaining District vehicles. **Pay:** \$27.15 per hour

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MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, MIDFIRST BANK, Plaintiff, v. UNKNOWN HEIRS 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 30 acres of the South 60 acres 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 60619. A/R 8509 South Maryland Avenue, Chicago, IL 60619 20-35-310-003-0000 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 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 a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court. Shanna L. Bacher (6302793) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: sef-sbacher@manleydeas.com FILE NUMBER 19-015622 One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 6/27, 7/4, 11/2019 6350731

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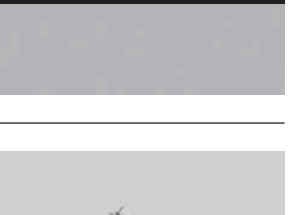
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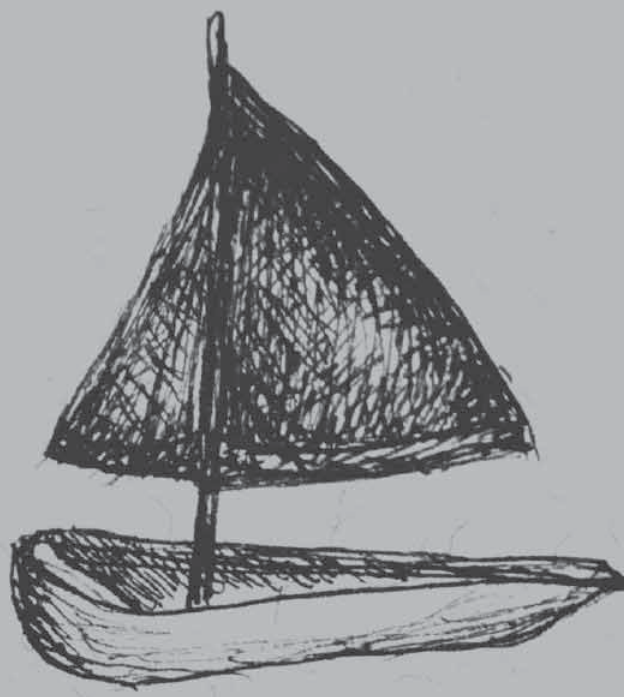
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WHITE SOX

Awash
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in win, Cease savors debut

Dylan Cease will have days like this again.

There will be times when he starts out slow and can't find the zone, collects his breath, gathers his thoughts and starts dominating hitters with his triple-digit four-seamer, changeup and a drop-it-like-it's-hot curve.

But Cease will never have a feeling quite like the one he had Wednesday afternoon on the South Side, that moment when you're standing on the mound in a major-league ballpark and realize your boyhood dream finally has come true.

There can only be one first time in anyone's career, so you have to savor every second.

Cease did just that.

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Dylan Cease receives a Gatorade bath from teammate Eloy Jimenez after winning his MLB debut.

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE



CUBS

Epstein
anxious
to see
upswingPresident threatens
'ton' of changes if
team doesn't improve

BY MARK GONZALES

PITTSBURGH — President Theo Epstein threatened a "ton" of changes to an under-achieving Cubs team as the July 31 trade deadline approaches.

Second base is already under scrutiny. Robel Garcia was promoted from Triple-A Iowa to provide spark to a position that has produced a .211 batting average and .296 on-base percentage entering Wednesday night's game against the Pirates.

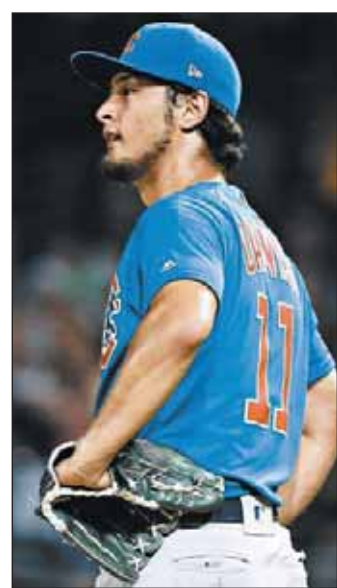
Garcia, 26, arrived too late to be inserted in a lineup that was missing Kris Bryant (knee) and Jason Heyward (back/hip). But manager Joe Maddon looked forward to playing and meeting Garcia, a native of the Dominican Republic who never advanced above Class A in four seasons in the Indians' system. He then went to play in Italy for five seasons.

Garcia, a switch-hitting infielder who batted .285 with 21 home runs and 58 RBIs at Double-A Tennessee and Iowa, impressed Cubs scout Gabe Zappin while playing for the Italian National Team during an exhibition last fall in Arizona and was eventually signed.

"You're always looking for new talent and looking to push people," Maddon said. "Of course we haven't got out of there yet what we're looking for. I've been giving guys opportunity on a consistent basis. "We'll figure it out and see how the young man plays."

Meanwhile, in an interview with WSCR-AM 670, Epstein expressed his discontent with

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JUSTIN K. ALLER/GETTY

Yu Darvish stands with hands on hips after giving up a home run in the sixth inning Wednesday night against the Pirates.

UP NEXT

Cubs at Pirates

3:05 p.m. Thursday, WGN-9 Quintana (5-7, 4.21 ERA) vs. Lyles (5-4, 3.71)

■ With recent success, Cubs no longer lovable losers — and to some, they are a hateable team, Paul Sullivan writes. **Page 2**

Baseball lessons for Navy man

Renteria taught his son
about work-life balance
— Joe applies it now

BY SHANNON RYAN

Joe Renteria's earliest memory places him in a California park as a young boy, learning how to swing a baseball bat from his dad, Rick, who often let his son hit a "home run."

"That's really one of the first things I remember," Joe said. "It wasn't till I was 10, 11, 12 that I

realized I was in a unique situation. To me, baseball, that's just my dad's job."

As Rick Renteria went from major-league player to minor-league coach and manager to major-league coach and manager — now in his third season in charge of the White Sox — family time often also meant baseball time.

When one's career requires long road trips and seemingly endless days at the ballpark, family bonding must happen at the office.

"He always loved sports," Rick said of Joe, now 40 and his oldest of four children. "I always thought, 'He's a pretty gifted little athlete.' He could run. I just remember him enjoying being out there. He enjoyed being around the ballpark and around the guys."

Rick credits his wife, Ilene, for managing the children's activities, helping shuttle them to their games and supporting Rick's climb up the baseball ladder. He half-jokingly says the family "sur-

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Sox manager Rick Renteria, in the dugout before a game last week, is glad to have his son nearby.

BULLS

Carter is a summer league scratch

Big man needs surgery
on core muscle injury,
should be OK for camp

BY K.C. JOHNSON

The Bulls released their summer league roster Wednesday.

Wendell Carter Jr. isn't on it and won't be playing when the Bulls open Friday night in Las Vegas against the Lakers.

Carter needs a surgical procedure to repair a core muscle injury, which will be performed Tuesday by Dr. William Meyers in

Philadelphia. The Bulls said Carter is expected to be ready for training camp.

But the Bulls and injury timelines haven't always gotten along. And even if Carter is ready by training camp, this development robs the second-year big man of a critical summer.

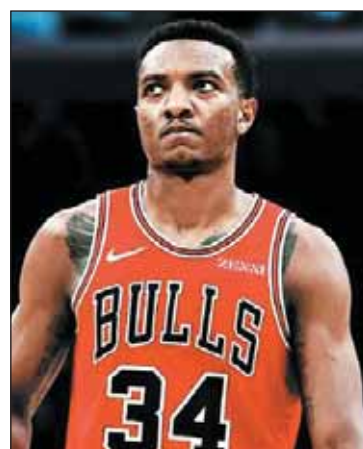
Carter played 44 games in his rookie season in 2018-19 and none after Jan. 15. That's the date he tripped over Lakers center Tyson Chandler and, on the ensuing fall, tore a ligament in his left thumb that warranted surgery.

The Tribune reported last

month that Carter's offseason workouts had been slowed by back soreness. He had been a regular at the Advocate Center, trying to add strength. While averaging 10.3 points and 7 rebounds in a promising season, he sometimes struggled against bigger, more physical centers.

"He has a huge upside," executive vice president John Paxson said in March. "Wendell has to work on his body, get stronger, more physical. What he probably learned as a starter this year is

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Wendell Carter Jr. will miss summer league but is expected to be ready for training camp after he has surgery on a core muscle.

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The Netherlands edges Sweden 1-0 and earns a berth opposite the U.S. in the final. **Page 8**

TOP OF THE SECOND



PAUL SULLIVAN

Cubs' success breeds haters

It was probably inevitable after their 2016 championship, but the lovable losers have become hateable.

At least according to the online betting site casinoin Insider.com, which says it used data from Twitter to suggest the Cubs are second only to the Yankees among baseball teams America loves to hate.

The site created a map of all 50 states, using data that tracked more than 10,000 tweets that mentioned hating a specific team. The Yankees were the most hated team in 28 states, with the Cubs a distant second with eight states.

Some of the Cubs-hating states were obvious, such as Missouri and Wisconsin, the home of the Cardinals and Brewers. Others were head-scratchers, including Iowa, Indiana, Arkansas, Nevada, Wyoming and South Dakota.

South Dakota?
The Yankees and Cubs are also two of the most popular teams in baseball, as evidenced by the big crowds they draw on the road and the appearances they make on ESPN and Fox.

And the other "hateable" teams — the Dodgers (five states), Cardinals and Mets (four apiece) and Red Sox (one) — are also very popular.

Haters gonna hate, as the kids say, and winning breeds contempt.

It was unthinkable only a few years ago that the Cubs would be lumped in with a team as nationally loathed as the Yankees, who were traditionally disliked because of their bombastic owner, George Steinbrenner, and their unlimited payrolls that bought championships.

But the Cubs are second in payroll now and in the midst of a five-year stretch of winning that's unprecedented in franchise history. Just as the Red Sox did in 2004, the Cubs lost their status as perennial underdogs when they ended their championship drought in '16.

Now they're just another big-market behemoth, albeit in an iconic ballpark. In spring training 2018, I asked manager Joe Maddon if the Cubs were in danger of becoming as hateable as the Yankees and Red Sox.

"In a perverse way, isn't that high praise?" he said. "I'm not (worried). Listen, it's an interesting concept. Here's the thing about us, though — and I'm not trying to separate us from them or saying we're



Willson Contreras quarrels with Braves catcher Tyler Flowers after hitting a homer June 24.

better. I think our guys are very appealing." Maddon immediately mentioned Kris Bryant and Anthony Rizzo, who were then part of an MLB promotional campaign, running the fictional company "Bryzzo."

"Javy (Baez)? People love Javy for the way he plays and things he does," Maddon continued. "Addison (Russell), (Kyle) Schwarber, (Willson) Contreras ... I could keep going down the list. I think our guys are likable, so it's hard to wear the black hat. Part of our attraction is we're good, with some really good guys."

Russell obviously lost some fans after his domestic violence incident, and some members of the Ricketts family that own the team are polarizing because of their involvement in right-wing politics.

But the overall popularity of Cubs players was evident in the recent All-Star voting, where in which Baez and Contreras were voted in as starters for the second

straight year and Rizzo, Schwarber, Jason Heyward and Albert Almora Jr. were finalists at their positions.

Individually, it's still a very likeable bunch, though you could get an argument from Yasiel Puig and Tyler Flowers, two opposing players who got into recent confrontations with Pedro Strop and Contreras.

"Listen, our guys get it," Maddon said last year. "We just don't have black hat kind of guys."

That's not what they say on the South Side, where everyone on the Cubs wears a black hat. But that's another story, as we'll see when the Crosstown rivals meet Saturday and Sunday at White Sox Park.

Perhaps the Cubs will become less hateable if they go back to their losing ways.

And if their prolonged stretch of sub-.500 ball continues into the second half, that's a distinct possibility.

LET'S PLAY 2



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THAT'S RICH

A 'Mitch Trubisky for MVP' bet got too hot for Las Vegas

Mitch Trubisky isn't the favorite to win the NFL Most Valuable Player Award, but he's the most popular pick among bettors in Las Vegas. Westgate Las Vegas SuperBook has sold more tickets on Trubisky winning the 2019 MVP, initially at 200-1 odds, than any of his NFL peers, according to Jay Kornegay, vice president of race and sports book operations. Caesars Palace has seen similar action. And the Bears are generating Westgate's most Super Bowl bets too.
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- 5 Prefix for violet or sound
- 10 Eyebrow shape
- 14 ___ tea
- 15 Removes apple skins
- 16 Feast with a roast pig
- 17 "My Country, 'Tis of ___"
- 18 ___ over; proving more powerful than
- 20 Layer of turf
- 21 Blaze
- 22 Queues
- 23 Oneness
- 25 Perish
- 26 Actress Tyson
- 28 Wild animals
- 31 Give a speech
- 32 Tire ridge pattern
- 34 Shoot carefully
- 36 Tigers & tabbies
- 37 Customer
- 38 Isn't ___ to; can't
- 39 Feasted
- 40 Postpone
- 41 Chicago team
- 42 Accompany & protect
- 44 Jails
- 45 Carpet
- 46 Group led by a teacher

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WHITE SOX



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Dylan Cease fires in the first inning of his major-league debut Wednesday at Guaranteed Rate Field. The White Sox beat the Tigers 7-5.

WHITE SOX 7, TIGERS 5

1st things 1st: A win

Cease gets the job done in 5-inning big-league debut

BY LAMOND POPE

Dylan Cease felt frustrated as he walked to the dugout Wednesday after his first inning as a major-league pitcher.

"I felt like I had just wasted half my pitches for the start," the right-hander said. "It wasn't something I dwelled on, really. It was more of a case of what do we have to do now to get through five (innings)."

Cease walked three batters and hit another in the Tigers' two-run first, but the prized White Sox prospect settled down from there, walking just one more on the way to earning a win in his much-anticipated debut.

Cease allowed three runs and four hits in five innings, and his teammates rallied behind him for a 7-5 victory in Game 1 of a split doubleheader in front of 26,023 fans at Guaranteed Rate Field.

The 23-year-old, acquired from the Cubs two years ago as part of the Jose Quintana deal,



GAME 2 RECAP

Jose Abreu hit a three-run walk-off home run in the 12th inning to give the White Sox a 9-6 victory over the Tigers and a sweep of Wednesday's doubleheader. Ryan Cordell and Yoan Moncada each homered twice. Jose Ruiz struck out the side in the 12th and picked up the win. For more coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

struck out six and walked four, and his fastball was clocked in the upper-90s.

"It was a good first start," Cease said. "Obviously the command wasn't the best, but I'll take a win any time."

He's the first Sox starter to win his major-league debut since Scott Carroll on April 27, 2014, against the Rays.

Cease, the No. 3-ranked prospect in the Sox organization and No. 18 in baseball, impressed manager Rick Renteria.

"He did a nice job getting himself through what I thought was an outing where he probably had a few butterflies," Renteria said. "His fastball command wasn't as good as we wanted it to be. He worked through some high pitch counts. But he pulled out his breaking pitch, his changeup and then when you saw him commanding the fast-

ball, it's pretty nice. It got up to 99 (miles per hour).

"He did a very nice job of settling down and getting through five innings of work."

Added Cease: "I thought I would be nervous, but I was excited."

Cease retired the first two Tigers but then got into trouble. He walked two and hit another to load the bases.

Harold Castro followed with a two-run single, and Cease walked a third batter before getting out of the inning.

Cease threw 33 pitches in the first, then settled into a groove. He whiffed JaCoby Jones with a slider in the second for his first career strikeout, one of two in the inning.

"That (was) definitely reassuring," Cease said. "For the most part when I was able to start not walking guys is when I started

relaxing."

He struck out two more in the fourth. Jeimer Candelario hit a solo homer in the fifth, but Cease also struck out two in his final inning.

"I thought he threw the ball well," said All-Star catcher James McCann, who went 2-for-3 with two RBIs to back his batterymate. "I don't know if (it was) nerves and anxiety, overexcitement... He was definitely able to get into a groove after that first inning. I told him after the first, 'Hey, man, your stuff is plenty good. If you fill up the zone, you are going to be fine. The only way they beat you is if you beat yourself.'"

"He settled down and overall threw the ball well and gave us a chance to win. I'm pumped for him to get his first big-league win."

Cease exited after striking out Castro to end the top of the fifth. He left with a 4-3 lead, and the Sox held on to cap his memorable day.

"After making adjustments that first inning and getting through five, it gives me a lot of confidence going into the (All-Star) break," Cease said.

Savoring victory in MLB debut

Cease, from Page 1

He arrived at Guaranteed Rate Field on Wednesday after two years of hype as the next White Sox pitching phenom. And after a shaky first inning marred by a lack of fastball command, Cease settled down and pitched like the Dylan Cease everyone knew, earning his first major-league victory with a five-inning outing in a 7-5 win over the Tigers.

Naturally, he also earned his first major-league Gatorade bath, courtesy of his fellow Cubs castoff, Eloy Jimenez.

"And then we got back in the clubhouse and had another celebration," Cease said. "Something I'll never forget."

The excitement began a half-hour before the game when Cease received a standing ovation just for walking out to the bullpen and stretching on the field. Fans lined up around the Sox bullpen in left field with phones in hand to record his first warm-ups, yelling encouragement to the rookie as he began firing bullets to catcher James McCann.

Cease was surprised at the reaction, having never experienced a warm-up session treated like a World Series game.

"I didn't know how to act, because you're supposed to be locked in before a game," he said. "They made me smile, so it was great."

The sun-drenched crowd of 26,023 was up and cheering for Cease from the moment he stepped on the field to stretch until his final pitch of the fifth.

Cease said he was "more excited than nervous" to start out, and after retiring JaCoby Jones on his first pitch and inducing Christin Stewart to ground out, his big-league career was underway.

When a couple of fastballs to DH Nicholas Castellanos registered at 100 mph, Sox fans rose in anticipation of Cease's first strikeout.

But Cease walked Castellanos, and did likewise with Brandon Dixon before hitting Jeimer Candelario with a fastball to load the bases.

And when Harold Castro flicked a 1-2 breaking ball into center field for a two-run single, the crowd fell silent as though the perfect Hollywood script had been tossed out the window.

But after another walk to Niko Goodrum loaded the bases again, Cease induced John Hicks to fly out to center, ending the inning with limited damage. He asked Lucas Giolito for advice between innings, telling him "my fastball is cutting, it looks like a Wiffle ball."

"He basically just said (to) get my direction going towards the plate," Cease said. "I was able to do that, and locked back in."

When he ended the second with back-to-back strikeouts, the world was Cease's again. He made only one mistake thereafter, a fat pitch to Candelario that resulted in a solo home run with two out in the fifth.

"Hitting a guy, walking two batters and then giving up a base hit, two RBIs in the first inning, and bouncing back and giving himself a chance to get through five to get that win..." McCann said. "It's not typical of a young kid like him to have that type of maturity."

The 33-pitch first inning virtually assured it would be a relatively short outing for Cease. So when he walked off the mound after striking out Castro to end the fifth, Cease received one last standing ovation.

"It's exciting to have the fans show up to the ballpark like that," McCann said. "We need them as much as anything."

It was fitting Cease and Jimenez were splash brothers for a day. They came to the South Side from the Cubs two summers ago in the Jose Quintana trade, and both are now centerpieces of a rebuild that's starting to gather momentum.

"I have no complaints," Cease said of the trade. "If you told me at the beginning of my career I'd be on the other side (of town) I wouldn't have believed you. Definitely incredible."

For one day at least, Sox fans could forget about the rebuild, the years of losing and the plethora of injuries to young prospects from Michael Kopech to Dane Dunning.

This was a time to celebrate the blossoming of a promising major-league career, and to feel the high hopes that accompany the arrival of a much-hyped prospect. Cease turned on his phone afterward and tried to answer some congratulatory texts, but eventually was forced to give up.

"They just keep coming," he said. "They're multiplying."

The debut was over, the postgame celebration was winding down, and the Sox would soon start preparing for the nightcap against the Tigers.

But when all was said and done, only one thing really mattered.

Dylan Cease had seized the day, and no one can ever take this moment away from him.

WHITE SOX NOTES

Battery charged: Cease gets lift from McCann

BY LAMOND POPE

White Sox right-hander Dylan Cease gave up two runs in his first major-league inning Wednesday in the opener of a doubleheader against the Tigers at Guaranteed Rate Field.

All-Star catcher James McCann quickly helped his batterymate in the bottom of the inning, cutting into the deficit with an RBI double. McCann finished with two hits and two RBIs in the Sox's 7-5 victory.

"Giving up two runs in the first is not how you draw it up in your first big-league start," McCann said. "But having our offense come back immediately and throw a run up and then the next inning throw another run up and give him a clean slate, that helped him relax."

"It's important whether you are making your big-league debut or you are a veteran guy (that) you know your offense has your back and will bounce back for you. That's a very good feeling. You can relax and keep doing your thing."

Fellow All-Star Jose Abreu, Yolmer Sanchez and Ryan Cordell also had two hits, and Sanchez and Cordell joined McCann with two RBIs.

"They did a nice job," manager Rick Renteria said of the offense. "We probably ran ourselves out of a couple of situations there (in the first and second innings), but they were being aggressive, trying to do what they could. And they tacked on a few runs (later), which was nice to see."

Entering Game 2 of the split doubleheader, McCann was hit-

ting .324 with a .903 OPS. Per Stats Pass, the highest average in franchise history for a qualified catcher is A.J. Pierzynski, who hit .300 in 2009, and the highest OPS is .874 by Carlton Fisk in 1983.

Cease said working with McCann was "really awesome."

"We talked before the game and he said 'Hey, the first couple, just follow me and whatever I put down, throw,' and I said, 'That's perfect,'" Cease said. "(The) advice he gave was basically enjoy it, and if I throw strikes, good things are going to happen."

Numbers game: According to Baseball Reference, Cease became the third major-league player to wear No. 84, joining Prince Fielder and J.T. Snow.

"I'm not really partial to any numbers," Cease said, "and I just chose that one."

Starters set: The Sox have their rotation lined up for the final three games before the All-Star break.

Reynaldo Lopez will start Thursday against the Tigers, while Lucas Giolito will start Saturday and Ivan Nova on Sunday against the Cubs. Lopez was scheduled to face the Tigers on Tuesday, but the game was postponed because of rain.

Alonso update: The Sox requested waivers on first baseman/designated hitter Yonder Alonso for the purpose of granting him his unconditional release. They designated Alonso, 32, for assignment Friday.

BASEBALL

American League

Table showing American League standings with columns for EAST, CENTRAL, WEST, W, L, PCT, GB, WCGB, L10, STR, HOME, AWAY.

Late games noted below

THURSDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

Table listing probable pitchers for National League and American League teams, including names, times, and 2019 stats.

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

Game results for American League including Chicago White Sox vs Detroit, Tampa Bay vs Baltimore, etc.

NATIONAL LEAGUE WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Game results for National League including Washington vs Miami, Atlanta vs Philadelphia, etc.

BOX SCORES

WHITE SOX 7, TIGERS 5

Box score for White Sox vs Tigers game, showing player stats for Detroit and Chicago.

NATIONALS 3, MARLINS 1

Box score for Nationals vs Marlins game, showing player stats for Washington and Miami.

REDS 3, BREWERS 0

Box score for Reds vs Brewers game, showing player stats for Cincinnati and Milwaukee.

WHITE SOX 9, TIGERS 6 (12)

Box score for White Sox vs Tigers game, showing player stats for Detroit and Chicago.

YANKEES 5, METS 1

Box score for Yankees vs Mets game, showing player stats for New York and New York.

PIRATES 6, CUBS 5

Box score for Pirates vs Cubs game, showing player stats for Pittsburgh and Chicago.

DETROIT 7, CHICAGO 5

Box score for Detroit vs Chicago game, showing player stats for Detroit and Chicago.

DETROIT 3, CHICAGO 5

Box score for Detroit vs Chicago game, showing player stats for Detroit and Chicago.

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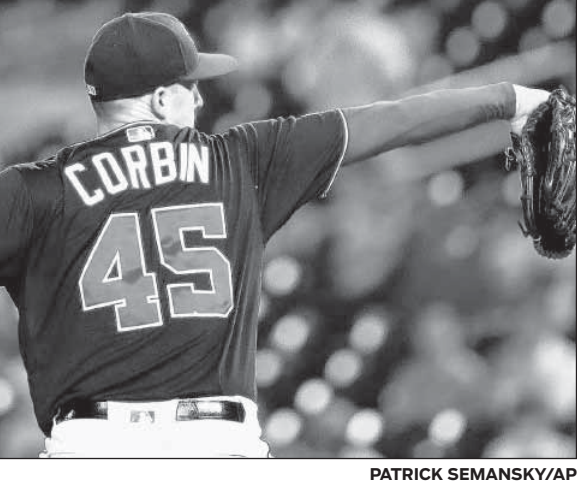
DETROIT 3, CHICAGO 5

Box score for Detroit vs Chicago game, showing player stats for Detroit and Chicago.

National League

Table showing National League standings with columns for EAST, CENTRAL, WEST, W, L, PCT, GB, WCGB, L10, STR, HOME, AWAY.

AROUND THE HORN



PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

The Nationals' Patrick Corbin wore former teammate Tyler Skaggs' No. 45 on Tuesday.

NATIONALS Skaggs close to Corbin's heart

When he stood on the mound in the bullpen for the last of his warmup tosses and absorbed the moment of silence for Tyler Skaggs, Patrick Corbin did so wearing Skaggs' No. 45 on his back.

later, each word a struggle, "all I'm thinking about." In 2009, Skaggs, a lefty from California, was taken with the 40th pick in Major League Baseball's draft by the Angels, exactly 40 picks before the Angels selected Patrick Corbin, a lefty from New York via community college in Florida.

AROUND THE HORN

All-Stars: Three injured All-Stars have been replaced on the AL roster for next week's game in Cleveland. Angels 2B and first-time All-Star Tommy La Stella was replaced a day after fouling a ball of his shin. A CT scan on La Stella revealed a right tibia fracture. A typical timeline to return from this injury is eight to 10 weeks.

Phillies: Domestic assault charges against OF Odubel Herrera were dismissed after his girlfriend declined to press charges. Herrera must complete counseling within 60 days as a condition of the dismissal.

Braves: LHP Rich Hill was transferred to the 60-day injured list with a left forearm strain. Hill, 39, went on the IL on June 20. He is 4-1 with a 2.55 ERA in 10 starts this season.

White Sox: Dylan Cease threw five innings in a winning his major-league debut in a 7-5 victory over the Tigers in the first game of a day-night doubleheader. Cease, 23, acquired from the crosstown Cubs for Jose Quintana in 2017, gave up three runs and four hits, struck out six and walked four.

Astros: Alex Bregman hit his team-best 23rd home run in a 4-2 victory over the Rockies.

Rays: 1B Ji-Man Choi landed on the 10-day injured list with a strained left ankle and INF Mike Brouseau was recalled from Triple-A Durham.

Reds: Sonny Gray struck out 12 in eight innings and Yasiel Puig hit his 19th homer in a 3-0 victory over the Brewers.

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WHITE SOX

Renteria's lessons for Navy man son

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vived" the challenges of his career.

"That's the most difficult part of any family nucleus: separation," he said. "It doesn't come easy or without bumps and bruises along the way. Sometimes as a parent, you feel guilty not being around as much as you'd like. They all supported me these last 38, 39 years."

Joe Renteria absorbed those lessons of balancing and blending family and work in his own career.

During a decade of life in the Navy, Joe has also been away from family for extended periods, often around the globe. Now a petty officer first class stationed at Naval Station Great Lakes, about 37 miles north of Chicago near Waukegan, Joe has more time to spend with his parents, wife and daughter.

"In our job it's: 'I might have to leave for six months. I need to hang out with my daughter today,'" Joe said. "My dad's schedule was a little more predictable. I really appreciated that when he was home, he was home, and not only was he working hard at baseball, but I would be right there with him, watching him. That's what taught me work ethic."

"Those are things I remember. I work on my craft even when I'm not on the clock. That's how he was."

Joe's missions have taken him to the Horn of Africa and on a drug-enforcement task around Panama.

Rick, 57, said he doesn't worry too much about Joe.

"Anybody involved in military life is active duty," Rick said. "All of them can be put in harm's way at some time. You pray for them. We're thankful for all of them."

Rick was the first person in his family born in the United States after his parents emigrated from Mexico. His son's military service is a point of pride.

"You look at the spectrum of people who serve, they come from every background and beginning, citizen and non-citizen alike, historically speaking," Rick said. "From Asian Americans to Mexican Americans to Puerto Ricans, many African Americans serve, any span of people who serve in the United States military come from every background. The demographics in our country are so diverse, it would be foolish to think only one segment."

"Are we proud? Absolutely. Was

it anything that made a statement for us? Not necessarily. So many people came before us. My son is just one of many, of which we are very proud."

Joe played baseball in high school and junior college. He wanted to join the military immediately out of high school, but his father encouraged him to give it time before enlisting, to mature first.

When Rick talks about Joe's graduation at Naval Station Great Lakes in 2008, he brims with pride.

"I probably cried a little bit," he said. "When they parade in this huge hangar ... you see the band and you see the pomp and circumstance and all the order for them finally completing their training, it's pretty impressive."

"The order in everything that they do, the discipline that is exuded in the way they present to the family and military, if you don't feel a sense of loyalty or allegiance or a sense of pride, something probably isn't right. It's pretty inspiring."

Joe works in training and management of 24 Navy operational support centers in eight states that support 5,600 selective reservists and 385 active duty.

His military career has helped Rick put White Sox wins and losses in perspective.

"This is a sport. That's life and death," he said. "I don't know that you can truly compare one to the other. There are disciplines you can learn from the military way. There's concentration and focus and true commitment to your fellow soldier, your teammate so to speak. They rely on each other for safety. One wrong move can cost someone their life."

"In sports, one wrong move can cost someone an out, an inning, a game. But you're still here. They're not. It's two different worlds."

The Renterias' worlds have been a little closer the last few years with Rick in Chicago and Joe at Great Lakes since 2016.

"I'm able to come by games," Joe said. "We might go out to dinner, order a pizza, get a hot dog. It gives an opportunity for my daughter and my wife to see (my parents)."

"When he was manager of the Cubs (in 2014), I was on deployment. I got news via email. It would have been nice to share that with family. Now I'm 30 miles north. It's actually really nice."

CUBS



GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

Cubs catcher Victor Caratini walks off the field as the Pirates begin celebrating their walk-off victory.

Epstein anxious

Cubs, from Page 1

the Cubs' array of shortcomings, from a lack of competitive at-bats early in games to "sloppy" baserunning and defense that has led to a 21-27 record over their last 48 games entering Wednesday.

"But you find out a lot about what people are made of during stretches like these," Epstein told the station. "It obviously can't continue. It's not acceptable. There have been too many words about it and not enough action."

Epstein provided an interesting answer when asked if either infielder Ben Zobrist or closer Brandon Morrow would return this season.

"I think they both will," Epstein replied.

The return of Zobrist, currently on the restricted list, would fortify the Cubs leadership and provide a higher skill set with runners in scoring position. Epstein declined to reveal a timetable for a return by Zobrist, 38, who would need ample time before rejoining the Cubs after leaving the team on May 7.

Morrow hasn't pitched in a game in nearly a year because of elbow problems but has thrown for more than a month in Arizona.

Epstein also declined to isolate the work of Maddon, who is in the final year of his five-year contract.

CUBS RECAP

The Cubs pulled out all the stops Wednesday night and were two outs away from snapping a three-game skid and moving into a share of first place in the National League Central with the Brewers.

But their struggles reached a new low when the Pirates rallied for two runs off closer Craig Kimbrel for a 6-5 victory at PNC Park. Kimbrel allowed a one-out walk to Elias Diaz, and Jung Ho Kang hit a fly just out of the reach of right fielder Willson Contreras for a double. Second baseman Addison Russell's throw home on an Adam Frazier grounder arrived too late to prevent the tying run from scoring, and Corey Dickerson hit a flyout to left deep enough to score Kang.

Victor Caratini smacked a pair of home runs, including a two-run shot in the seventh inning off Francisco Liriano that gave the Cubs a 5-4 lead. Javier Baez added a solo shot — his 26th — in the sixth. Contreras, who played right field because of a Jason Heyward left hip and back injury, made a strong throw to Caratini at the plate to nail Melky Cabrera to end the eighth. Kris Bryant sat out, too, with a right knee injury. Pirates first baseman Josh Bell hit an RBI double in the fourth and a tiebreaking homer off Yu Darvish in the sixth. Bell is 6-for-12 with four home runs and 10 RBIs in the first three games of the four-game series. For more, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

"I'd rather lump us in collectively," said Epstein, adding later, "all of us haven't done the job."

The addition of Garcia occurred shortly after outfielder Carlos Gonzalez, who joined the Cubs one month ago before being designated for assignment, elected to become a free agent.

Despite the subpar play, Epstein and Maddon believe the Cubs will rebound, but patience is short for Epstein. A players-only gathering and Maddon conducting his annual midseason meeting on successive days this week didn't change the fortunes.

"We've been counterpunching for a bit, and it's not easy to

do," Maddon said. "I've lived this life in Double A, and I know how difficult it can be. And it's tough psychologically from the offensive side because you're always playing catchup."

"Your at-bats weirdly change without even realizing it. We need to start well. That's the goal. For me it's patient positivity going on right now. I have to carry those methods with me, and I am. I've been there, done that and my history reacted poorly to these moments."

"I want to believe I behave more appropriately now. That is understanding what is going on and being there for the guys."

CUBS NOTES

Maddon happy with work he's doing

BY MARK GONZALES

PITTSBURGH — Joe Maddon wasn't lobbying for a contract extension Wednesday night, but the Cubs manager felt confident about his performance this season.

"I don't want to sound anything, but ...," Maddon said before pausing. "Yes, I've had a good year. I really enjoyed my year, my record (45-41) notwithstanding. The record is what it is, and there are a variety of reasons for that. What I set out to do this year and how I've done it, I'm pleased with that, quite frankly."

"When I say I'm enjoying it, I'm enjoying the coaching component of it. I've had a really good time with it. My interaction with the group is spectacular, fun and meaningful. And the same thing with the front office and ownership."

Since the start of spring training, Maddon has followed through on management's re-

quest to spend more time communicating with his players. He has responded by supervising situational hitting drills in spring training and injecting tips with individual players and writing the lineup in advance of each series so players know when they're playing.

"So you can't always gauge the entire picture based on the win-loss record right now," Maddon said. "We have a lot of time to go. But for me personally, it's been a fun year."

Tyler Skaggs remembered: Pitcher Tyler Chatwood was one of many players impacted by the death of Angels pitcher Tyler Skaggs.

"He was a great guy who always had confidence and brought everyone around, so it's a terrible thing for everybody," said Chatwood, who roomed with Skaggs in the Arizona Instructional League nearly 10 years ago.

"I can't imagine what those

guys are going through over there, especially his family."

Skaggs, like Chatwood, grew up in Southern California and the two last spoke in person at Wrigley Field during the Angels' visit in mid-April.

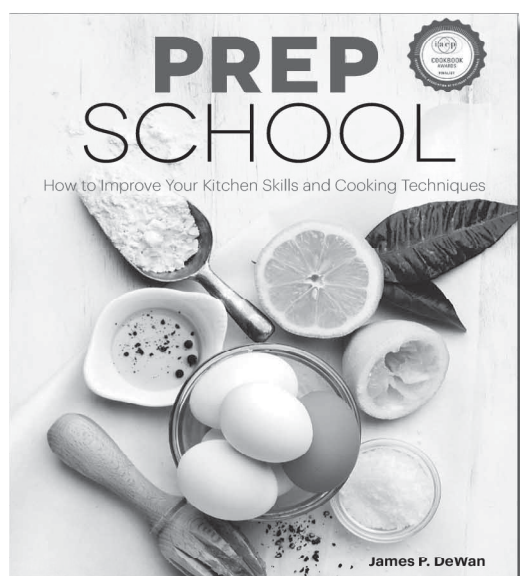
"He came back from surgery a few years ago, and it looked like he was coming into his own this year," Chatwood said. "It's terrible for everyone and a sad thing for the Angels' organization."

Minor-league musings: Reliever Allen Webster (radial nerve inflammation) started a minor-league rehab assignment Tuesday and threw a scoreless inning in an Arizona League game. ... The Cubs reported the international signings of shortstop Kevin Made (\$1.7 million) and catcher Brayan Altuve (\$1 million) from Venezuela. The Cubs also signed left-handed hitting Venezuelan catcher Ronnier Quintero (\$3 million), according to MLB.com.



COURTESY OF JOE RENTERIA

White Sox manager Rick Renteria in his South Gate (Calif.) High School uniform with wife Ilene and son Joe. Joe Renteria is now 40.



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SOCCER

RED STARS

Australia's loss is Red Stars' gain

Women's World Cup ouster brings Kerr back to Chicago

BY JEREMY MIKULA

If there was anybody secretly happy about Australia being eliminated from the World Cup, it's probably the Chicago Red Stars.

Nothing against the Matildas — who were knocked out of the tournament June 22 by Norway — or their captain, it's just that the Red Stars needed their star striker back.

Enter Sam Kerr.

It took her just seven minutes to get on the scoresheet in her first game since the World Cup last Sunday, a 3-2 road victory against the Orlando Pride. She scored two more goals to complete the hat trick — and narrowly missed adding a fourth.

"I felt like I kind of owed it to the girls to come back and have that performance," Kerr said Wednesday after practice outside SeatGeek Stadium in Bridgeview.

That performance earned Kerr, 25, player of the week honors and lifted the Red Stars (4-4-2, 14 points) to sixth place in the National Women's Soccer League.

Her return couldn't have come at a better time for the Red Stars, who were winless since May 19, when two goals from Kerr gave them a 2-1 victory against the Houston Dash.

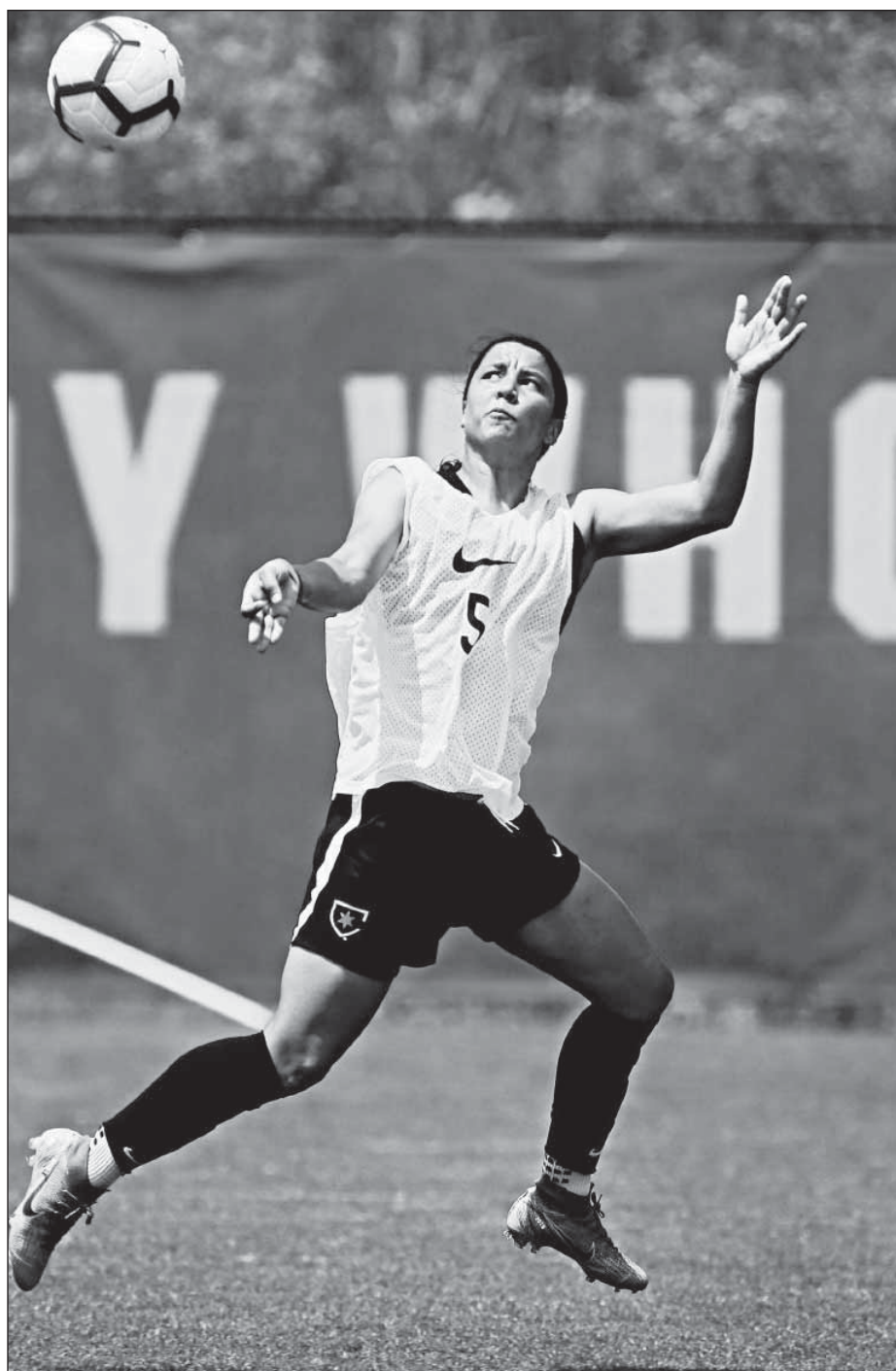
In Kerr's absence, the Red Stars went on a three-game losing streak and fell from first place to seventh. And it wasn't just that they were winless — they were shut out in all three matches.

In fact, all of the team's last seven goals were scored by — you guessed it — Sam Kerr, who led the NWSL in scoring each of the last two seasons.

Her hat trick against Orlando gave her nine goals on the season, four more than any other player entering the weekend.

"I was really fortunate that (coach) Rory (Dames) allowed me to have time off to refresh the mind and spend some time with my family," Kerr said of returning for the Orlando game. "Normally, when I'm a little bit lax ... I play better, so it was the perfect game for me."

That time to refresh her mind was



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Sam Kerr prepares to play the ball before taking shot during practice Wednesday. Kerr just returned to the Red Stars from her participation in the Women's World Cup.

needed.

Kerr scored five goals for Australia at the World Cup, including a four-goal performance against Jamaica, and helped lead the Matildas' comeback against Brazil. Things ended on a sour note for Kerr, who launched her penalty well over the crossbar in the shootout against Norway in the round of 16.

Still, the opportunity to captain her country on the biggest stage is something she calls an "amazing honor."

"I never thought about being the captain when I was younger, I just thought about playing for my country," she said. "But it's an amazing feeling. The girls really accepted me in that role really well."

The Red Stars still will be without four players on the U.S. squad — goalkeeper Alyssa Naeyer, midfielders Julie Ertz and Morgan Brian, and defender Tierna Davidson — for Saturday night's match against Sky Blue FC at SeatGeek Stadium.

FIRE

Progress made over lease buyout

Fire on hook for \$65.5 million in bid to move to Soldier Field

BY JEREMY MIKULA

The Fire's proposed return to Soldier Field moved forward slightly Wednesday after more details of the potential buyout of their lease at SeatGeek Stadium were revealed at a Bridgeview village board meeting.

The tentative deal still calls for the Fire to pay a total of \$65.5 million to the village, with the club paying \$15 million upfront and the remaining \$50 million through 2036 — the final year of the current lease.

The village and Fire have been in negotiations over a guarantee package since May 7.

According to Mark S. Jamil, an attorney representing the village, the proposed package contains three parts: a corporate guarantee from Chicago Fire Soccer Holdings, LLC; a secure escrow of approximately \$3.5 million replenished annually; and a first lien mortgage on the CIBC Fire Pitch located in the North Center neighborhood.

The Fire Pitch is a 125,000 square-foot complex featuring indoor and outdoor soccer pitches and is home to several recreational leagues. Located off the corner of Addison Street and Talman Avenue on the Northwest Side, the project cost about \$20 million, according to the Fire.

A final deal could be agreed upon as early as Friday, according to Bridgeview Mayor Steven Landek, pending approval from the Fire and Major League Soccer.

■ **Fire 5, Atlanta United 1:** Francisco Calvo, C.J. Sapong and Nicolas Gaitan scored in the opening 13 minutes, and the Fire snapped a six-game winless streak with a 5-1 rout of Atlanta United on Wednesday night at SeatGeek Stadium in Bridgeview.

Calvo opened the scoring in the fourth minute by heading in Gaitan's corner kick, Sapong scored three minutes later on a counterattack and Gaitan converted a penalty kick for a 3-0 lead.

Sapong later added a second goal, and Fabian Herbers scored for the Fire (5-7-7).

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| Boston | -116 | at Toronto +106 |
| at Texas | -134 | LA Angels +124 |
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| Milwaukee | -115 | at Cincinnati +105 |
| Chi Cubs | -120 | at Pittsburgh +110 |
| at Atlanta | -161 | Philadelphia +151 |
| at LA Dodgers | -220 | San Diego +200 |
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| WOMEN'S EVENT | | |
| Miko Sudo | -1200 | Field (others) +600 |
| TOTAL HOT DOGS EATEN | | |
| Under 38.5 | -150 | Over 38.5 +110 |

FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY

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WNBA

| EASTERN | | | | |
|-------------|---|-----|------|----|
| W | L | PCT | GB | |
| Washington | 9 | 3 | .750 | |
| Connecticut | 9 | 4 | .692 | ½ |
| Chicago | 6 | 7 | .462 | 3½ |
| New York | 6 | 7 | .462 | 3½ |
| Indiana | 5 | 9 | .357 | 5 |
| Atlanta | 2 | 9 | .182 | 6½ |
| WESTERN | | | | |
| W | L | PCT | GB | |
| Las Vegas | 8 | 5 | .615 | |
| Minnesota | 7 | 6 | .538 | 1 |
| Seattle | 8 | 7 | .533 | 1 |
| Los Angeles | 6 | 6 | .500 | 1½ |
| Phoenix | 5 | 5 | .500 | 1½ |
| Dallas | 4 | 7 | .364 | 3 |

WEDNESDAY'S RESULT
New York 84, Seattle 83
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Indiana at Dallas, 7 p.m.
New York at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Atlanta at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Washington at Las Vegas, 9:30 p.m.

TENNIS

WIMBLEDON CHAMPIONSHIPS
133rd event at The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club; London/outdoors-grass:
MEN'S SECOND ROUND SINGLES
#1 Novak Djokovic d. Denis Kudla, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.
#4 Kevin Anderson d. Janko Tipsarevic, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-1, 6-4.
#10 Karen Khachanov d. Feliciano Lopez Diaz-Guerra, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5, 6-4.
#11 Daniil Medvedev d. Alexei Popyrin, 6-7 (6), 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.
#15 Milos Raonic d. Robin Haase, 7-6 (1), 6-5, 7-6 (4).
#19 Felix Auger Aliassime d. Corentin Moutet, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.
#21 David Goffin d. Jeremy Chardy, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3.
Reilly Opelka d. #22 Stan Wawrinka, 7-5, 3-6, 4-6, 6-4, 8-6.
#23 Roberto Bautista-Agut d. Steve Darcis, 6-3, 6-2, 4-2, ret.
#26 Guido Pella d. Andreas Seppi, 6-4, 4-6, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1.
#28 Benoit Paire d. Miomir Kecmanovic, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-4.
Fernando Verdasco d. #30 Kyle Edmund, 4-6, 4-6, 7-6 (3), 6-3, 6-4.
Ugo Humbert d. Marcel Granollers, 6-4, 7-6 (3), 7-5.
Thomas Fabbiano d. Ivo Karlovic, 6-3, 6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-4.
Jiri Vesely d. Pablo Cuevas, 4-6, 7-5 (6), 6-4, 6-4.
Hubert Hurkacz d. Leonardo Mayer, 6-7 (4), 6-1, 7-6 (7), 6-3.

WOMEN'S SECOND ROUND SINGLES
#3 Karolina Pliskova d. Monica Puig, 6-0, 6-4.
#7 Simona Halep d. Mihaela Buzarnescu, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.
#8 Elena Vesnina d. Margarita Gasparyan, 5-7, 6-5, ret.
Danielle Rose Collins d. #12 Anastasiya Sevastova, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.
#14 Caroline Wozniacki d. Veronika Kudermetova, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Polona Hercog d. #17 Madison Keys, 2-6, 6-4.
#20 Anett Kontaveit d. Heather Watson, 7-5, 6-1.
#24 Petra Martic d. Anastasia Potapova, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Dayana Yastremska d. #27 Sofia Kenin, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.
#28 Su-Wei Hsieh d. Kirsten Flipkens, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
#31 Maria Sakkari d. Marie Bouzkova, 6-4, 6-1.
Cori Gauff d. Magdalena Rybarikova, 6-3, 6-3.
Karolina Muchova d. Madison Brengle, 6-3, 6-4.
Victoria Azarenka d. Ajla Tomljanovic, 6-2, 6-0.
Shuai Zhang d. Yanina Wickmayer, 6-3, 6-2.
Viktoria Golubic d. Yulia Putintseva, 6-4, 7-6 (3).

THURSDAY FEATURED MATCHES

MEN
#2 Roger Federer vs. Jay Clarke
#9 John Isner vs. Mikhail Kukushkin
#25 Alex de Minaur vs. Steve Johnson
WOMEN
#4 Kiki Bertens vs. Taylor Townsend
#9 Sloane Stephens vs. Yafan Wang
#11 Serena Williams vs. Kaja Juvan

COUNTRY STATISTICS

| COUNTRY | EN | RM | W-L |
|--------------------|----|----|-------|
| Estonia | 3 | 3 | 3-0 |
| Denmark | 3 | 3 | 2-0 |
| Colombia | 2 | 2 | 2-0 |
| Portugal | 2 | 2 | 1-0 |
| Georgia | 2 | 2 | 1-0 |
| Mexico | 4 | 4 | 1-0 |
| Cyprus | 1 | 1 | 1-0 |
| Czech Republic | 1 | 1 | 1-0 |
| Chinese Taipei | 9 | 8 | 6-1 |
| Croatia | 15 | 12 | 11-3 |
| Brazil | 7 | 6 | 5-1 |
| Belgium | 15 | 10 | 13-5 |
| U.S. | 69 | 48 | 26-21 |
| Ukraine | 12 | 10 | 6-2 |
| China | 19 | 15 | 9-4 |
| South Africa | 4 | 3 | 1-1 |
| France | 31 | 21 | 15-10 |
| Slovenia | 11 | 8 | 6-3 |
| Canada | 9 | 5 | 7-4 |
| Australia | 31 | 19 | 15-12 |
| Greece | 3 | 2 | 2-1 |
| New Zealand | 7 | 6 | 2-1 |
| Poland | 8 | 5 | 5-3 |
| Kazakhstan | 9 | 6 | 5-3 |
| Netherlands | 13 | 9 | 6-4 |
| Belarus | 9 | 5 | 6-4 |
| Russia | 24 | 13 | 11-11 |
| Spain | 20 | 10 | 10-10 |
| Romania | 17 | 11 | 6-6 |
| Argentina | 15 | 7 | 7-8 |
| Serbia | 13 | 2 | 6-7 |
| Austria | 6 | 4 | 2-2 |
| Hungary | 4 | 2 | 2-2 |
| Puerto Rico | 2 | 1 | 1-1 |
| Uruguay | 2 | 1 | 1-1 |
| Lithuania | 2 | 1 | 1-1 |
| Switzerland | 13 | 7 | 5-6 |
| Germany | 26 | 14 | 8-12 |
| United Kingdom | 53 | 33 | 11-20 |
| India | 9 | 5 | 3-4 |
| Italy | 14 | 6 | 5-8 |
| Sweden | 6 | 4 | 2-2 |
| Latvia | 5 | 2 | 1-3 |
| Slovakia | 9 | 3 | 1-6 |
| Japan | 13 | 6 | 1-7 |
| Uzbekistan | 2 | 2 | 0-0 |
| Finland | 2 | 2 | 0-0 |
| Pakistan | 2 | 2 | 0-0 |
| El Salvador | 1 | 1 | 0-0 |
| Tunisia | 4 | 3 | 0-4 |
| Chile | 6 | 4 | 0-3 |
| Moldova | 2 | 1 | 0-2 |
| Luxembourg | 2 | 1 | 0-1 |
| Uzbekistan | 1 | 1 | 0-1 |
| South Korea | 1 | 1 | 0-1 |
| Indonesia | 2 | 1 | 0-1 |
| Israel | 1 | 1 | 0-1 |
| Thailand | 1 | 1 | 0-1 |
| Bulgaria | 1 | 1 | 0-1 |
| Bosnia/Herzegovina | 2 | 1 | 0-1 |
| Bolivia | 2 | 1 | 0-1 |
| Norway | 2 | 1 | 0-1 |

EN-players entered (singles, doubles); RM-players remaining.

SOCCER

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

WEDNESDAY'S SEMIFINAL (Lyon)
Netherlands 1, Sweden 0

THIRD-PLACE MATCH Saturday in Nice, 10 a.m.
England (5-1) vs. Sweden (4-2)

FIFA CUP CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday in Lyon, 10 a.m.
U.S. (6-0) vs. Netherlands (6-0)

U.S. MEN'S SOCCER (8-2-1) CONCACAF Gold Cup
Wednesday: W 3-1 vs. Jamaica
Sunday: Final vs. Mexico, 8:15 p.m.

MLS

EASTERN

| W | L | T | PT | GF | GA |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Philadelphia | 10 | 5 | 5 | 35 | 37 |
| D.C. United | 8 | 4 | 7 | 31 | 25 |
| Montreal | 9 | 8 | 3 | 30 | 24 |
| Atlanta | 7 | 7 | 2 | 29 | 24 |
| N.Y. City FC | 7 | 1 | 8 | 29 | 30 |
| N.Y. Red Bulls | 8 | 7 | 3 | 27 | 24 |
| Toronto FC | 6 | 7 | 5 | 23 | 30 |
| Chicago | 5 | 7 | 7 | 22 | 31 |
| Orlando City | 6 | 9 | 3 | 21 | 25 |
| New England | 5 | 8 | 5 | 20 | 35 |
| Columbus | 5 | 12 | 2 | 17 | 16 |
| Cincinnati | 3 | 13 | 2 | 11 | 15 |

WESTERN

| W | L | T | PT | GF | GA |
|----------------|----|---|----|----|----|
| Los Angeles FC | 12 | 2 | 4 | 40 | 44 |
| LA Galaxy | 10 | 7 | 1 | 31 | 24 |
| Seattle | 8 | 5 | 5 | 29 | 27 |
| Minnesota | 8 | 7 | 3 | 27 | 33 |
| Houston | 8 | 6 | 3 | 27 | 26 |
| Real Salt Lake | 8 | 8 | 2 | 26 | 25 |
| FC Dallas | 7 | 7 | 5 | 26 | 27 |
| San Jose | 7 | 7 | 4 | 25 | 29 |
| Portland | 6 | 8 | 2 | 20 | 25 |
| Vancouver | 4 | 7 | 8 | 20 | 21 |
| Colorado | 5 | 9 | 4 | 19 | 28 |
| Sporting KC | 4 | 7 | 7 | 19 | 28 |

3 points for victory, 1 point for tie.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
N.Y. City FC 3, Seattle 0
Chicago 5, Atlanta 1
Minnesota 3, San Jose 1
Philadelphia 3, Orlando City 1
Los Angeles FC 5, Sporting KC 1
Houston 4, N.Y. Red Bulls 0
Real Salt Lake 1, Columbus 0

THURSDAY'S MATCHES
D.C. United at FC Dallas, 8 p.m.
New England at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Toronto FC at LA Galaxy, 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Orlando City at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Houston at Cincinnati, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Seattle at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Sporting KC, 7:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Los Angeles FC, 9:30 p.m.

NWSL

| CLUB | W | L | T | PT | GF | GA |
|----------------|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| Portland | 5 | 1 | 4 | 19 | 19 | 12 |
| Washington | 5 | 2 | 3 | 18 | 14 | 7 |
| Reign FC | 4 | 1 | 5 | 17 | 11 | 9 |
| Utah | 5 | 3 | 2 | 17 | 8 | 7 |
| North Carolina | 4 | 2 | 4 | 16 | 19 | 10 |
| Chicago | 4 | 4 | 2 | 14 | 16 | 16 |
| Houston | 3 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 11 | 13 |
| Orlando | 1 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 24 |
| Sky Blue FC | 0 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 14 |

FRIDAY'S MATCHES
Houston at North Carolina, 6 p.m.
Reign FC at Portland, 10 p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Washington at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Sky Blue FC at Chicago, 7 p.m.

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| 3. | Denny Hamlin | 14.2M | 12.7M | 1.5M |
| 4. | Kevin Harvick | 13.1M | 11.6M | 1.5M |
| 5. | Joey Logano | 11M | 9.6M | 1.4M |
| 6. | Brad Keselowski | 10.4M | 9.2M | 1.2M |
| 7. | Chase Elliott | 9.5M | 7.5M | 2M |
| 8. | Kyle Larson | 9M | 8M | 1M |
| 9. | Martin Truex Jr. | 8.2M | 7.3M | 900K |
| 10. | Clint Bowyer | 7.3M | 6.6M | 700K |

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PGA TOUR STATISTICS

Scoring Average
1. Patrick Cantlay, 69.095. 2. Rory McIlroy, 69.129. 3. Dustin Johnson, 69.350. 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, 317.1. 2. Rory McIlroy, 315.3. 3. Luke List, 313.8. 4. Bubba Watson, 312.3. 5. Dustin Johnson, 312.1. 6. Tony Finau, 311.5. 7. Wyndham Clark, 311.3. 8. Seth Reeves, 310.9. 9. Grayson Murray, 310.0. 10. Lucas Bjerregaard, 309.8.

Driving Accuracy Pct.
1. Chez Reavie, 75.44%. 2. Jim Furyk, 74.83%. 3. Ryan Moore, 73.63%. 4. Ryan Armour, 73.42%. 5. Henrik Stenson, 73.12%.

Greens in Regulation Percentage
1. Corey Connors, 72.41%. 2. Justin Thomas, 71.90%. 3. Tiger Woods, 71.48%. 4. Matt Kuchar, 71.33%. 5. Charles Howell III, 70.85%.

SG-Putting
1. Denny McCarthy, .826. 2. Graeme McDowell, .789. 3. Andrew Putnam, .780. 4. Justin Rose, .778. 5. Vaughn Taylor, .749. 6. Jordan Spieth, .713. 7. Brandt Snedeker, .697. 8. Dominic Bozzelli, .684. 9. Wyndham Clark, .677. 10. Aaron Baddeley, .654.

Birdie Average
1. Gary Woodland, 4.70. 2. Justin Thomas, 4.58. 3. Aaron Wise, 4.44. 4. Tiger Woods, 4.43. 5. (tie), Patrick Cantlay and Bryson DeChambeau, 4.42. 7. Rory McIlroy, 4.38. 8. Brooks Koepka, 4.32. 9. Ryan Palmer, 4.31. 10. 2 tied with 4.30.

Sand Save Percentage
1. Ernie Els, 65.75%. 2. Francesco Molinari, 65.57%. 3. Dustin Johnson, 63.93%. 4. Tommy Fleetwood, 63.89%. 5. Sam Ryder, 62.39%.

All-Around Ranking
1. Rory McIlroy, 239. 2. Justin Thomas, 260. 3. Brooks Koepka, 266. 4. Matt Kuchar, 267. 5. Jason Day, 270. 6. Xander Schauffele, 304. 7. Gary Woodland, 341. 8. Rickie Fowler, 342. 9. Tiger Woods, 360. 10. Jon Rahm, 363.

PGA TOUR STATISTICS

Scoring
1. Jin Young Ko, 69.255. 2. Brooke M. Henderson, 69.667. 3. Sung Hyun Park, 69.683. 4. Hyo Joo Kim, 69.727. 5. Minjee Lee, 69.793. 6. Nelly Korda, 69.804. 7. Jeongeun Lee6, 69.894. 8. Mi Jung Hur, 70.0. 9. Jessica Korda, 70.032. 10. Amy Yang, 70.136.

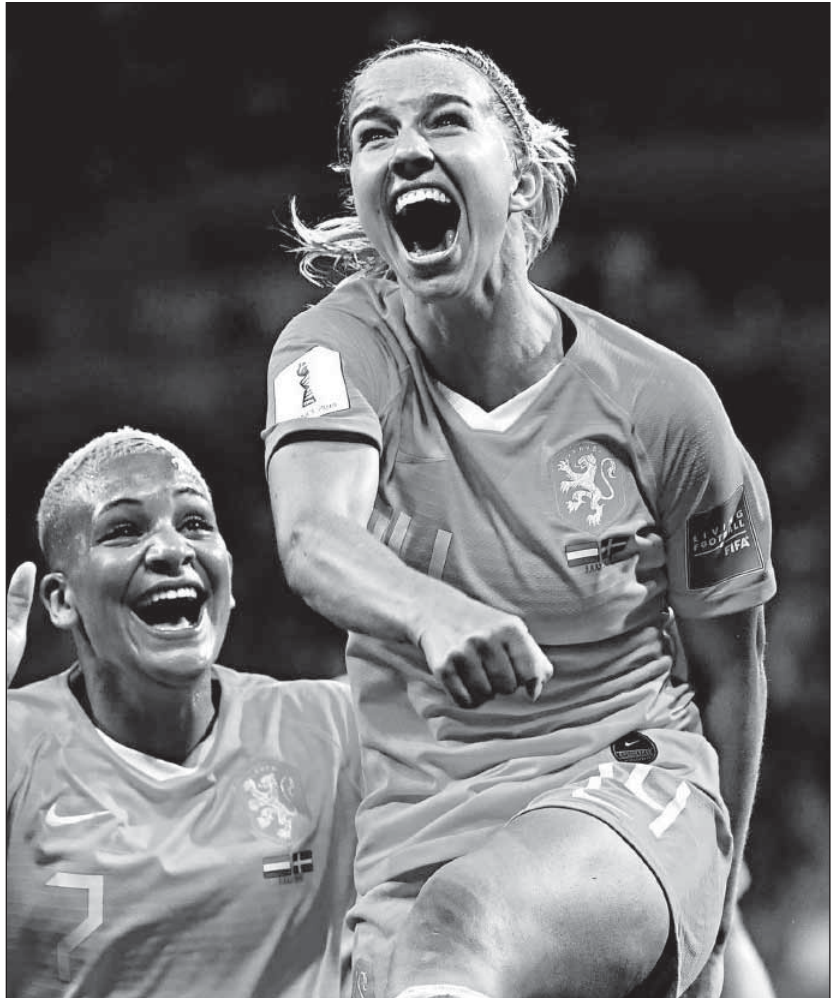
Driving Distance
1. Anne van Dam, 286.0. 2. Angel Yin, 281.8. 3. Sung Hyun Park, 280.9. 4. Joanna Klatten, 279.3. 5. Elizabeth Szookol, 277.8. 6. Jessica Korda, 277.5. 7. Nanna Koerstz Madsen, 277.3. 8. Lexi Thompson, 276.9. 9. Brooke M. Henderson, 275.9. 10. Carlota Ciganda, 275.0.

Greens in Regulation
1. Jin Young Ko, 79.1. 2. Nelly Korda, 76.4. 3. Minjee Lee, 76.1. 4. Brooke M. Henderson, 75.5. 5. Sung Hyun Park, 75.5.

Putts per GIR
1. Mi Jung Hur, 1.73. 2. Haru Nomura, 1.74. 3. Hyo Joo Kim, 1.75. 4. Jin Young Ko, 1.75. 5. Azahara Munoz, 1.76.

Birdies
1. Minjee Lee, 237. 2. Brooke M. Henderson, 220. 3. Azahara Munoz, 217. 4. Yu Liu, 216. 5. Ariya Jutanugarn, 213.

Sand Save Percentage
1. Katherine Kirk, 65.0. 2. Hyo Joo Kim, 64.4. 3. Jackie Stoelting, 62.5. 4. So Yeon Ryu, 61.9. 5. Morgan Pressel, 61.5.



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Netherlands' midfielder Jackie Groenen, right, celebrates after scoring a goal.

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Groenen's goal lifts Netherlands

By Rob Harris

Associated Press

LYON, France — When Jackie Groenen received the ball, even though she was outside the penalty area, the Dutch midfielder knew she had to seize her opening.

It was 99 minutes into a grueling Women's World Cup semifinal, and neither the Netherlands nor Sweden was finding a clear path to the goal Wednesday night.

"I saw a nice angle," Groenen said. "We've been discussing this for a couple of weeks now that I need to take shots more often. The ball just came really nicely, and I thought, 'Let's do this.'"

A slick passing sequence ended with Groenen driving a shot past goalkeeper Hedvig Lindahl. A first shot on target in France produced her first goal of the tournament.

"I'm not much of a scorer," she said. "But I'm very happy today I got to score."

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RANKING THE BEST BEARS PLAYERS EVER

#64 J.C. Caroline

Cornerback morphed into furious tackler as ace on special teams

BY WILL LARKIN

In 1963 the Bears felt they were ready to surpass the two-time defending champion Packers for NFL supremacy.

They just needed someone to set the tone.

J.C. Caroline was happy to step forward. On Nov. 17, 1963, the Bears and Packers entered their game for first place in the Western Division tied at 8-1. On the opening kickoff, Caroline flew down the field, split two blockers and flattened Packers returner Herb Adderley. The fired-up Bears dominated the rest of the game, winning 26-7 on their way to the NFL championship.

"I never saw a hit like it," teammate Johnny Morris told the Tribune's Dan Pompei on Sept. 1, 2013. "The next day, the whole team watches special teams on film. When the film stopped, everybody in the room applauded him. I never saw players do that before or after."

Caroline's big play was born of unselfishness. In his eighth season at age 30, he had lost both a step and his starting job. With up-and-coming Bennie McRae taking over at cornerback, Caroline still felt he could contribute to what he thought could be a special team.

He became so good at his new job that in 1994, the Tribune's Don Pierson and Fred Mitchell named him the best special teams player in Bears history, and Caroline kept the spot when Mitchell reprised the list in 2005.

The Tribune's Bill Jauss wrote on Aug. 23, 1994: "Nobody in Bears history dashed under kickoffs with more zeal and hammered return men with more furious abandon than Caroline, the leader of George Halas' special teams in the 1960s."

The kickoff tackle against the Packers is one of four plays Caroline was involved in that still get remembered.

He caught the Chicago Cardinals' Night Train Lane from behind after 75 yards and stripped the ball for a game-saving turnover that helped the Bears reach the 1956 championship game, which they lost 47-7 to the Giants. In 1960 he allowed a winning touchdown catch by the Colts' Lenny Moore on a controversial play the Bears argued involved an illegal push-off by Moore.

And in 1956, Caroline intercepted a young Johnny Unitas and returned the ball for a touchdown. That play was remembered mostly because Unitas misremembered it. For years he claimed it was his first NFL pass. It turned out he had thrown two passes two weeks earlier in mop-up duty, with one falling incomplete and one intercepted.

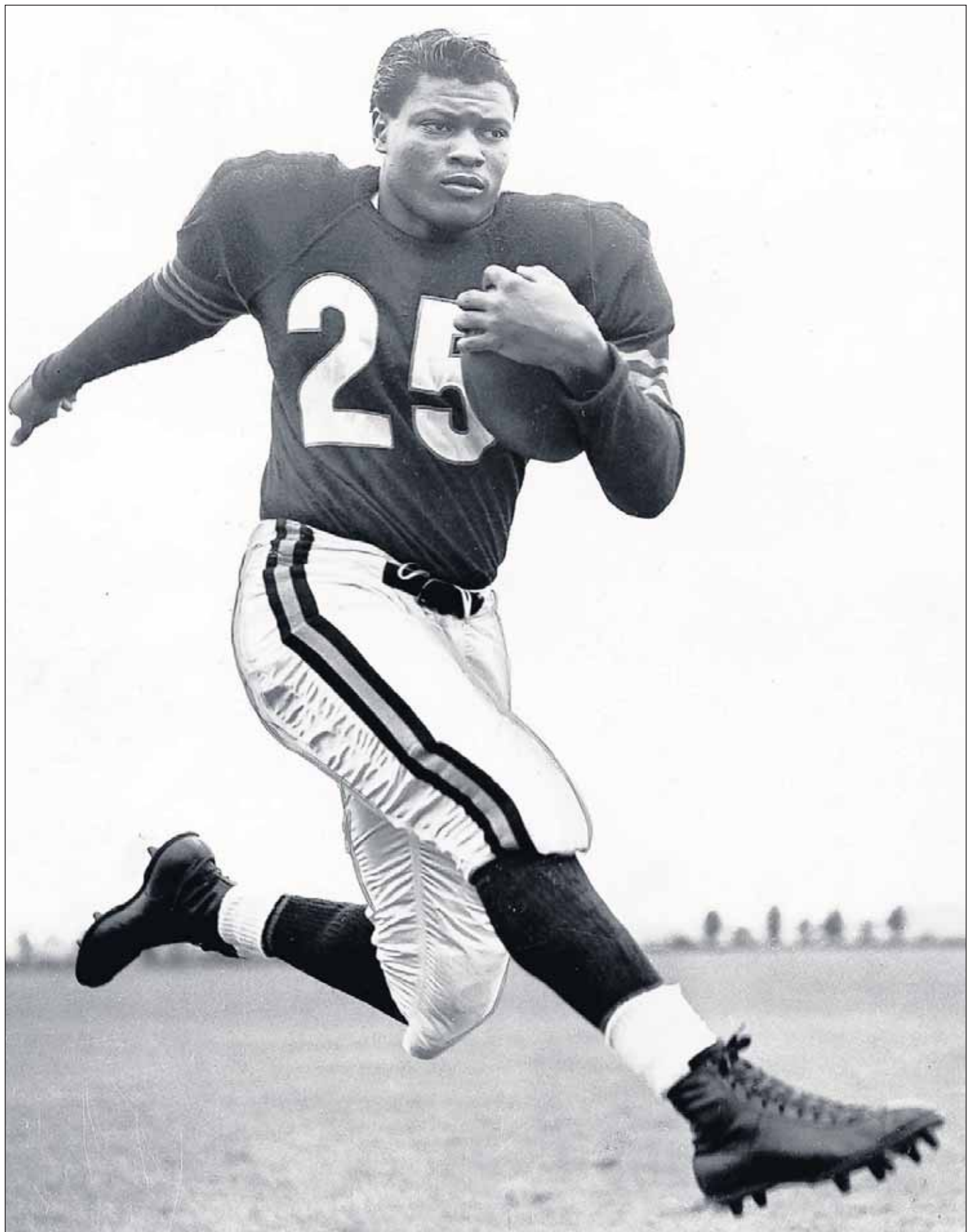
In an interview with the Tribune on Oct. 23, 1991, Unitas said: "I have to thank the Bears for giving me my start. ... My first pass went for a touchdown. Unfortunately, it went the wrong way. J.C. Caroline intercepted me and returned it for one."

Caroline attended high school in Columbia, S.C., but could not attend the city's segregated University of South Carolina. Instead, he became a superstar at Illinois, evoking memories of Red Grange by leading the nation with a Big Ten-record 1,256 rushing yards as a sophomore in 1953.

As a junior he suffered a season-ending shoulder injury trying to tackle Syracuse's Jim Brown and never was the same as a runner. He was ruled academically ineligible in 1955 and played for the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League.

The Bears drafted him in the seventh round in 1956, and he paid immediate dividends. He made six interceptions as a rookie, returning two for touchdowns, and for the next seven years he was a mainstay in the secondary. He also made cameos on offense, totaling 374 yards from scrimmage as a rusher and receiver.

"Mr. Halas felt I could be more valuable on defense," Caroline told the Tribune's David Condon on Oct. 17, 1966. "Sometimes I wish I had played a little more on



CHICAGO TRIBUNE HISTORICAL PHOTO

J.C. Caroline, shown on Sept. 16, 1956, was primarily a defensive back but was best remembered for his jarring tackles on special teams.

CAROLINE AS A BEAR

1956-65 | 10 seasons | 118 games

Bears record: 77-49-4 (.608).

Playoff appearances: 2; NFL champion in 1963.

Acquired: Seventh round (82nd overall pick), 1956 draft from Illinois.

THE LIST

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| 64. J.C. Caroline | 82. Doug Plank |
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| 66. Mike Pyle | 84. Bill Wade |
| 67. Mike Hartenstine | 85. Kyle Long |
| 68. Keith Van Horne | 86. Brandon Marshall |
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| 71. Jack Manders | 89. Beattie Feathers |
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| 74. Robbie Gould | 92. Matt Suhey |
| 75. Bennie McRae | 93. Ed Brown |
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| 81. Eddie Jackson | 99. William Perry |
| | 100. Patrick Mannelly |

offense, just to prove I could make it."

Even though he was no longer a starter by 1963, Caroline made an impact on

defense. Coordinator George Allen invented the nickel defense that year, and on third downs Caroline would replace linebacker Bill George as a fifth defensive back. Soon every team in the league employed the strategy.

The Bears released Caroline after the 1965 season. Stung by the national attention given to his college ineligibility — he claimed he got four A's and a disqualifying F in psychology — he vowed to get his degree. He did so at Florida A&M, then returned to Champaign, where he spent 10 years as an Illini assistant.

When the Bears played at Memorial Stadium in 2002 while Soldier Field was being renovated, the scoreboard featured panels honoring Caroline and fellow Illinois and Bears stars George Halas, Red Grange and Dick Butkus. Caroline was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1980.

Education remained the theme of Caroline's life in Urbana, where he was the high school's head football coach from 1979 to '82 and the junior high's physical education teacher until his retirement. Known for his physical fitness, Caroline never needed a surgery, and his weight always stayed around the 185 pounds of his playing days. He died in Urbana at 84 on Nov. 17, 2017.

100th season to feature 4 uniforms at home

If coach Matt Nagy stays true to character, he will run the trick play "Lollipop" when the Bears wear their navy and orange-striped socks Sept. 29 against the Vikings.

After all, when the 1936 throwbacks were revealed last month, some made comparisons to the socks worn by the Munchkins of "The Wizard of Oz" fame, who, of course, represent the Lollipop Guild.

The Bears on Wednesday released their schedule of home uniforms, with traditional navy for the season opener Sept. 5 against the Packers.

In another alternate uniform, the Bears don 1960s-era helmets with a white "C" and gray facemask Nov. 24 against the Giants.

They'll break out the classic 1936 whites the next home game Sept. 29 against the Vikings. They'll wear the same '30s throwbacks Dec. 5 against the Cowboys. And they'll wear orange jerseys Oct. 27 against the Chargers.



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Injured Bulls center Wendell Carter Jr. walks to the bench before a game against the Hawks on Jan. 23 at the United Center.

Carter is a summer league scratch

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some of the big bodies he goes up against every night can be difficult. (Magic center Nikola Vucevic comes to mind for a couple of games that were physically difficult for him. We need him to be in the weight room working.")

Carter turned 20 a week after the season and projects to start at center. But suddenly, the Bulls' moves to add depth at the position, which included drafting Daniel Gaffard in the second round and getting a verbal commitment from Luke Kornet, make more sense.

Meyers has ties to Duke and performed a similar surgery on recent first-round pick Cam Reddish, who is expected to be sidelined for six weeks.

As for the summer league roster, former Loyola star Marques Townes is on it. So, of course, are first- and second-round picks Coby White and Gaffard, although a source said White recently tweaked an ankle that isn't believed to be serious. Present, too, is Adam Mokoka, the intriguing 6-foot-5 shooting guard from France who has played

professional overseas and signed a two-way contract Tuesday. And holdovers Walt Lemon Jr. and Shaq Harrison also are on it, so there's still some intrigue.

But with Carter sidelined, perhaps the most important player is Chandler Hutchison, who also had his rookie seasons cut short by injury. Like Carter, Hutchison logged 44 games and none after Jan. 25. After posting his first double-double with 12 points and 12 rebounds against the Clippers, an MRI exam revealed an acute injury to the sesamoid bone in his right foot. He wore a walking boot much of the rest of the season.

"The discouraging thing is he was kind of coming into his own a little bit when he got hurt," Paxson said on March 23, the night the Bulls officially shut down the forward. "The things Chandler does well are his ability to rebound and push the ball. He's another creator."

"He's going to have to spend time in the gym shooting the ball this summer to become a better shooter because we know that's an important component. But he has size and length to defend. The way the

league is going where you need versatile players where you can play smaller lineups, he fits that model."

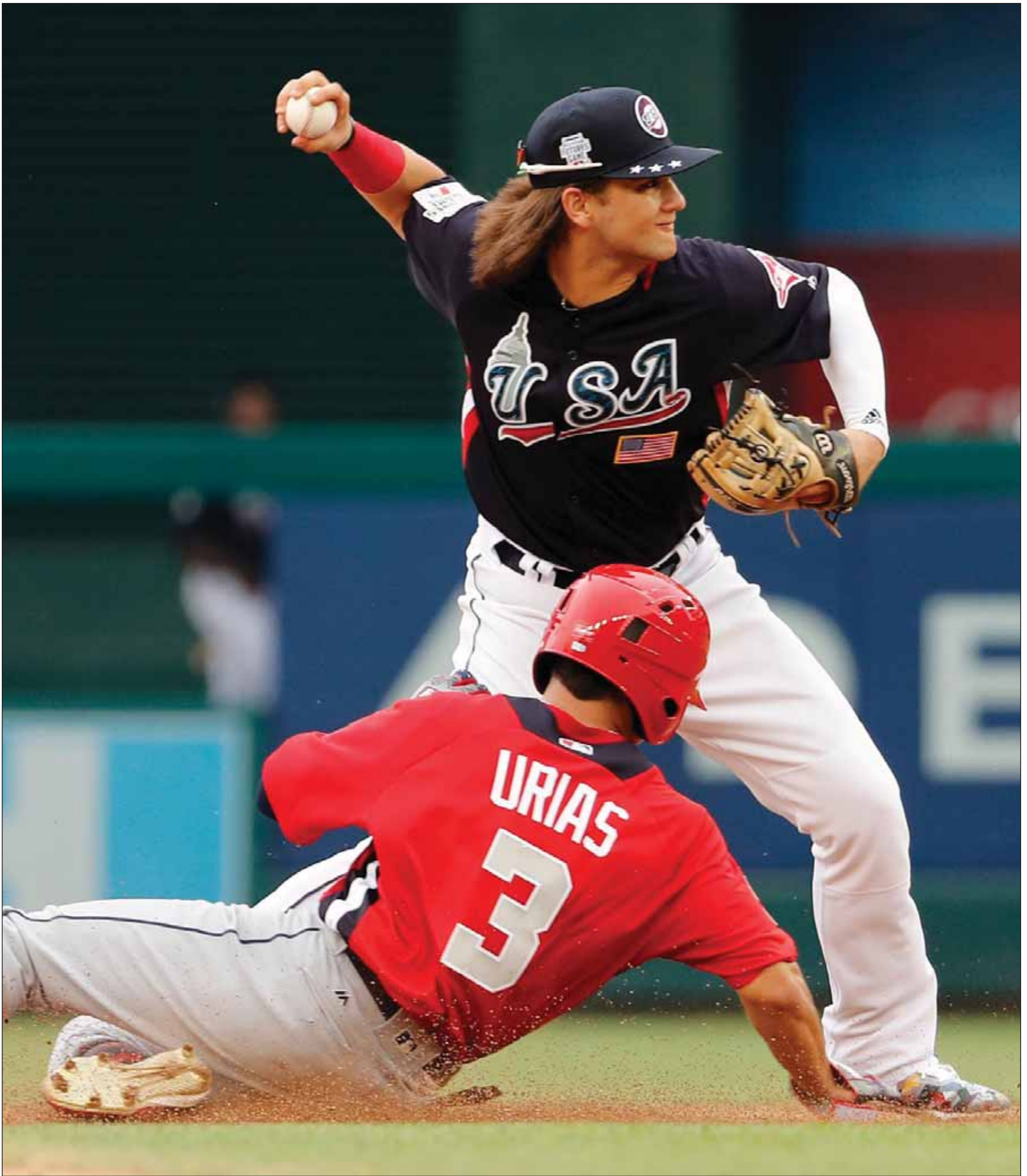
Indeed, the Bulls are poised to add versatile players such as Thaddeus Young and Tomas Satoransky shortly after the free-agent moratorium ends Saturday. Like those two players, Hutchison can play multiple positions, projecting to back up Otto Porter Jr. at small forward and possibly drawing minutes at power forward.

It's unclear how much Hutchison will play in Las Vegas. He flashed promise, particularly with his defensive rebounding and ballhandling ability, but needs to improve anemic 28 percent 3-point shooting.

"I'm going to put in a ton of shots," Hutchison said late in the season of his offseason play. "That's what got me here. But I also think my confidence level is going to be at a completely different place (next season). I want to fine-tune everything and try to be more of an offensive threat."

The Bulls will be coached by assistant Nate Loenser at NBA Summer League in Las Vegas.

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JOHN G. MABANGLO/SHUTTERSTOCK

Bo Bichette, son of former Rockie Dante Bichette, has seen his move up to the majors delayed by a broken left hand while with the Blue Jays' Triple-A affiliate Buffalo.

Time will come

Bichette scorching in return from injury as major leagues await

BY JASON WOLF
The Buffalo News

Bo Bichette was still in Buffalo on that late April afternoon when his friend and teammate, Vlad Guerrero Jr., was called up to make his major league debut with the Blue Jays.

"That was really cool to see," Bichette said.

Bichette, then considered the club's No. 2 prospect behind Guerrero, knew his time was coming.

He also knew it was being delayed.

Bichette, 21, had broken a bone in his left hand two days earlier, on April 22, when the Buffalo Bisons' shortstop was hit by a pitch from Syracuse Mets lefty Hector Santiago in the third inning of a 7-3 loss, which dropped the Bisons' record to 4-11.

Bichette, who was ranked the No. 10 prospect in baseball by MLB.com, had batted just .250 in his first two weeks with the Bisons, his first taste of Triple-A baseball. But he hit a scorching .417 with four homers and five RBI in 18 spring training games. And he had entered the game against Syracuse on an eight-game hitting streak.

He was just starting to get comfortable.

"It was tough, especially being in Triple-A for my first year," Bichette said. "You're one call away from the big leagues. It was difficult. I knew I had a chance of being called up. I didn't know when. But I knew I had a chance. So for it to happen at that point was disappointing, but everything happens for a reason."

"I just went down to Florida and tried to get better and everything I could and come back ready to go."

The results are evident. Bichette hit a blistering .365 with eight doubles, two homers and 11 RBI in 20 games in June, including a brief rehab stint with the Single-A Dunedin Blue Jays.

He scored 16 runs, racked up eight steals in as many attempts and walked 12 times, compared to 19 strikeouts. Bichette returned to the Bisons on June 13 and cranked his second home run of the season the next day.

"He came back after almost seven weeks being injured," Bisons manager Bobby Meacham said, "and the tricky part from taking a long time off is just getting back into baseball stuff. Not necessarily the

ground balls or the hits, but just how to cover the bag better, how to turn a double play in sync with the guy next to you, how to make sure you're communicating with the outfielders and pitchers on pickoffs and things like that.

"He's jumped right in and really, I haven't noticed that he's missed a beat with all the little things. And so, once he can continue doing that, he doesn't really miss much from where he left off seven weeks ago, as far as the learning curve."

Meacham, who played shortstop for the Yankees, said Bichette is quick to pick up the tricks of the trade.

"He's working hard and getting a lot of little detail stuff that I just feed to him," Meacham said. "Almost every day, I feed to him little things that I know the shortstop has to know, and he doesn't forget it. He's right on it the very next day and has continued on that path, so he's a quick learner, and he's starting to swing the bat really well for us. I'm sure he feels good about that, too."

Bichette, the son of former major leaguer Dante Bichette, said his dad also broke his hand during his first couple of weeks in Triple-A.

"So it was a weird coincidence," Bichette said.

And since his home is only about a 40-minute drive from the Blue Jays' spring training facility, he said, he was able to spend some time with his family while rehabbing.

As for advice, Dante simply told his son "that it's going to heal," Bo Bichette said. "It's going to be annoying for a little bit but it's going to heal and you'll be back in no time, and that's what it was."

Bichette said it was a "big sigh of relief" to learn that he didn't need surgery.

"And there were some other people down there rehabbing with the Jays," Bichette said. "(Clay) Buchholz, Devon Travis, David Phelps was there at the time, and we were all kind of going through it together. That helped, too."

Bichette was still in Florida when the Blue Jays promoted Cavan Biggio from the Bisons, reuniting him with Guerrero.

"He worked his butt off and he really earned it, too," Bichette said. "So to see both of them go up there and now they're both doing pretty well, it's pretty cool to see and I'm super excited for them."

Bichette isn't sure whether he'll make it to Toronto before

the end of this season.

"I'm hopeful," Bichette said. "But for me, whatever happens happens. If I get called up, I get called up. But for me, it's more of a situation where as long as I get better as a player in every facet of the game — offensively, defensively, base running, everything — it'll be successful. That's all I can hope for."

"The big leagues will come at some point. I'm pretty confident in that. But when it comes, I don't know. And as long as I'm down here, it's just about continuing to put myself in the best position to be ready to go when I get called."

He works to maintain that mindset.

"It's not easy to have that confidence," Bichette said. "I'm pretty confident it's going to happen. But to be able to stay in the moment here and not think about it isn't the easiest thing. That's something that I struggle with every day, coming to the field and just worrying about being a Bisons for now and trying to help my teammates get better and help the team win, and not think about the big leagues."

"It's not easy, but it's something I'm working on and trying to perfect."

"I'm hopeful. But for me, whatever happens happens. If I get called up, I get called up. But for me, it's more of a situation where as long as I get better as a player in every facet of the game — offensively, defensively, base running, everything — it'll be successful. That's all I can hope for."

— Bo Bichette, Blue Jays prospect, on playing in Buffalo

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The 76ers unloaded star Jimmy Butler in a sign-and-trade with the Heat in one of the team's biggest moves of the offseason.



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The Sixers reportedly are preparing to offer Ben Simmons, the 2016 top draft pick, a five-year max extension worth \$168 million.

Emerging as true contenders

76ers got inventive in free agency with decisions to let go of Butler, Redick

BY BEN GOLLIVER
The Washington Post

Elton Brand appeared headed for an incredibly expensive, and possibly embarrassing, summer. After gambling with big mid-season trades for Jimmy Butler and Tobias Harris, the first-year executive watched as his Philadelphia 76ers were eliminated by the Toronto Raptors from the playoffs in the cruelest manner possible. As soon as Kawhi Leonard's Game 7 buzzer-beater bounced in, Brand found himself in a bind. Butler and Harris, both free agents, were in line for rich deals, as was veteran guard J.J. Redick. His team hadn't quite been good enough, and now he had to decide whether to pay up.

If Brand kept the band together, perhaps motivated by his sunk costs from the trades, he risked running up a massive payroll for a team with fit questions and chemistry concerns that might not be quite good enough to get over the hump. If not, he would be exposed to criticism that his trades were shortsighted moves that failed to pay immediate dividends and depleted Philadelphia's depth and draft assets.

But that framing proved to be a false dichotomy, as the Sixers sustained major departures in free agency but still managed to improve their positioning in the 2020 title chase. While Brand's needle-threading required the Sixers to dole out a pair of generous contracts, the immediate rewards outweigh the long-term risks. When the dust settled on July 1, Philadelphia possessed a projected starting lineup of Ben Simmons, Josh Richardson, Harris, Al Horford and Joel Embiid that should

deliver one of the league's best defenses and pose significant matchup problems for their major East foes.

To arrive at that destination, Brand's first step was to bring back Harris on a five-year, \$180 million contract. The 26-year-old forward has never made an all-star team and is a mediocre defender, but he brings dependable scoring, valuable floor-spacing and a team-first, no-maintenance attitude.

With Simmons as the lead ballhandler and Embiid as their alpha dog, Harris' ability to succeed in a complementary role is key to Philadelphia's offensive balance. The Sixers paid full price for Harris — more than double the Los Angeles Clippers' \$80 million extension offer last summer — knowing that his departure would deal a sharp blow to their short-term outlook.

Although Butler was Philadelphia's most consistent performer in the playoffs, his fit seemed tenuous from the moment he arrived from the Minnesota Timberwolves last fall. The four-time all-star wing was accustomed to life as a ball-dominant scorer, and his subpar outside shooting created spacing problems when he played alongside Simmons, a total non-shooter.

Much attention was paid to Butler's fiery personality and demanding presence, but the fundamental tension came from his overlap with Simmons. How long would both players be happy sharing touches? How far could Philadelphia go in the playoffs if its top two ballhandlers were both shooting liabilities?

The "Simmons or Butler?" question unfolded quickly. Philadelphia chose Simmons, reportedly preparing to offer the 2016 top pick a five-year max extension worth \$168 million. Butler chose a new

chapter with the Miami Heat, where he will receive a four-year, \$142 million max contract and return to life as his team's offensive centerpiece. Simmons, an electric passer and transition finisher, should enjoy greater opportunities in his absence.

Rather than lose Butler for nothing, Brand worked a sign-and-trade deal with Miami that returned Josh Richardson, a quality two-way wing who is coming off a career year. The 25-year-old Richardson can't replicate Butler's playmaking and physicality, but he arrives as a classic "Moneyball" replacement capable of delivering 70% of the production for 30% of the cost.

With money to spend now that Butler was out of the picture, Brand proceeded with his biggest move of the summer: poaching all-star center Al Horford from the Boston Celtics on a four-year, \$109 million contract. The 33-year-old has started to show signs of age-related decline and, like many stars signed in their mid-30s, will struggle to deliver value on the back half of his new contract.

But adding Horford was a convincing victory because it offset Butler's departure, significantly weakened the Celtics' defense, and added a crucial piece for upcoming playoff chess matches. As the Toronto Raptors proved in the East finals, the key to beating the Milwaukee Bucks is taking away the basket area from Giannis Antetokounmpo. Together, Embiid and Horford are well-suited to that monumental task. If Kawhi Leonard returns to the Raptors, the Sixers now have the length, size and versatility to match up more effectively with the champs' imposing front line.

There are some reasonable concerns about the positional fits within Philadelphia's new starting five. Many observers, hoping for more spacing and versatility, might prefer Horford as a center, Harris as a power forward and Richardson as a small forward. Instead, all three will "play down" a position as starters, with Horford at power forward, Harris at small forward and Richardson at shooting guard.

In a world where the Golden State Warriors were still destroying all comers with their small ball "death lineup," the Sixers' lineup might look anachronistic. As is, Philadelphia simply looks big, long, athletic and balanced, with enough top-end talent to compete with virtually anyone in the league.

Offensively, Richardson and Harris are capable shooters, Horford and Embiid are both comfortable away from the basket, and Horford's screen-setting and ability to handle the ball will add wrinkles to an attack that often bogged down last year. Make no mistake, though: Philadelphia will be looking to win with defense by owning the interior, controlling the glass and physically overwhelming the opposition.

The Sixers' major early moves have produced a true title contender, at least in 2020. They would be smart to pace themselves during the regular season given Embiid's persistent injury issues and Horford's advancing age, saving their stars for the playoffs and, hopefully, multiple deep runs in the future.

Facing the possibility of major defections, a roster implosion or a backbreaking salary cap position, Brand tap-danced his way through the minefield in impressive fashion.



HEATHER KHALIFA/TNS

The 76ers decided to let JJ Redick test free agency and the veteran shooter signed a two-year contract with the Pelicans.



YONG KIM/TNS

The Sixers were quick to sign veteran forward Tobias Harris to a five-year, \$180 million contract to be a main part of the team's core.



FRAZER HARRISON PHOTO

Zach Barack has made history in the newest Peter Parker tale "Spider-Man: Far From Home" as the first openly transgender actor featured in a Marvel film.

Exploring his — and Spidey's — secret life

Evanston native is Marvel's first transgender actor

BY NICOLE BLACKWOOD

If you haven't been living under a particularly obtrusive boulder for the last two decades, you know Spider-Man's story by heart. The Marvel Studios franchise has seen three actors in the titular role since 2002 (four if you count the animated "Spider-Man: Into the Spider Verse"), and even as special effects makes leaps, the basic puzzle pieces remain the same. Say it with me: Teenage nerd Peter Parker turns web-slinging hero, juggles pop quizzes and a secret identity, and learns the definitive correlation between great power and great responsibility. There's a timeless divide in Peter's life, one he tries to straddle but can never quite breach: what the world thinks he is and what he knows himself to be.

It's an old story. And according to actor Zach Barack, it's a uniquely transgender one, if on the level of incidental metaphor. Barack, who stars in Peter Parker's latest adventure, "Spider-Man: Far From Home," will be the first openly trans actor featured in a Marvel film — his character, also named Zach, is a classmate of Peter's. An Evanston native raised in Glenview, 23-year-old Barack saw himself in Spider-Man's story long before he was cast: he grew up with a secret that he feared might be hurtful, to himself or to those around him.

After he graduated high school, Barack split his time between working at a queer youth organization in Washington, D.C., and a cookie store. No one knew or discussed his trans identity at the store, but it was all he talked about at the organization — a double life not unlike Peter Parker's, albeit one with less earth-shattering stakes.

"The story of having an identity that is hidden, or difficult to pick apart, goes hand in hand with a lot of superhero stories," Barack said. "There were moments throughout my whole life where I thought: I have to be a kid, but there's this other side of myself that everybody else doesn't know about. Do I share it with them or do I not?"

It's not uncommon for comic book movies to be recognizable analogs to queer experience — the X-Men come to mind (Barack cited a scene in "X2: X-Men United" in which Iceman's parents ask their son, "Have you tried not being a mutant?"). But this is one of the first times metaphor has taken tangible form.

According to Chicago therapist Casey Tanner, who specializes in working with LGBTQ individuals, tangibility could make all the difference. Her hope is that the children watching the film, especially those struggling with their gender identity, will see Barack onscreen and realize that their narrative doesn't need to match Peter's confusion and strife.

"We know from research that the No. 1 factor influencing outcomes for trans youth is support from other people," Tanner said. Though a mainstream film

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KALIA DILOIA PHOTO

Femme FATales producer Laura Weetzie Wilson, left, and troupe co-founder Carina Shero perform onstage.

Glitter, sequins and liberation

Femme FATales bring plus-size expression to burlesque

BY NICOLE BLACKWOOD

Good burlesque, the kind that sticks its landing, requires a performer to know their body innately. It's one thing to teasingly reveal skin, said burlesque dancer Carina Shero. It's another to shed it from the inside out, to simultaneously introduce and make peace with the flesh under the spotlight. Every thrust, every sway, every sweat-soaked rhinestone has meaning. A burlesque show is a story, but when told with enough panache, those who watch with a bias will forget.

The Femme FATales are counting on it. The burlesque troupe, co-founded by Shero in 2014, is a plus-size, body-positive alternative to the flat-stomached burlesque that Shero said pervades late-night circles. Shero, whose old high school drill team shuttered because its plus-size dancers were seen as "too sexy," always enjoyed the idea of burlesque: if a body was sexy, it was sexy by

buoyant, winking design. But no one in Chicago burlesque was biting.

"Everybody was skinny," Shero said. "Or if there was one plus-size person, you could just see the audience shift: 'Oh, is this person going to take off their clothes?' And then the fat person starts taking off their clothes, and the audience is like, 'Oh ... OK.' Like, three claps, you know?"

At the time, Shero's only option to perform was to be the lone plus-size individual in a thin troupe, a tokenizing notion she was uncomfortable with. After she helped establish The Femme FATales via Kickstarter and online communities, the equilibrium shifted. Every performer in the troupe is plus-size, and together they form what Shero described as a "fat family to co-conspire with." With its next show July 6 ("Fat Fun in the Sun"), performances are consistently plus-size, advertised and marketed so that audiences can't be

surprised by the bodies they see and are, in fact, paying to see them. Once the music begins, once a troupe member enters clad in glitter and a feather boa, some claim over sexuality has been staked — what Shero sees as a "big middle finger" to the high school administration that kept her from dance.

"We live in a society where being fat is deemed the worst thing somebody could be," she said. "Burlesque is a place where you get to be vain and sparkly and naked and in-your-face and celebrating yourself, sexy and sensual and cute. All these things that society has told us that we're not allowed to be."

This societal decree can be deceptive, according to regular audience member Crystal Hartranft, and often involves a quiet denial of representation when it matters most. In media, Hartranft said, plus-size bodies are almost always care-

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Celebrate Independence Day with 13 all-American movies

These films all reflect some positive aspect of life in the United States

BY REX CRUM
Tribune News Service

It's nearly impossible to find a holiday more American than Independence Day.

What's not to like? The Fourth of July often falls in the middle of the week, and it gives many Americans a day off from work. There are fireworks, gatherings of family and friends, copious amounts of eating and drinking and just a general, all-around celebration of everything that's good about America. For some, only Thanksgiving Day comes anywhere close.

But, like most things, July 4 has its drawbacks. Sometimes the weather can be hot enough to make you feel as if you will burst into flames when you step outside. And in spite of many city ordinances, it seems there is always someone who wants to celebrate America's birth by blowing up some M-80s in their backyard or the middle of the street. Try explaining that to a frightened house pet.

Because of that, you might



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Salvatore Corsitto, left, and Marlon Brando in 1972's "The Godfather."

want to just stay indoors, crank up the air conditioner and spend part of the holiday watching a movie. That's great — this is America, after all. But on Independence Day, if you're going to watch a movie, you should watch something that says "America."

That could include something from one of the numerous streaming options at your disposal. There's no shortage of options out there, so, in honor of the original 13 American Colonies, allow us to help you find 13 Oh-

So-American Movies to watch on the Fourth of July.

"The Godfather" (1972)

In a movie loaded with classic lines ("I'm gonna make him an offer he can't refuse," "Leave the gun, take the cannoli.") "The Godfather" states its purpose from its very first words of dialogue: Bonasera the undertaker tells Don Vito Corleone, "I believe in America."

From there, and along with its sequel "The Godfather: Part II," the American immigrant experience of much of the early 20th century is told in a story of hope, pride, success, revenge and regret. (We'll leave it up to you to decide if "The Godfather: Part III" is worth missing a July 4 barbecue.)

How To Watch: Available to rent and stream on services such as iTunes, Amazon home video and Redbox On Demand.

"Lincoln" (2012)

If there is any American president worthy of deification, it is Abraham Lincoln. But in his Oscar-winning role, Daniel Day-Lewis emphasizes Lincoln's humanity; and for every minute of the film you feel the 16th president's kindness, sorrow and determination as he strives to end the Civil War, ensure the abolition of slavery and rebuild the nation.

How To Watch: "Lincoln" is currently streaming on Netflix.

"Red Dawn" (1984)

Midwest high school kids watch their school get invaded by

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Leonardo DiCaprio at the Los Angeles premiere of HBO's "Ice on Fire" last month.

DiCaprio helps create environmental alliance

Leonardo DiCaprio is joining with billionaire investors and philanthropists Laurene Powell Jobs and Brian Sheth to create a new nonprofit environmental powerhouse charged with tackling climate change and the loss of biodiversity.

The new organization, Earth Alliance, "will work globally to protect ecosystems and wildlife, ensure climate justice, support renewable energy and secure indigenous rights to the benefit of all life on Earth," according to a statement.

Earth Alliance said it will provide grants, educational opportunities and fund campaigns and films, as well as work with grassroots organizations and individuals in places most affected by biodiversity loss and climate change.

In the statement, DiCaprio called Earth Alliance a "new, larger, nimble platform that shares resources and expertise while identifying the best programs to drive real change around the planet."

DiCaprio has long championed environmentalism, with his eco-focused Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation, giving out \$100 million in grants for everything from lion recovery and mangrove restoration to the defense of indigenous rights and better access to affordable solar energy.

"Today marks the next step in the evolution of LDF as it fully merges under the new Earth Alliance management," he said. "Laurene and Brian are incredible civic leaders who share my passion and understanding of the urgency and scale of the challenges we face."

— Associated Press



AMR ALFIKY/AP

Stop talking: Lawyers for R&B singer R. Kelly are asking a judge in Chicago to fine and jail his ex-wife for breaking a confidentiality clause in their divorce agreement. Kelly's attorney said in a Tuesday filing that Andrea Kelly appeared "on countless media outlets disparaging Robert Kelly and making accusations and charges." Andrea Kelly's lawyer says the singer has broken the confidentiality agreement himself many times.

Street smart: A stretch of Broad Street in Philadelphia was renamed "Patti LaBelle Way" for the legendary soul singer. LaBelle thanked the throngs of fans who clogged the intersection in her hometown Tuesday and treated them to an impromptu rendition of her hit "Love, Need and Want You."

Disinvited: A music festival has disinvited folk singer Peter Yarrow of Peter, Paul and Mary over a long-ago jail sentence. Board members of the Colorscape Chenango Arts Festival in upstate New York cited negative reaction to Yarrow on social media in their decision to remove him from the lineup. Yarrow, 81, was sentenced to three months in jail over a 1969 episode in which a 14-year-old and her 17-year-old sister went to his hotel seeking an autograph and he answered the door naked.

Born on the 4th of July: Actress Eva Marie Saint is 95. Singer Bill Withers is 81. Talk show host Geraldo Rivera is 76. Actor Tracy Letts is 54. Actor-comedian Al Madrigal is 48. Actress Becki Newton is 41. Reality star Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino is 37. Singer Melanie Fiona is 36.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Would-be mother hurt by baby news

Dear Amy: All my life, I have wanted to be a mother — more than anything else. Two years ago, I learned that the only way would be through in vitro fertilization. I was devastated but still hopeful.

My sister-in-law confided in me that she and her husband were struggling to become pregnant. I, in turn, opened up to her about my infertility.

Last year on Father's Day I was invited to a gathering at their home. They surprised everyone with the news that they were expecting. I felt like I had been gut-punched but managed a smile and congratulations and left after the announcement. I was inconsolable at home. I felt completely shattered.

I didn't understand my feelings. Why was I so tormented by someone's good news? I felt angry at them for not allowing me to deal with it in private. I expect they shared my misfortunes with everyone else, and that made things even worse.

It has been a year. Their child was born, and I have had two failed embryo transfers through IVF. I have not seen or spoken to them. I am still hurting and angry. I don't know what to do to make the pain and animosity stop. Help.

— Bitter

Dear Bitter: I agree that it was extremely insensitive of your sister-in-law not to recognize your situation and at least give you a heads-up about their announcement. She doesn't seem supportive, now.

Your reaction is visceral and understandable. However, one consequence is that you, who want a baby,

are not able to enjoy contact with ... a baby.

You should be brave and explain yourself. Tell (or email) your sister-in-law: "I'm sorry I've stayed away, but your pregnancy and birth have reminded me of my own struggle. It's been very hard for me, and I'm sorry, but this is the best I seem to be able to do."

Your IVF clinic will have information about support groups. This roller-coaster ride will be easier for you if you can share your story with others going through a similar experience.

The National Infertility Association also offers online support, information and a list of support groups through its helpful website: resolve.org.

I must also point out that giving birth is NOT the only way to become a mother. I urge you to consider adoption as a way to make your family complete.

Dear Amy: I want to help my younger sister, but I don't know how.

Her latest disease is breast cancer. She has had surgery but refuses to continue with chemotherapy and radiation. She also has Parkinson's disease, which she takes medicine for four times a day. And she suffers from Bipolar II Disorder, has battled crack addiction and lives with her sometime-boyfriend, a waiter who drinks alcohol to excess every day he isn't at work.

My sister entertains herself with a few pets and her phone. She smokes cigarettes and a little weed and drinks alcohol fairly habitually.

I have encouraged her on the phone to get exer-

cise and just live, but all I got back was the brush-off. We are the only two people left in our family. What can I do to help her?

— Caring Sister

Dear Sister: I think encouraging a former crack addict who has breast cancer, Parkinson's and bipolar disorder to "get exercise and just live" is not particularly helpful. Your sister may not be able to exercise. She may not want to exercise. What she is doing — hanging out with her pets, smoking weed, drinking — this is the living she is doing.

It sounds as if you don't live nearby. Given the severity and complexity of her problems, I think you should stop telling her how to live and simply be with her and communicate with her on her terms. This is not giving up on her. It is accepting her.

You might both feel liberated.

Dear Amy: Thank you for your compassionate advice to "Needs an Intervention," whose daughter seemed to have a hoarding disorder.

This is so tricky, as you noted. Extensive, hands-on therapy is called for. Thank you especially for noting your concern for the welfare of the animal this daughter had in the home.

— Been There

Dear Been There: As I said, the human can choose to try to change her living situation. An animal has no such option.

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Definitely nothing wrong with this

'Seinfeld' marathon to feature 15 hours of shows on TBS

BY ANDY EDELSTEIN
Newsday

Not that there's anything wrong with that, but do you have a spare 15 hours to kill over the Fourth of July weekend?

TBS will be marking the 30th anniversary of "Seinfeld" on Friday, July 5, by airing a 30-episode marathon of the TV classic, starting at 5 a.m. (all times Central) and ending at 8 p.m.

Now, understand this: The folks at TBS are being just a tad ingenuous with this celebration. Yes, a sitcom with Jerry Seinfeld, Jason Alexander and Michael Richards did air for the first time on July 5, 1989. But it was a one-off: a pilot for a proposed series starring the Massapequa-raised comedian called "The Seinfeld Chronicles."

Kramer was called "Kessler" and there was no Elaine. There was not all that much interest either, although some key NBC executives saw its potential. Nevertheless, the idea for the show languished until May 31, 1990, when the "Seinfeld" we've known and loved was given a short early-summer tryout.

End of history lesson. Anyway, the "anniversary" will give viewers a chance to see 30 of the show's most memorable episodes, including "The Contest" (the one about self-denial, at 8:30 a.m.), "The Soup Nazi" ("No soup for you!" at 1 p.m.) and, of local interest, "The Hamptons," at 11:30 a.m., in which George gave the word "shrinkage" a very personal meaning.

Here's the complete

rundown:

■ 5:00 a.m. "The Chinese Restaurant"

Jerry, Elaine and George need reservations at a Chinese restaurant.



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Julia Louis-Dreyfus (Elaine), Jerry Seinfeld (Jerry), Jason Alexander (George) and Michael Richards (Kramer) appear in a scene from "Seinfeld."

■ 5:30 a.m. "The Pen"

Jerry accepts a gift his parents wanted him to refuse.

■ 6 a.m. "The Parking Garage"

Jerry, Elaine, George and Kramer lose their car in a mall parking garage.

■ 6:30 a.m. "The Red Dot"

Elaine's alcoholic boyfriend resumes drinking. Jerry is the unwitting cause.

■ 7 a.m. "The Subway"

The friends encounter adventure on the subway.

■ 7:30 a.m. "The Pitch"

Network executives ask Jerry to create a show. Jerry tries to evade a vengeful writer. George woos an executive.

■ 8 a.m. "The Bubble Boy"

Jerry gets lost en route to visiting a sickly fan.

■ 8:30 a.m. "The Contest"

Jerry, George, Kramer and Elaine vie at self-denial.

■ 9 a.m. "The Implant"

Elaine says Jerry's girlfriend has implants, so he dumps her.

■ 9:30 a.m. "The Junior Mint"

Visitors Kramer and Jerry think they killed a surgery patient.

■ 10 a.m. "The Puffy Shirt"

Jerry appears on the "Today" show wearing a silly shirt.

■ 10:30 a.m. "The Marine Biologist"

George poses as a marine biologist.

■ 11 a.m. "The Opposite"

George learns success lies in doing the opposite of what he would normally do.

■ 11:30 a.m. "The Hamptons"

Jerry's girlfriend sees George naked during a weekend at the beach.

■ Noon. "The Big Salad"

Kramer helps an athlete wanted for a brutal crime flee police.

■ 12:30 p.m. "The Fusilli Jerry"

A mechanic pal uses Jerry's romantic techniques on Elaine.

■ 1 p.m. "The Soup Nazi"

Jerry's favorite soup vendor won't serve his new girlfriend.

■ 1:30 p.m. "The Sponge"

Elaine considers intimacy with her new boyfriend.

■ 2 p.m. "The Rye"

George's and Susan's parents have dinner together for the first time.

■ 2:30 p.m. "The Invitations"

George searches for a way to stop his impending nuptials.

■ 3 p.m. "The Bizarro Jerry"

Elaine's soon-to-be-former beau has two friends who resemble George and Kramer.

■ 3:30 p.m. "The Little Kicks"

Kramer's friend forces Jerry to perform an illegal activity.

■ 4 p.m. "The Chicken Roaster"

A celebrity opens a chicken restaurant in Jerry's neighborhood.

■ 4:30 p.m. "The Abstinence"

George benefits when his new girlfriend's illness requires their abstinence.

■ 5 p.m. "The Comeback"

Jerry joins a tennis club;

a co-worker's insults test George.

■ 5:30 p.m. "The Yada Yada"

George realizes his girlfriend's slang may leave out vital information.

■ 6 p.m. "The Serenity Now"

Jerry's new girlfriend encourages him to express his emotions.

■ 6:30 p.m. "The Merv Griffin Show"

Jerry dates a toy collector; Kramer thinks he finds a TV show's furniture set.

■ 7 p.m. "The Strike"

George's father invents a new holiday; Kramer returns to work at the bagel shop.

■ 7:30 p.m. "The Frogger"

Elaine eats Peterman's cake; Kramer helps George steal an arcade game.

BOOK REVIEW

Crafting a record for space travel

1970s managed to launch a vision

By JAMES HILL
The Washington Post

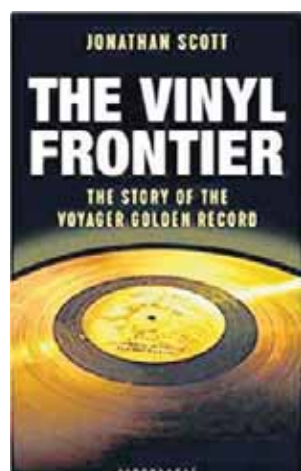
Even though the 200th-anniversary celebration of American independence was spectacular, nostalgia isn't a mood we often ascribe to the 1970s.

Watergate happened, and the ramifications are still felt today. Inflation raged, gasoline lines became common, cars were crummy and the clothing was awful. Worse, we seemed to be failing at fighting the Cold War. In other words, it was a lost decade.

But the '70s had their moments. One, recounted well by British journalist Jonathan Scott, involved the effort to leave some semblance of our Earthly presence aboard the Voyager spacecraft, which are still going — and going — 42 years after their launch. They may still be going a billion or more years from now, which was not lost on those who proposed and then pushed for what is now known as the Voyager Golden Record.

First, though, there had to be a precedent. And lo and behold, the precedent was aboard the Pioneer 10 and 11 spacecraft that NASA had launched in the early '70s: the Pioneer plaques. One of the people involved in producing the plaques — which generated a mini-scandal of sorts because the human figures were nude — was Carl Sagan, a scientist at Cornell University.

"Sagan was already a well-known astronomer,



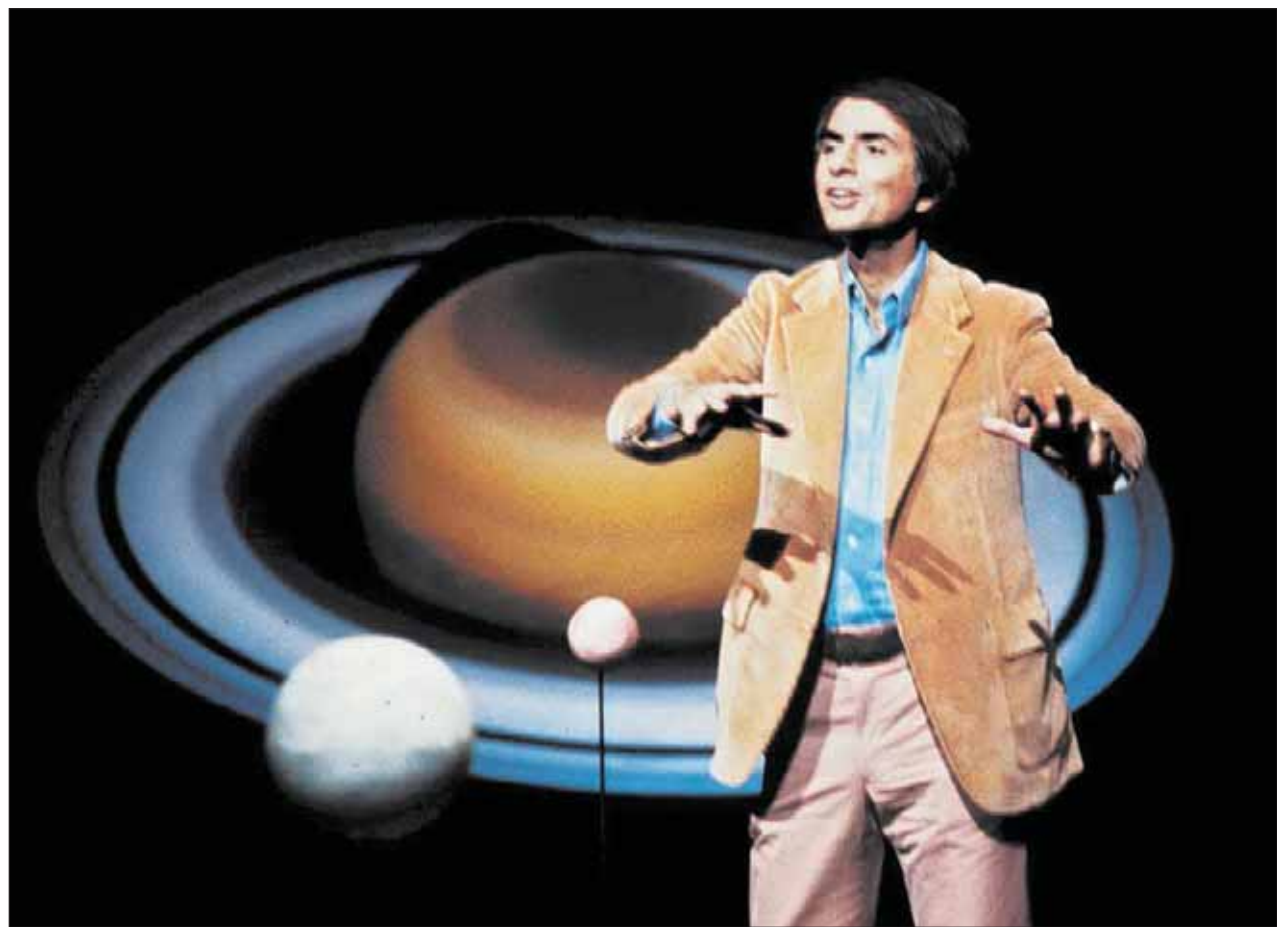
'The Vinyl Frontier'

By Jonathan Scott, Bloomsbury Sigma, 288 pages, \$28

with a growing public profile, but he was not yet the household name he would become," Scott writes. Nevertheless, he did know John Casani of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, who had encouraged for the coming Voyager mission an effort similar to the Pioneer plaques. As he urged: "Send a message!"

And what a message it was. Once put together, the Golden Record consisted of music, greetings in several languages, including from then-United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim (since discredited for his Nazi service in World War II), President Jimmy Carter and selected members of Congress; along with sounds and images of life on Earth.

Simple? Think again.



CASTENEDA/AP 1981

Scientist Carl Sagan helped shape the Golden Record that was sent into space in 1977. He was later known for "Cosmos."

Scott's book is a testimony to the amount of work that Sagan, who died in 1996, and his team put into the Golden Record, which was not vinyl but metal (copper), plated with gold. And while this is about the production of the record and not the Voyager mission itself, Scott does well mastering the technical details, often with a touch of humor.

"The 'hydrogen line' is the electromagnetic radiation spectral line that is created by a change in the energy state of neutral hydrogen atoms. I don't really know what that means either," the author admits on one of those occasions when he needs to dive into science-speak.

The narrative, though, shows a bit of a problem. One is that throughout the book, Scott tends to use first names. So Sagan becomes Carl; Ann Druyan, the woman he fell in love with (and later married) at the time of the Golden Record project, is referred to sim-

ply as Ann; and on and on. So many characters weave through the story that it becomes especially annoying when lesser ones we aren't familiar with on a first-name basis pop up. One almost needs a program to figure out who he is writing about.

And while Sagan comes off as the hero of this story, Scott is clear that his romance with Druyan could have been a project buster if it had come to light. (The couple waited until after the Voyager 2 launch to let the news out.) Sagan's marijuana use is also discussed. Scott assumes we already know a lot about the Voyager mission, but it's probably a safe bet to say we don't. (Voyager 2 crossed the heliopause, where, according to The Washington Post's Sarah Kaplan, "the river of solar particles meets the vast ocean of interstellar space," in December 2018.)

The Pioneer and Voyager probes may turn out to be one of NASA's greatest

moments, yet we tend to view the period when they went up as something of a wasteland for the space agency. The lunar mission had ended, and the space shuttle was years away. Still, there was an opportunity to be had for a grand tour. And NASA took it. That a plaque was aboard the Pioneers and a record was aboard both of the Voyagers are often seen as amusements.

"Even today, if you tell a person about the Voyager record — someone who's not heard of it before — it excites head-scratching, furrowed brows and skepticism," Scott notes.

Further, the fact that Chuck Berry's "Johnny B. Goode" is riding off to eternity was not lost on the talented writers in the early days of "Saturday Night Live." Appearing on the show in 1978, comedian Steve Martin announced that a message had come from aliens, begging: "Send more Chuck Berry!"

The Beatles didn't make the cut. Neither did Elvis,

Jefferson Starship or the Rolling Stones. What did was Berry, Bach, Beethoven, Mozart, Louis Armstrong and an obscure musician named Blind Willie Johnson, along with other forms of music from around the world.

A skeptic would say: What's the point? And indeed, Scott notes that the intended audience, extraterrestrials, might never come upon the Golden Record. "The Voyagers aren't ever going to land anywhere," he writes. "Assuming they don't get hit by anything, they will drift in a vast orbit around the Milky Way. They'll be forever in deep space."

Which leaves us to believe that this may have been what the team that envisioned and created the Golden Record intended all along. Kind of puts the 1970s in a different light, doesn't it?

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BOOK REVIEW

Plan a fantastical summer trip with Wyke-Smith's rare gem

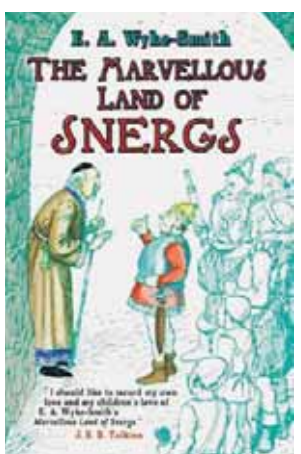
By MICHAEL DIRDA
The Washington Post

Suppose you were to mash up three of the greatest of all children's fantasies: J.M. Barrie's "Peter Pan," J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Hobbit" and T.H. White's "The Sword in the Stone." This may be hard to imagine, especially for an adult, but something like E.A. Wyke-Smith's "The Marvellous Land of Snergs" would be the result. Deliciously irreverent in its narration, silly and spooky throughout, and charmingly illustrated by Punch artist George Morrow, this neglected masterpiece remains as winning today as when it was first published in 1927.

Wyke-Smith opens with a description of Watkyns Bay, where scores of children can be glimpsed playing on the sand and in the water. Actually, they can't be glimpsed because not a single ship, with one exception, ever has entered the bay. Any vessel attempting to do so encounters contrary winds and dangerous waterspouts, these barriers having been set up by the S.R.S.C., the Society for the Removal of Superfluous Children.

That sounds dire, but Miss Watkyns — assisted by Miss Gribblestone and Miss Scadging — takes the greatest care in only removing children not wanted by their parents or parent. Sylvia, for instance, had been totally ignored by her beautiful socialite mother, even when the little girl fell seriously ill. Joe was physically abused by his cruel father, a circus performer. But once this pair are whisked away by the S.R.S.C., they quickly forget about their unhappy former lives. So do all the other boys and girls.

Whisked away? When the first group of children are secretly assembled on



'The Marvellous Land of Snergs'

By E.A. Wyke-Smith, Dover Children's Classics, 2006

Hampstead Heath, Miss Watkyns gives the word, "and away they all went on a high wind." On rare occasions a child is sent back to England, but this can only occur when the moon enters the right quarter. Are these elderly spinsters then fairies? Witches? Angels? Watkyns Bay resembles a year-round summer camp. Time there seems to have slowed almost to a stop.

Still, accursed ships are apparently unaffected by magical barriers, for up the bay from the S.R.S.C.'s headquarters one finds the encampment of Captain Vanderdecken, aka the Flying Dutchman. Having been blown ashore, he and his surprisingly jolly crew aren't in any hurry to get back to the open sea, where they had been sailing since the 17th century.

Inland from the two shore settlements is the kingdom of the Snergs. Even further away lies a realm shrouded in mystery, said to be ruled by a cruel tyrant and inhabited by ogres and witches.

Uh, Snergs? "The Snergs are a race of people only slightly taller than the

average table, but broad in the shoulders and of great strength. Probably they are some offshoot of the pixies who once inhabited the hills and forests of England." They are also, according to Tolkien, the partial inspiration for hobbits. The Snergs live "as long as oaks," hunt with bows, occasionally do some construction work or manual labor for Miss Watkyns and pass much of their time in feasting. "The King presides at the head of the table, with the best people on either hand, and there they sit in the mellow evening light and tell tales of the brave days of old and listen to the sound of harps."

An idyllic paradise then is Watkyns Bay — at least until daredevil Joe, egged on by that minx Sylvia, flings a brick into the Vanderdecken stew pot. "Speaking of the act entirely apart from its moral aspect," observes our narrator, "I may say that it was a good shot." In punishment Joe is confined to the Turret Chamber, but instead escapes with Sylvia's help. Soon hungry and disoriented, the pair are rescued by Gorb, reputedly the most foolish of all Snergs.

The next morning, Gorb escorts the children on a tour of a dark forest. Soon lost, the despondent trio chance upon a big tree with a strange door high up in its trunk. When they pull on its handle, the door swings open easily — and the real adventures begin.

A marvelous summer treat, "The Marvellous Land of Snergs" goes mysteriously in and out of print, but the best modern edition, from Old Earth Books, features an excellent introduction by Tolkien scholar Douglas A. Anderson. Try for that one, but read any edition you can find.

BOOK REVIEWS

Science fiction roundup

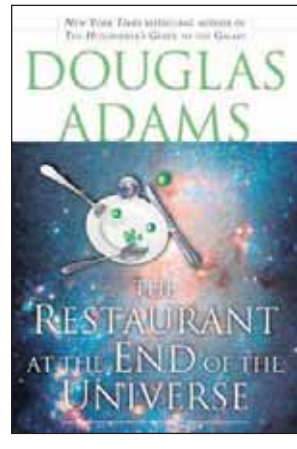
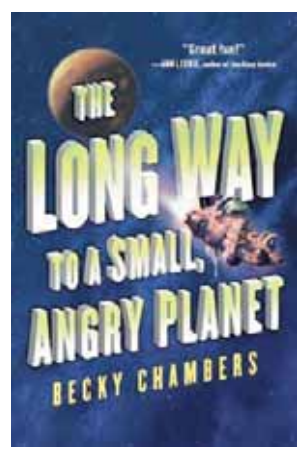
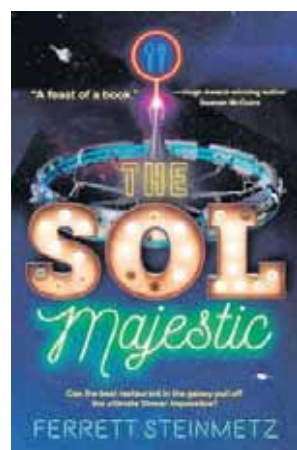
By EVERDEEN MASON
The Washington Post

Food is an entry point to understanding society. For that reason, what book characters eat is key world-building that lets readers know whether they are in a land strange or familiar. For example, what would a fantasy novel be without flaky bread, salty cheese, weak ale and hearty stew? One would think, then, that there would be a plethora of food-related science fiction. And yet ...

There's Mark Watney and his potatoes in "The Martian," Radchai tea culture in "Ancillary Justice," and spice melange (which is really more of a drug than a food) in "Dune." The most sophisticated take on food's role in a future society may be Paolo Bacigalupi's "The Windup Girl," which features massive food corporations fighting over food gene banks in a world devastated by climate change. It's easy to prognosticate a future of nutritional and economic hardship, but the following books are more imaginative, capturing the feeling of eating lovingly prepared food with people you care about.

'The Sol Majestic,' by Ferrett Steinmetz (June 2019)

Kenna is the reluctant heir to a religion that has fallen out of favor, and he spends his impoverished days starving in space stations, unsupervised while his parents try to regain their influence. Desperate for a meal, he enters into an interview to win a free meal at the most extravagant restaurant in the galaxy, and his plight inspires its head chef. The chef decides to overhaul the restaurant's menu around the theme of Kenna's religious coronation. In five weeks, Kenna must help the staff of the Sol



a new outlook on life — one that's rather obvious but no less triumphant.

'The Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet,' by Becky Chambers (2016)

Chambers' novel seems contradictory: It's a space opera where the adventures are the little things, like going off course to find the perfect herb to welcome a new crew member. The story follows Rosemary (the inspiration for the herb detour), a Mars-born woman with a mysterious past who joins the crew of the Wayfarer as a clerk. The crew is tasked with building a wormhole to the titular planet, a major job for the crew and one with massive political implications.

When the crew needs to move or fight, it's not because of their big job or the nation's politics but because they need food or vacation or, in the case of one of the characters, physical affection. Honestly, nearly nothing happens in Chambers' book until the very end, but we get to marinate in feelings far more complex than the conspiracy at hand.

'The Restaurant at the End of the Universe,' by Douglas Adams (1980)

In the second novel of the classic "Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" series, the hapless Arthur Dent is still in trouble after Earth is destroyed to make way for an intergalactic highway. Having narrowly escaped death at the hands (paws?) of hyperintelligent mice, he and his companions decide to escape and get lunch at Milliways, the restaurant at the end of the universe. In true Adams fashion, the restaurant features a number of strange and hilarious food items, but the funniest is the dish of the week: a sentient cow that desires to be eaten by restaurantgoers.

Majestic create the greatest meal they've ever cooked and save it while bankrupt, all while searching for meaning in the religion he's meant to embody.

Like the food sumptuously described here, strange, surprising and satisfying notes burst through while consuming each chapter. Like Kenna, we arrive at the Sol Majestic for a meal and are served

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Russian paratroopers. Patrick Swayze gets in his truck, gathers up some of the local teens and becomes a resistance leader. Harry Dean Stanton and Powers Boothe? “WOLVERINES!” For a kid growing up worshipping Ronald Reagan, few things made me despise the communists more than “Red Dawn.”

How To Watch: Use your Amazon Prime Video membership and start shouting “USA! USA USA!”

“Miracle” (2004)

Speaking of the “USA! USA! USA!” chant: The sporting event that chant originated from was “Miracle On Ice” — Team USA’s Olympic hockey win over the Soviet Union in 1980.

Watching this version of how coach Herb Brooks brought together a team of college kids and pulled off the greatest sporting victory in U.S. history could have you wanting to tattoo the Stars and Stripes across your back. It also remains a crime of cinematic history that Kurt Russell (sporting an awesome hairdo) wasn’t nominated for an Oscar for his gold medal-winning turn as Brooks.

How To Watch: “Miracle” currently is streaming on Netflix, and it can be rented through other online

video services.

“1776” (1972)

By now you’ve surely heard of “Hamilton.” The wildly popular musical is playing in San Francisco until January, but two tickets could set you back more than the price of a car payment. So if you’re looking for a less expensive way to experience the Founding Fathers singing and dancing their way through some of America’s earliest days, “1776” might be the movie for you.

How To Watch: “1776” is available to rent and stream on iTunes.

“Independence Day” (1996)

Sure, it’s full of scenery chewing, corny lines (Will Smith’s “Now, that’s what I call a close encounter” is a standout) and more explosions than a July 4 fireworks show. But when the bad-guy aliens attack, we do what we do best and come together to triumph over evil. It’s the American Way. Besides, it’s called “Independence Day” — we couldn’t leave it off this list.

How To Watch: Get inspired by President Bill Pullman by streaming “Independence Day” on Hulu.

“Hidden Figures” (2016)

This marks marks the 50th anniversary of the



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Octavia Spencer, center, in “Hidden Figures.”

Apollo 11 mission, in which the inimitable Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first people to walk on the moon. But the Apollo program would have never happened without the work of the first Mercury astronauts. And Mercury wouldn’t have gone anywhere were it not for the mathematical brilliance of several African-American women who had the right stuff that helped get Alan Shepherd, John Glenn and the rest of the Mercury 7 off the launchpad.

How To Watch: Rent and stream “Hidden Figures” through iTunes and Redbox On Demand; if you don’t mind a few commercial breaks, it can be streamed for free on the FXNOW app.

“Apollo 13” (1995)

When Jim Lovell — as wonderfully portrayed by Tom Hanks — says, “Houston, we have a problem,” you know he’s not messing around. Thus begins the tale of the greatest rescue mis-

sion in the history of mankind.

Apollo 13 happened almost 50 years ago; “Apollo 13” came out almost 25 years ago. You know the story. You know how it ends. And yet, until that spacecraft splashes down ...

How To Watch: Stream “Apollo 13” with a subscription to the Starz app or rent it through iTunes and other services.

“The Natural” (1984)

This is greatest sports movie ever made: the story of a young man who falls victim to temptation, spends years seeking redemption, finds it, nearly blows it all again and, in the end, becomes a hero for the ages. And it’s all set against the background of baseball, the most American of all sports. When Roy Hobbs, as portrayed by Robert Redford, hits a home run that knocks the lights out at the ballpark, it’s the ultimate “I’m not crying, you’re

crying!” movie moment.

How To Watch: “The Natural” is available to rent and stream on services like iTunes, Amazon home video and Redbox On Demand.

“A League of Their Own” (1992)

Hanks makes his second appearance here as a drunken former baseball player who takes on managing a women’s baseball team during World War II.

How “All-American” is this movie? The team Hanks manages, the Rockford Peaches, played in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. Hanks gets to utter another all-time classic line when he tells his players in no uncertain terms, “THERE’S NO CRYING IN BASEBALL!” (Try telling that to a Seattle Mariners fan like myself.)

How To Watch: You can rent and stream “A League of Their Own” through iTunes, Amazon home video and Redbox On Demand.

“Rocky” (1976)

How much more American can “Rocky” get? More than 40 years ago, Sylvester Stallone was the ultimate underdog and pretty much unknown as an actor. He then wrote and starred in “Rocky” and became an overnight sensation. And he

remains a sensation to this day.

If the story isn’t enough, in the movie’s climatic fight, Rocky’s opponent, Apollo Creed, shows up dressed first like George Washington, then like Uncle Sam.

How To Watch: “Rocky” is currently streaming on Hulu.

“The Dirty Dozen” (1967)

Did you know that in addition to leading Jim Brown, Charles Bronson, Donald Sutherland and nine other American military convicts on a crazy raid against the Nazis, Lee Marvin actually fought in World War II and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery? If that doesn’t just scream “AMERICA!” then nothing does.

How To Watch: Invest \$2.99 and stream “The Dirty Dozen” on iTunes.

“Stripes” (1981)

I like to think that what “National Lampoon’s Animal House” did for kids wanting join college fraternities, “Stripes” did the same for anyone wanting to join the U.S. Army. It’s hard to go wrong with Bill Murray leading a gaggle of misfit troops at his early post-“Saturday Night Live” peak.

How To Watch: If you have Showtime, you can stream “Stripes” through the company’s different apps.



EVE STUDNICKA PHOTO

Members of the burlesque troupe The Femme FATAles are working to dismantle preconceived notions about plus-size women. “We live in a society where being fat is deemed the worst thing somebody could be,” dancer Carina Shero said.

Femme

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fully curated, what she called “pretty plus-size”: busty women with curves, no back rolls or flabby fat to be found. The Femme FATAles push against what some audience members might find palatable.

“Their bodies aren’t what society deems as an acceptable plus-size woman,” Hartranft said, “and they make no apologies for it.”

The benefit of this kind of uninhibited performance, Shero said, belongs to both performers and the cheering crowds catching their clothes. She recalled a thin neighbor attending The Femme FATAles’ first show and telling Shero that just watching felt freeing, a comment that made Shero realize she “could benefit someone that was a completely different body type.” But for audience and troupe members who are plus-size, seeing someone like Shero near-naked hits with particular force.

“When you’re little you wish for these heroes, heroes you can relate to who look like you. And here I am at 31, finally

getting it,” regular audience member Jackie Barthelemy said. Producer and performer Laura Weetzie Wilson remembered entering a dance festival as a teenager with a modern dance troupe and hearing one of the judges say that one of their star dancers, a plus-size girl, should be replaced because “no one wants to see a fat person in the air.” It took joining The Femme FATAles for Wilson to find a space where she could “knew (her) body would be accepted under all circumstances” and to get the ringing phrase out of her head. Part of the troupe’s goal is to chip away at the broad category of “no one” until there’s nothing left.

Still, Shero holds no illusions: Though she’s able to keep the troupe’s performances safe from audience members taken by surprise (most burlesque performs in bars, but The Femme FATAles hold fast to theaters — when you buy a ticket, you know what you’re there for), their show can’t singlehandedly end societal stigma. Shero described plus-size bodies as a prejudicial “free-for-all.” While many racist or homophobic statements

now have consequences, fatphobia is a holdout from a bygone era, in which everyone has an opinion on others’ bodies and everyone feels free to express it. The Femme FATAles confuse this notion, their choreographed confidence an intentional mixed message.

“When people see an unapologetic fat body on the beach or onstage, they don’t know what to do with themselves because they feel like their right to an opinion has been taken away,” Shero said. “They’ve been told that they have an entitlement to make fat people feel less than.”

Medical care, mental health and job opportunities aren’t a battle that will be fought while Silly String spurts from The Femme FATAles’ crotches. Performers described the space as a bubble, but the bubble holds value. Every night, The Femme FATAles normalize the visibility of plus-size bodies. Audiences exit the theater freer than they entered it — lighter, as though their own clothes line the stage.

“When there’s people onstage literally celebrating how they look and doing a damn good job while they’re at it, that can

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change somebody’s actual worldview,” Shero said. “We’re normally told as fat people that we shouldn’t even exist, and here we are existing and getting paid for it.” She laughed. “Burlesque is fat liberation on a silver platter.”

In one of Shero’s performances, she emerges from behind a curtain; her boa comes first, a hand snaking down the feathers before pulling back. By the time she enters, costume made to match the velvet-red, the crowd is conditioned to expect her, and her shimmy onstage is met with cheers. So begins the show’s narrative, loud enough you might miss it: After Shero enters the light, she won’t leave until those cheers are for her whole body. No wonder she reveals it slowly, bit by bit — pulling one glove off, then another, hips swaying in time to the music.

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Barack

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reaches millions, Tanner said that representation might still feel personal, as “it’s one thing to see another trans person out on the street or in your community and a whole other thing to see a larger culture celebrating a trans person by casting them in a film.”

Chicago trans actor Lars Ebsworth said that this celebration is particularly important to bring to young people, as Ebsworth said that “every single child I’ve talked to about gender identity gets it right away.” If you introduce inclusivity in a major motion picture, Ebsworth said, a child absorbs the lesson without an adult’s tendency to question what they’ve seen. And because the “Spider-Man” franchise has been such a prevalent part of the 21st century, Chicago casting director Catherine Miller, who advocates for inclusive casting, said that Barack’s role is monumental; everyone recognizes the franchise, and many have an emotional stake in it.

And in a moment when tension over cisgender actors playing transgender roles runs high, Barack’s casting is particularly significant. His coming out as trans coincided with his decision to pursue acting professionally, and at first, the two seemed incompatible.

“I used to have three specific thoughts,” Barack said. “I’m really short, and girls don’t date short guys. I have to tell my parents, and my mom really wanted a daughter when I was a kid. And then my third thought was: I don’t know if I’m going to get any jobs.” One of the only trans individuals he’d seen in the media was Laverne Cox in “Orange Is the New Black,” and to be transmasculine in a film marketed to youth, one that didn’t end in tragedy, was almost unheard of. Enter a last-minute audition for “Spider-Man: Far From Home,” and the rest is history in the making.

Gavin D. Pak, a nonbinary actor-writer working in Chicago, said that when opportunities like

Barack’s roll around for the trans community, it alters the playing field for everyone, as it “signals to an audience member, actor or otherwise, that a space has been carved out for you as well.” Agender Chicago actor Kelsey McGrath concurred, saying that “so often, it’s folks that we see onscreen in front of us that inspire us to do what we do.” After all, Ebsworth noted that actors, like studios, must be practical — a career has to be financially feasible, and a film has to make money. Once performers see that mainstream representation is possible, and once studios see that it doesn’t hurt their bottom line, everyone benefits.

Still, not everyone agrees on what that representation should look like. Barack’s character in “Spider-Man: Far From Home” is not identified as either trans or cisgender, and according to Barack, identity is up for interpretation. Though some argue that this lack of specificity is less-than-ideal representation — trans Chicago actor Delia Kropp said that she would have preferred Barack’s character be explicitly transgender — Barack believes that there’s an inherent value in playing a student whose biggest problem is not their gender identity.

“How many times do you see a trans person on TV and it hasn’t been discussed? We don’t know, because it’s almost always discussed,” Barack said. “There’s power in a character existing in a universe where there are bigger things going on — there are monsters and superheroes. The hope is that for a trans person, the thing that is their biggest issue is the same issue others have: the monster you’re all going up against, not people who want to hurt you or don’t want you to have rights.” He laughed. “I mean, I get that the monster’s not ideal.”

But let Spider-Man face that monster head-on, and let Peter Parker worry about his pressing secret. Barack is, for once, simply along for the ride.

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Maren Morris

"Macy's 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular" (7 p.m., 9 p.m., NBC): "World of Dance" judge Derek Hough and singer-songwriter Ciara host this 43rd annual holiday event as the venue shifts from last year's location in Midtown Manhattan to New York's iconic Brooklyn Bridge, last used for this occasion in 2014. Other scheduled participants include Luke Bryan, Maren Morris, Khalid and Brad Paisley.

"Yankee Doodle Dandy" (7 p.m., TCM): Never does a Fourth of July go by without this: James Cagney won his only best actor Oscar for his performance in this feel-good 1942 musical. As George M. Cohan, the vaudevillian who gave the United States some of its most memorable music — "You're a Grand Old Flag," "Give My Regards to Broadway" and "Over There," for starters — Cagney gives free rein to the singing and dancing talent that he never got to show in gangster pictures.

"What Happened on July 4th?" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., ID): This new special revisits the still-open case of Ashley Summers, who was a teenager when she vanished after a family party on Independence Day in 2007. At first, her relatives weren't entirely sure something was amiss, because the 14-year-old Ashley had started to enjoy keeping secrets, including a new boyfriend in her life. After they realized her presence on social media also had stopped, however, they started to panic.

"Elementary" (9 p.m., CBS): The familiar adage that there is no honor among thieves is proven true yet again in the new episode "From Russia With Drugs," which finds Holmes and Watson (Jonny Lee Miller, Lucy Liu) probing the murder of a criminal who supported himself by stealing from other shady characters. Meanwhile, Captain Gregson (Aidan Quinn) resumes leadership of the precinct.

"Let Freedom Sing Concert" (9 p.m., 10:30 p.m., CMT): This live 90-minute special opens with music from multi-platinum headliner Brett Eldredge, performing at the main stage of this Nashville festival. The first hour also will include highlights from earlier acts who performed over the two-day event. The Nashville Symphony will provide live musical accompaniment to a fireworks spectacular.

"1776" (9:15 p.m., TCM): Who knew history could be so ... catchy? Clever writing and perfect casting — William Daniels, Howard da Silva and Ken Howard seem born to the roles of John Adams, Ben Franklin and Thomas Jefferson — make this 1972 musical one of the best "based on actual events" flicks ever. The actual events, of course, are the drafting, debating and signing of the Declaration of Independence. That's Blythe Danner as Martha Jefferson.

TALK SHOWS

- "Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Martin Short.*
- "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Jimmy Fallon brings A-list guests, signature comedy bits and chart-topping music to late night.*
- "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Podcast hosts Jon Favreau, Jon Lovett and Tommy Vietor; BTS talks and performs.*
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Daisy Ridley as Ophelia, left, and Naomi Watts as Gertrude in Claire McCarthy's "Ophelia."

Daisy Ridley continues playing strong characters with 'Ophelia'

BY RICK BENTLEY
Tribune News Service

On the surface, Daisy Ridley has two movies hitting theaters this year that look like they are at opposite ends of the cinematic spectrum. "Ophelia," which opens in Chicago theaters Friday and is available through video on demand of Digital HD, offers a very different point of view of William Shakespeare's "Hamlet." Just before Christmas, Ridley returns to the role of Rey in the latest offering in one of the most successful science fiction franchises in film history with "Star Wars: Rise of Skywalker."

A closer look at the projects reveals that the projects have more in common than just Ridley. Both feature grand costume, exotic settings, evil rulers and sword play. They also feature two very strong women who are brought to life through Ridley's acting efforts.

"They are both young women trying to navigate their way in a world that neither of them sort of chose to be in," Ridley says. "They do feel very similar. The thing with Rey is that she has the expectations and responsibility of a galaxy on her shoulders and Ophelia doesn't have that.

"The other big difference for me was physically as I didn't have to learn to sword fight to play Ophelia."

"Ophelia" looks at the story of Hamlet from Ophelia's point of view. She's a tough young woman with a mind of her own who finds herself in a royal mess when she falls for Hamlet (George McKay). The tragic ending of the character is replaced with a storyline that has Ophelia more in control of her destiny.

"She doesn't do anything revolutionary. She doesn't bring down a kingdom. She's just educated and has a strong conscious. I think this film does show the excess of everything with power and it was nice to play someone with such a strong moral conscious that she doesn't want to be a part of it.

"When it comes down to it, she doesn't want to wait for Hamlet to change his mind. I never thought of this as a huge thing but just her making a statement within her own life."

There were times when Ridley was afraid she would be paying with her life to get "Ophelia" made. Director Claire McCarthy opted to include scenes based on the 1851 painting of Ophelia by John Everett Millais. To re-create how

the painting depicts Ophelia floating lifeless in the water, Ridley had to be strapped to a mechanical contraption and lowered into freezing water numerous times. It was a physical challenge that made Ridley think she was going to die but in the end made her happy because of how stunning the final sequence looks.

There's one other connection between "Ophelia" and the "Star Wars" movies for Ridley.

"Doing the 'Star Wars' movies did change my life in the big strokes of things. Beyond the recognition, I have been to the most incredible places. I've worked with people I had seen on screen. There are opportunities now that I would have never imagined.

"I don't think I would have ever been able to do 'Ophelia' if I hadn't done 'Star Wars.'"

Ridley was in a panic after doing the first "Star Wars" movie because everyone kept telling how different her life was going to be. She came to realize that those changes have been positive in regards to being able to work on quality projects like "Ophelia." As for the rest of her life, she has seen it go on like it was before.

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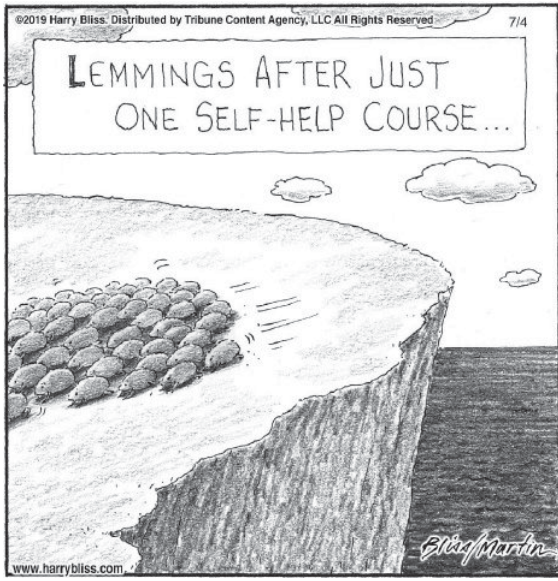
Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Enjoy fun with friends, family and your sweetheart. Words and actions come together to adapt to a surprise. Stay flexible and easygoing.
Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. You're spurred into action on a household project. A hidden mess gets revealed. Make upgrades and improvements. Consider color and lighting. Ponder the possibilities.
Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Communication is key. Don't react blindly to changes. Disagree respectfully. List what you want to be, do, have and contribute. Your enthusiasm is contagious.
Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. You can get the resources you need. Adapt your budget to unforeseen circumstances. Confirm intuition with data. Luck is on your side.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. The news could affect you personally. Withhold automatic reactions, and compromise. Listen to considerations. Discover a brilliant move. Your patience pays big dividends.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 6. The truth gets revealed. Let others know what you need. Peace and quiet can soothe anxious nerves. Clean, sort, organize and plan. Enjoy relaxing rituals.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Pour energy into a team effort. Slow to navigate tricky corners. Distractions abound. Help others to understand. Encourage each other for greater performance.
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Draw upon hidden resources for a professional score. You're gaining confidence. Focus and organize for stellar results. Provide leadership, and your influence rises.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Education is broadening your perspective. Evolve into your own ideals and values. Anticipate changes, and find hidden opportunities. Learning may require making a mess.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Discuss the material side of the deal. Listen carefully. Don't forget to get the terms in writing. Make an excellent connection. Count your blessings.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Collaboration could get romantic. Share tasks and benefits. It's not a good time to gamble. An unexpected pitfall requires sidestepping.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Seek fresh inspiration. Slow to navigate an obstacle with your health, fitness or work. Use gentle pressure rather than force. Get expert advice.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

- North**
 ♠ QJ974
 ♥ 76
 ♦ AQ9
 ♣ A54
- West**
 ♠ 632
 ♥ 109
 ♦ 642
 ♣ KQ1082
- East**
 ♠ K1085
 ♥ QJ8
 ♦ KJ10853
 ♣ Void
- South**
 ♠ A
 ♥ AK5432
 ♦ 7
 ♣ J9763

Today's deal is from the Norwegian knockout team championship — an event that has been held since 1936. South was Norwegian expert Tor Eivind Grude.

The opening king of clubs lead was covered by the ace and ruffed by East. East exited with the five of spades to Grude's ace. Trumps were drawn in two rounds and Grude stopped to think. East was known to be out of both hearts and clubs. Grude took advantage of this knowledge by leading a diamond and inserting dummy's nine!

The bidding:

| | South | West | North | East |
|----|-------|------|----------|------|
| 1♥ | Pass | 1♠ | Pass | |
| 2♥ | Pass | 4♥ | All pass | |

Opening lead: King of ♣

What could East do? Whatever he chose, Grude would win in dummy while discarding a club from hand. He would then lead dummy's queen of spades, discarding another club, and East would be forced to surrender the tenth trick no matter how he chose to defend. A lovely play by Grude. The location of the king of diamonds was not important for the success of Grude's play. Grude just needed for East to hold the king of spades. Had West held that card, East would have been able to lead a spade to West and West could have exited with a low club to defeat the contract. There would have been lots of winners in dummy, but no way to get to them.

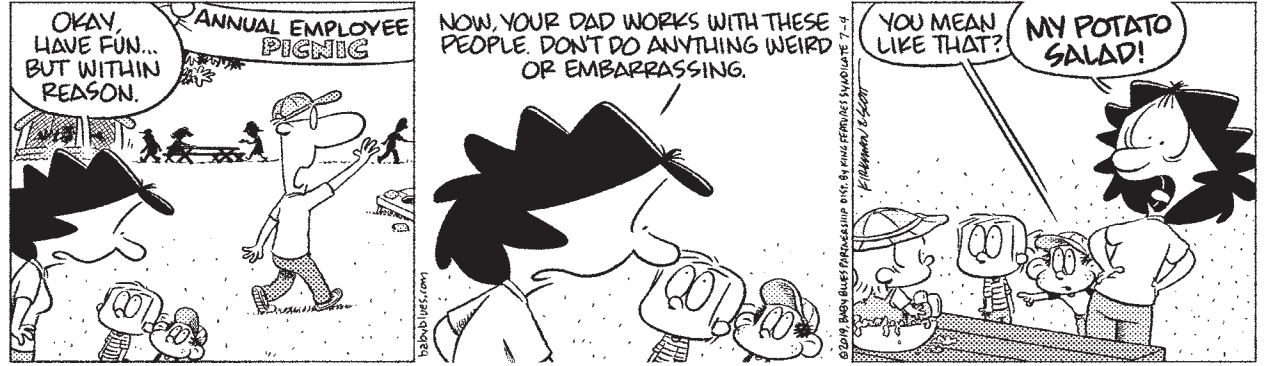
East could have avoided the endplays and defeated the contract by returning a high diamond at trick two into dummy's ace-queen-nine. It is hard to fault East for missing this less than obvious play.

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert By Scott Adams



Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



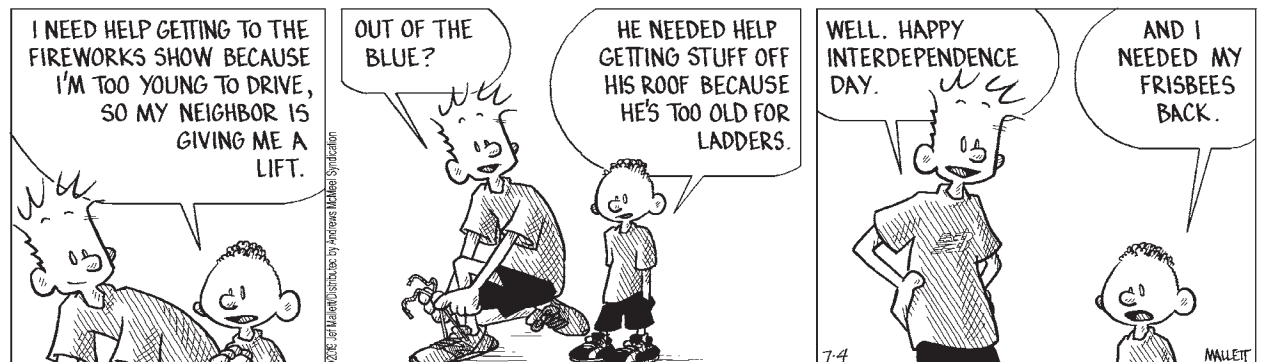
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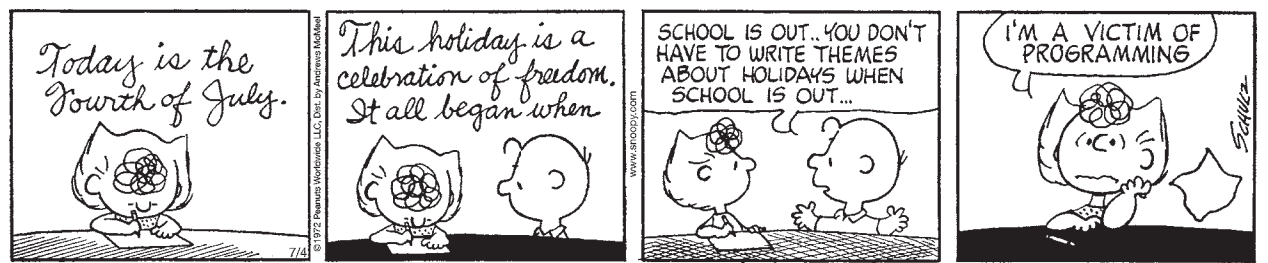
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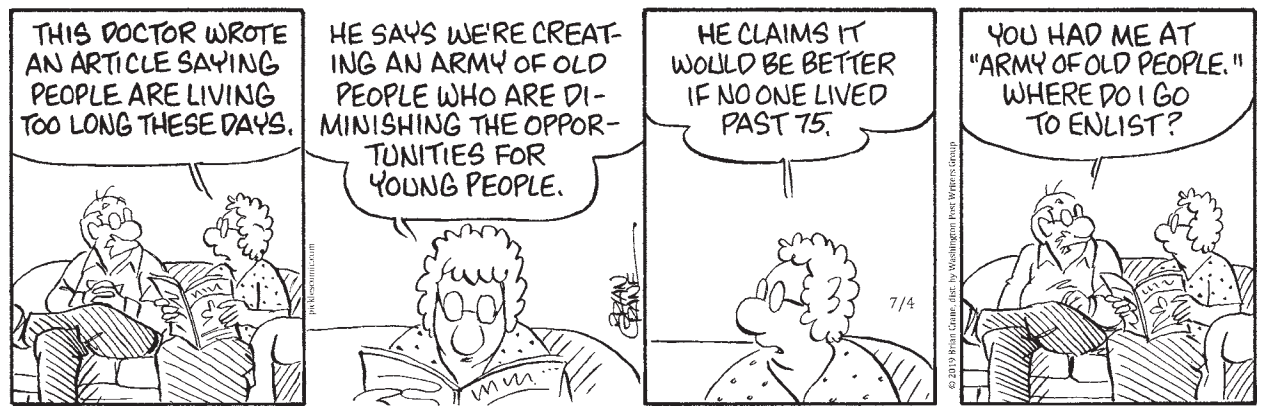
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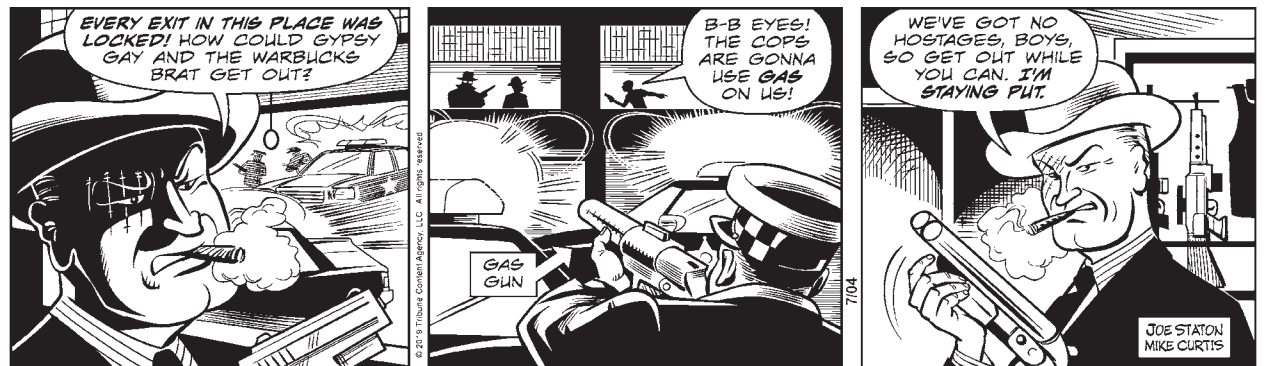
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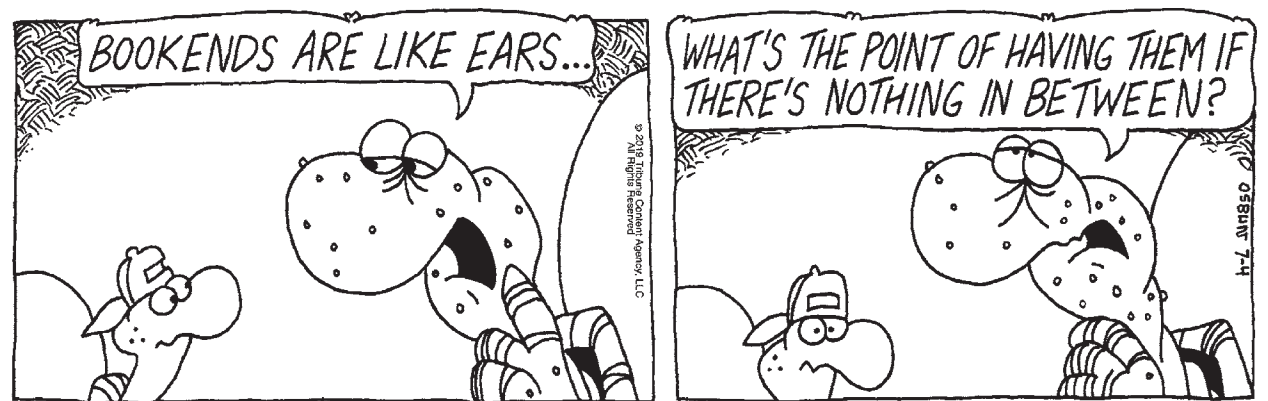
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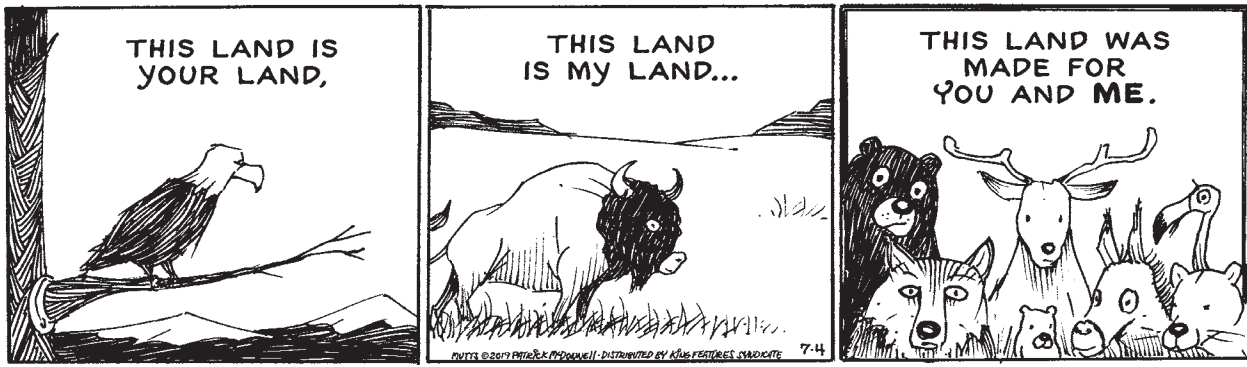
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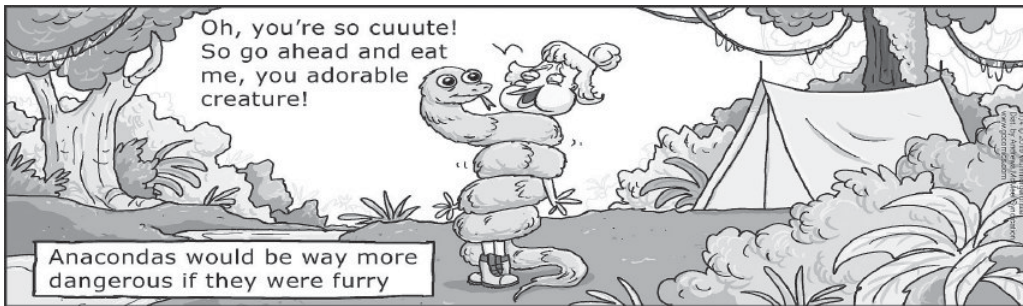
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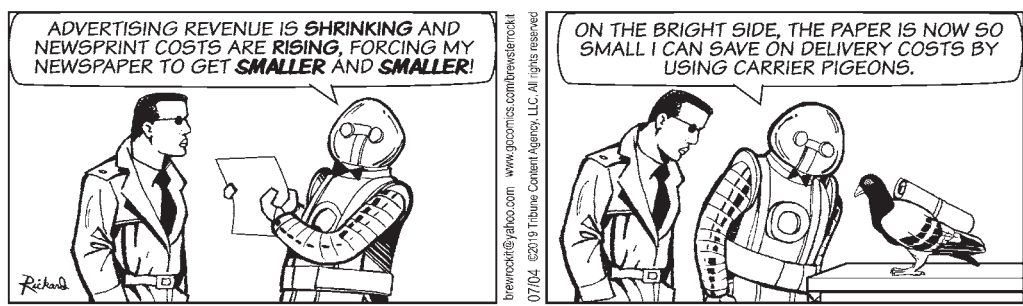
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Trivia Bits

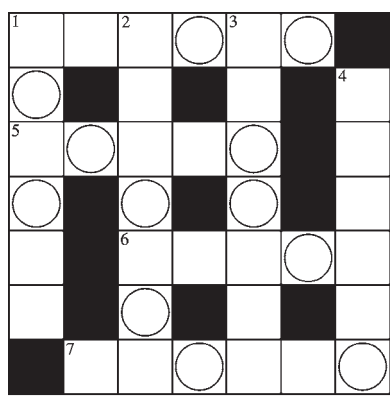
Which performers are the subjects of the Broadway musical "Jersey Boys"?

- A) The Drifters
- B) Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band
- C) Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes
- D) Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons

Wednesday's answer: Geraldine Ferraro.

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Jumble Crossword



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CLUE: Eris, Haumea and Makemake to name a few.

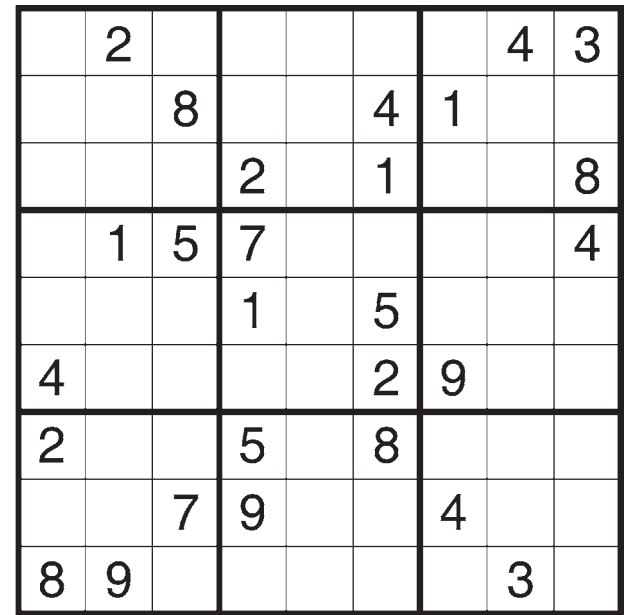
BONUS

- ACROSS
1. Formed, molded
 5. Proposal
 6. Active, spry
 7. Federation
- DOWN
1. Put away, stored
 2. Friendly
 3. Kind of power
 4. Capricious

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

Sudoku 1234

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| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 4 |
| 8 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| 3 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 9 |
| 6 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| 5 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 2 |
| 4 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 3 |
| 9 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
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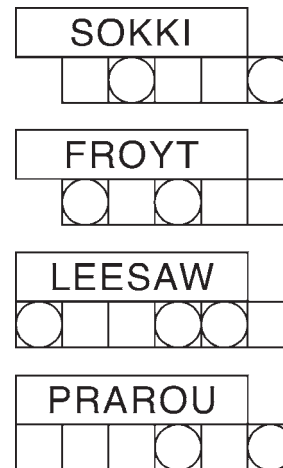
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Wednesday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



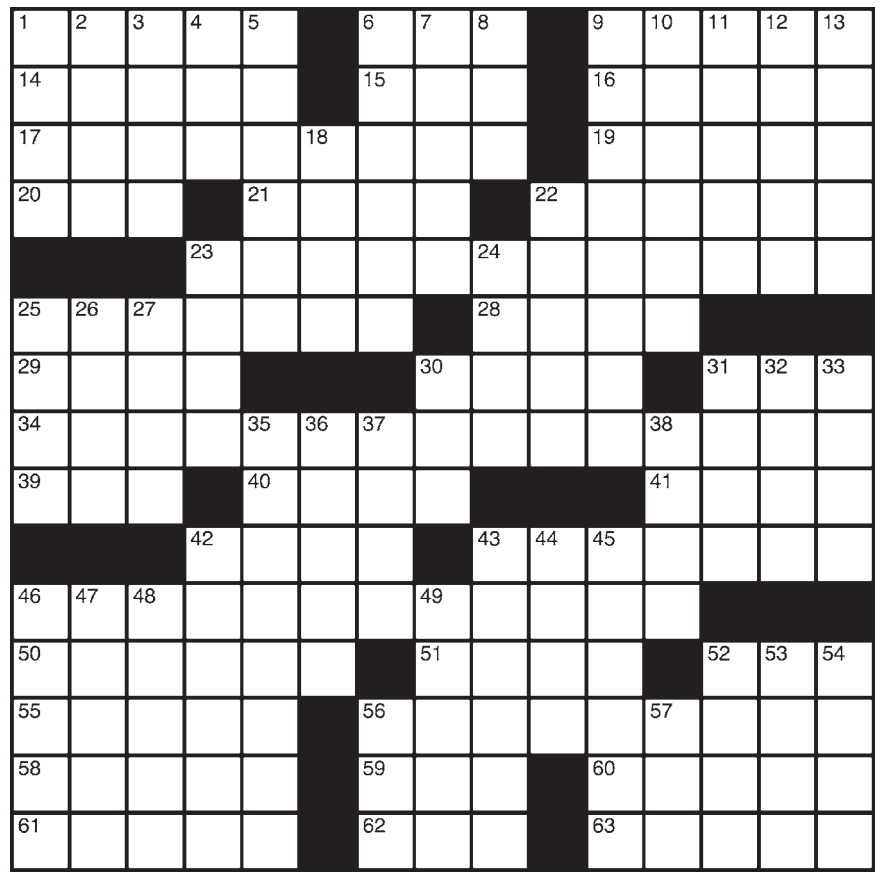
Wednesday's answers

Jumbles: BURLY DAISY CLOTHE BUBBLY
Answer: After finding contaminants in the new space capsule, the test flight had to be — SCRUBBED

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Crossword

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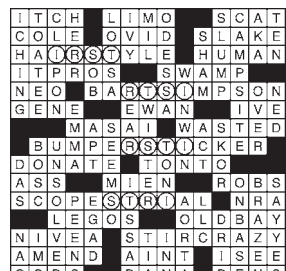
Across

- 1 Settle for leftovers
- 6 "A revolution is not a dinner party" statesman
- 9 Additions to the staff
- 14 Petting zoo critter
- 15 Wayfarer's stop
- 16 Lexus rival
- 17 Meets unexpectedly
- 19 Connecting waterway
- 20 Rock band need
- 21 Board game with rooms
- 22 Woo with a tune
- 23 Works with one's private tutor, say
- 25 Emily Dickinson's hometown
- 28 Longtime nighttime host
- 29 Bread brushed with ghee
- 30 Zipped
- 31 Feathery wrap
- 34 Emergency run-through opening

- 39 Tennis' Andy Murray's title
- 40 Bud
- 41 Sign of holiness
- 42 Facial tissue?
- 43 Opposite of engagement
- 46 Utah's state tree
- 50 When many workdays start
- 51 Said, "The dog ate my homework," probably
- 52 Notable period
- 55 Church offering
- 56 Income-reducing inequity, or what can be found in the four other longest puzzle answers
- 58 Fake handle
- 59 Many a Monopoly sq.
- 60 "Live at the Acropolis" keyboardist
- 61 Takes it easy
- 62 "Let's do it!"
- 63 Mild oath

- 12 Poetry Muse
- 13 Place for a makeover
- 18 Sorts
- 22 Icy forecast
- 23 Change for a 50
- 24 "Heidi" setting
- 25 Armadillo meal
- 26 When repeated, fish on a menu
- 27 Tresses
- 30 Dim __: traditional Chinese food
- 31 Spot on a sweater?
- 32 Peace Prize city
- 33 Minute matter
- 35 Gross quality
- 36 Stand out
- 37 Freud contemporary
- 38 If so
- 42 Schusser's topper
- 43 They're usually not hits
- 44 Columnist's page
- 45 Overnight flight
- 46 Saudi Arabia's neighbor
- 47 Of practical value
- 48 Voices against
- 49 Vibrant
- 52 Italian peak
- 53 McNally's mapmaking partner
- 54 Geometric reference line
- 56 __ fever
- 57 Scraggly horse

Wednesday's solution



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Down

- 1 Idris of "Luther"
- 2 College benefactor
- 3 Pack (down)
- 4 Little dickens
- 5 Brickyard 400 acronym
- 6 Courty dance
- 7 Pays for a hand
- 8 Middle name adopted by John Lennon
- 9 Mexicali mansion
- 10 "Just you watch me"
- 11 Steps up a ladder

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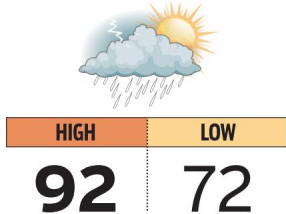
chicagoweathercenter.com | BY TOM SKILLING AND WGN9



THURSDAY, JULY 4 NORMAL HIGH: 84° NORMAL LOW: 63° RECORD HIGH: 102° (2012) RECORD LOW: 50° (1972)

No independence from hot, humid July 4th

LOCAL FORECAST



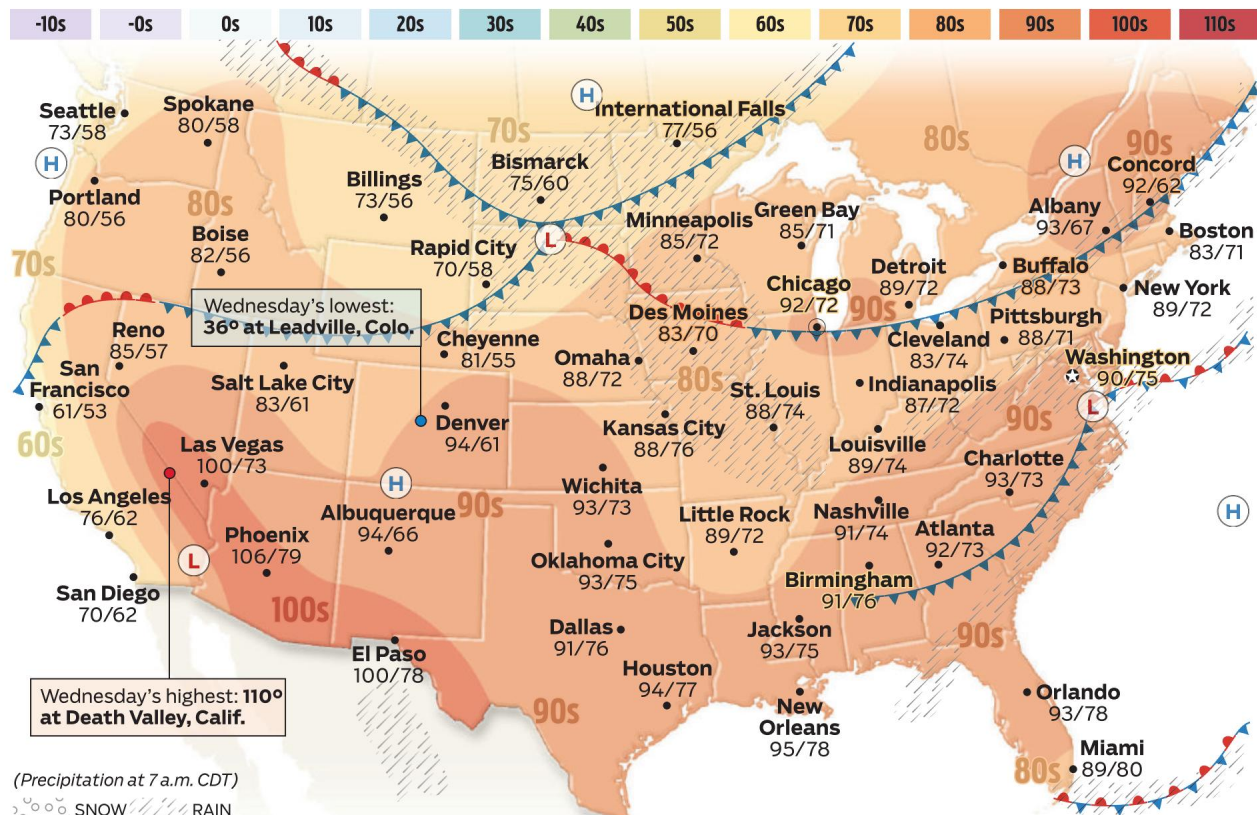
Independence Day. Hot, humid air returns with a vengeance. Unstable tropical air triggers showers and t-storms.

■ Building cumulus clouds from late morning into the evening hours. Afternoon high temps in the lower 90s with heat index around 100 degrees in many locations — perhaps a little cooler right at the lakefront.

■ Highest probability of thunderstorms late afternoon and evening threatening fireworks displays.

■ Becoming partly cloudy after midnight. SW winds.

NATIONAL FORECAST

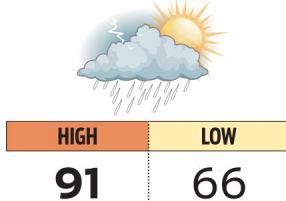


All indications point to a hot and humid July 4 this year with building cumulus clouds developing into afternoon and evening thunderstorms. With a high temp in the lower 90s and a dew point in the lower 70s — the heat index could easily top 100 degrees — very similar to last year's high temp of 93 and heat index of 101.

Check your radar sources before leaving for the evening fireworks display in your area as it looks like there will be a good chance (as high as 60%) of thunderstorms near a given Chicago area location. We could have another hot, humid day Friday with more thunderstorms, as a cold front sweeps in from the northwest passing over our area Friday night.

Cooler, drier Canadian-source high pressure will follow the cold front and dominate our weather over the weekend.

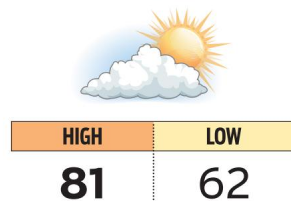
FRIDAY, JULY 5



Showers and t-storms spring up during the afternoon and evening. High temps in the low 90s with the heat index peaking near 100°. Chance of showers overnight. SW winds shift north.



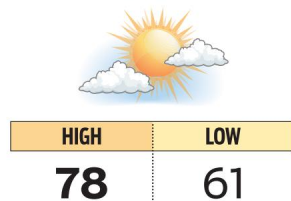
SATURDAY, JULY 6



A few remnant showers — especially southern portions. Cooler and drier high pressure spreads over the area behind the departing cold front. High temps in lower 80s — 70s at the lakefront. Fair skies overnight. E/NE winds.



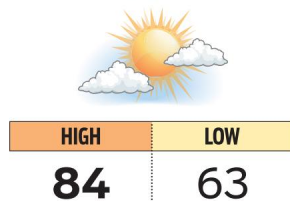
SUNDAY, JULY 7



Mostly sunny and mild. Afternoon highs in the mid to upper 70s. Clear skies overnight. Easterly winds.



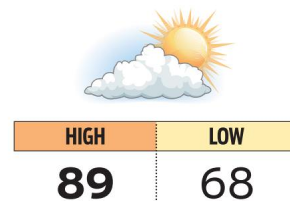
MONDAY, JULY 8



Mostly sunny with afternoon highs in the 80-85 range — cooler readings at the lakefront due to an on-shore flow. Fair skies overnight. Easterly winds.



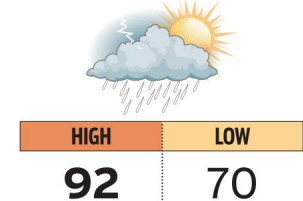
TUESDAY, JULY 9



Increasingly warmer and more humid with afternoon highs approaching the 90 degree mark. Some cloudiness and a slight chance of showers overnight. Southerly winds.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 10



Partly cloudy, hot and humid with a chance of afternoon and evening t-storms. Heat index approaches 100 degrees. Becoming partly cloudy later at night. Southwest-erly winds.



ASK TOM

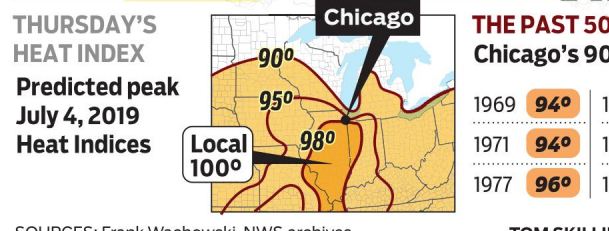
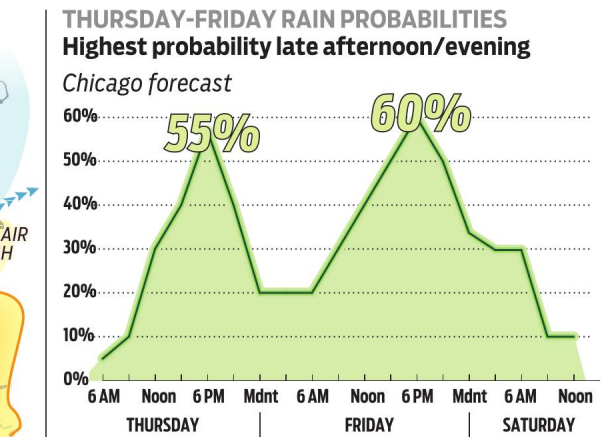
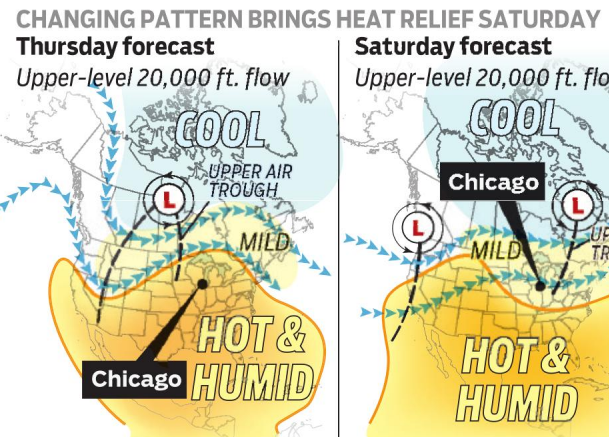
Dear Tom,
We had to wait until June 28 for our first official 90, but now the heat seems locked in. What is the most 90s in a season that started this late?
Thanks,
Adrian G. Deerfield

Dear Adrian,
Since 1871 the city has had 33 other seasons with the first official 90 on or after June 28, according to Chicago weather historian Frank Wachowski. Most of these occurred prior to 1943, years when the city's official thermometer was near Lake Michigan. Since the city's official temperature site was moved inland, only 1958, 1960, 1981 and 2000 logged the first 90-degree day this late and the average number of days for those years was 10. The greatest number of 90s in any of those 33 years was 18 in 1900. After the first 90 on July 2, there were six more in July, 10 in August and one in September.

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Hear Tom Skilling's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Heat/humidity through Friday—then cooler dry weekend



THE PAST 50 YEARS

Chicago's 90° or higher July 4th temperatures

| | | | | | | | |
|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|------|
| 1969 | 94° | 1985 | 91° | 1999 | 93° | 2010 | 91° |
| 1971 | 94° | 1990 | 86° | 2002 | 90° | 2012 | 102° |
| 1977 | 96° | 1994 | 91° | 2003 | 94° | 2018 | 93° |

Tied with 1911 for Chicago's hottest July 4

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, NWS archives TOM SKILLING, PAUL DAILEY, BILL SNYDER, LINDSEY PARK, THOMAS VALLE / WGN-TV

CHICAGO DIGEST

WEDNESDAY TEMPERATURES

| LOCATION | HI | LO | LOCATION | HI | LO |
|-----------|----|----|------------|----|----|
| Aurora | 90 | 70 | Midway | 86 | 71 |
| Gary | 84 | 72 | O'Hare | 86 | 69 |
| Kankakee | 88 | 70 | Romeoville | 89 | 70 |
| Lakefront | 76 | 69 | Valparaiso | 88 | 71 |
| Lansing | 86 | 70 | Waukegan | 79 | 69 |

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

| PERIOD | 2019 | NORMAL |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|
| Wed. (through 4 p.m.) | 0.41" | 0.10" |
| July to date | 0.42" | 0.30" |
| Year to date | 24.60" | 16.83" |

THURSDAY SUNBURN FORECAST

| TIME OF EXPOSURE BEFORE SUNBURN BEGINS | |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 7 a.m. | 2 hours, 05 minutes |
| 1 p.m.* | 17 minutes |
| 4 p.m. | 48 minutes |

*Peak intensity

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

| THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Wind SE/S 5-15 kts. | SW 4-11 kts. |
| Waves 1 foot | 1 foot |
| Wed. shore/crib water temps 63°/59° | |

WEDNESDAY PEAK POLLEN LEVEL

| POLLEN | LEVEL |
|---------|----------|
| Tree | Low |
| Grass | Moderate |
| Mold | High |
| Ragweed | 0 |
| Weed | Low |

SOURCE: Gottlieb Memorial Hospital Allergy Count, Dr. Rachna Shah

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

| Wednesday's reading | Moderate |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Thursday's forecast | Moderate |
| Critical pollutant | Particulates |

THURSDAY RISE/SET TIMES

| Sun | 5:20 a.m. | 8:28 p.m. |
|------|-----------|------------|
| Moon | 7:17 a.m. | 10:20 p.m. |



THURSDAY PLANET WATCH

| PLANET | RISE | SET |
|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Mercury | 7:16 a.m. | 9:32 p.m. |
| Venus | 4:31 a.m. | 7:42 p.m. |
| Mars | 6:54 a.m. | 9:41 p.m. |
| Jupiter | 6:24 p.m. | 3:42 a.m. |
| Saturn | 8:37 p.m. | 5:57 a.m. |

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

| | |
|---------|-------------------|
| Mercury | Not visible |
| Venus | Not visible |
| Mars | Not visible |
| Jupiter | 11:00 a.m. 26° S |
| Saturn | 1:15 a.m. 26.5° S |

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

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HOMES



A LUSH TOUCH

Bring nature into your home with garden florals and bold botanicals that need no care **PAGE 4**

Hairspray helps with a host of household chores

BY JENNA SCHUSTER
HomeAdvisor

Whether it's cleaning pet hair, threading needles or keeping pantyhose from running, hairspray can help with more than just taming your hair. Check out these surprising ways to use the beauty product at home.

Keep curtains dust-free:

Many homeowners claim that a little bit of hairspray goes a long way when it comes to keeping curtains and drapes clean. Simply spray drapes with hairspray to keep dust from sticking to them in the future. But make sure to only apply hairspray to new or newly cleaned window treatments — otherwise it could cause existing grime to stick. Be sure to check with a window covering professional to make sure the hairspray won't damage the fabric.

Remove unwanted pet fur:

If you notice pet fur sticking to your furniture and floors, try using hairspray to pick it up. Just spray the product on a dry rag or washcloth and wait a few seconds. Once the



DREAMSTIME/TNS

Hairspray does more than tame flyaways — it has many other household uses.

hairspray is close to dry, use the cloth to wipe fur off of couches, carpet, clothes or any other surface. Don't forget to spot-test this solution before applying it to a large area. This will help you avoid damaging any surfaces accidentally.

Thread needles with ease: Do you have trouble threading needles? Hairspray is an easy fix. Squirt just a bit of the spray on the end of the thread to stiffen up the string. It should also help keep the thread from fraying. Then, simply thread the needle as nor-

mal and get to sewing. Another tip? Using a freshly trimmed thread will make it even easier.

Keep tights from running: If you find a run in your tights or pantyhose, don't panic. A little hairspray will stop the progres-

sion of the tear. Just spray the area around the run and it should keep things from getting worse. Plus, you can use hairspray as a preventative measure. Apply the product to your hosiery immediately after purchase to make it run-resistant and to help pre-

vent snags.

Remove ink stains: While calling a professional or using actual cleaning supplies will probably work better, hairspray can remove ink stains from fabric in a pinch. Many DIYers swear that using an alcohol-based spray can lift pen ink from clothes and upholstery. Just spray the affected area and then wipe away the stain with a damp cloth. If you're still noticing a stain, try using the same method with rubbing alcohol.

Get rid of residue: Stickers and labels can sometimes leave behind a gunky residue. To get rid of the substance, try spraying it with hairspray. Just squirt the spray on the sticky area and then rub the residue off with your fingers. Wash it off with soap and water once complete to leave a sparkling surface. Another tip? Hair dryers do the same thing in a pinch. Just blow warm air on the sticker for a few seconds and try to remove it. It should peel away fairly easily after being exposed to heat.

Make your outdoor space an inviting oasis

BY CATHY HOBBS
Tribune News Service

With summer comes the desire to entertain guests outdoors. Whether it's dining al fresco, outdoor cooking or elements such as fire pits, now is a great opportunity to look for ways to extend your outdoor living experience.

Living spaces: An outdoor living space can be just that, a living space that serves as an additional room. Whether a balcony,

screened patio, deck or even part of a backyard, consider adding elements to help these spaces feel comfortable and cozy. Some essentials include a sofa, coffee table, side chairs or tables. When it comes to enclosed areas, consider adding a pop of color by using an outdoor area rug.

Fire pit: Unlike other outdoor projects, the fire pit is relatively affordable and, depending on the desired size and look, can

be a straightforward project. Additionally, a fire pit can be transportable and mobile; it does not have to be a permanent structure. Even so, fire pits can be quite elaborate, ranging from the rustic to ultra modern and can be executed in the form of built-in stone or concrete structures, to those sunk into the ground or even above-ground fire pits. They can be used year-round as a gathering and entertainment space.

Decor tips: There is no reason why your outdoor living space can't look just as appealing as your indoor living space. When looking to add color and decor to your outdoor environment, here are some tips to keep in mind.

Add lots of color. Color can be the key to enhancing an outdoor environment. Consider bright, vibrant colors such as turquoise, orange, yellow and red.

Layer your decor. Add elements such as an area rug to toss pillows and



DESIGN RECIPES

An outdoor fire pit can provide year-round enjoyment.

place settings.

Add greenery. From trees to landscaping and

potted plants and flowers, these elements can add texture, color and interest.

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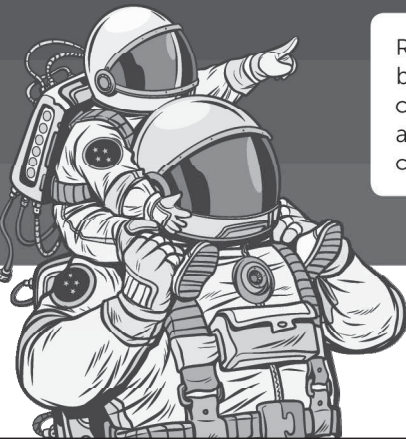
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Cultivating style

The no-fail way to live with plants

BY **BONNIE MCCARTHY**
Los Angeles Times

The house plant craze has grown into one of this year's hottest trends: home decor that ushers in lush, botanical themes without the worry of watering.

"A lot of people are afraid of bringing live plants inside," said Dabito, the Los Angeles-based designer and artist who photographed who helped Instagram queen and high priestess of house plants Justina Blakeney photograph her signature urban jungle-inspired look for the book, "The New Bohemians."

The solution? Dabito explained: "When you bring in artwork, wallpaper, textiles and even artificial plants, you get the idea of greenery without buying plants you feel you need to babysit."

Propagating design

In addition to the fear factor, Los Angeles-based interior designer Nell Alano also credits cultural influences like Coachella (think: flower crowns), the resurgence of 1970s style, decoupage artist John Derian, and fashion designers like Gucci's Alessandro Michele for igniting an interior super bloom.

"If you walked through a Gucci boutique, it felt like you were surrounded by a botanical garden," Alano said of the 2018 debut of the high-end Italian design company's forward-looking 2018 home collection: The theme was an Eden-like paradise of vivid garden florals, bold botanicals and wildlife.

Now, it's a trend that can be spotted at every price point. "I was really happy to see CB2 and Target incorporate nature and botanical themes as well, in everything from shower curtains to small area rugs," said the designer. "I think people are craving it right now."

"For a while we've had that

washed-out, gray, white, beachy, deconstructed look," said Los Angeles-based interior designer Aly Daly, "and I think design is moving a little bit away from that. We want pretty things again, details are becoming more and more important."

Garden variety

The types of plants, palms and blooms being emulated are less important than the earthy vibe they impart and our unbridled enthusiasm for blurring the boundaries between inside and out. Everything goes. Some of the most directional designs favor twists on traditional florals and riffs on rainforests and tropical getaways.

Nancy Fire, New York-based founder of Design Works International and design director for HGTV Home, said when it comes to choosing which botanicals to bring home, it's a jungle out there.

"We're seeing oversized," Fire said.

"Big, botanical leaves, and jungle-esque (prints) with birds, butterflies, dragonflies and creepy, crawly insects."

Leaf shape, texture, pattern and color are also important elements in the new designs and line drawings offer yet another interpretation. "It almost looks like a sketchbook that is half colored in," she said. "I wish I could say that there is one type (of botanical style), but it's definitely about variety."

Plant-based style

When it comes to incorporating the look, Fire said, "We're seeing accent walls with splashy, oversized wallpaper (prints)...or gallery walls using beautiful, botanical florals that are more modern in feeling, not the old English botanicals you would see out of a book."

But not everyone who wants in on the trend knows where to



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"A lot of people are stumped," said Dabito. "It can feel overwhelming." His advice: "If you are free-spirited, bold, go with wallpaper, something really green and botanical." He suggests trying temporary wallpaper, especially handy for the rental life. "It's really easy to install and adds so much impact in a small space."

For those who are shy about

introducing color and botanical motifs, Dabito said, "Start with artwork. Get a few pieces of artwork, see how it feels in your space." If it works, consider going further by layering with prints and patterns on decorative accessories, bedding, tableware, window coverings, upholstery – and yes, even live plants.

"Anything you can do to bring nature into the home makes it

feel, even on a subconscious level, more of a connection to the earth," said Daly, "and I think that can have a soothing effect."

"Even a super slick, modern place can benefit from adding natural elements. It brings some softness to it."

"People are looking for the bright spots in life and I think the influence of nature really offers one," Alano said.

Large trees, such as this bur oak, are an important part of the history and heritage of U.S. communities.



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Old trees an important part of country's history

BY BETH BOTTS

The history we share is in our celebrations — fireworks, flags, hot dogs, parades. It's in our treasured old buildings and grand old parks. And it's in our trees.

Large, old trees are often called “heritage trees” because they have stood through decades of history and because they are greatly valued for the beauty and other benefits they bring to their communities, according to Lydia Scott, director of the Chicago Region Trees Initiative (CRTI), based at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle.

These old trees often are of scientific value. For example, researchers at the arboretum are investigating the Chicago region's climate history by studying the wet and dry years recorded in the growth rings of old trees. They use a drill that extracts a pencil-thin sample core without harming the tree.

Another CRTI project is enlisting public help to locate “witness trees” that were noted as landmarks by surveyors of the area in the 1820s and 1830s. Scientists have used the survey records to map out the natural landscape that existed in the Chicago region before it was heavily

settled. Now, the project is trying to find out how many of those landmark trees still exist. Learn how you can participate at chicagorti.org/witness trees.

Surviving stands of old native trees, such as oaks, in forest preserves and other natural areas, are particularly rare and useful, according to Scott. “Those trees support a whole community of other plants and wildlife,” Scott said.

The trees that stand in parks, along streets and in our own yards are equally important. “Wherever they are, our big old trees are valuable,” Scott said. Most of the benefits we get from trees come from large, mature trees.

It's when trees have had time to mature and grow large that they most effectively capture and hold stormwater, filter air pollution, shade homes, save energy, and cool streets and sidewalks, research has shown. Large trees are also the ones we value most for making our communities beautiful.

“Planting trees is wonderful, but new trees can't do what old trees do,” Scott said. “It takes many years for a tree to mature enough to develop its full powers. That means that protecting our large, mature trees is

critical.”

Homeowners can take steps to safeguard big trees. “The most important thing is to protect the roots,” said Julie Janoski, manager of the Plant Clinic at the Arboretum. “Many people don't realize that the roots of a mature tree extend much farther out than the span of the branches, through the soil under your lawn and garden.” Whenever you plan to dig or do other work on your property, consider how you can protect the roots of your big trees.

Spreading a wide, even layer of mulch around the tree will keep its roots and bark from harm and improve the soil. If the weather is dry, even mature trees can use watering. “A tree that is well cared for is better able to resist pests, diseases and other stresses,” she said.

With help, trees that have stood through our families' history and our communities' history can continue to live long, valuable lives.

For tree and plant advice, contact the Arboretum's Plant Clinic (630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org).

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Sycamore trees dropping leaves likely have anthracnose

BY TIM JOHNSON
Chicago Tribune

My sycamore trees look absolutely terrible, with very few leaves growing yet — they seem to have been dropping off over the last few weeks, making a mess in the garden. Is there something that I can do to help these trees? I do not remember them being affected so much in past years.

— Beth Robertson,
Kenilworth

Your sycamores are most likely infected with anthracnose, a common disease present in Illinois each spring. Anthracnose is a foliar disease caused by several species of fungi with spores that infect newly emerging leaves of susceptible species, such as sycamores, maples, elms and oaks. The intensity and duration of each year's infection depends on weather conditions. The disease, which becomes active in spring, can be very bad when cool, wet spring weather persists, as it has this year. The soft, new growth during the two weeks after buds begin opening is most susceptible to infection. The unseasonably cool temperatures this year slowed the growth down and extended this vulnerable period. Then the continued cool and wet weather has allowed for secondary leaf infection. Older leaves, drier conditions and warm temperatures restrict disease development.

The sycamore anthracnose disease life cycle develops in three phases. The first is the canker phase, which begins when the tree is mostly dormant. Small cankers can kill individual buds or the tips of 1-year-old shoots. In the spring, the shoot blight phase begins as new leaves emerge and sunken, girdling cankers form below twig tips, causing



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

Anthracnose is a common spring disease in Illinois that is caused by fungi with spores that infect emerging leaves of susceptible species, such as sycamores. Trees can often recover with consistently warm temperatures.

the death of young shoots. The spores may also infect and kill new shoots at this time. Direct infection of new leaves is the leaf blight phase, which is what you have been seeing in your garden. Symptoms appear as small-to-large, irregular, brown or black spots that form along the veins to the leaf edges. This phase often results in premature leaf drop. It is unusual for anthracnose to cause all of the foliage to die. Anthracnose of shade trees is usually worse in the lower or inner canopy, where leaves stay moist longer.

Sycamores are tough trees, and your trees should recover with consistent warmer temperatures. These infections can cause dieback and cankers that result in unsightly trees, with lots of twigs dropping during the season to clean up. Generally, your trees would have

pushed out a new crop of leaves by now, but that's been delayed because weather conditions were so favorable to the disease. Fungicides are not recommended for these early anthracnose diseases of shade trees. The most practical thing now is to clean up and discard fallen leaves and twigs to reduce the potential for re-infection. In a dry year, you would want to provide supplemental water to help the trees flush out. Fertilizing lightly can also help the trees recover.

There are more resistant sycamores available to plant. My Exclamation sycamore at home is growing nicely, with no disease problems this year.

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Plywood panels protect pocket doors

BY TIM CARTER

Tribune Content Agency

Q: I'm planning to install a few pocket doors in my new home. I already know at these locations I'll have heavy mirrors and artwork on the walls where the door slides in and out of the pocket. I'm afraid the small anchors I will have to use will fail over time and the things will come crashing to the floor. What can I do to strengthen the wall to accept a traditional screw or two that won't pull out?

A: You're not the first person to be faced with this situation with pocket doors. The danger is you might scratch a door because you put in an anchor, a screw or nail too far that created a nasty blemish on the door as it slides into the pocket.

The great news is you can now easily install $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch-thick plywood panels in between the steel-wrapped wall studs that create the pocket for a pocket door. I wish this option would have been available years ago when several of my customers had the same issues with heavy objects!

L.E. Johnson, a U.S. company that makes superb pocket door hardware, came up with a solution to this problem using simple U-shaped thin-metal hardware. These thin brackets slide onto the edge of pieces of $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch plywood that's cut to fit the space between the thin studs that create the pockets.

It takes just seconds to attach the brackets to the edges of the plywood. You attach four of these brackets on each edge of the plywood. The brackets then slide onto the metal-wrapped studs so the plywood stays in place.

The drywall contractor can attach his drywall to the wood-wrapped studs or put his screws into the plywood as well. The plywood is sufficiently strong that screws that penetrate just $\frac{3}{4}$ inch will easily support mirrors or framed art that might weigh close to 100 pounds.

I can't imagine anything weighing much more than that, and even if it did, you'd just install a few more screws into the plywood to distribute the weight over several screws.



TIM CARTER PHOTO

The plywood panels you see fit in between the steel-wrapped pocket door studs, allowing you to hang heavy objects at the pocket. The plywood is strong enough that screws that penetrate just $\frac{3}{4}$ inch will easily support close to 100 pounds.

I installed these simple brackets and plywood on two pocket doors at my daughter's new home and had the job done in less than 10 minutes. It's important to realize you should select plywood that's very flat.

If you have plywood that does have a bow to it, be sure to install the plywood so

the bow faces out to the room. That ensures the door will not rub against the plywood as it slides in and out of the pocket.

Q: I'm going to paint the outside of my one-story ranch home to save some

money. I've never tackled a job this big and need some tips. I'm not in a huge rush, being retired, so I can pace myself. What are some of the most important things to do, and what's a great paint so I don't have to do this again for many years?

A: Here are some tips that have served me well for decades.

The first thing to realize is that paint is just colored glue. Paint chemistry is extremely close to all sorts of different adhesives. Glue typically sticks best to clean, dry and sound surfaces. That means you need to spend a decent amount of your time preparing the surface you intend to paint.

You may be tempted to use a pressure washer to clean the surface of what you'll be painting. I maintain that these infernal machines don't get things as clean as you might want. In all my tests, there's always a very thin film of dirt left behind after aiming the high-pressure stream at a surface. I prefer to wash my surfaces using a solution of oxygen bleach mixed with some liquid dish soap. I use a soft brush, the kind used to clean RVs, to apply the cleaning solution. The rubbing with the brush and rinsing with clear water removes all traces of dirt.

You may be tempted to paint in full sunlight on a breezy day. Paint chemists I've interviewed in the past have told me that overcast days with no wind are the best as the paint tends to dry a little slower. Pay close attention to all the instructions on the finish paint can label and follow them to the letter.

If you have to prime bare wood or metal, look once again to the label on the finish paint can. Some paints prefer a particular primer. To get the best results, apply the finish paint as soon as the primer can be recoated. This allows for the best mechanical and chemical bond between the two different paints.

I've had the best long-term success using finish paints that are made with a urethane resin. The resin is the glue component of the paint. Urethane is extremely sticky, and if you follow all the directions on the paint can label, you might not paint again for 15 years.

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