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## Two pizzerias make a splash

Pizzeria Portofino and Robert's Pizza & Dough Co. are each sling-ing top-notch gourmet-level pies along the Chicago River, writes the Tribune's Phil Vettel.



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## Trump weighs options amid economic jitters

President contradicts aides in considering a plan to cut payroll tax

**BY FELICIA SONMEZ AND DAMIAN PALETTA**  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Tuesday confirmed that he is considering whether to push for a temporary payroll tax cut amid mounting

concerns about an economic slowdown, rebutting White House officials who had insisted that such an idea was not under review.

"Payroll tax is something that we think about, and a lot of people would like to see that, and that very much affects the workers of our country," Trump said Tuesday during an exchange with reporters at the White House.

The White House had previ-

ously disputed that a payroll tax was under consideration. But Trump said it is something he has considered, as well as other ideas, such as broadening capital gains tax benefits for many investors.

Trump's comments pulled back the curtain on a freewheeling policy process within the White House. Senior administration officials are both trying to

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ALEX BRANDON/AP

President Donald Trump discusses the economy in the Oval Office. A payroll tax cut could be unpopular with lawmakers.

## Report: Bullying pervasive at Capitol

Probe finds widespread fear, harassment under Madigan, Dem caucus

**BY DAN PETRELLA, RAY LONG AND JAMIE MUNKS**

An outside investigation into Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan's office and his Democratic caucus found that people across the Capitol repeatedly faced sexual harassment and bullying, and feared retaliation if they spoke out.

The report from attorney Maggie Hickey, a former federal prosecutor and state executive inspector general under former Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, was released Tuesday by Madigan's office. House Democrats selected Hickey to investigate in June 2018, after a series of allegations of harassment and improper behavior and criticism of Madigan's handling of those accusations.

After interviewing more than 100 people, Hickey found sufficient evidence to substantiate allegations in only one of the three specific cases she investigated, determining that Madigan's for-

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## Seeking shelter from a storm

Pedestrians huddle under a single umbrella in the pouring rain at 35th and State streets in Chicago on Tuesday. The city experienced a few heavy downpours and extensive cloudiness. Wednesday looks to be warm and humid. **Chicago Weather Center, A+E Page 8**

## Student who bit would-be attacker in tune with times

UC woman's action fits with renewed push for self-defense training

**BY NARA SCHOENBERG**

When a University of Chicago student fought off a would-be sexual assault by biting her attacker earlier this week, it was an encouraging example of female empowerment.

It was also, in some ways, a sign of the times.

Discouraged by police in the 1980s and dismissed as victim-

blaming in the 1990s, self-defense against sexual assault has gotten a big boost in the past five years, thanks to new studies showing a reduction in sexual assault among women who take courses on how to fend off unwanted advances.

"It's very exciting to us," said Martha Thompson, a senior instructor at the self-defense nonprofit IMPACT Chicago, which serves women and girls.

"There's still research to be done, but these studies have

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Schererville police Officer Chris Lopez works with Chesterton Officer Kaitlin Burning during a self-defense demonstration for teenagers.

## Leaving keys in car is risky business, police warn

Suburban residents implored to lock cars. Then tragedy struck.

**BY KAREN ANN CULLOTTA AND JEREMY GORNER**

A Glencoe man awoke one morning last month to discover his Land Rover missing from the driveway. He dialed 911, admitting to police that he might have left his key fob inside the unlocked SUV.

Just two hours later, the man's GPS app tracked the SUV, stolen from the leafy North Shore suburb, to an alley in Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood. Glencoe detectives worked with Chicago police to swiftly stage a sting operation, warning the car's owner to sit tight.

At 10:15 a.m., as police watched, someone began climbing into the stolen Land Rover. Officers sprang into action, handcuffed the would-be driver and held him for questioning.

But instead of nabbing a thief,

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### Not all are all-in on health plan

Some Democratic candidates have retreated from supporting "Medicare for All" amid polls showing concern for ending private insurance. **Nation & World, Page 14**

### Cook County teenager sues Juul

Christian Floss, 19, filed a lawsuit against the e-cigarette maker alleging the company designed and marketed its products to appeal to young people. **Business**

### Sister Jean celebrates her 100th

Wednesday is Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt's 100th birthday. She's been a fixture at Loyola's basketball games and has no plans to slow down. **Chicago Sports**



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ANDREW HARNIK/AP

Former special counsel Robert Mueller takes a short break from testimony before the House Intelligence Committee.



## JOHN KASS

# Mueller crushed Dem dreams, so now it's race

What was the embittered left — Democratic presidential candidates and their media allies — supposed to do when their hopes of Russia-Trump collusion crashed on the boulevard of broken dreams?

Pivot. They had invested so much in their fantasy that President Donald Trump was a treasonous agent of Russian boss Vladimir Putin. But when special counsel Robert Mueller's report came out, and there was no collusion, no crime charged, their fantasy collapsed.

And so, after a brief spasm of despair, the left pivoted to their default position: race.

Race. Race. Race. Race. Race. With Americans working and with money in their pockets again, with the 2020 election approaching, Democrats are reaching for the race card the way a sick man reaches for the waters of Lourdes. Desperately. Their allies in media followed suit, with Trump called everything from a white supremacist, to a Nazi, and on and on.

Meanwhile, The New York Times embarks on an ambitious new series, the 1619 Project — marking the 400th anniversary of the first slave ships to our shores.

The newspaper said it hopes “to reframe the country's history, understanding 1619 as our true founding, and placing the consequences of slavery and the contributions of black Americans at the very center of the story we tell ourselves about who we are.”

NYT editor Dean Baquet, a former colleague of mine at the Chicago Tribune, a thoughtful man now with his newsroom in turmoil, expressed the pivot in a different way.

In terms of Mueller. In a transcript of a newsroom meeting with his liberal staff that made its way to Slate, Baquet said this:

“The day Bob Mueller walked off that witness stand, two things happened,” Baquet said. “Our readers who want Donald Trump to go away suddenly thought, ‘Holy s—, Bob Mueller is not going to do it.’ And Donald Trump got a little emboldened politically, I think. Because, you know, for obvious reasons. And I

think that the story changed. A lot of the stuff we're talking about started to emerge like six or seven weeks ago. We're a little tiny bit flat-footed. I mean, that's what happens when a story looks a certain way for two years. Right?”

So the Times pivoted. The story of slavery in America is compelling and worthy of such attention. But reducing the whole of America to the sin of slavery and racism that America has tried so hard to reject — by shedding blood in the Civil War, by passing the Civil Rights Act, by twice electing Barack Obama to the White House — is absurd. But revealing.

I talked about this on “The Chicago Way” podcast with Tom Bevan, co-founder of Real Clear Politics. His website publishes a wide spectrum of politically diverse views. (Disclosure: I consider Bevan a friend, and my column has been linked on that site.)

Real Clear is what I once imagined The New York Times to be, before it took on such an overwhelming liberal bent.

“What happened to just reporting the news, as (RCP columnist) Carl Cannon says, without fear or favor?” he asked. “The New York Times is a for-profit institution and must cater to the whims of their readers or they'll cease to exist as a business. Their readers are upper-class white liberals ... the Times felt like it had to be part of the resistance to succeed with their readers. That strategy succeeded. But they're caught in this cycle. They're no longer the paper of record.”

The short-term benefits of defining America by race may help Democrats and soothe subscribers at The New York Times.

But what it does long term, to journalism, to the republic, doesn't concern the left, just as it doesn't concern Trump.

He's not introspective. An introspective man couldn't, wouldn't have said some of the things he's said. He's a purely transactional politician, as cynical as his opponents.

In the short term, Democrats and their media allies are using race and charges of “white supremacy” to herd those 60 million or so Trump voters back into Hillary Clinton's basket of

deplorables.

But once you brand 60 million people as “white supremacists,” and “Nazis,” what can you do with them? If Democrats win in 2020, will Trump voters be welcomed back into some brave new Trumpless America?

Will the left open its arms and call them brothers and sisters on the condition they agree to kneel like penitent sinners and burn their MAGA hats in ceremonies of public redemption?

No. It doesn't work like that. Recently, presidential candidates Sens. Kamala Harris and Elizabeth Warren reminded their faithful that Michael Brown, a black man of Ferguson, Mo., was “murdered” by a white cop. Ferguson erupted in riots after Brown's death.

Warren and Harris are both lawyers. They know that the Obama Justice Department tried mightily, but did not, could not find that Brown had been murdered.

But they incite anyway. Because they want to win. The American political media, relentless in ferreting out even a whiff of suspected racism among conservatives, largely gave them a pass.

According to PolitiFact, a liberal standard of truth, their use of “murder” was problematic, but not a lie.

PolitiFact said “the significance of Harris' and Warren's use of the word (murder) is open to some dispute, we won't be rating their tweets on the Truth-O-Meter.”

Of course not. Watching our politics, as some Americans have their individuality stripped away by identity politics, as others are kicked to the margins of society, as I mourn journalism as I remember it, I'm reminded of something.

Ernest Hemingway's explanation of how a man went bankrupt:

Two ways. Gradually and then suddenly.

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# We love storms, except when they take our trees



MARY SCHMICH

In the whiplash of a thunderstorm a few days ago, a big old tree crashed down on the Buddha heads along Chicago's lakefront.

This was a little bit north of Fullerton Avenue, where the Buddha heads — big, white sculptures half-submerged in dirt — had been resting peacefully in the company of trees that seemed as sturdy as fortresses.

But then the storm came and just like that, another venerable tree was gone, splintered partway up the trunk, its tender pink insides exposed, toppled to its final resting spot among the Buddhas.

When I heard that another tree had been felled by a thunderstorm, I thought of an old story by E.L. Doctorow, set in a distant time, when Chicago was still new.

"Chicago to my mind was the only place to be," Doctorow wrote. "I above all liked the city because it was filled with people all a-bustle, and the clatter of hooves and carriages, and with delivery wagons and drays and peddlers and the boom and clank of freight trains. And when those black clouds came sailing in from the west, pouring thunderstorms upon us so that you couldn't hear the cries or curses of humankind, I liked that best of all. Chicago could stand up to the worst God had to offer. I understood why it was built — a place for trade, of course, with railroads and ships and so on, but mostly to give all of us a magnitude of defiance that is not provided by one house on the plains. And those plains is where those storms come from."

That long paragraph is the best thing I've ever read about Chicago's thunderstorms — their history, power and meaning — but it misses one thing. Those thrilling storms take our trees.

However defiant Chicago may be, not all the trees can beat back the wind, the rain, the lightning, and many Chicago people have a story about a tree, usually a giant one, that collapsed on their deck, roof, yard, car.

Alex Quigley remembers the storm that once took out a tree outside his home on Dakin Street



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Dr. Jason Miesbauer said "tree root space is often limited by other infrastructure," which leaves them vulnerable to being ripped from the ground.

**The science of why doesn't remedy the sense of loss. When a tree goes, so does a little bit of the place.**

in Chicago.

"Levered the sidewalk up like it was made of cardboard," he recalls.

"A big oak was hit and it fell on our house (in the northwest suburbs) and cracked our foundation," recalls Nancy White Gray. "The basement flooded and the roof leaked into the upstairs bedroom."

Donald Wilson remembers the

big elm between his house and the neighbor's in Evanston.

"It was the wind that took it out, snapping it off about 10 feet from the base," he says. "One half went across a couple of backyards while the other half was stuck, suspended between the two houses creaking and snapping all night long. The next evening, after a crane came to lift the suspended part away, the poor possum that apparently had hung out there climbed up a few feet, looked up and seemed to be thinking: What the heck happened to my hide-out?"

It's important to remember that there are well more than a million trees in the Chicago area and most survive the stormy lashings. And there's a good chance that the ones that don't have already been

weakened by something not evident to the average eye.

Damaged roots, untreated rot, pockets of decay, cracks in the trunk. Dr. Jason Miesbauer, a tree expert at The Morton Arboretum, listed the possible assailants when I called him Tuesday.

"In urban settings," he went on, "tree root space is often limited by other infrastructure like roads, sidewalks, pipes, buildings. So the anchorage is less spread out than in nature."

That means that when the storms soak the soil, the poorly anchored tree becomes more vulnerable.

But the science of why doesn't remedy the sense of loss. When a tree goes, so does a little bit of the place.

"About three years ago, a mi-

croburst hit the UIC neighborhood and a park," recalls Bob O'Neill. "Some huge trees blew down. Two in our yard were huge catalpas and I had them replaced immediately. So many people said how it changed the character of the neighborhood. Many children seemed lost as they identified so much with the large trees. I got all the trees replaced but nothing comes close to the loss of majestic, tall trees."

On Tuesday I drove past the lakefront where the Buddha heads continued to rest in peace. Beside them sat a giant stump, the fresh proof of a vanished tree, a juxtaposition that seemed to say: The mystery of life, ya know?

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## Buttigieg faces white crowd in Bronzeville

Event shows struggle to engage with black voters

BY BILL RUTHHART

South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg held a self-described grassroots campaign rally in Bronzeville on Tuesday night, but the overwhelmingly white audience he drew to the event in a historic black neighborhood reinforced the difficulty the Democratic presidential hopeful has had in connecting with African American voters.

Buttigieg did not acknowledge the makeup of the audience in his remarks or in answering questions from the 1,000 people at the sold-out event, but did touch on it briefly as he closed the hourlong rally with a directive for his supporters.

"Find the people who don't look like most of you in this room and let them know they have the chance, not just to support this campaign, but to shape it," Buttigieg said.

During the event, the mayor largely stuck to his usual stump speech, emphasizing the need for a return to American values in wake of a divisive Trump presidency and his pitch for a new generation of leadership through various policies.

As part of discussing those proposals, Buttigieg touched on his Douglass Plan, named after abolitionist Frederick Douglass, that he calls "a comprehensive investment in the empowerment of Black America."

The plan calls for tripling the number of black entrepreneurs within a decade, awarding 25% of all government contracts to minority business owners, creating rules to foster more diversity among teachers, increasing funding for historically black colleges and universities by \$25 billion, and establishing "health equity zones" to ensure better health care for black Americans.

Among other provisions, Buttigieg's proposal also calls for reducing the state and federal incarceration level by half, offering tuition-free college for low-income students and "mas-



South Bend, Ind., Mayor Pete Buttigieg, center, greets people after giving a talk at the Harold Washington Cultural Center.

**"You cannot suddenly replace hundreds of years of racist policy with a neutral policy and say, OK, you got them done and expect inequity to work itself out of the system."**

— South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg

sively increasing" federal resources for Title I schools,

those with the largest concentrations of low-income students.

"The American black experience might as well put you in another country, and we can no longer allow this to exist," Buttigieg said to a round of applause. "You cannot suddenly replace hundreds of years of racist policy with a neutral policy and say, OK, you got them done and expect inequity to work itself out of the system."

Buttigieg backers made contributions as low as \$25 and \$50 to the candidate's campaign to gain entry to the event while some paid up to \$1,000 to attend a pre-event reception with the mayor. Before the doors opened, a long line of supporters stretched down

Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and around a nearby block.

Many of the supporters held "Chicago for Pete" signs, and wore bright yellow and blue "Mayor Pete" and "Boot Edge Edge" T-shirts (the campaign's way of helping with pronunciation of the candidate's last name).

"Whoa, where are they all coming from? I've been in this neighborhood for 20 years, and I ain't never seen nothing like that before, all these white folks lined up over there. Never," Ruby Laster said, pointing at the line of supporters, as she waited for the bus across King Drive. "All I know about him is he's a young man from Indiana. He should get some credit for coming down here, but you got to let the people know what's going on. He needs to

get some flyers in the businesses around here. I didn't hear anything about it."

Buttigieg has struggled to gain support from African Americans. A CNN survey last month found him polling at 0% nationally among black voters. A Monmouth University poll conducted last month in the key early voting state of South Carolina, where 61% of Democratic primary voters are black, found Buttigieg polling at just 1% among African Americans.

In an interview at a South Loop loft that houses his Chicago campaign office, the mayor said he's found his Douglass Plan has been "extremely well-received," but that getting it in front of more people is the challenge.

"It's a matter of making sure we show we're serious and introducing it to as many people as we can," Buttigieg said, his voice echoing in a tiny conference room. "The number of voters who still say they haven't really formed an opinion, it's pretty large. The good news is it means we've got a high ceiling. But the challenge is we've got to get out there in a way that maybe would be different if I'd been a national figure for a couple of

decades. We're going to be doing it in a quick amount of time."

Buttigieg's efforts to reach out to black voters has been complicated by the fallout from the fatal police shooting in South Bend of Eric Logan, a black robbery suspect who authorities say was armed with a knife. As the shooting, for which there was no police camera footage, remained under investigation, the mayor spent much of July back in his northern Indiana city of 100,000 holding meetings with community members, including an emotional town hall that placed a frayed relationship with some black residents on full display.

While Buttigieg has acknowledged the difficulty of navigating the issue, he also has noted that his role as mayor places him closer to the issues and challenges black residents face.

He said what makes his Douglass Plan unique is its acknowledgment that so many of the challenges that face black Americans are interwoven.

"Part of it is connecting the dots between all these different things. In South Bend, whenever we have a conversation about a challenging subject like policing,

almost inevitably it winds up also being a conversation about economic empowerment, and seeing how health and education, voting and justice, entrepreneurship and homeownership are all connected," Buttigieg said. "I think it's a really key part of the plan."

Afterward, Cordaro Johnson, who was one of a handful of black supporters in the room, said it's no secret Buttigieg has an uphill battle to attract more African American voters — particularly since former Vice President Joe Biden has such a strong commitment from many of them. Johnson arrived undecided but left a Buttigieg supporter, citing his command of the issues and a Barack Obama-like ability to relate to real people.

"I feel like all the black supporters are with Joe Biden. He is riding the wave of being Barack Obama's vice president," said Johnson, 32, who lives in Bronzeville. "So, he needs to find a way to reach those people, people like me, that he has actual real issues and real solutions to the problems that they're facing. That's the way he will get them."

Outside the Harold Washington Cultural Center, Darnell Perkins couldn't help but shake his head in wonderment.

"This is a good, middle-class black neighborhood. I'm glad he's here," said Perkins, 53. "But he needs to get some brothers to help him out next time and get some more black support."

The Rev. Chris Harris, who introduced Buttigieg at the event, acknowledged as much and called on the hundreds in attendance to help diversify the support of Buttigieg's campaign.

"Next time we have an event in Bronzeville, we need some more black faces up in here. We need some more brown faces up in here," Harris, pastor of the Brightstar Church of God in Christ, said as the crowd cheered. "Next time, you can't leave your black and brown friends at home. And if you don't have some, you need to make some!"

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## Shooting shows black males treated as less than human



DAHLEEN GLANTON

There is no reason to think that the shooting death of a 14-year-old African American boy by a legal gun owner in suburban Chicago had anything to do with race.

Lots of people, black and white, have been killed at the hands of legal gun owners. And the unjust law that allowed Lake County prosecutors to charge the victim's teenage cousins and a friend with his killing has affected white kids as well as African Americans. The underlying issue is not race. It's the fact that these are kids.

Yet the public response to the killing has exposed the racial fault line that lies beneath almost everything that happens in America these days. It has once again placed an ugly truth about mainstream America in the spotlight — that it views African American boys as less than human.

It would be nice if we could package this as just another symptom of the Donald Trump presidency. But in this case, we cannot. This is about historical societal hatred for black boys and men. And that was around long before Trump became president.

Much of the underlying

anger in this case is over the fact that six teenagers traveled miles from their homes on the South Side of Chicago north to rural Lake County to allegedly steal cars.

It is one thing when black kids terrorize each other in their own neighborhoods, but it is quite another when they decide to go into neighborhoods where white people have moved to get away from crime in the city.

Such incidents reinforce the fear that there is nowhere people can go to be safe. It makes them feel vulnerable and quite often, that fear turns into rage. In their eyes, the 75-year-old white man who shot the 14-year-old in the head, believing that he and his companions wanted to steal his car from his driveway, became an instant hero.

The dead kid was collateral damage in a situation where a man, who claimed to have feared for his life, exercised his legal right to protect himself and his 2011 Audi.

The hateful emails I received after writing a column last week suggesting that Illinois' felony murder rule, which allowed authorities to charge the other teens with the 14-year-old's killing, should be changed and a subsequent piece calling for a thorough investigation of the shooting were appalling.

The emails did not target me, as they usually do.

They targeted the teenagers, including the deceased one. And that was sickening.

One man called the 14-year-old boy a "feral animal." Another referred to him as "a damn dog." Lots of people, including some who consider themselves to be fair-minded regarding race, called him a "thug."

In this day and age, the term, thug, has become a politically correct version of the N-word, according to John McWhorter, a linguist at Columbia University. It is used almost exclusively to refer to African American males who are causing trouble. In an interview with NPR, McWhorter said this:

"When somebody talks about thugs ruining a place, it is almost impossible today that they are referring to somebody with blond hair," he said on "All Things Considered." "It is a sly way of saying, 'There go those black people ruining things again.' And so anybody who wonders whether thug is becoming the new N-word doesn't need to. It most certainly is."

Decide for yourself. "If this car-stealing thug had not invaded a homeowner's property in the middle of the night ... he would be alive," a woman wrote me.

"How many people are shot in Illinois by legal gun owners, compared to the thugs on the street that just pull up and shoot anyone?"

one man asked.

"Thugs and criminals that sneak out of the city in the middle of the night to prey on others should have no rights," someone wrote.

"Maybe if a few more of these punks get shot, they'll take heed and maybe stop committing so many crimes or at least think twice," a man suggested.

"How could you stand up for this 14-year-old dog? That's all this kid was," another man asked.

"He was taken out like a damn dog. ... Yes, all of them deserve to be shot," a woman wrote.

What kind of person would say such horrible things about a dead child, regardless of what he might have done?

It becomes easier to justify it by refusing to consider the victim to be a child, or even a victim. The only victim in this case, according to some, is the shooter. The Lake County state's attorney referred to the deceased child as one of the "defendants" in a news release.

The bottom line is that many people believe neither the dead 14-year-old, nor his 16-year-old friend and three 17-year-old male cousins nor his 18-year-old female cousin are worthy of being treated fairly under the law. Attempting to steal a car, according to them, is an unforgivable crime that warrants the harshest penalty, even death.

A former DuPage County public defender had an issue with me refer-

ring to the suspects as children. She summed it up this way in an email.

"Please. Teenagers are not children," she said. "Even though science has shown their brains to be developing, teenagers are beyond being 'children.' Many are driving cars, growing mustaches, drinking alcohol and other drugs, smoking, having sex, having babies, enrolling in the armed services, and even working, so they are not children."

Then she asked, "Would you be defending these 'children' so sympathetically if they were white and the owner black?"

My question to her is, "Would you be so quick to condemn them if they were your kids and not poor, black kids?"

Research has proved that people are more likely to consider black boys to be older than they actually are. In the classroom, they are singled out for misbehaving more frequently than white children the same age. Police officers are likely to consider them more dangerous than a white kid who committed a similar crime. We have seen over and over how black boys receive harsher sentences than white boys.

One man pointed to the mug shots of the teenagers in the media to further justify his position that they are "flat out thugs." Such pictures promote stereotypes, and that's what the cops want.

When people look at

mug shots, they see criminals. They don't look anything like their own kids. Their faces are grim and menacing. Their hair is messy. They look threatening and evil. That is the exact purpose of a police mug shot, to make suspects appear to be bad guys even before they have their day in court.

They are designed to sway public opinion and lead people to believe that, in this particular case, a legal gun owner did society a favor by taking this "thug" off the streets. It doesn't matter whether it's based on truth or not.

Black boys, in particular, are doomed in America. They know it better than anyone and often, they act accordingly. They can never win, because they are presumed to be predators. That's a stigma that black males have endured throughout history in America, and there is no indication that it will change.

So when someone says, "Good riddance. Guess who will never steal another car?" or "The real shame is the homeowner didn't fill all of them with hot lead," we should not be shocked. But we should be angry.

This is the America we live in, and it has been this way for centuries. Let's not try to blame Trump for this. We must take responsibility for it ourselves.

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Alternative to the knife for your knee pain? Non-Surgical treatment success rate soars after using new digital technology

place the treatment inside the joint. Yes THIRTY percent. It is not a typo.

Even after missing the target, they had no way of knowing they missed, because they are not SEEING it with advanced imaging.

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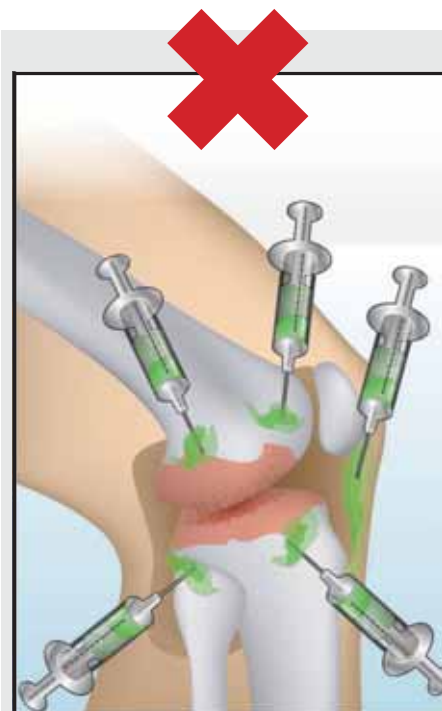
untreated, it can keep you awake at night, and hurt with every step.

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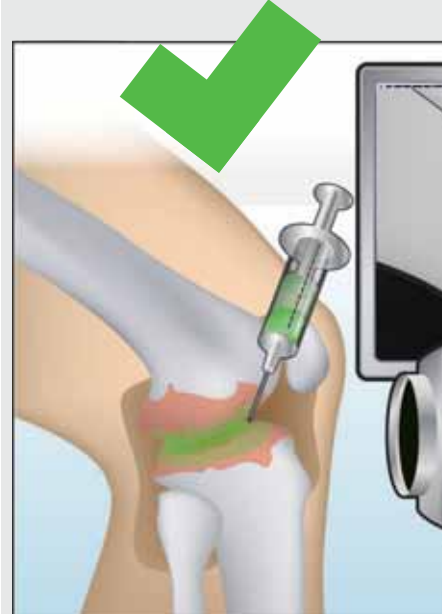
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# Gunman to undergo mental health evaluation

## Judge orders tests for man accused in VA shooting

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY

A federal judge on Tuesday ordered a mental health evaluation for a man accused last week of firing an assault weapon multiple times outside a Veterans Affairs hospital in Chicago, causing panic among patients and staff before he was swiftly arrested inside the building without any injuries.

"I must say, based on my own observations at the initial appearance, there is reason to be concerned," U.S. Magistrate Judge Susan Cox said while granting the request from the attorney for Bernard Harvey, 40, of Indianapolis.

At his initial appearance last week, Harvey could not verbally confirm his age. He remained silent at Tuesday's brief hearing but wasn't asked any questions.

Harvey was charged with illegally possessing a firearm as a felon in connection with the incident at the

Jesse Brown VA Medical Center on Aug. 12. Investigators found six casings outside the hospital near the Taylor Street entrance as well as two bullet holes in the building, one in the ceiling and the other in the entrance door, according to a federal complaint filed against Harvey.

Harvey will remain in federal custody as mental health professionals complete their assessments. Prosecutors did not contest the request, citing Harvey's history with similar issues in the criminal justice sys-

tem, but did not elaborate. Previously, Assistant U.S. Attorney Corey Rubenstein noted that reports from the Illinois Department of Corrections show Harvey had spent time in psychiatric care.

Wearing an oversized orange jumpsuit, Harvey shuffled into the courtroom in the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse on Tuesday with the assistance of U.S. deputy marshals, the shackles around his ankles clanging with every movement. Before the hearing, he hung his head low, looking down-

ward, but then perked up and waved to two relatives who came into the courtroom. They declined to comment later.

Harvey was arrested by Veterans Affairs police officers less than 30 seconds after he entered the facility with the weapon, according to Jeffrey Sallet, special agent in charge of the FBI's Chicago office.

On that day, witnesses described a chaotic scene to the Chicago Tribune, recalling that people ran screaming while trying to find shelter in bathrooms after

shots rang out.

The rifle that Harvey carried during the attack was reported stolen last month in Indiana, authorities said.

He was previously sentenced to four years in prison for a 2005 felony conviction in Cook County for being a felon in possession of a handgun, records show.

He also served time in prison for a felony drug conviction in 2000.

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The investigator found that former chief of staff Tim Mapes "made several inappropriate comments to or around" a House Democratic staffer.

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mer chief of staff, Tim Mapes, "made several inappropriate comments to or around" a House Democratic staffer.

Hickey didn't find enough evidence to support allegations of sexual harassment against former state Rep. Lou Lang, a top Madigan lieutenant, or Rep. Kelly Cassidy's complaint that she faced retaliation from the speaker and his allies for speaking out about his handling of harassment allegations.

Beyond singling out Mapes, Hickey uncovered "a purported culture of negative treatment that faced people who were perceived to challenge Speaker Madigan on any issue." She found "that the fear of retaliation that could arise in unforeseen and unprovable ways was a major — if not the major — concern."

"For workers in the Speaker's Office, this fear of retaliation meant a fear of losing their jobs, not having their contracts renewed, losing access to decision-making processes, having opportunities taken away, having their ideas ignored, having prospective employers receive negative calls, or losing positive references for outside employment," the report states.

"Representatives in the Democratic Caucus, in turn, feared losing campaign contributions, having their legislation stalled or stopped, or being removed from the caucus."

Madigan's office paid for Hickey's investigation, which cost nearly \$626,000, according to the state comptroller's office.

Hickey acknowledges Madigan has taken steps to address issues of harassment and bullying. But the report comes as the speaker faces significant challenges on many fronts.

The homes of three Madigan allies have been raided by federal agents who are looking into the lobbying practices of Commonwealth Edison, and a Cook County grand jury has subpoenaed election records about the City Hall campaign of Ald. Marty Quinn in the 13th Ward, where Madigan long has served as committeeman.

Madigan also is battling

federal lawsuits that allege he put up sham candidates in the 2016 primary to hurt an opponent's chances of winning and that a Democratic campaign worker's career was stifled once she reported sexual harassment by a Madigan political aide.

Hickey's appointment last summer came just days after longtime House staff member Sherri Garrett publicly accused Mapes of sexual harassment and fostering "a culture of sexism, harassment and bullying that creates an extremely difficult working environment."

Hickey's report revealed multiple criticisms of Mapes, who also served as House clerk and executive director of the Madigan-led state Democratic Party. Mapes is accused of enforcing unwritten policies he made up on the spot, yelling and cursing, and making "explicit or indirect threats regarding people's jobs."

"Many of the people who said that Mr. Mapes did not yell at them or threaten their jobs said that they were told by their co-workers that it was only a matter of time before they had their 'Tim moment,'" the report states.

The report found that Mapes, who was booted from his roles in the speaker's office and the Democratic Party, violated the speaker's office's personnel rules and regulations. His imposing reputation made it difficult if not impossible for people to report workplace violations, the report says.

"Many people said that they would never have reported workplace harassment to him," the report says.

Though the report could not substantiate each of a string of allegations Garrett made in a Chicago news conference last summer, it found Mapes discouraged her from voicing concerns about possible sexual harassment and insinuated she "was raising the issues only because she was jealous of the attention" the alleged victim of the harassment was getting.

In explaining her findings in the Mapes case, Hickey reported that Garrett alleged Madigan's chief of staff had an "inordinate amount of power in the state" and too much authority over harassment

complaints.

Hickey also reported concerns about Mapes' demeanor toward state representatives, including what appeared to be his authority over lawmakers concerning Democratic Party funds.

Mapes, who declined to be interviewed for the report, released a statement through his attorneys Tuesday in which he defended his four decades of work in the General Assembly, including 25 years as Madigan's chief of staff.

"The recent criticisms made against me do not truly appreciate the size of the responsibility of my position," Mapes said. "The daily needs of my position required constant attention in order to ensure the successful operation of our government. I made every effort to satisfy these demands."

"If my demeanor or approach to my job did not instill trust and a healthy work environment, I apologize," Mapes said.

Garrett also issued a statement, thanking Hickey for providing "concrete recommendations to Speaker Madigan on how to improve the culture in Springfield."

"I truly hope that the workplace culture changes so that people doing this important work are treated with the respect and dignity they deserve," said Garrett, who retired in December.

Hickey's recommendations include having Madigan take "a more visible and pronounced role in the management of the Speaker's office," dividing responsibilities among separate leadership positions and continuing to create a human resources department, among others.

The report notes that many of the people who believed Mapes would retaliate against them "felt better" with Madigan's new chief of staff, Jessica Basham. In her interview, Basham said before policies were updated in December 2017 "she would not have known whom to go to if she had a complaint against Mr. Mapes, either."

Hickey found insufficient evidence that Lang, a Skokie Democrat, sexually harassed and bullied activist Maryann Loncar, as she publicly alleged. Lang, who stepped down early this year after winning reelection in November, denied the allegations, and Loncar did not cooperate with the

investigation.

Lang, who is now registered with the state as a lobbyist, said Tuesday that Hickey's report is "a complete vindication," just as was, he said, a previous investigation by the legislative inspector general.

"I would like to see this chapter closed, and I believe it now is," he said.

Reached early Tuesday afternoon, Loncar said she had not yet reviewed the new report but said she's unhappy that there's a "revolving door policy" in Springfield, noting Lang's job as a lobbyist.

"I do not have faith in our legislators or the system of Illinois. It's broken. It's completely broken. It's not going to get better by them policing themselves," she said.

Despite Loncar's lack of cooperation in investigating her allegations, Hickey's report says there's isn't evidence that she knowingly made false accusations.

Hickey's report also says there is not sufficient evidence to prove Madigan, Mapes and Rep. Bob Rita, a Blue Island Democrat, retaliated against Cassidy for speaking out about how the speaker's office handled sexual harassment and discrimination allegations. Cassidy, a Chicago Democrat, alleged she was pressured into resigning from her part-time job with the Cook County sheriff's office.

After she called for someone outside Illinois to investigate harassment allegations in Madigan's political organization in February 2018, Cassidy said, Mapes called Sheriff Tom Dart's office to ask whether she still worked there. Later, Rita signed on as the House sponsor of a bill, backed by Dart's office, that would have required jail inmates who repeatedly expose themselves while in custody to register as sex offenders. Cassidy opposed the bill, and Rita questioned her about her opposition to it in a conversation outside their Springfield offices, according to the report.

Cassidy also said Madigan rejected her request to meet about legislation and she believed he threatened her committee positions the same day she took her complaints to the media.

Despite not finding evidence to support her allegations of retaliation, the report says that there isn't sufficient evidence to show

that Cassidy knowingly made false claims.

Cassidy said Tuesday that the release of the report was "was a hugely important step" in addressing allegations of harassment and intimidation at the Capitol.

"The entrenchment and complacency, which I think is what got us into this situation, is always a risk, so we need to remain vigilant," Cassidy said.

The report notes that allegations of harassment and other bad behavior aren't limited to the speaker's office or the House Democratic caucus.

"People from across the Capitol workplace reported that they had witnessed or personally experienced what they described as inappropriate sexual conduct in the Capitol workplace," according to the report. "They described conduct that included inappropriate sexual comments and unwelcome sexual advances."

Amid the #MeToo movement and heightened awareness of inappropriate behavior in Springfield, Gov. J.B. Pritzker earlier this month signed sweeping anti-harassment legislation passed by legislators in the spring without opposition in either chamber. The new law prohibits employers from requiring workers to sign nondisclosure and arbitration agreements related to harassment or discrimination.

In addition to commissioning the report from Hickey, Madigan has taken a number of steps to address sexual harassment, and has acknowledged more needs to be done.

"The report reaffirms much of what we have heard in the past, and I take responsibility for not doing enough to prevent these issues in my office," Madigan said in a letter to House Democrats and employees of the speaker's and clerk's offices that was included in Hickey's report. "For nearly two years I have actively worked with members and staff to change the culture of the Capitol, but I recognize there is still more to do."

"The bottom line is that discrimination and harassment will not be tolerated within the Capitol," Madigan said.

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## Drones used to study lake erosion

### Chicago surveys damage from near record high water

BY TONY BRISCOE

The Chicago Park District has enlisted drone photographers to survey the extent of erosion caused by near record high Lake Michigan levels along the city's shoreline.

Drone pilots contracted by the Park District began capturing aerial footage from completely submerged Juneway Beach on Tuesday morning and will be wending their way south to the Indiana state line as a part of an effort to evaluate the condition of the city's 18-mile lakefront and its shoreline protections.

The study, which will be completed in collaboration with the city of Chicago and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, aims to identify short- and long-term strategies to mitigate erosion and storm damage and could bolster the city's bid to receive federal funding to reconstruct several stretches of the lakefront.

For about six years, officials have requested federal funding to investigate the effect of storms and waves on several stretches of Lake Michigan, including parts of Lake Shore Drive and Sheridan Road on the North Side, at the Eugene Sawyer Water Purification Plant and at La Rabida Children's Hospital. In that time, lake levels have risen nearly 6 feet, cresting just about an inch shy of monthly records set in the summer of 1986.

However, Congress has not funded the proposal.

Even if the study is funded ahead of the upcoming fiscal year, any construction would be years out. In 1992, a request to study and reconstruct 8 miles of Chicago's shoreline was presented to Congress. The study was authorized in 1994 and construction began in 1999. The non-federal portion of this project, which was supposed to be completed by the Park District and the Department of Transportation, remains unfinished as evidenced by the dilapidated stretch of shore between 47th Street and Hyde Park Boulevard.

Last month, the Army Corps' Chicago District activated its emergency operations center to provide technical assistance to local agencies and shoreline owners. Some Far North Side condominium associations and building owners have already requested permits to install protections ahead of the fall, a time of year known for powerful storms and tall waves.

At this stage, the Army Corps' involvement has been limited to advice and no funding has been provided.

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# CUC alumni pressure board member

Resignation urged over alleged social media remarks

BY STEVE SCHERING

More than 2,880 people have signed an online petition calling for the removal of a Concordia University Chicago board member after a group of alumni accused him of posting objectionable remarks about women and minorities on social media.

The petition on change.org calls for Eric Arno Hiller's resignation or removal from the board of regents at Concordia, a private religious university in west suburban River Forest affiliated with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Hiller did not respond to multiple attempts to request comment. Messages left with several CUC board of regents members were also not returned, while one board member declined to comment.

David Gillaspie is a Concordia 2013 graduate and part of a group of fellow alumni who created the "Concerned CUC Family" Facebook page and the online petition asking for Hiller's resignation.

Gillaspie said some Concordia community members began talking last year after seeing Facebook posts

Hiller allegedly wrote. University officials said Concordia publicly have responded to questions about statements posted on a personal social media account by a member of the university's Board of Regents, but would not directly address whether Hiller was involved.

The posts in question do not exist on Facebook anymore and Hiller's account no longer exists.

Concordia university officials first released a statement without commenting on the issue, though officials later released a second, more detailed statement.

Concordia President Russell Dawn said in the second statement that the university does not "uphold ideas and statements that are derogatory to women or minorities," and cited fall 2018 enrollment numbers that showed Concordia Chicago undergraduate students were made up of 57 percent women, while women made up 68 percent of the student body at its graduate level. More than half of the school's undergrad students "are from a minority background," Dawn said.

The alumni group says that they believe the board should have asked for



Hiller

Hiller's resignation. "As a fiduciary responsibility to the university, (the board) should have said (to Hiller,) 'You've crossed a line. You need to resign,'" said Brian Becker, a 1979 Concordia graduate and member of the Concordia-Chicago Foundation Board.

Eric Matanyi, Concordia University Chicago's associate vice president for communications and marketing, said the two statements from Dawn would be the only responses the university would provide on the matter.

The first statement, released Aug. 8 by Dawn, Northern Illinois District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod President Rev. Allan Buss and Board of Regents acting chair Rev. Roger Gallup, said the university "cannot speak directly to the comments made by a particular member of the university's Board of Regents, or to the surrounding controversy."

Four days later, Dawn released the second statement.

"I want you to know that we hear and understand your ongoing concerns," Dawn wrote in that letter. "Some of you expressed that the original message was insufficient because it did not address any specific

aspects of the board member's comments."

In response to a question asking whether Hiller wrote the social media posts in question, Matanyi responded via email, "I can confirm (the Concordia statement) was 'in response to written remarks made by one member of the University's Board of Regents on his personal social media accounts.'"

The alumni group says that university officials should have done more.

"Back in July, the task force had its first conference call and (one member) shared all these comments that Hiller had taken down," Gillaspie said. "These comments had been brought to the board by (former Concordia President Daniel Gard). The only action that was taken was Hiller was told to delete his Facebook profile. We then decided we need to make sure as many people as possible know about these comments."

Gard retired in July as president of Concordia Chicago and was succeeded by Dawn.

According to Gillaspie, a call went out to CUC alumni and students, which led to the creation of the Facebook page.

Regarding Hiller's status on the board of regents, Dawn said the university is structured in such a way

that the office of the president is under the authority of the board.

"The board, in turn, is governed by bylaws which set forth the specific, limited options for resolution of a situation such as this," Dawn said. "I am deeply committed to working with the board to reach a just conclusion."

According to Concordia University Chicago bylaws posted on its website, a sitting board member can be removed by a two-thirds vote of regents present, unless the board member was appointed by certain church bodies such as the Synod or district. In that case, those bodies would have to remove the board member. Matanyi declined to say how Hiller was appointed to the board of regents.

Gillaspie, of the task force, said others on the Concerned CUC Family Facebook page have disagreed with calls for Hiller to resign, and the group welcomes other opinions on the matter.

"We want these disagreements to come up to see what the community feels about the issue," Gillaspie said. "We're letting the school know this is not what Concordia should stand for. When you speak publicly on Facebook like that, you need to realize you speak for Concordia."

## Underwood puts probe of Trump in play

BY RICK PEARSON

Freshman Democratic Rep. Lauren Underwood on Tuesday endorsed an impeachment inquiry of President Donald Trump, putting the issue in play as she seeks reelection in what has traditionally been a Republican suburban and ex-urban district.

Underwood, of Naperville, issued a statement on Twitter in which she said she has long supported "the impeachment-related investigation" led by House Judiciary Chairman Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., and other Democratic-led House panels.

Nadler recently acknowledged that the committee is conducting formal impeachment proceedings, noting documents his panel has filed in federal court citing its role in recommending articles of impeachment.

Underwood said Nadler's court filing last month "clearly states that the Judiciary Committee is investigating whether to recommend Articles of Impeachment, essentially an impeachment inquiry. I support this investigation."

Underwood becomes the 126th member of the House to endorse a formal impeachment inquiry of Trump. Former Republican Rep. Justin Amash of Michigan, who switched his party identification to Independent, is the lone non-Democrat seeking impeachment proceedings, according to NPR's "impeachment tracker."

Underwood has previously said voters in her far western and northwest suburban 14th Congressional District were not interested in impeachment but were focused on more domestic issues such as health care. Earlier this month, in a podcast, she said that without community support for moving forward with impeachment, "it looks like a power grab."

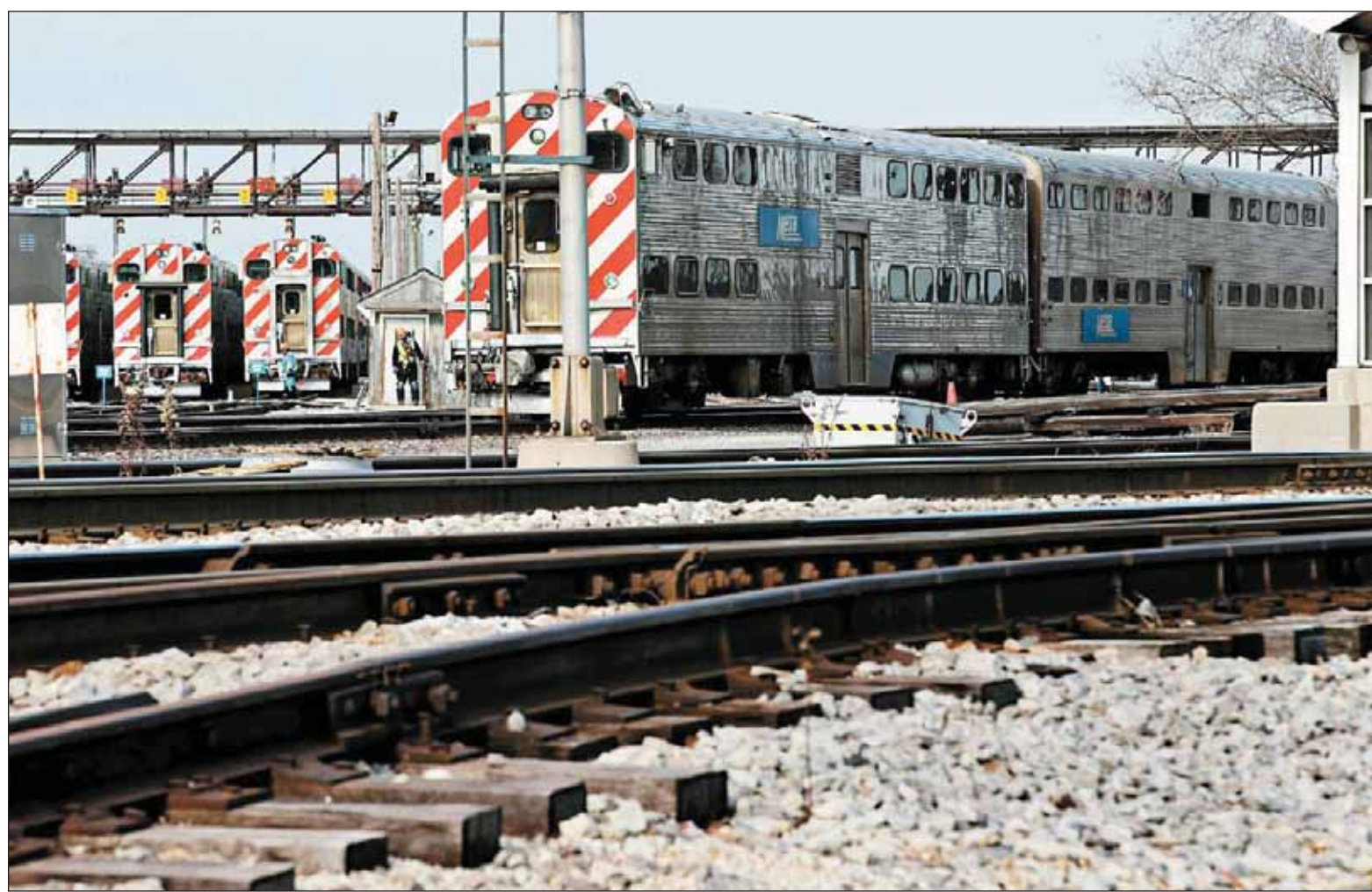
Underwood was part of a blue wave in the 2018 midterm elections that saw her defeat four-term Republican Randy Hultgren of Plano by nearly 15,000 votes. Trump won the district by about 4 percentage points in 2016.

Underwood joined Sean Casten of Downers Grove in flipping seats long held by Republicans. Casten, who defeated six-term Republican Peter Roskam in the 6th Congressional District, announced in June that he was supporting an impeachment inquiry of the president.

"No person in America is above the law, including the president of the United States," Underwood said. She said special counsel Robert Mueller's report "lays out substantial evidence that the president's campaign worked with a foreign adversary to influence an election" and that "the president has stated he would welcome foreign help to win the 2020 election."

"I find this extremely concerning," Underwood said.

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Metra is making schedule changes on five lines starting next month. The railroad will also continue a pilot program that added weekend service.

## Metra altering schedules on five lines

Changes take effect Sept. 3, most on UP West Line

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

Metra plans to make schedule changes on five lines starting next month, and is continuing a summer pilot program that added weekend service on the Union Pacific Northwest and BNSF lines.

All changes will take effect on Sept. 3. The most schedule

changes will come on the Union Pacific West Line between Elburn and the Ogilvie Transportation Center. The departure times of 11 off-peak weekday trains are being changed by 7 to 15 minutes to accommodate the federally mandated positive train control safety system, which requires more time before each departure, Metra said. The changes also address other operational issues, Metra said.

For example, Train 25, which currently leaves

Ogilvie at 8:40 a.m., will depart at 8:25 a.m., while Train 44, which now leaves Elburn at 10:18 a.m., will leave at 10:25 a.m. Full schedules can be found at metrarail.com.

As a summer pilot program, the commuter railroad in June added more weekend trains. Some of those changes proved popular and will continue, Metra said.

The weekend schedule includes five inbound and five outbound Saturday trains on the UP Northwest

Line, and three inbound and three outbound trains on Sundays and holidays, including express trains to and from Arlington Heights. On the BNSF line, Metra will retain a train added in each direction on Saturdays and Sundays.

One new Saturday train on the Rock Island line also will continue to run. Train 229 will leave LaSalle Station at 10 p.m. Saturdays and make all stops along the Beverly Branch and mainline, Metra said.

Metra is also making

other schedule adjustments. For example, the 4:50 p.m. BNSF train from Union Station will now end in Aurora at 6 p.m. instead of making its last stop at Fairview Avenue in Downers Grove at 5:30 p.m. Metra said customers who board the train at Riverside and other intermediate stations requested the change so they could get to Aurora without transferring to another train.

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## Defense

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really demonstrated using scientific methodology that women and girls who go through self-defense programming are much less likely to experience sexual violence."

In a 2015 study of 893 college women published in the New England Journal of Medicine, researchers found that women who took a 12-hour course that involved both education and self-defense experienced less rape than women randomly assigned to a control group. While 10% of the women in the control group were raped over the next year, only 5% of the women assigned to the sexual assault resistance course were raped.

Similarly, rates of attempted rape were lower

for the women who took the course, with 3% experiencing attempted rape, compared with 9% of the women in the control group.

Authors of the study speculated that the reduction in attempted rape may have been due to an increased ability to detect and interrupt men's unwanted behavior at an early stage.

Thompson, whose organization offers both long-term and short-term sexual assault defense programs, said that it's important to emphasize that victims are not responsible for sexual assault; the perpetrators are solely responsible.

But, she said, if a woman chooses, she can do things to make herself safer.

In the 1980s, police often advised women not to fight back against sexual assault, fearing the additional violence that might result. And in the 1990s, women's

rights advocates pushed back hard against the notion that a woman is somehow responsible for the violence inflicted on her, and the related belief that it was a woman's responsibility to protect herself.

Mariá Balata, director of advocacy services at the Chicago rape crisis center Resilience, expressed some reservations about self-defense classes for sexual assault, saying that the hard-wired biological response to sexual violence is very strong, with hormones causing some people to freeze and others to run or fight. There are programs that train you to bypass those responses, she said, but you'll probably need more than one to three defense classes to learn how to do that.

She also said that some old-style defense classes place responsibility for staying safe on the victim, an

approach that rape crisis centers strongly oppose. And she said that because most victims of sexual assault know their attackers, a "stranger danger" approach isn't going to address the majority of rapes.

"We would rather spend our energy on prevention work, on teaching people how not to rape," she said.

Thompson said IMPACT's approach includes both prevention and self-defense, with many graduates saying the techniques they used the most involved setting boundaries and asserting themselves verbally.

For example, a woman might repeat a simple phrase such as "I don't want to do this" or "I need to go home" a few times, a dozen times — or more. There's no need to be creative with your wording, Thompson said. The idea is just to get the message across clearly.

"We teach that kicking

and striking are tools of last resort," said Thompson.

"It's not the go-to first thing unless, of course, you're under immediate attack."

That was reportedly the case Monday, when the University of Chicago student was approached by her attacker shortly after midnight in the 5600 block of South Drexel Avenue, according to Chicago and university police. The 21-year-old student "was approached from behind by an unknown suspect who placed his arm around her torso, pushed her to the ground and attempted to place his hand up her skirt," according to University of Chicago Police.

When the man reached for the student, she bit his arm, and he ran off, going north on Drexel.

"It sounds as if she recognized the danger, she identified the tool that she had

available to her, which in this case was her teeth, and she identified a vulnerable part of this person's body," Thompson said, adding that it's a basic self-defense principle that you use strong parts of your body against vulnerable parts of your attacker's body.

Thompson said that the outcome in this case was good, but the point isn't that everyone should fight back all the time.

"One of the general principles we have is no one knows the situation better than the person who is in it," she said.

"We don't say, 'If this happens, do this.' We really focus on people having an array of tools and that people need to rely on their own judgment and assessments and perceptions of what's going on."

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# Thefts

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officers soon discovered that the man they had in custody was the SUV's owner, who'd made the trip south to get his work ID badge out of the car.

"He risked harm to himself by going where the people who stole his car left it. ... (And) he could have been dealing with armed felons," Glencoe Deputy Public Safety Chief Richard Weiner said. "He also lost a potential arrest, and us finding out who had stolen his car."

But it could have been, and has since been, much worse.

Police in suburbs that cut a wide swath from North Shore communities like Wilmette and Glencoe, to Oak Brook and Naperville out west, and Palos Heights and New Lenox farther south, have been warning residents for years about the importance of locking cars to prevent vehicular thefts and burglaries. Flyers have been distributed at Fourth of July fireworks displays, roadside electronic message boards erected and cautionary statements delivered to the press, but authorities express frustration at how some suburban residents remain undeterred.

"On any given night, I can head out to Oak Brook, Hinsdale or go up to Lake Forest, and drive off with an unlocked Jaguar, BMW, Mercedes or, if I'm lucky, a Maserati," said Steven Stelter, president of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and the police chief in west suburban Westchester.

Stelter was for years a member of a state auto theft task force. The task force, which Stelter said was funded by grants from insurance companies, was eliminated during state budget cuts a few years ago.

"People just don't accept responsibility today," Stelter said. "They ask, 'Why are there not more police around?' When the real question is, 'Why didn't you take your keys with you and not leave them in an unlocked car?'"

## The chain of events

A thwarted sting operation is one frustration, but the depth of the problem recently was underscored in much more tragic circumstances.

Last week, a 14-year-old Chicago boy was shot and killed by a 75-year-old man after a group that included the teen arrived at the man's Lake County home in a Lexus stolen from Wilmette, allegedly to steal another car, according to police.

The black 2015 Lexus SUV, left unlocked in a Wilmette resident's driveway with the key fob in the cup holder, had been reported stolen two days earlier, Wilmette police said.

But police say they have been ringing the alarm bells for years, fearing that a tragedy like this was bound to happen.

"I'm hoping that residents will start to see that there's a correlation between leaving their keys in an unlocked car and someone potentially getting shot and killed," said Weiner, whose department in Glencoe has seen stolen cars recovered and returned to their owners with bullet holes in the doors, and in one case, a pistol left under the seat.

"Sooner or later, there's going to be a conflict," Weiner said.

While police say vehicular thefts involving unlocked cars happen everywhere, the affluent North Shore's location also makes the area a geographically attractive target to criminals.

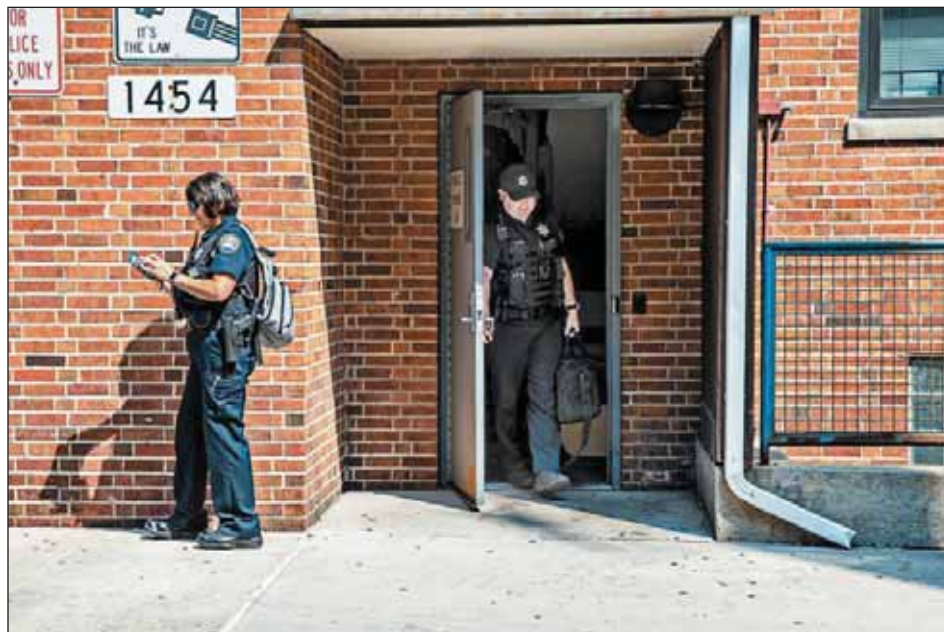
"These car thefts are happening all over suburban Chicago, but I think our neighbors on the North Shore might be seeing a boom, given their easy access to I-94," Evanston police Cmdr. Ryan Glew said.

Crime statistics also provide a glimpse into the issue. In Glencoe, the town saw no vehicular thefts in 2012 and only one in 2013, according to Illinois State Police data. In 2018, there were 15 reported thefts, according to local police. Farther north,



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Officers go out on patrol after Sgt. Larry Miller, center, held a 3 p.m. briefing at the police station in Evanston.



Officers make their way out of the police station to patrol in Evanston, where police have handled 10 motor vehicle theft investigations during the month of June.



Suburban police departments continue to warn residents to lock their cars and take their keys. A significant number of stolen cars were taken because the key was inside.

Highland Park has also seen a marked increase over the last seven years with the number of vehicular thefts rising from single digits in prior years to 26 thefts in 2018, according to state and police data.

"It's like fishermen who find a favorite fishing hole: That becomes their sweet spot, so they start thinking, 'Why should I go fishing anywhere else?'" Weiner said. "Some people might have been more wary of crime when they lived in Chicago, but once they move back to the suburbs, they think they don't have to worry anymore."

## A stolen car's path

Chicago police Deputy Chief Al Nagode said through July, Chicago has had more than 1,100 "foreign steals," vehicles recovered in the city but stolen from the suburbs or other municipalities.

He said that figure has nearly doubled in the last four years because of the Chicago Police Department's increased use of license plate reader technology, which can flag stolen vehicles.

The stolen cars are often found in areas of Chicago rife with active gang conflicts and open-air drug markets, Nagode said.

Nagode, who oversees police patrol operations for Chicago's North and Northwest sides and much of the West Side, also noted how years ago, a criminal often would steal a car, use

it in a crime and then get rid of it. But now, he said, a criminal may use a stolen car to commit multiple crimes.

Nagode did not say what suburb has had the most auto thefts of vehicles later used in Chicago crimes. But he said car thieves may prey on suburban vehicles for a variety of reasons.

"We do know that there

**Vehicles that are burglarized in Evanston are unlocked approximately 90% of the time, and stolen vehicles are typically unlocked with a key inside, Evanston police Cmdr. Ryan Glew said.**

are connections between criminal activity in the suburbs (and) gang activity here in the city. ... The guns come from somewhere. The narcotics come from somewhere. It doesn't get grown and made all here in Chicago," Nagode said. "There's also crime of opportunity. There's also anonymity. ... They may feel that they have the ability to go out there and have less opportunity to get caught, necessarily, because they're not known to the neighborhood."

Chicago cops work with suburban police departments closely if there's a pattern of vehicle thefts in those suburbs that are tied to crimes in Chicago, he said.

Nagode acknowledged that victims of car thefts in

safe areas, such as in the suburbs, might be less ob-servant of criminal activity. But while all auto thefts aren't caused by this kind of behavior, Nagode said no one with a car should let their guard down.

"There is a responsibility on all of us to make sure that we're doing things so we're not an easy target," he said.

In Wilmette, nine cars

have been stolen so far this year, all of which involved unlocked vehicles with the keys inside, Wilmette police Chief Kyle Murphy said.

The most recent incident, the stolen Lexus linked to the fatal incident in Lake County, was reported missing by a local resident after they realized it was no longer in the driveway, he said.

The reactions from residents who report their cars have been stolen range from those who express shock and dismay, telling police they assumed they "lived in a safe community," to those who say it was an isolated slip-up and they are embarrassed about their behavior, Murphy said.

For years, the police department has been delivering a message via social

media and other outlets that "leaving cars unlocked with the keys inside is not being vigilant and doing your part, because it's like you're inviting a criminal element into the community," Murphy said.

"This is not simply a property crime, where they're stealing a car to go joyriding ... many of these cars are associated and linked with shootings and homicides," he added.

## The technology angle

Adding to the issue, experts say, is the growing prevalence of key fob starters, which eliminate the need to take keys out of the ignition.

According to the Des Plaines-based National Insurance Crime Bureau, an organization that works with police and insurance companies to track car thefts, the use of key fob starters in many new cars, coupled with drivers' increasingly frenetic schedules, is only adding to the problem.

"It's not so much that these crimes are happening because of the new technology, but that the new technology has given some drivers a false sense of security, and made people more apt to leave their key fobs in an unlocked car," said Rusty Russell, the organization's director of operations for vehicle programs. "Everyone is way too busy these days, plus the fact that you no longer have to pull your keys out of the ignition, you just push a button."

West suburban Oak Brook also took to social media in an effort to get residents in the habit of locking their cars. Late last year, the department undertook a social media blitz to remind residents to check their cars every night at 9 p.m. The daily messaging was a reminder for people to make sure their vehicles were locked and they hadn't left their key fob inside the vehicle.

Arlington Heights police employed a similar tactic, regularly posting a host of humorous memes on Facebook to drive home the point.

In Winnetka, police said the crimes appear to be declining from a high of 14 motor vehicle thefts in 2017, seven in 2018 and just one stolen car reported this year, Deputy Chief Brian O'Connell said.

Like Wilmette, O'Connell said Winnetka has for years been delivering a message of "lock it or lose it," including hiring a private company to produce a public safety announcement that features a clip from a resident's surveillance video depicting a crew casing cars in a village neighborhood.

"Leaving keys in an unlocked car is often a simple mistake, especially since these days, you don't need to actually put keys in the ignition to start many cars, so there's not the instinct to grab your keys when you get out of the car," O'Connell said.

In Evanston, where the police department handled 10 motor vehicle theft in-

vestigations during the month of June alone, officials say that preventing burglary to vehicles remains a top priority, but added that it can sometimes be challenging convincing residents they need to remain vigilant as well.

Vehicles that are burglarized in Evanston are unlocked approximately 90% of the time, and stolen vehicles are typically unlocked with a key inside, Glew said.

"It can be frustrating, but I think that often people are just not aware," said Glew, adding that new auto technologies, such as push starts that don't require a key in the ignition, can inadvertently lead to a driver leaving a key fob behind in an unlocked car.

If patrol officers with Glencoe's Public Safety Department notice a resident's garage door has been left open, or they spot a parked, unlocked car in a driveway with the keys inside, they will knock on the homeowner's door, and if they don't answer, they will have a dispatcher call the house, Weiner said.

## A deeper problem?

For Arthur Lurigio, a professor of psychology and criminal justice at Loyola University in Chicago, last week's fatal incident in the tiny Lake County suburb Old Mill Creek illuminates the potentially catastrophic ripple effect of a single car theft.

"The 14-year-old boy who died is a victim, and so are his surviving family members, who are suffering, and the kids who were with him are probably also traumatized, and they could be facing lengthy prison sentences too," Lurigio said. "For the elderly man who shot this boy, this is probably not something he ever expected to do in his life, and he is likely traumatized right now too."

Of course, criminals targeting affluent suburban neighborhoods is by no means a modern dilemma. Starting back in the 1920s, organized crime gangs in Chicago would head out to the North Shore to steal cars and burglarize homes, Lurigio said.

"It's like the old saying attributed to Willie Sutton, who when asked why he robbed banks, supposedly said, 'Because that's where the money is,'" Lurigio said.

In Glencoe, officials plan to continue ramping up their message to local residents that leaving keys in unlocked cars is not only asking for trouble, but could even end up contributing to deadly crimes.

"Occasionally, we have a resident whose car was stolen who gets it, and realizes leaving your keys in an unlocked car is providing an opportunity for crime," Weiner said. "But we also are still hearing from those who say, 'We pay enough taxes ... why aren't the police doing anything about this?'"

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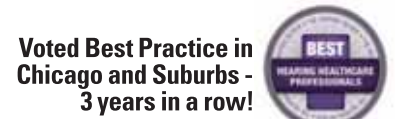
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# Indiana man charged with kidnapping girl

He is accused of forcibly taking teen to Ark., files show

BY MEREDITH COLIAS-PETE

A St. John man accused of taking a 16-year-old Crown Point girl to Arkansas faces nearly two dozen charges including kidnapping, criminal confinement, stalking and domestic battery, records show.

Alexander Martin Curry-Fishtorn, 22, was charged Tuesday in Lake Superior Court with 17 felonies and four misdemeanors. On Aug. 16, he is accused of forcibly taking the girl to his friend's house in Mavern, Arkansas, documents show.

He was hoping to hold her until she turned 18, when he felt prior charges he faced for violating a May 20 restraining order set up by her mother would be dropped, records state. Previously, Curry-Fishtorn was charged with felony stalking, intimidation while violating the restraining order, documents show.

Curry-Fishtorn was arrested in Arkansas on Sunday. The Post-Tribune is not naming the girl because she is a minor.

"We are extremely pleased that this teen was found safe," Lake County Sheriff Oscar Martinez said in a statement Monday.

They met at a Crown

Point U.S. Marines recruiting event in January 2019 where Curry-Fishtorn had asked for Snapchat contacts of prospective recruits, documents state. Within a week, he and the girl were dating, she later told police. The relationship turned abusive by March, she said in court documents.

He didn't want her wearing shorts or makeup to look "provocative," would go through her phone, see who she was texting, barring her from talking to other boys, including co-workers, documents state.

Wearing a black hat, glasses and hoodie, Curry-Fishtorn showed up at the Lake County Fair in early August while the girl was there with friends, documents state. When she got cut off in line and her friends went on a ride, he appeared, grabbed her arm, dragged her by her hair and took her behind the ride, saying she wasn't following "their rules," saying he was angry about her outfit, a court document said. Later on, he stabbed her in the thigh with a sewing needle; she later was treated for the wound at a hospital, records state.

While taking a friend home on Aug. 16 after her restaurant hostess shift, the girl's car died just after she dropped her off, records show. Without a cellphone, she turned around to walk back to the house to call her

mom. Within 20 feet from her car, she saw headlights with a car speeding down the block, documents said.

Curry-Fishtorn hit the brakes, got out and grabbed her by the arm to get into his car, records state.

"We gotta go," he told her, court records said.

The girl said she was unable to unlock the front seat to get out, while in the back seat, he had "packed his whole life into the car," documents allege. There appeared to be a gun in one of the back bags, records state.

"I have a gun, so don't try anything," he told her, according to charging documents.

They drove nearly 10 hours to Malvern, Arkansas, where Curry-Fishtorn had a military buddy he met at Camp Pendleton in California during his two-month Marine infantry training in March, records state.

The man, a U.S. Marine Corps reservist, said they could hide out at his house for a few days while Curry-Fishtorn figured out a plan. He helped him move his car into bushes in his back yard, out of public view, documents state. He said he thought the girl was 18, but discovered she was 16 when she and Curry-Fishtorn arrived around 9 a.m. Sat-



Curry-Fishtorn

urday, records state.

The friend was aware the girl's mother had filed a restraining order against Curry-Fishtorn, who told him "things were bad in Indiana" and he couldn't contact the girl, records show. The friend said he researched if Curry-Fishtorn and the girl could marry in Arkansas, but discovered she would need a parent's consent.

Meanwhile, Curry-Fishtorn told the girl not to try escaping, but said everyone in Arkansas would be nice to her and he would "starve himself to make sure she was fed," records show.

After eating, they bought black hair dye from a Walmart and paid the friend's sister \$10 to color the girl's blonde hair "so she couldn't be recognized," documents state.

Curry-Fishtorn said he was looking where to go next, including North or South Dakota where there were rigs he could get a job (North Dakota) quickly without a background check, or head to a family vacation rental in Florida, charging documents state.

The girl feared she and her whole family were in danger, adding his plan to marry her was "crazy," records state. During her time in Arkansas, she went along with Curry-Fishtorn's plan, seeing there were four guns

in the wall of his friend's house, unsure if they were loaded.

Curry-Fishtorn's sister later told police that he had been violent with her and once cocked a gun at their mother, records state. He was "volatile and angry," she said in court documents.

His sister told police that if a September hearing for violating the restraining order didn't go well, "there was a suicide pact in the works," she said in charging documents.

The girl said she never had a suicide pact with Curry-Fishtorn, but was afraid he would kill her and himself, documents state. She told police he once put a gun to her head, then his, alternating, then asking her to hold a gun to his head, records show.

"I hope they keep him in prison for as long as they possibly can," the girl said in court records.

The girl's mother filed a 20-page restraining order against Curry-Fishtorn, which was granted on May 20, Lake Superior court records show, citing stalking and fear of physical harm.

Like in court documents, the woman said her daughter met him at a Crown Point Marine recruiting event in January, where she later trained weekly, hoping to join the service. Curry-Fishtorn was a Marine that helped with new recruits,

the mother wrote.

In March, the woman was alarmed to find him sitting in her living room when returning 45 minutes after leaving for work. Curry-Fishtorn bolted out the door, then returned. He told the woman she struggled with "major anger issues" and the girl helps calm him, she wrote.

"Should I be scared of you? Are you going to hurt my daughter," she told Curry-Fishtorn. "I asked him if he was in my place, he (said) he would call the police and have him arrested."

As the relationship developed, the mom tried to stop her daughter from seeing him. During the spring, the girl admitted she snuck out several times between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. to see him, documents state.

Visiting her daughter at a hostess job, she was alarmed to find an Instagram live video was running on the teen's phone "so he can watch her and know who she is talking to," she wrote. She was also caught on Skype with him multiple times during school, a teacher told the mother.

In May, some relatives went to Curry-Fishtorn's mother's house to warn her about the relationship. His mother was "mortified," saying her son said the girl was almost 18. She pledged to get her son to break it off, court documents said.

## Chicago Outfit soldier captured on recording dies

He had been diagnosed with prostate cancer

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY

A reputed Chicago Outfit soldier who allegedly bragged about being responsible for hundreds of burglaries and home invasions has died while awaiting sentencing for a federal conviction of being a felon in possession of a firearm, court records show.

Charles "Chuckie" Russell was diagnosed with stage 4 prostate cancer after his arrest in late 2016.

An order filed Monday by U.S. District Judge John J. Tharp Jr. closing the case acknowledged Russell's death but did not provide further details. Russell's attorney did not return a call Tuesday seeking comment.

An alleged member of the mob's Grand Avenue crew, Russell admitted in a plea declaration in April 2018 to possessing a single .38-caliber Smith & Wesson revolver. He had been charged with attempting to buy eight guns, including a submachine gun and an AK-47 assault rifle, from an undercover federal agent.

At his guilty plea last year, Russell limped up to the podium and leaned on a cane as he told Tharp that he was undergoing intensive chemotherapy for the cancer, making him feel weak and nauseated.

As a result of his terminal diagnosis, he was released from custody in January 2018. At the time, he lived with his longtime

girlfriend, Patricia Spilotro, a relative of Chicago mobsters Anthony and Michael Spilotro, whose infamous 1986 murders were a central part of the landmark Operation Family Secrets trial more than a decade ago.

Russell previously served prison time for a murder conviction in 1973 and was sentenced to 35 years in prison for an aggravated criminal sexual assault in 1992. He was released on parole in March 2011.

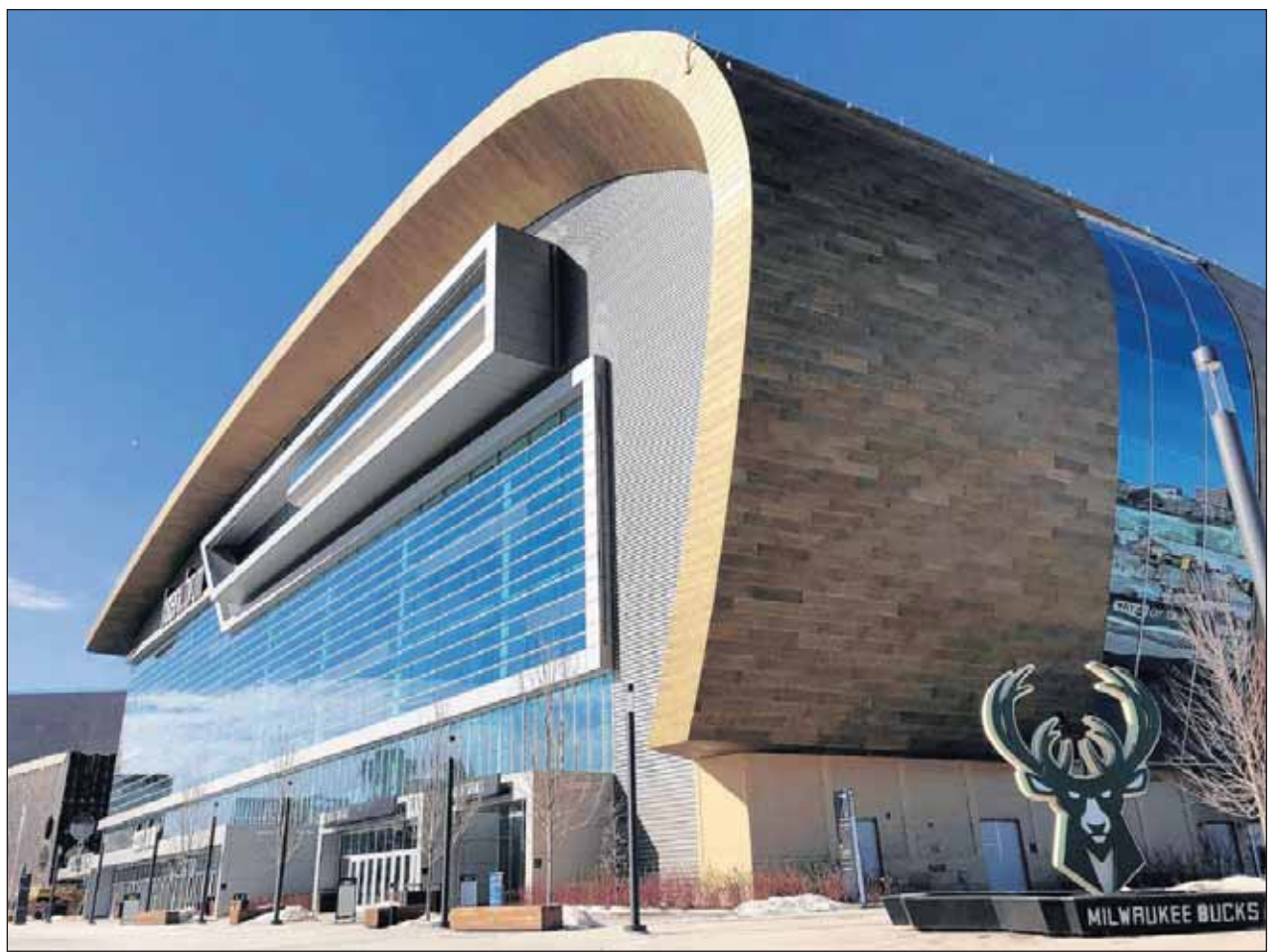
The federal probe included undercover recordings that captured Russell talking gleefully about guns, murder and an upcoming home invasion in which he planned to hold a blowtorch to a victim's feet to force him to open a safe.

"They always open for me, believe me," the charges quoted him as saying just days before Christmas 2016. "I bring my butane torch, put it on the bottom of their feet, they open it."

Russell was also captured on the recordings talking about plans for an upcoming robbery of an older suburban lawyer who was believed to have as much as \$750,000 in cash in his home, the charges alleged.

"Nothing gets my juices flowing like putting a gun to someone's head, taking their stuff and making it mine," the charges quoted Russell as telling the undercover agent. "It will be a great Christmas, I'm telling you."

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Delegates to the Democratic Convention might be staying closer to Chicago because of a shortage of hotel rooms.

## '20 Dem delegates might stay in Chicago suburbs

BY JUAN PEREZ JR.

People planning to visit Milwaukee for next year's Democratic National Convention may need to settle for a stay in the scenic village of Rosemont near O'Hare International Airport, party officials confirmed Tuesday.

Lodging is just one logistical challenge organizers face when assembling an enormous gathering to select the Democratic challenger to President Donald Trump in the 2020 election. There are only so many hotels to go around in a given area.

That means Rosemont is listed on a plan for potential DNC convention accommodations, as well as other hotels in the region surrounding Milwaukee.

It's not yet clear which party delegates will stay in the Chicago suburbs next July. A lodging plan has been floated to delegates this week, a party spokesman said, but has not been finalized.

Illinois' delegates will be staying in Waukesha, Maura Possley, a spokeswoman for the Democratic Party of Illinois, said in an email.

"We see this as a regional convention designed to engage with communities that will be critical in taking back the White House," said Brandon Gassaway, a spokesman for the Democratic National Committee.

Traffic could present one problem. Rosemont is about 80 miles south of Milwaukee, in a part of the region known for its congestion at

peak travel times.

"The DNC is exploring rooms throughout the region, some of which are outside the greater Milwaukee area and outside the rooms that Visit Milwaukee has already committed to the convention," said Kristin Settle, a spokeswoman for the city's tourism bureau.

"This has happened in other cities. It's not uncommon and it's part of the DNC's overall housing platform," Settle said.

The party downplayed the potential for a rush-hour crawl to Wisconsin.

Two-thirds of convention delegates will stay within a 45-minute drive of Milwaukee's Fiserv Forum downtown, the DNC said. The party also said delegates who stay in Rosemont

would still have shorter drive times than the commutes far-flung delegates faced at past Democratic conventions in Philadelphia and Charlotte. The farthest hotel grouping is still about 20 minutes closer to Milwaukee than Madison, the party said.

"Democrats selected Milwaukee to host our convention because Wisconsin and the region are critical to our top priority: defeating Trump and electing our eventual nominee to the White House in 2020," national convention committee CEO Joe Solmonese said in a statement.

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## Waukegan residents tackle casino concerns at council meeting

BY EMILY K. COLEMAN

The proposed Waukegan casino dominated the City Council meeting Monday evening with most residents expressing their opposition while several business owners and community leaders pushed for Tap Room Gaming owner and former state Sen. Michael Bond to be the developer.

A casino is "not a done deal," said Waukegan resident and frequent volunteer Diane Verratti, echoing a phrase used by several of the 13 casino opponents who spoke Monday evening.

"We are not that desperate," Verratti said. "We deserve leaders who are able to think for themselves and on behalf of all of us, figure out how to bring smart, sustainable and suitable development to Waukegan."

Like several opponents, Verratti raised concerns about the level of spending tied to Bond and Tap Room Gaming in the recent aldermanic elections and pointed to the ongoing campaign promoting a North Point Casino proposal backed by Bond and Warner Gaming.

Of the nearly \$400,000 donated to aldermanic candidates across Waukegan's

nine wards since December 2018, 85% came from four organizations tied to Bond or the video gambling industry, according to a News-Sun analysis of state-mandated campaign disclosure forms.

Of the six candidates that received money from these groups, four won.

North Point Casino's promotional campaign has included Facebook ads, a website detailing the proposed development and a series of public endorsements, including from the Black Chamber of Commerce of Lake County and the Lake County Building

and Construction Trades Council.

"We do know a casino will be coming to Waukegan, a reality that the community must accept," said Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church Pastor Arthur Gass, who also heads up the Black Chamber of Commerce of Lake County.

Gass said he's opposed to gambling, but his focus is on coming, his focus has to shift to ensuring diversity and Waukegan residents are given priority in hiring.

That's why he said his organization was endorsing the North Point Casino pro-

posal, which he urged the Waukegan City Council to recommend to the state as the city's sole choice instead of choosing two to four proposals, as Mayor Sam Cunningham has said the city plans to do.

So far, the city itself has only released the number of proposals it has received, not the names of the developers or what their proposals entail.

Three of the six development teams have released information on their own: North Point Casino, Potawatomi Hotel & Casino and, as of this week, Las Vegas-based Full House Re-

sort's American Place.

Staffers are in the process of vetting the proposals and putting together a short list of finalists that will be released around Aug. 26, according to city staff.

Interviews with the remaining candidates are set to follow after Labor Day, with a public hearing planned for late September.

The finalists, chosen by the Waukegan City Council at a later meeting, will then be forwarded on to the Illinois Gaming Board.

The city's deadline to make those recommendations is Oct. 25.

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### Some no longer all-in on health plan

Several Democratic hopefuls have pulled back from supporting 'Medicare for All'

BY CHELSEA JANES  
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The Washington Post

U.S. HIGHWAY 20, Iowa — Leaning back on a black leather sofa as her campaign bus rumbled toward Fort Dodge, Sen. Kamala Harris tried to explain why she spent months defending a plan to replace private health insurance with "Medicare for All," only to switch to a more modest proposal that would allow private insurance to continue after all.

"I don't think it was any secret that I was not entirely comfortable — that's an understatement," Harris said. "I finally was like, 'I can't make this circle fit into a square.' I said: 'We're going to take hits. People are going to say she's waffling. It's going to be awful.'" But, she said, she decided it was worth it.

The Democratic senator from California is hardly alone. The idea of Medicare for All — a unified government health program that would take over the basic function of private insurance — became a liberal litmus test at the outset of the presidential campaign, distinguishing Democratic contenders who cast themselves as bold visionaries from more moderate pragmatists.

But in recent months, amid polling that shows concern among voters about ending private insurance, several of the Democratic hopefuls have shifted their positions or their tone, moderating full-throated endorsement of Medicare for All and adopting ideas for

allowing private insurance in some form.

"What I think has happened in the Democratic primary is people recognize that some of the concerns about single-payer are not coming from special interests but the public," said Neera Tanden, a former top aide to Hillary Clinton and now president of the Center for American Progress. (A government-run health system is sometimes called a single-payer system.)

Harris' new plan would allow private insurance policies as long as they followed Medicare's rules on quality and price, giving consumers a choice much like the one seniors currently have between Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans.

Former Texas congressman Beto O'Rourke, who in 2017 embraced Medicare for All as the "best way," now similarly supports a plan that would preserve the current employer-based insurance system.

This unmistakable, if sometimes subtle, shift in tone stems in part from Democrats' fear of giving away a newfound advantage over Republicans on health care.

After the Affordable Care Act passed in 2010, Republicans scored major political victories by vowing to repeal the initially unpopular law. But when the GOP seized control of Washington under President Trump and tried to follow through on those promises, they faced a powerful backlash from voters who'd come to rely on the ACA.

Now some Democrats



SALWAN GEORGES/WASHINGTON POST

Sen. Kamala Harris, second, right, Aug. 10 in Iowa. She has altered her health care proposal to include private insurance.



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Sen. Bernie Sanders and Sen. Elizabeth Warren at July 30 debate in Detroit.

warn of the perils for their party in taking a position that, to important groups of voters, could seem just as disruptive as the GOP's push to kill the ACA.

"There is nothing more personal to people than their health care," said Kathleen Sebelius, who consulted on Harris' plan and served as health and human services secretary in the Obama administration. "Anything that calls for the

vast majority of Americans to lose what they have — that's a very dangerous place to start a conversation."

Five of the seven U.S. senators in the race have co-sponsored the Medicare for All bill drafted by Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt. But they have begun to shade their messages, suggesting that the bill represents a long-term vision rather than an immediate plan.

Many of the candidates are now focusing on steps they say would push the country closer to universal health care without a major disruption, such as creating a "public option" that would let people join Medicare without making it mandatory.

Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey, for example, co-sponsored the Sanders bill

and emphasizes that he still supports it, but he describes himself as a "pragmatist" who would focus on "the immediate things we would do," which do not include eliminating private health insurance.

Many Democrats argue that if Americans are given the choice of a public, government-run health option like Medicare, they will eventually see it as preferable to the private system and will migrate there on their own. That would create a government-run system without coercing people to join it, they say.

Sen. Kirstin Gillibrand of New York, another co-sponsor of Sanders's bill, stresses this approach. "I can go to anywhere in this country and say, 'Why not have a not-for-profit public option that competes with your

insurer charging you too much money?'" Gillibrand said Monday during a Washington Post Live event.

Even Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, who declared "I'm with Bernie on Medicare for All" at the first Democratic debate, has given herself wiggle room, saying that "there are a lot of different pathways" to achieving the goal of the Sanders bill.

Sanders himself is emphasizing his continued allegiance to a sweeping version of Medicare for All. That shows, he suggests, that he is the only candidate who can be trusted to fight for real change.

His campaign argues that allowing private insurance to remain, with all its inequities and privileges, would only perpetuate a tiered health care system.

### Trump now worried about 'slippery slope'

President changes tone on guns weeks after mass shootings

BY JILL COLVIN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump insisted Tuesday that the U.S. already has "very, very strong background checks" for gun purchases in the latest sign that he is backing away from throwing his political support behind changes to the system that are opposed by the powerful gun lobby.

Speaking to reporters in the Oval Office, Trump also noted "a lot of the people that put me where I am are strong believers in the Second Amendment," and suggested he worries about blurring the contrast between Republicans and Democrats on the issue.

"We have to be very careful about that," he said.

A gradual rhetorical softening by Trump has taken place in the more than two weeks since gunmen opened fire in El Paso, Texas, then in Dayton, Ohio, leaving more than 30 people dead. Trump said in the tragedies' wake that he was



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President Trump says the U.S. already has "very, very strong background checks."

eager to implement "very meaningful background checks" and told reporters there was "tremendous support" for action.

"We don't want people that are mentally ill, people that are sick — we don't want them having guns," he said.

But in the days since, Trump has changed his tone. He said Tuesday that, while the current system has "sort of missing areas and areas that don't complete the whole circle," it is overall "very, very strong" — even though federal law requires background checks only for guns sold through licensed dealers.

And he said he worried about the potential risk of a "slippery slope," where "all of a sudden everything gets taken away." Just 11 days earlier Trump dismissed

that very same "slippery slope" thinking, which he attributed to the National Rifle Association. "I don't agree with that," he said then.

The waffling drew anger from Democrats, including Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, who said if Trump is serious about action he should call on Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to put a House-passed background checks bill up for vote.

"These retreats are heartbreaking, particularly for the families of the victims of gun violence," Schumer tweeted.

Republicans have refused to take up several Democratic-backed gun control bills that passed the House, and historically have opposed many efforts to strengthen the nation's gun laws.

Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., who spoke with Trump last week, said the president expressed support then for working across the aisle "to come up with a background checks bill that can pass the Senate and save lives." While he said he would wait to hear from Trump again directly, he compared the episode to



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People gather at a makeshift memorial outside Walmart last week in El Paso, Texas.

Trump's flip-flop on background checks following the Parkland, Florida, shooting after intervention from the NRA.

"It's time for Republicans and President Trump to decide whose side they're on," Murphy said in a statement. "Are they going to stand with the 90% of Americans who want universal background checks, or are they going to once again kowtow to the desires of the gun lobby?"

Trump, who has reversed course on gun issues throughout his adult life, had insisted when pressed by skeptical reporters earlier this month that this time would be different because

the composition of the House and Senate had changed.

But a senior White House official pushed back on the notion that Trump was backing away from support for legislative changes, noting that Trump has repeatedly voiced a desire to get something done.

The person, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that the White House's policy and legislative affairs teams have been discussing potential options, in addition to ongoing conversations with members of Congress led by Eric Ueland, the director of legislative affairs.

While two Democrats on

the Hill described talks with the White House as largely stalled, others said White House officials have been engaged in continued conversations with Democratic and Republican lawmakers. That includes staff-level conversations with Murphy's office since he spoke with Trump last Sunday, according to one Senate staffer.

"The White House has been very responsive to our office," said Steve Kelly, a spokesman for Republican Sen. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania, who has long pushed a bipartisan expanded background check bill with Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia.

### Trump: Jews who vote for Democrats show 'lack of knowledge'

BY FELICIA SONNEZ  
AND JOHN WAGNER  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Tuesday said that any Jewish people who vote for Democrats are showing "either a total lack of knowledge or great disloyalty," prompting an outcry from critics who said the president's remarks were promoting anti-Semitic stereotypes.

Trump made the comment in an exchange with



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President Trump has called Rep. Rashida Tlaib "vicious" and "out of control."

reporters in the Oval Office ahead of a meeting with Romanian President Klaus Iohannis.

Trump began by lashing

out at Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich., questioning the sincerity of her tears at a news conference where she talked about her decision not to travel to Israel to see her elderly grandmother, who lives in the occupied West Bank.

"Yesterday, I noticed for the first time, Tlaib with the tears," Trump said. "All of the sudden, she starts with tears, tears. ... I don't buy it for a second, because I've seen her in a very vicious mood at campaign rallies, my campaign rallies, before

she was a congresswoman. I said, 'Who is that?' And I saw a woman that was violent and vicious and out of control."

He then went on to attack Democrats more generally over the views of Tlaib and Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn. Both women have long been fierce critics of Israel and its treatment of Palestinians. They support the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement, a global protest of Israel known as BDS.

"Where has the Democratic Party gone?" Trump

asked. "Where have they gone, where they're defending these two people over the state of Israel? And I think any Jewish people that vote for a Democrat, I think it shows either a total lack of knowledge or great disloyalty."

Critics on both sides of the aisle immediately pointed out that Trump's use of the word "disloyalty" had echoes of anti-Semitic tropes accusing Jews of dual allegiance.

Omar was criticized by members of both parties for

saying during a town hall earlier this year that she wanted to discuss "the political influence in this country that says it is OK for people to push for allegiance to a foreign country."

Omar responded to the president's remark with a two-word tweet. "Oh my," she said, followed by a facepalm emoji.

The Republican Jewish Coalition defended Trump, arguing that the president was speaking about people being disloyal to themselves rather than to Israel.



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Pro-China supporters take a selfie Saturday in Hong Kong. Twitter said it has suspended thousands of accounts spreading disinformation about the chaos in Hong Kong.

## China defends right to spread Hong Kong disinformation

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The showdown between Twitter, Facebook and the Chinese government rose to a new level Tuesday as Beijing defended its right to spread its views online — even if the tactics violate company guidelines designed to curb the spread of disinformation.

The resistance from China, voiced by Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang at a news briefing in Beijing, came a day after Twitter and Facebook named the Chinese government as responsible for what they called “coordinated, inauthentic behavior” in shaping online portrayals of the political protests roiling Hong Kong. It was the first time major U.S. companies had named China as responsible for a disinformation campaign, though researchers have said for years that the government there has major, sophisticated social media operations aimed at influencing public debate.

Some of the thousands of accounts closed by the companies had profiles claiming to be from other

countries, including from numerous cities in the United States, and Twitter said that technological tools called “VPNs” were used to fake the locations of users. Geng said the accounts were not the work of government disinformation teams but Chinese students and others living overseas who “of course have the right to express their point of view,” according to a Reuters report.

“What is happening in Hong Kong, and what the truth is, people will naturally have their own judgment,” Geng said. He added, “Why is it that China’s official media’s presentation is surely negative or wrong?”

Neither company responded to requests for comment about Geng’s statements.

Geng’s comments underscored the challenge social media companies face in trying to combat the kind of disinformation tactics used by Russians in the U.S. presidential election in 2016 and that increasingly are rampant in many countries around the world. As U.S.-based companies attempt to police online dis-

course globally, there is no international consensus over what qualifies as permissible speech — or permissible tactics in spreading that speech, whether it comes from government operatives or anybody else.

This emerging global debate echoes one in the United States as President Donald Trump and many conservatives blast the social media companies for being too aggressive in blocking accounts that they regard as violating their rules for authentic discourse online, portraying such efforts as censorship of political speech.

Disinformation researchers praised Twitter and Facebook for naming the Chinese government as responsible for online campaigns that depicted the Hong Kong protests as the work of violent hooligans provoked by Western forces such as the CIA. Twitter shut down nearly 1,000 active accounts that it said was part of the operation and roughly 200,000 it said were created to help the effort. Facebook closed five accounts, seven pages and three groups on its platform it depicted as fake.

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A demonstrator dressed as a clown and wearing a mask of British Prime Minister Boris Johnson protests Tuesday outside the gates of Downing Street in London.

## UK, EU harden positions on Brexit as G-7 summit nears

BY RAF CASERT  
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Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The European Union and Britain, which are hurtling toward a costly, damaging no-deal split in a little over two months, kicked off a high-wire week of diplomacy Tuesday by entrenching themselves deeper in their irreconcilable positions.

Highlighting new British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's determination to leave the bloc on Oct. 31 even if no Brexit divorce deal is in place, his government said as of Sept. 1 it would stop attending all EU meetings where its vital interests were not at stake. Johnson's Downing Street office doubled down on the message later, stating that unless the trade backstop on the Irish border was abolished "there's no prospect of a deal."

The EU, which is not known for its speedy diplomacy, took only half a day to rebuff a four-page proposal by Johnson on breaking a deadlock over ensuring a transparent border between the EU's Ireland and the U.K.'s Northern Ireland. The bloc said one key part of the proposal was "incorrect" and another "misleading."

In the diplomatic note from the EU Commission and Council to the EU's remaining 27 nations, which was obtained by The Associated Press, the member states were strongly urged not to give in to Johnson's demand that the legal withdrawal agreement the EU negotiated with his predecessor, Theresa May, be changed at this late stage.

Johnson demanded late Monday that the EU reopen Brexit negotiations, scrapping "anti-democratic" provisions for the

Irish border that he said would threaten the peace process in Northern Ireland.

European Council chief Donald Tusk responded quickly and vigorously, defending the so-called backstop — an insurance policy meant to avoid a hard border between Ireland and Northern Ireland.

"Those against the backstop and not proposing realistic alternatives in fact support reestablishing a border," Tusk tweeted Tuesday. "Even if they do not admit it."

The backstop would keep Britain closely aligned with the European customs union if the two sides can't agree on other ways to prevent the reintroduction of border checks on people and goods moving between Northern Ireland and Ireland.

The EU's diplomatic note said it needed to counter

Johnson's assertions, insisting "it is incorrect to state that the people of Northern Ireland have no influence over the legislation that would apply to them."

Similarly, it said "the letter's suggestion that two separate legal, political, economic and monetary jurisdictions already exist on the island and can be managed with an open border is misleading."

Such words left a huge rift between the sides, just as Johnson was preparing to visit German Chancellor Angela Merkel in Berlin on Wednesday and French President Emmanuel Macron in Paris on Thursday. His trips should culminate in more talks at a summit of G-7 leaders this weekend in Biarritz, France.

On a note of guarded optimism, Merkel said that a "practical solution" could still be found for the Irish border issue.

## Italian PM resigns, blames deputy for political instability

BY FRANCES D'EMILIO  
Associated Press

ROME — Italian Premier Giuseppe Conte resigned Tuesday, blaming the collapse of his 14-month-old populist government on his rebellious, anti-migrant Interior Minister Matteo Salvini, who triggered a political crisis to try to force early elections.

Conte, addressing the Senate, blasted Salvini for setting in motion a "dizzying spiral of political and financial instability" by essentially pulling the plug on the government. Salvini's right-wing League party sought a no-confidence vote against Conte this month, a bold move for the government's junior coalition partner.

Conte, a lawyer with no political experience who was tapped to break a post-election stalemate last year, handed his resignation to President Sergio Mattarella at the presidential palace Tuesday night.

Mattarella, who is head of state, requested that Conte and the rest of the government stay on in a caretaker role, while he works in the coming days to determine

whether to call new elections. Mattarella will first see if another viable coalition can be cobbled together.

Salvini, who sat next to Conte during his speech, smirking at times, declared, "I'd do it all again."

He repeatedly kissed a rosary he slipped out of his pocket right after Conte rebuked him for associating "political slogans with religious symbols."

Pressing for elections as soon as possible, Salvini said: "I don't fear Italians' judgment."

In the European Parliament election three months ago in Italy, as well as in current opinion polls, Salvini's League party has become the No. 1 political force among Italians. His crackdown on migrants, whom the party's voter base largely blames for crime, appears to be a huge factor in Salvini's popularity.

Early elections would pull the plug on Parliament 3½ years ahead of schedule, perhaps as soon as late October. That would mean political campaigning in the middle of budget maneuvers that will be monitored



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Interior Minister Matteo Salvini sits next to Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte as Conte addresses the Senate in Rome.

by the European Union.

The EU is concerned about Italy's shaky finances and long stagnant economy, and it expects billions of euros in budget slashing that lawmakers running for office might be loath to make.

Should any early elections sweep Salvini into power, financial markets could be rattled by his Euro-skepticism.

Depicting himself in counterpoint to Salvini's often derogatory depiction of European Union rules, Conte said: "I tried in these 14 months to guide Italy's policy along the path of a critical pro-Europe line, but always oriented constructively."

While off-bickering, the government made up of the anti-establishment 5-Star Movement and the rival League party reflected the

results of Italy's 2018 election and aimed to "interpret the desires of citizens who in their vote expressed a desire for change," Conte said.

Conte defended the government's support for Salvini's migrant crackdown, including stiffening fines to as much as \$1.1 million for captains of humanitarian rescue boats who dock without permission and allow migrants ashore, as well as the seizure of such boats.

"I don't take back anything of what we did, that's not my habit," Conte said.

Outside the Senate, a few groups of citizens rallied in support for the man they hoped would be the next premier. Some hoisted "Salvini for premier signs," others held 5-Star banners, while still others waved signs saying "We're with you, Conte."

## Trump

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assess the real weaknesses in the economy while also determining whether they should take any steps to intervene before the 2020 elections. Trump and many of his advisers believe the economy's strength could be key to his political success.

One of his top Democratic rivals, Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, has argued that Trump's handling of the economy will push the U.S. into a recession. And former Vice President Joe Biden has said Trump has botched a trade war with China in a way that has hurt many U.S. companies.

Last week, White House officials rejected any sense that the economy was weakening, even in the face of numerous signals that the U.S. and global economy had begun to slow. Instead, they blasted the Federal Reserve, alleging that any weakness in the economy was the fault of central bankers who had raised interest rates last year.

In the past few days, however, a new process has kicked off within the West Wing. Numerous top officials have met with Trump and each other to try and determine what is happening with the economy and what — if anything — they should do about it. Trump has also discussed the economy with a range of confidants and business leaders, and the content of those conversations hasn't always been shared with senior White House officials.

The analysis of a payroll tax cut centers on a belief among White House officials that they need to do whatever they can to ensure that consumers continue spending money. Consumer spending has been a bright spot of the economy this year, and consumer spending and retail sales have helped pull the economy through weaker business investment numbers.

But a proposed payroll tax cut could be unpopular with lawmakers from both parties. Many Democrats traditionally support payroll tax cuts, because they tend to disproportionately benefit middle-class Americans. But Democrats could be reticent to back another tax cut less than two years after Republicans pushed through a controversial \$1.5 trillion tax cut package that has had mixed effects on the economy.

Millions of Americans pay a payroll tax on their earnings, a 6.2% levy that is used to finance Social Security programs. The payroll tax was last cut in 2011 and 2012, to 4.2%, during the Obama administration as a way to encourage more consumer spending during the most recent economic downturn. But the cut was allowed to reset to 6.2% in 2013.

Republicans have long resisted payroll tax cuts, believing the effect of such changes to be inefficient and temporary. Also, the last payroll tax cut that was put in place in 2011 and 2012 was costly, pulling away more than \$100 billion in federal revenue each year. The deficit is already projected to hit \$1 trillion this year and worsen next year.

The White House scramble comes as administration officials grapple with dimming economic projections ahead of the 2020 elections. White House officials had in-

sisted that the economy would grow at a roughly 3% pace this year, a clip that many economists believe is too rosy.

One of Trump's top trade advisers, Peter Navarro, has estimated that the Dow Jones Industrial Average will hit 30,000 by Christmas.

It closed at 25,962 Tuesday and could slip.

White House officials have not presented a coordinated plan for how to deal with the changing economy. Just a few hours before Trump considered that he has thought about a payroll tax cut, spokesman Hogan Gidley denied it.

"It's not being considered at this time, but he's looking at all options out there to try and give people back so much of the hard-earned money they've made," Gidley said.

The White House is trying to juggle an effort to calm the public about the state of the economy while simultaneously search for ways to prop the economy up. They are focused on buttressing consumer and business confidence, two fluid measurements that can determine how much spending occurs.

One reason for the

**"The fact is, somebody had to take China on."**

— President Trump

weakening economy, many business leaders and economists believe, is the prolonged trade war Trump has launched against China. Trump has imposed tariffs against \$250 billion in Chinese imports and plans to impose tariffs on another \$100 billion in goods Sept. 1.

And he has announced that he will impose tariffs on another large batch of Chinese imports — many of which are popular consumer goods like laptops and phones — on Dec. 15.

J.P. Morgan Chase issued a report Tuesday that said these tariffs could cost the average American family roughly \$1,000 each year.

Trump has given conflicting signals about the prospect for cutting a deal with China. He has said he will impose tariffs on China indefinitely and suggested that leaders in Beijing are going to wait until after the 2020 elections to decide whether to negotiate.

But Sunday, he tweeted that discussions with China had restarted. On Tuesday, he appeared less optimistic, saying the fight he had launched against the Chinese was necessary, but that his life would be easier if he hadn't done it in the first place.

"The fact is, somebody had to take China on," he said. "My life would be a lot easier if I didn't take China on. But I like doing it, because I have to do it, and we're getting great results."

Trump has insisted that China rips off U.S. consumers and businesses by manipulating their currency, unfairly subsidizing their domestic companies, and stealing intellectual property from U.S. firms. As the trade war has worsened, China has cut back on agricultural purchases from the U.S., and Trump has authorized more than \$20 billion in payments to U.S. farmers in order to quell outrage in key states.

## Va. city asserts free speech in suit to move 'Johnny Reb'

BY BEN FINLEY  
Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. — The city of Norfolk is claiming in a lawsuit that its free speech rights are being violated because a state law won't let it remove an 80-foot Confederate monument from its downtown.

Norfolk's lawsuit employs a relatively novel and untested legal strategy in the federal court system for trying to remove a Confederate monument, legal experts say. The main legal

question in this case is whether cities have free speech rights.

The city filed suit Monday in a U.S. District Court in Norfolk and targets a Virginia law that prevents the removal of war memorials. The suit claims infringement of the First Amendment because the city is being forced to project a message it no longer supports.

"The purpose of this suit is to unbuckle the straitjacket that the Commonwealth has placed the city

and the city council in," Norfolk argues in its complaint. "Because the monument is the city's speech, the city has a constitutional right to alter that speech, a right that the Commonwealth cannot take away."

Norfolk owns the monument, which includes a statue of a Confederate soldier nicknamed "Johnny Reb," as well as the seal of the Confederacy. The Council voted in 2017 to move the monument to a cemetery.

Built in 1907, the monument was one of many

erected across the southern United States between 1890 and 1919, well after the Civil War's 1865 conclusion. The Reconstruction era had ended. And an interpretation of that war that historians call the Lost Cause had emerged that romanticized the South and de-emphasized slavery.

The defendants in Norfolk's suit are the state of Virginia, state Attorney General Mark Herring and Norfolk Commonwealth's Attorney Gregory Underwood. The offices of Her-

ring and Underwood did not immediately respond to emails seeking comment.

University of Virginia law professor Richard C. Schragger said Norfolk's lawsuit makes a relatively "novel legal claim that hasn't been tested in federal court yet."

Schragger said Tuesday that there is legal precedent for the free speech rights of corporations. But he said on the federal level, "it's not entirely clear that a city can bring a First Amendment claim against a state."



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Norfolk's City Council wants to remove the 80-foot Confederate monument.



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## NEWS BRIEFING

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## Militants leave key rebel town as Syrian troops push in

BEIRUT — The main insurgent group in the Syrian province of Idlib pulled out of a key town as government forces advanced in the area Tuesday amid intense bombardment and airstrikes, a militant group and opposition activists said.

As the militants withdrew, government troops moved into northern and western neighborhoods of Khan Sheikhoun, marking a significant gain for President Bashar Assad's forces

as they try to chip away at territory controlled by the opposition in Idlib. The northwestern province—dominated by Hayat Tahrir al-Shaman, an al-Qaida-linked faction—is the last major rebel-held bastion in Syria.

The militant group said in a statement that its fighters carried out “a re-deployment,” withdrawing to south of Khan Sheikhoun and would continue to defend the territory from there.

## 2 more step down from NRA board in latest resignations

Two prominent board members stepped down from the National Rifle Association this week, deepening the upheaval at the gun rights powerhouse, which has lost seven directors since May.

NRA officials confirmed Tuesday that country music singer Craig Morgan has left the board, as first reported by CNN, along with Richard Childress, a well-known NASCAR team owner.

The departure of Childress came after he and then-NRA President Oliver North privately urged the group's leaders in a letter this year to more carefully review spending decisions under CEO Wayne LaPierre, particularly legal fees totaling tens of millions of dollars.

In his resignation letter Monday, Childress emphasized that he had chosen to leave to focus on his private business.

## Indian spacecraft launched last month is now orbiting moon

NEW DELHI — An unmanned spacecraft India launched last month began orbiting the moon Tuesday as it approaches the lunar south pole to study previously discovered water deposits.

The Indian Space Research Organization said it successfully maneuvered Chandrayaan-2, the Sanskrit word for “moon craft,” into lunar orbit, nearly a month after it left Earth. The mission is led

by two female scientists.

Chandrayaan will continue circling the moon in a tighter orbit until reaching a distance of about 60 miles from the its surface.

The lander will then separate from the orbiter and attempt India's first moon landing on a relatively flat surface between two craters in the south polar region on Sept. 7 — an area where no moon landing has been attempted before.



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Indian army personnel guide a rubber raft through the flooded streets of Kang Khurd on Tuesday after rescuing stranded residents who became trapped by rising waters triggered by monsoon rains.

## US envoy to resume talks with Taliban on ending Afghan war

KABUL, Afghanistan — The U.S. envoy negotiating with the Taliban for an end to nearly 18 years of fighting in Afghanistan departed Tuesday for Qatar to resume talks, the State Department said, amid concerns about a growing threat by an Islamic State affiliate.

Zalmay Khalilzad also will visit with the Afghan government, which has been sidelined from the talks, to discuss the “peace process and encourage full preparation for intra-Afghan negotiations,” the U.S. said.

In Washington, Presi-

dent Donald Trump told reporters he believes the Taliban insurgents are eager to stop fighting and that they could “very easily” prevent Afghanistan from being a breeding ground for terrorism. The U.S. will, nonetheless, keep an eye on Taliban influence, he said, even as it thins its troop presence.

The new talks in Qatar, where the insurgent group has a political office, come after a horrific suicide bombing at a wedding in Kabul over the weekend. The blast, claimed by the IS affiliate that has emerged as a brutal threat in recent

years, led outraged Afghans to question whether a U.S.-Taliban deal would mean peace for long-suffering civilians.

Afghanistan was the world's deadliest conflict in 2018, and the United Nations has said more civilians died last year than in the past decade. Afghan officials have said Saturday's bombing killed more than 63. More than 32,000 civilians have been killed in the past 10 years.

Some 14,000 U.S. troops remain in Afghanistan, and their withdrawal is a central part of the U.S.-Taliban talks.

## FBI: Man threatened mass shooting at church

A truck driver who threatened to “shoot up” a church in Memphis, Tennessee, and said he was haunted by “spiritual snakes and spiders” people put in his bed was arrested in Indiana, less than a week before the day of the planned attacks, authorities said in court records.

Thomas Matthew McVicker was arrested Friday in Indianapolis, according to a criminal complaint unsealed this week. It's the most recent case in a string of men being arrested around the country for threatening to carry out shootings.

McVicker, 38, made

“credible threats to conduct a mass shooting and suicide” planned for this coming Thursday, an FBI special agent said in a sworn affidavit.

He was arrested by Indiana State Police and the FBI, said Chris Bavender, an FBI spokeswoman in Indianapolis.

## Prosecutor in Italy orders rescue ship evacuated

MILAN — An Italian prosecutor ordered the seizure of a rescue ship and the immediate evacuation of more than 80 migrants still aboard, capping a drama Tuesday that saw 15 people jump overboard in a desperate bid to escape deteriorating conditions on the vessel and Spain dispatch a ship to try to resolve the crisis.

The order to seize the Open Arms, anchored off Italy's southernmost island of Lampedusa, came after Sicilian Prosecutor Luigi Patronaggio boarded the ship and met with port authorities as part of an investigation into possible kidnapping charges resulting from the refusal of hard-line Interior Minister Matteo Salvini to allow the migrants to get off the Spanish humanitarian ship.

Salvini refused to open Italian ports, even after six countries stepped forward to take the migrants.

**In Brazil:** Brandishing a fake gun, a man on Tuesday took dozens of hostages on a bus in Rio de Janeiro and threatened to set the vehicle on fire with gasoline before police shot him dead in a four-hour standoff on Latin America's longest bridge.

All the hostages were freed unharmed on an 8-mile bridge that offers a sweeping view of the city. The panoramic setting where the man made his move seemed to reflect a bid for maximum publicity in a spot with virtually no chance of escape.

“He told us he didn't want our belongings, that he didn't want to hurt us, that he just wanted to go down in history,” said Hans Moreno, a hostage.

The standoff was broadcast live on TV, riveting Brazilians.

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## EDITORIALS

# Speaker Madigan's little shop of horrors

*"People from across the Capitol workplace reported that they had witnessed or personally experienced what they described as inappropriate sexual conduct in the Capitol workplace. They described conduct that included inappropriate sexual comments and unwelcome sexual advances. ...*

*"More workers, however, said that they had witnessed or personally experienced what they considered to be bullying. In fact, most workers across the Speaker's Office and across genders and positions said that they were more concerned with bullying than with inappropriate sexual conduct."*

— From an investigative report on sexual harassment and bullying within Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan's office and his Democratic caucus

The eruption of the #MeToo movement and companion allegations of sexual harassment in the Illinois Capitol provoked a novel idea: Maybe official Springfield should think about policing legislative misconduct.

In subsequent fits and starts, House Speaker Michael Madigan has acknowledged misbehavior in his statehouse and political realms, and has vowed to fix a sorry culture of harassment and bullying. Essentially: *You can trust me.*

As accusations multiplied and his assurances wore thin, Madigan stonewalled intensifying calls for an independent investigation. By June 2018, though, Madigan was asking for the resignation of his chief of staff, alleged bully Tim Mapes — and, finally, committing to an outside investigation of the Illinois House and its back offices. We credited Madigan for his choice of an honest broker to run the probe: Chicago attorney Maggie Hickey, a former federal prosecutor and, under Gov. Bruce



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House Speaker Michael Madigan has said he takes responsibility for not doing enough to stop misbehavior among those working in his office.

Rauner, the state's executive inspector general.

On Tuesday, Madigan's House released Hickey's report, rife with accounts of offensive behavior in the speaker's domain. Hickey's documentation of Mapes' alleged bullying and inappropriate comments dominated much of the initial news coverage.

**Anyone who spent much time in the Capitol** knew of Mapes' hard-driving, arguably abusive M.O. But seeing his conduct memorialized in Hickey's report now confronts Madigan's fellow Springfield

Democrats with three uncomfortable questions:

■ Although he surely knew of Mapes' intimidating style, Madigan nevertheless chose him to serve not only as chief of staff, but also as clerk of the House and executive director of the Illinois Democratic Party. Why didn't Democratic lawmakers grow spines and object to this concentration of power in the hands of Madigan's own gatekeeper and hatchet man?

■ Madigan was the prime beneficiary of Mapes' domineering demeanor beneath the Capitol dome. What consequences, if any, will House Democrats seek to impose

on the speaker whom they routinely reelect, and who funds many of their campaigns? ... Caucus? ... Caucus? ...

■ The breadth and uniformity of complaints about bullying and harassment that are recorded in Hickey's report ought to be top of mind for Illinois voters as they evaluate candidates for the 2020 elections. Hickey's finding from interviews with "multiple representatives" that Mapes "spoke just as irreverently to elected officials as he did to his staff" suggests that many lawmakers knew plenty about the routine mistreatment of House members and staff. Why didn't members of Madigan's majority — legislators who routinely speak publicly about this state's downtrodden citizens — speak publicly about the downtrodden people in their workplace?

**Madigan responded to Hickey's report with more platitudes:** He takes responsibility for not doing enough, he's already taken steps to improve the culture, he's "ready to work with the other legislative caucuses to ensure that everyone has a safe workplace."

Who knows, maybe more attempts at damage control will placate members of Madigan's caucus, who'll have to own Hickey's findings throughout the 2020 campaign cycle.

Hiding behind Madigan's pants leg already has gotten more difficult for Madigan's Democrats as FBI agents raid the homes of his proteges, federal prosecutors investigate his political allies and Cook County grand jurors probe his organization's brazen conduct toward its election opponents in his Chicago ward.

As of Tuesday, though, serving as meek, see-no-evil legislators in Speaker Madigan's little shop of horrors just got harder.

# Was Milton Friedman wrong? No, just nuanced about the role of business in society.

Long ago, famed University of Chicago economist Milton Friedman made several clear-eyed points about the role of corporations in the American free market system. Companies, he said, exist to serve their owners — that is, their shareholders — which means the main responsibility of corporate executives is "to make as much money as possible." Because that's what their employers, the investors, want: profits.

As for the idea that companies exist for some separate, higher purpose — to do good in the world — Friedman was direct, but also nuanced in his thinking: "There is one and only one social responsibility of business — to use its resources to engage in activities designed to increase its profits so long as it stays within the rules of the game, which is to say, engages in open and free competition without deception or fraud."

Friedman — Nobel Prize winner and champion of the private sector, who wrote

a book called "There's No Such Thing as a Free Lunch" — died in 2006. At this moment his free market thinking seems out of fashion.

For years, Business Roundtable — a national group of influential corporations — endorsed the Friedman principle that companies exist primarily to serve their shareholders. On Monday, the group changed its tune, publishing a new statement that says corporations also have four other obligations: to deliver value to customers, invest in employees, deal fairly and ethically with suppliers, and support the communities in which they work. Friedman's belief is relegated to a fifth obligation: to generate "long-term value for shareholders, who provide the capital that allows companies to invest, grow and innovate."

The organization, which includes such Illinois companies as Abbott, Caterpillar and Boeing, is reacting to the politics of the

moment. The Democratic presidential primary is shaping up to be a debate about the rules of capitalism. High CEO pay, the responsibility of corporations to pay income taxes and the propriety of a for-profit health care industry all are on the docket. Democratic candidates haven't invoked Friedman as a perpetrator, but it's not too much to say his ideas are on trial. Which is why corporate America is scrambling to deflect criticism.

**Does that mean Friedman's notions are out of date?** No, because his logic is far-ranging. Companies need a path to profitability or they have no reason, or ability, to exist. Serving shareholders is shorthand for saying companies should avoid emotional or nostalgic decisions. In other words, sometimes a 100-year-old widget company needs to stop making widgets, or sell to a competitor, even if it

hurts.

Yet companies also contribute social good. The private sector creates jobs, delivers paychecks and generates wealth for the many Americans who own stocks and mutual funds, either directly or via their pension or retirement accounts.

And, as Friedman put it, the role of ethical companies is to *engage in activities designed to increase profits*. That phrase incentivizes CEOs to invest in employees and communities, and take other actions that could be described as socially responsible. Yet those actions also support the companies' profitability because they help retain employees, attract customers and develop markets.

Friedman's larger point was that the private sector has a different function than government has. Companies exist to maximize profits. Whatever good they contribute emanates from that mission.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Drug crime is not what's driving the high prison population in the U.S. It's crimes of violence. And this omission has consequences. It means that any "solution" is unlikely to achieve its intended goal, and in the meantime society will continue to suffer long-term damage — physical, psychological and economic — from a persistent cycle of unaddressed violent crime.

The numbers are unambiguous. For all the attention we pay to people convicted of drug crimes, they make up only 15 percent of our state prison populations. Over half the people serving time in state prisons have been convicted of a violent crime; half of those convicted of violence — or more than 25 percent of all prisoners — have been convicted of the most serious crimes: murder, manslaughter or sexual assault. ...

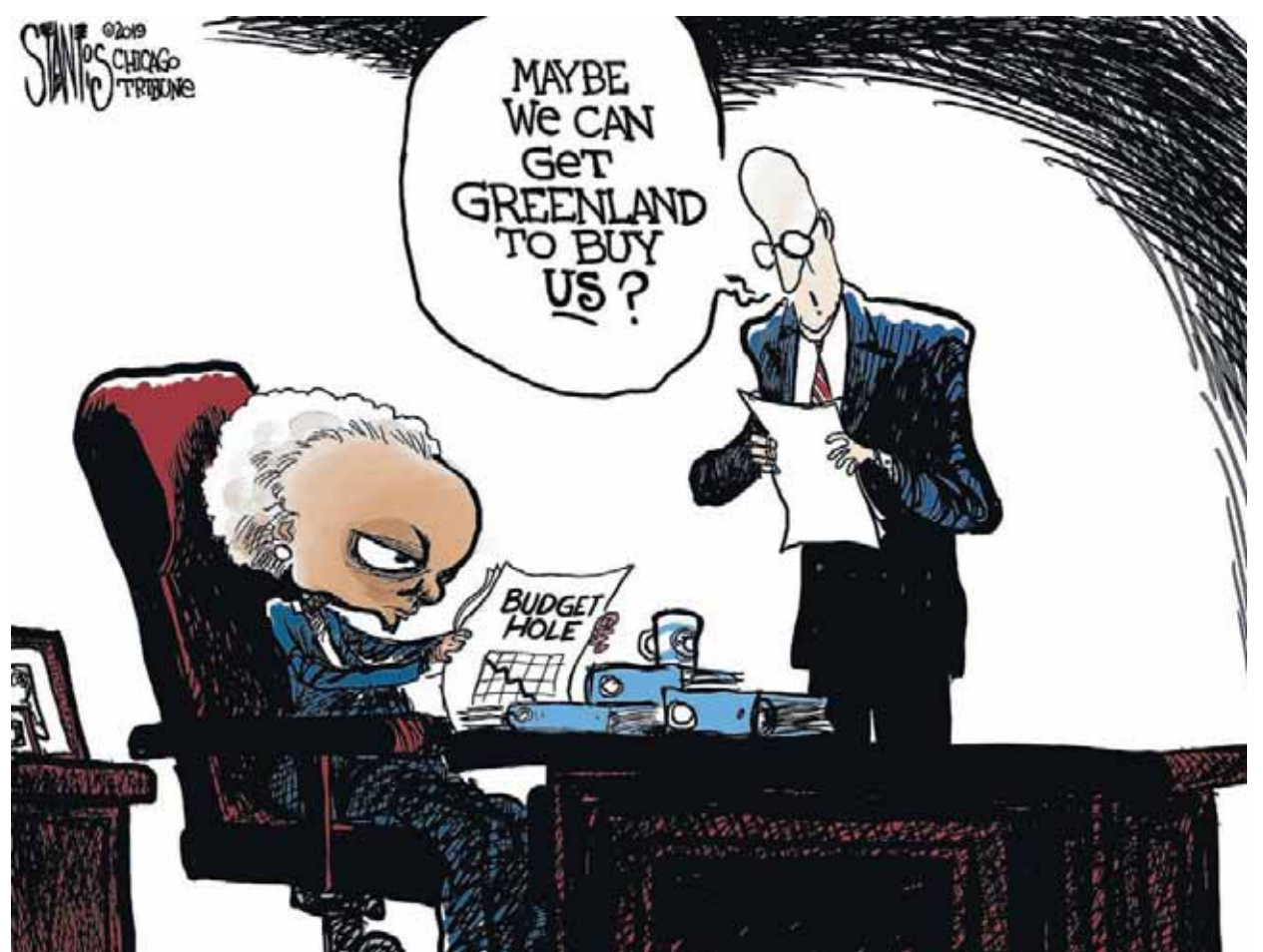
(Although) 15 percent of the people in prison were convicted of a drug crime, the underlying facts might be more complicated. Someone, say, arrested for assault and found to have drugs on him at the time of the arrest might agree to a deal in which he pleads guilty to just the drug charge. In the data, this person shows up as a "nonviolent drug offender," even if the prosecutor demanded prison time on the drug offense only because of the uncharged violence. ...

Hearing the Democratic candidate for president debate drug policy but ignore violence only reinforces the public's sense that drugs are central to mass incarceration and that violence is not an issue we need to confront.

Both takes are wrong.

**John Pfaff, Politico**

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## PERSPECTIVE



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Illinois State Police troopers arrest one of the teens in Chicago suspected in an attempted car break-in Aug. 13 in Lake County.

## Shooting probably unjustified, but felony murder law says it doesn't matter



ERIC ZORN

I can put myself in the position of the homeowner in Old Mill Creek, startled at a little past 1 a.m. on Aug. 13 by the sounds of six strangers in his driveway evidently attempting to break into his car.

He went out onto his porch and brought along a small-caliber revolver.

I don't own a gun, but I probably would if I lived in Old Mill Creek, which isn't a suburb so much as a lightly populated portion of horse country in Lake County just south of the Illinois-Wisconsin border.

Police aren't typically nearby in the unlikely event of trouble — the area is patrolled by the Lake County sheriff's police, and, in fact, it took deputies 10 minutes to arrive on the scene when the homeowner called 911 after what happened next.

You've probably read about it: The man yelled at the group to leave. He later said that two of them advanced on him, one with an unknown object in his hand that police said turned out to be a hunting knife with a 10-inch blade.

The man opened fire, intending, he said, to frighten off trespassers, but one shot fatally wounded 14-year-old Ja'quan Swopes of Chicago.

Illinois law allows the use of lethal force when a person "reasonably believes that such force is necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to himself or another, or the commission of a forcible felony." He (or she) can shoot someone trying to break into his house if "the entry is made or attempted in a violent, riotous or tumultuous manner, and he reasonably believes that such force is necessary to prevent an assault upon, or offer of personal violence to, him or another then in the dwelling."

From the safety and literal and emotional distance of my position at the keyboard in my office in the light of day, my conclusion is that he was not justified in using deadly force against people who at the time were some 40 feet away, according to law enforcement officials.

The man, who has not been charged, should have gone back in his house, locked the doors, called police and waited for help. Yes, he's 75 years old — every news story has pointed this out — but a gun is an equalizer in such situations.

I'd like to think I wouldn't have let the adrenaline rush of fear, surprise and anger along with the probable fog of sleep distort my judgment at such a

moment. But I admit it might have.

Either way, though, I'd like to think that second-guessing of this sort serves the purpose of reminding gun owners about the responsibilities that attach to their rights.

Firearms advocates get downright misty talking about the weapon-wielding prerogatives of "law-abiding citizens," but that appeal only works if, under pressure and on the spot, these citizens abide by the law when they pull the trigger.

I'd also like to think that whether the shooting was justified matters when it comes to assessing blame for Swopes' death.

A major part of the controversy surrounding this case is that his five alleged accomplices have been charged with first-degree murder under an Illinois law that holds defendants accountable for deaths that occur during the commission or attempted commission of a "forcible felony," which includes not only typical violent crimes but also burglary, including auto burglary.

It doesn't matter under the law who dies — victim, perpetrator or innocent bystander.

It doesn't matter who caused the death — victim, perpetrator or police officer.

It doesn't even matter if the person who caused the death was legally justified or a quick-trigger vigilante.

The situation here is a shocking example of the potential absurdity of this law, as broad as any such statute in the nation, according to research overseen by Steven Drizin, co-director of Northwestern University's Center on Wrongful Convictions: Five teens are facing 20 years to life in prison for murder because a frightened homeowner shot and killed their friend when they were allegedly committing a property crime.

Yes, they deserve to be punished for all they did wrong that night, including leading police on a dangerous high-speed chase that could have resulted in more deaths. But charging them with murder offends the cherished notion of proportion that establishes the moral foundation of the law.

Last year, California revised its statutes to limit murder charges to those who intended to kill or who knowingly abetted someone who intended to kill others during the commission of a felony.

Illinois House Bill 1615, an effort to bring similar change here filed earlier this year by South Side Democrat Justin Slaughter, died in committee. But this story should be all the motivation our lawmakers need to revisit his proposal and bring sanity and fairness to our murder laws.

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## Illinois should resist the rent control temptation

BY HOWARD HUSOCK

Rent control — barred in Illinois since the 1997 Rent Control Preemption Act became law — is once again in vogue. Two repeal and replace bills have been proposed in the state legislature, including one that calls for the election of a half-dozen "regional rent control boards" across the state. It's an understandable but deeply misguided bureaucratic temptation that legislators should resist.

Demands for rent control typically increase when rents spike, which is happening in and around Chicago, where the average apartment rent is now \$1,998 — a full 6% higher than a year ago. But good intentions aside, proponents of rent control often overlook the root causes of skyrocketing rents, which generally have more to do with policy failures than a property owner's unbridled greed.

New York City is a classic example of such policy failures. In the Big Apple, where more than a million housing units are rent-regulated, the perceived need for tenant protection reflects restrictive zoning laws and artificially high labor costs that make it impossible for new development to keep up with demand.

In Chicago, one must look to rising property taxes — which are up 22% since 2007 across all of



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Housing activists and supporters rally in the Thompson Center in 2018 to demand affordable housing and lifting the ban on rent control.

Cook County, according to the Illinois Policy Institute, with further increases likely. Those increases reflect a failure of both state and city government to find some compromise approach to crippling increases in public employee pension and health care costs. In effect, city residents are paying for services they received long ago — and paying at such generous levels that current services suffer, and property taxes are driven up. To view this as a failure of the housing market is to miss the point.

If the state were to succumb to the temptation to rein in rents by law, Chicagoans can expect not a solution to housing problems but, rather, a whole new set of problems, also known as unintended

consequences.

First, there is no guarantee that low-income residents will benefit. Indeed, property owners whose rental income is limited have a strong incentive to rent to those they can be more certain will pay — those with high incomes and good credit scores.

That's exactly what's happened in New York, where a study by New York University's Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy found that in the most desirable parts of Manhattan, the incomes of rent-controlled households were "higher than the median income of market-rate tenants" in most other New York neighborhoods. Anyone who's ever lived in the city knows someone who has a ridiculously high salary and pays

ridiculously low rent, thanks to rent control.

Thanks to human nature, once you have what you think of as a good deal, one is loath to move on — helping to create the low vacancy rate to which rent control is a response. According to the NYU study, "about 23% of households in rent-stabilized units have lived in their unit for 20 years or more, compared with only 7% of households in market-rate units."

Therefore, housing becomes a game of musical chairs — and when the music stops, some are simply left out. Indeed, New York — despite its reputation for welcoming the ambitious — has the lowest housing turnover rate of the top 10 U.S. cities. That means newcomers must double- or triple-up, as they face high rents on the nonregulated units that become available.

New York rents are among the highest (just behind San Francisco) because, although rents on regulated apartments are low, the bidding war that ensues on non-regulated units (those in exempted, smaller buildings or new construction) are bid up, and newcomers are boxed out.

Rent control thus becomes a deterrent to the young talent that cities need to remain thriving and dynamic. Low housing turnover means that longtime residents are "grandfathered in," and that is

exactly the wrong prescription for a city and state hungry for talent from across the country and around the world.

If not rent control, then, what to do about a housing-cost crisis? One must look to a range of ways to increase supply. For Chicago, that could mean improving public safety in areas that have the necessary infrastructure and apartment buildings but where abandonment rates are high.

For Cook and Lake counties, it could mean modest incremental relaxation of zoning laws — to permit, for instance, accessory dwelling units ("granny flats") and small multifamily housing (two- to four-family owner-occupied buildings). Trying to spread subsidizing housing to higher-income communities is the wrong approach; it's just a recipe for social conflict.

Without a doubt, rent control will have perverse and unintended consequences, mainly for those who can't afford housing. Sadly, keeping rents priced low, by law, will most likely hurt those it intends to help.

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## PERSPECTIVE



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A man walks up the steps of Yale Law School in New Haven, Connecticut.

# Don't make diversity the enemy of excellence



CLARENCE PAGE

As a new generation of college students gets ready to return to campus, I'm reminded of the late Allan Bloom, the University of Chicago professor, philosopher and — on the subject of university education — famously eloquent grump.

No one had any reason to expect his 1987 book with the stuffy title, "The Closing of the American Mind: How Higher Education has Failed Democracy and Impoverished the Souls of Today's Students," to be a bestseller. But it was.

It hit at just the right time to be embraced, particularly by conservatives who were looking, in the era of President Ronald Reagan, for arguments to push back against what they saw as the growing dominance of campus liberals. Regardless of which side we are on, Bloom argued, campuses were losing the values of truth, freedom and critical thinking in the Socratic tradition of asking the right questions about everything.

I enjoyed testing my own tolerance by reading Bloom, even when I sometimes thought the only closed mind in the book was Bloom's.

In the Socratic tradition, I, too, find that I learn not only by reading those with whom I agree but also by testing out my arguments against those with whom I disagree.

I appreciate the value of such arguments even more these days, as people on the left, right and wobbly middle increasingly retreat to their separate worlds and

media.

Now decades after Bloom, a new book by Anthony Kronman, former dean of Yale Law School, in some ways picks up where Bloom left off. But Kronman's book is enlivened by the new era of Black Lives Matter, antifa and a new campus culture that too often values "feelings" and "safety" over the fundamental values of free speech and rational arguments.

Kronman's book, "The Assault on American Excellence," begins with an anecdote about the dispute at Yale four years ago when a "master," or head of residence, at one of Yale's "colleges," as they call dormitories, declared that he would no longer use the "master" title. Some black students, in particular, had objected to the title because it reminded them of plantation culture in the Old South.

Frankly, as a descendant of American slaves and grandson of an excellent English teacher, I was more dismayed than amused by this surrender to linguistic ignorance. Faculty and others should use this teachable moment, I thought, to educate students of the significant historical differences between a schoolmaster and a slave master.

That's how Kronman felt, and he recounts more serious examples at Yale and elsewhere to argue that the campus culture clashes in recent years not only dilute academic rigor but also pose a direct threat to our understanding of what democracy should be about.

Longer running objections were raised over the naming of another residence hall after John C. Calhoun, a Yale graduate, two-time vice president of the United States and a leading pre-Civil War defender of slavery as a "positive good."

Yale finally changed the name in 2017 to honor another Yale grad, computer

scientist Grace Murray Hopper.

As with Bloom's book, I think Kronman raises important points worthy of further discussion and argument, especially when I disagree with him. Like Bloom, he talks a lot more about student protests than he does about what the student protests are about.

Kronman criticizes affirmative action, too, mainly for devaluing individuals in its pursuit of equity for "groups." Yet, that's hard to avoid when you're trying to solve a mammoth problem that, at bottom, is all about groups. We can respect individuals and value diversity in pursuit of excellence, not by opposing it.

Again, we need to talk about such challenges. Unfortunately, free speech is more than some young people can tolerate. Some of them were in the black student union that interrupted a program for 45 minutes in which I participated a few years ago at the University of North Carolina. I was more upset by their promptly leaving after reading off their demands. They didn't hear me quote Marshall McLuhan's observation: "Propaganda ends where dialogue begins."

Too bad. I, too, thought as a student that I knew all the answers. After graduation, I learned about the questions.

Yet I've spent too much time with students in recent years to be grumpy about their impatience. Some are great at telling me what they believe. But, as Kronman and Bloom point out, students also need to be challenged to tell me why they believe it.

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## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

## Corporate leaders need to help fight hate

Each day as I walk through the doors of my firm, I carry many identities. I am Jewish. I am a father and grandfather. I am the grandchild of refugees who fled their country from violence and hate.

I am also executive chairman of a 600-person global company, and have deep concern for my employees and the communities where they and their loved ones live, work and play. The rise of violence, racism and anti-Semitism that we see now is, undeniably, rooted in hate. And it must be countered.

My public and vocal stance aligns with the world's growing demand for action. In the recently released 2019 Edelman Trust Barometer report, 76 percent of global respondents "believe that CEOs should take a stand on challenging issues."

These are extraordinary times. We in the corporate world need to raise our voices against hatred — wherever it surfaces.

I chose to become deeply engaged with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum because my wife, Linda, and I have seen — as we all have — how far unchecked hate and complacency can go.

The museum creates a legacy through education. Its exhibits and programs train the public from schoolchildren to military leaders to law enforcement and the judiciary to become agents of change and gain insight into their own professional and individual responsibilities.

My voice becomes further amplified by partnering with leaders such as former Mayor Rahm Emanuel, an outspoken critic of contemporary anti-Semitism; current Mayor Lori Lightfoot, who is raising her voice in her new role; and Chicago Cardinal Blase Cupich, who regularly speaks against hateful rhetoric.

This September, the national Holocaust museum, Gov. J.B. Pritzker, Mayor Lightfoot, Cardinal Cupich and I, along with more than 2,000 other Midwest residents, will honor Emanuel at the Risa K. Lambert Chicago Luncheon for his dedication to countering hatred and anti-Semitism.

I urge other corporate leaders to join me in standing up against hatred. Engage in the discussion. Join me in taking on the responsibility before us all to fight this ever-growing environment of hateful discourse.

— Richard S. Price  
Executive chairman, Mesirow Financial, Chicago

## A climate change debate

A sobering new United Nations study about the climate crisis, outlining how our warming planet may upend the food system with disastrous results, underscores the need for the Democratic National Committee to host a debate about the climate — and the long list of challenges this crisis will unleash if it's not addressed with urgency.

Among the reasons DNC Chairman Tom Perez gives for not dedicating a debate to a single topic is that it would require debates on other hot-button issues, from health care to gun safety and more. (Hey, that's a pretty good idea, Mr. Chairman.) But with the DNC reportedly poised to discuss the issue this weekend, it's imperative members, including Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan and U.S. Rep. Danny Davis of Chicago, vote "yes."

A climate debate is important because the effects of climate change intersect with so many other major social issues.

A warming planet has severe health consequences, with more exotic diseases taking root in the U.S. and symptoms of a stressed food system, including starvation and even obesity.

Mass migration from areas hardest hit can overwhelm social and government structures. We're already seeing climate migrants from Central America at America's borders. What happens when a critical mass of farmers and their families are forced to head north to save their lives?

No Democratic debate has yet escaped the vast topic of social justice and inequality. A climate debate would explore how this crisis compounds inequities that disproportionately harm poor areas and communities of color.

They would lay out ways to adopt a clean economy and the enormous opportunities that come with it. The free market knows: Renewable energy sources are already cheaper than fossil fuels, and getting cheaper. Clean-energy jobs are the fastest-growing in the nation. In the Chicago area, clean and renewable energy employs more than 101,000 people, according to Clean Jobs Midwest's 2019 survey.

A climate debate would outline existing and potential solutions to the crisis, offering hope, economic opportunity and uplifting prosperity. Candidates would discuss job creation and a just transition for fossil fuel workers; trending agriculture practices that create healthier foods and soil, while improving its natural ability to capture carbon, and how a green economy would unlock innovation and generate moonshot ideas that would reestablish the United States as a global climate leader.

DNC members, for the sake of the youngest among us and future generations, please vote "yes."

— Alex Parker, La Grange

# Move over, Illuminati. The conspiracy against Trump's economy is massive.

BY CATHERINE RAMPPELL

When Barack Obama was president and the economic statistics were good, then-candidate Donald Trump said they were fake. When Trump became president and inherited the exact same stats, they suddenly became real.

Now that they're turning south, they're apparently fake once more.

Trump, aided by his economic brain trust of cranks and sycophants, believes any indicator showing the U.S. economy could be in trouble must be fabricated. It's all part of an anti-Trump conspiracy, he rants, according to reports in The Washington Post, The Associated Press and The New York Times.

And move over, Illuminati, because this particular conspiracy is massive.

It's led by the Federal Reserve, Democrats and the media, of course, or so say Trump and his Fox News minions. But it also includes the entire U.S. bond market, which flashed a warning sign last week when the Treasury yield curve inverted (meaning long-term bonds had lower interest rates than short-term ones, which usually predates a downturn).

Also colluding are the many farmers, retailers, manufacturers and economists who have been warning for more than a year that the burden of Trump's tariffs is mainly borne by Americans, not China or other trading partners, and also that uncertainty over trade tensions can paralyze hiring, investment and purchasing decisions, which we need to keep the economy expanding.

The cabal even transcends borders. Besides Trump's trade wars, after all, the main risk to the U.S. economy involves contagion from abroad. And right now, nine major economies are either in a re-

cession or on the verge of one.

The White House has reportedly declined to develop contingency plans for a downturn because it doesn't want to validate this "negative narrative." This is, in a word, idiotic. As others have analogized, it's like refusing to buy a fire extinguisher because you're afraid of feeding a "negative narrative" that you might someday face a fire.

Administration officials decided the best way to deal with recession risk, which they of course aren't personally worried about, was through a show of force on TV. There, Trump's economic advisers assured Americans they definitely, certainly, cross-their-hearts-and-hope-to-die don't see reason to worry.

White House trade adviser Peter Navarro's strategy was to deny that the data show Americans are paying higher prices on tariffed goods (though we are) and also that the yield curve had recently inverted (though it did). On that latter point, Navarro said the curve was merely "flat" and therefore doesn't signal a possible recession. In virtually identical language across interviews, he told audiences that he had authority in this matter because he "didn't write the book on the yield curve," he wrote "several books on the efficacy of the yield curve as a leading economic indicator."

What Navarro failed to mention, though, is that these books say that both inverted and "flat" yield curves are usual signs of impending recession. One such book, from 2006, explicitly mocked business leaders for failing to prepare for the 2001 recession because they had ignored "the ominous progression of the yield curve" that began with the curve's flattening.

So, yeah, you can add mid-2000s-era

Navarro to the list of anti-Trump conspirators too.

Trump's National Economic Council Director Larry Kudlow hit the Sunday shows too. For his part, he bizarrely pretended other troubling economic data (in this case, on consumer sentiment) didn't exist. He also repeatedly told viewers: "Let's not be afraid of optimism."

And look, yes, it would be unhelpful for public officials to go on TV and tell everybody to panic, pull their money out of the market and stuff it under their mattresses. The White House obviously wants to project confidence instead.

But that confidence is convincing only if it's credible — because, say, the White House has acknowledged how its own trade policies are contributing to recession risk and is committed to reversing them. Or because it has a competent team in place if recession strikes.

Neither is true. Instead, Kudlow's call for optimism has a whiff of Peter Pan logic about it: If only we believe in fairies hard enough, we can always save Tinker Bell — even when we're sending her out into a hailstorm. *If you believe, clap your hands; don't let Tink die!*

It's hard to imagine nervous Americans are really this credulous. Then again, perhaps we were never the intended audience for such performances. Sure, maybe White House aides are trying to fool the public into believing recession warning signs don't exist. But maybe they're actually just trying to fool their boss.

A frightening conspiracy theory, indeed.

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# Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

## Expect Labor Day weekend crowds

Airports planning on record passengers over holiday period

BY DAVID KOENIG  
Associated Press

DALLAS — Airlines expect record crowds over the weeklong Labor Day period, continuing a rise in travel that has boosted the airlines' profits all year.

Airlines for America, a trade group, forecast Tuesday that 17.5 million passengers will fly on U.S. carriers between Aug. 28 and Sept. 3. That would be 2.5 million passengers a day and a 4% increase over the same week last year.

The busiest day is expected to be Friday, Aug. 30, when the group forecasts just under 3 million people will board a U.S. airline.

The industry group credits low fares, and analysts point to steady if unspectacular economic growth and low unemployment as other factors supporting demand for travel.

The airline group says carriers have added seats even though Southwest, American and United have canceled thousands of flights while their Boeing 737 Max planes remain grounded.

Southwest, American and United had 72 Max planes when the jetliners were grounded in mid-March after the second of two deadly crashes. They expected to receive many more planes as the year went on, so they have had to make deeper cuts in their schedules for upcoming months.

American and United have taken the plane out of their schedules until early November. Southwest doesn't plan to use Max jets until early January so that it doesn't have to scrub flights over Christmas and New Year's. Boeing predicts the plane will be flying in November, but the company has been overly optimistic before.

If the plane is grounded much longer than anticipated, airlines will have to buy other planes, said the trade group's economist, John Heimlich.

"But we're far away from that," Heimlich said. "There is a lot of confidence that with all the attention and scrutiny given to this airplane that it will be in flight before they have to consider such extreme measures."

Heimlich said getting through the summer without those planes was the biggest hurdle for the airlines that use them. He said the holidays should be easier because airlines have had more time to adjust their schedules.

Airlines with Max jets have moved their remaining planes around to make sure they cover major routes between big-city airports or hubs. That could leave some less-traveled routes with fewer flights.

On those secondary routes, "there could be lower capacity and therefore slightly higher prices," said Haley Berg, an economist at Hopper, a travel data firm. She said consumers should be checking prices for Christmas travel already and should buy tickets no later than Halloween.

For example, Southwest sus-

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## Cook County teen sues Juul

Lawsuit alleges vaping company marketed e-cigarettes to youth

BY LISA SCHENCKER

A Cook County teenager has filed a lawsuit against e-cigarette maker Juul, alleging that the company designed and marketed its products to appeal to young people.

Christian Floss, 19, filed the lawsuit in federal court in Chicago on Monday, alleging Juul Labs, Philip Morris USA, and Philip Morris parent company Altria encouraged the use of e-cigarettes among young people.

Floss began using Juul e-cigarettes when he was 16, not knowing that they contained more nicotine than regular cigarettes, the lawsuit states. Floss is now addicted to them and suffers from asthma, according to the lawsuit, which seeks class-action



SETH WENIG/AP

Altria said in a statement that it believes the claims against it and Philip Morris are meritless, and that the conduct alleged in the lawsuit happened before Altria had any financial stake in Juul.

status.

"Mimicking Big Tobacco's past marketing practices, Defendants prey on youth for financial gain," the lawsuit alleges. Moll Law Group in Chicago is representing Floss.

Juul spokesman Ted Kwong

said in a statement Tuesday that Juul's e-cigarettes were always meant as an alternative to regular cigarettes for adult smokers. Last year the company launched a plan to fight underage use of its products, and it has advocated for legislation to raise the legal age to

use cigarettes, e-cigarettes and other tobacco products to 21, according to Kwong's statement. Illinois passed such a law earlier this year.

Juul also has shut down its Facebook and Instagram accounts, Kwong said, social media that might appeal to teens.

"We have never marketed to youth and do not want any non-nicotine users to try our product," Kwong said.

He said Juul pods with 5% nicotine strength lead to a nicotine uptake that's similar to, but lower in concentration than, a traditional cigarette.

Altria said in a statement that it believes the claims against it and Philip Morris are meritless, and that the conduct alleged in the lawsuit happened before Altria had any financial stake in Juul. Late last year, Altria invested \$12.8 billion in Juul, representing a 35%

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Analyst Stephen Volkmann says investors worry about Caterpillar even though it doesn't export its machinery.

## Trade war's losers include every sector

Companies without business in China also are vulnerable

BY STAN CHOE  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Looking across the stock market, it's hard to find a company that isn't vulnerable in some degree to the U.S.-China trade war.

Stocks of companies that do lots of business with China, such as chipmakers and other tech-

nology companies, are obvious candidates for investors to sell when trade worries rise. They have fallen more than the rest of the market whenever President Donald Trump sends out a tweet or speaks about tariffs.

But investors are also looking beyond these first-order effects as they pick out which stocks look susceptible to the trade war. Those picks now include many companies that have no significant ties to China but are still at risk.

That's why all but 2% of the stocks in the S&P 500 fell Aug. 5,

when worries ratcheted higher after China let its currency devalue to its lowest level in a decade.

The damage has been widespread since Trump shocked investors Aug. 1 by saying he planned soon to extend tariffs across virtually all Chinese imports.

The latest tariffs cover about \$300 million of Chinese goods, many of them consumer products that were exempt from early rounds of taxes. Even though Trump has delayed some of the tariffs, they will ultimately raise

costs for U.S. companies bringing goods in from China. Those companies will then have to either pass higher prices on to their customers or give up some of their profits.

One concern is that all the uncertainty on trade will lead businesses and shoppers to hold off on spending in hopes of waiting out the tumult. Businesses say they have seen inklings of such behavior, which, if it accelerates, could lead to a self-fulfilling cycle where

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## Facebook rolls out tool to block tracking data

Tech giant testing transparency feature in other nations first

BY BARBARA ORTUTAY  
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Soon, you could get fewer familiar ads following you around the internet — or at least on Facebook.

Facebook is launching a long-promised tool that lets you limit what the social network can gather about you on outside websites and apps.

The company said Tuesday that it is adding a section where you can see the activity that Facebook tracks outside its service via its

"like" buttons and other means. You can choose to turn off the tracking; otherwise, tracking will continue the same way it has been.

Formerly known as "clear history," the tool will now go by the slightly clunkier moniker "off-Facebook activity."

The feature launched in South Korea, Ireland and Spain on Tuesday, consistent with Facebook's tendency to roll out features in smaller markets first. The company did not give a timeline for when it might expand it to the U.S. and other countries, only that it will be in "coming months."

What you do off Facebook is among the many pieces of information that Facebook uses to target ads to people. Blocking the tracking could mean fewer ads



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that seem familiar — for example, for a pair of shoes you decided not to buy, or a nonprofit you donated money to. But it won't change the actual number of ads you'll see on Facebook. Nor will it change how your actions on Facebook are used

to show you ads.

Even if you turn off tracking, Facebook will still gather data on your off-Facebook activities. It will simply disconnect those activities from your Facebook profile. Facebook says businesses

won't know you clicked on their ad — but they'll know that someone did. So Facebook can still tell advertisers how well their ads are performing.

Jasmine Enberg, social media analyst at research firm eMarketer, said the tool is part of Facebook's efforts to be clearer to users on how it tracks them and likely "an effort to stay one step ahead of regulators, in the U.S. and abroad."

Facebook faces increasing governmental scrutiny over its privacy practices, including a record \$5 billion fine from the U.S. Federal Trade Commission for mishandling user data. Boosting its privacy protections could help

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# Travel

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pended service between Los Angeles and Pittsburgh after the Max was grounded. The airline said this week it will also drop some routes from Dallas, Los Angeles and Boston.

It's not clear that every change is due to the grounded planes, but Southwest cited the Max when it decided to reduce total flying this year instead of expanding it nearly 5%.

The airline trade group said traffic on U.S. carriers was up 4.4% in the first half of this year, outstripping the increase in seats, so planes were more crowded than they were last year.

Combined with an increase in revenue per mile of nearly 1%, the pretax profit of U.S. airlines was 9.3% in the first half, up from 7.2% a year earlier, the group said.

Transportation Department figures show that



MARK LENNIHAN/AP

Airlines for America forecast 17.5 million passengers will fly on U.S. airlines between Aug. 28 and Sept. 3 this year.

fares have been at or near record lows, after adjusting for inflation.

The average domestic fare in 2018 was \$352, the lowest since the department started keeping track in 1995, after considering

inflation. The average in this year's first quarter was up \$1 after inflation from early 2018, however. The numbers don't include extra fees, which make up a growing percentage of airline revenue.

# Virgin's space tourism outpost ready for liftoff

BY SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN  
Associated Press

UPHAM, N.M. — Spaceport America is no longer just a shiny shell of hope that space tourism would one day launch from this remote spot in the New Mexico desert.

The once-empty hangar that anchors the taxpayer-financed launch and landing facility has been transformed into a custom-tailored headquarters where Virgin Galactic will run its commercial flight operations.

The interior spaces unveiled last week aim to connect paying customers with every aspect of the operation, providing views of the hangar and the space vehicles as well as the banks of monitors inside mission control.

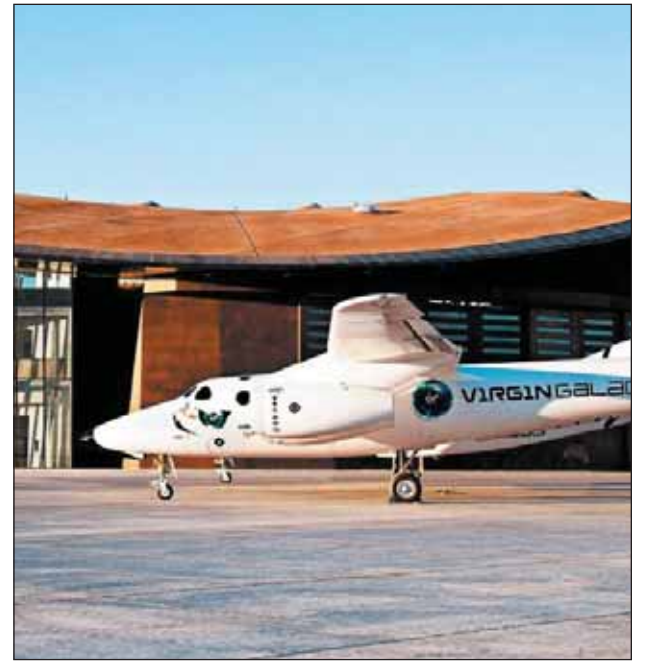
Two levels within the spaceport include mission control, a preparation area for pilots and a lounge for customers and their friends and families, with each element of the fit and finish paying homage to either the desert landscape that surrounds the futuristic outpost or the promise of traveling to the edge of space.

From hotel rooms to aircraft cabins, the Virgin brand touts its designs for their focus on the customer experience. Spaceport is no different.

A social hub includes an interactive digital walkway and a coffee bar made of Italian marble. On the upper deck, shades of white and gray speak to Virgin Galactic's more lofty mission.

Company officials say the space is meant to create "an unparalleled experience" as customers prepare for what Virgin Galactic describes as the journey of a lifetime.

Just how soon customers will file into Virgin Galactic's newly outfitted digs for the first commercial flights



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Virgin Galactic's spaceflight system prepares for flight at Spaceport America.

to space has yet to be determined. A small number of test flights are still needed.

"We were the first company to fly a commercial space ship to space with somebody in the back who was not a pilot — first time that somebody like that has been able to get out of their seats and float around the cabin," Virgin Galactic CEO George Whitesides said. "So it's happening. We have a bit more work to do before we get to commercial service."

Billionaire Richard Branson, who is behind Virgin Galactic, and former New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, a Democrat, first pitched the plan for the spaceport nearly 15 years ago.

There were construction delays and cost overruns. Virgin Galactic's spaceship development took far longer than expected and had a major setback when its first experimental craft broke apart during a 2014 test flight, killing the co-pilot.

Critics suggested the project was a boondoggle, but supporters argued that

there were bound to be hard and sometimes costly lessons.

Democratic state Sen. George Munoz has enduring concerns about the business model for commercial, low-orbit travel for passengers.

"You can have all the money in the world and come back and say, 'Was my 30 seconds of fame worth that risk?'" he said.

Munoz says New Mexico's anticipated return on investment in terms of jobs and visitors is still overdue, with more than \$200 million in public funds spent on Spaceport America in cooperation with Virgin Galactic as the anchor tenant.

Whitesides said that once the test flights are complete, commercial operations can begin. He envisions a fundamental shift in humanity's relationship with space, noting that fewer than 600 people ever have ventured beyond the Earth's atmosphere.

"We're going to be able to send way more than that to space from this facility here," he said.



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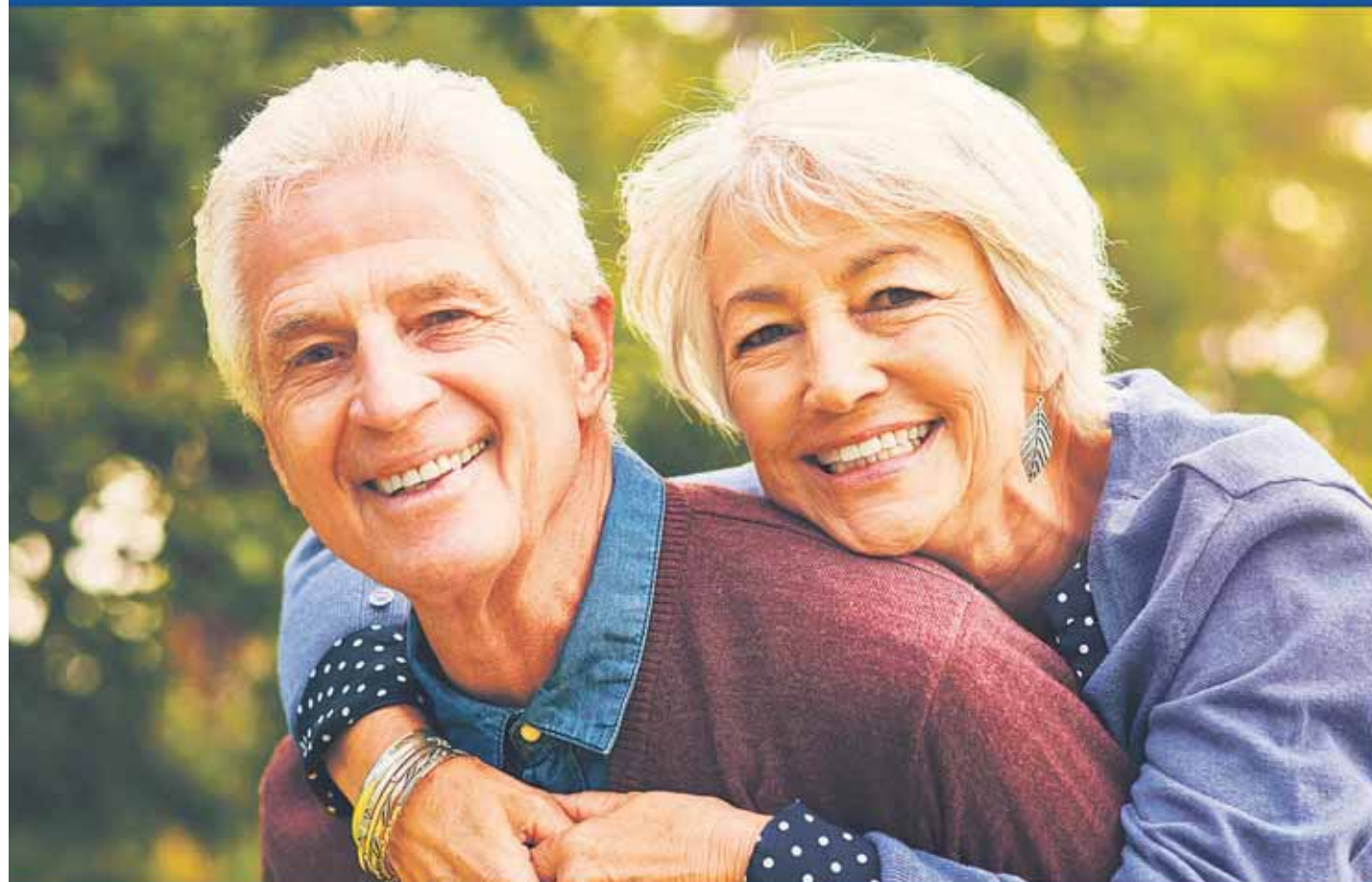


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# Lawsuit

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interest in the company.

The lawsuit alleges that Juul failed to warn consumers, including young people, that e-cigarettes could be dangerous. It alleges that Juul worked to make its products appealing to teens.

"Defendants marketed their products to minors and made them available in youth-friendly colors and flavors," the lawsuit alleges. "Defendants also designed their products to be more palatable to youth and nonsmokers by increasing JUUL's in-hale-ability and increased the level of nicotine that is absorbed by users, making them even more addictive."

The lawsuit seeks an order to stop the defendants from "further negligent, deceptive, unfair and unlawful" conduct as well as unspecified damages.

The lawsuit comes about a week after the Lake County state's attorney's office filed a lawsuit against Juul alleging the company intentionally targeted teenagers with a deceptive marketing campaign. Juul is also facing lawsuits out of Florida and North Carolina.

Tobacco use among young people is increasing in the U.S., driven in large part by the growing use of e-cigarettes, according to a report released in February by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Nearly 1 in 5 high schoolers, and nearly 1 in 20 middle schoolers, said in 2018 that they had used e-cigarettes in the past 30 days, according to the CDC.

Juul and other e-cigarette makers have faced increasing scrutiny over their products in recent months.

At a July hearing of a U.S. House subcommittee, Juul was accused of targeting schools, encouraging students to use its devices and downplaying the health risks of them. Juul leaders emphasized in that hearing that they're working to combat underage use.

National and state health officials are also investigating reports of health problems in people who use e-cigarettes, also known as vaping. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration said earlier this month it had received 127 reports of seizures or neurological symptoms following e-cigarette use.

And the Illinois Department of Public Health also recently said that it had received reports of six young people experiencing severe breathing problems after vaping, and was investigating cases involving five others.

Kwong, with Juul, said in a statement that, "Like any health-related events reportedly associated with the use of vapor products, we are monitoring these reports and we have robust safety monitoring systems in place."

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Oregon State University's new Marine Studies Building is being constructed in a tsunami zone on the state's coast.

## Critics: Ore. development a disaster

### Repeal of building ban in tsunami zone makes waves

BY ANDREW SELSKY  
Associated Press

NEWPORT, Ore. — With sunlight sparkling off surrounding Yaquina Bay, workers are putting up an ocean-studies building in the middle of an area expected to one day be hit by a tsunami.

Experts say it's only a matter of time before a shift in a major fault line off the Oregon coast causes a massive earthquake that generates a tsunami as much as seven stories tall.

Even as work on Oregon State University's Marine Studies Building was underway in Newport, the Legislature went a step further and repealed a ban on construction of new "critical facilities" in tsunami inundation zones, allowing fire stations, police stations and schools to be built in the potential path of a tsunami.

Passage of the bill in June was little noticed during one of the most tumultuous legislative sessions in Oregon history. But it has since been roundly criticized — including by Gov. Kate Brown, who said the bill's passage was one of her disappointments, even though she signed the measure and previously said it benefited economic development.

Chris Goldfinger, an Oregon State University profes-

sor and an earthquake geologist, says putting the \$60 million oceanography building in the path of a tsunami is "beyond ironic," and allowing even more construction threatens lives in favor of development.

"It's foolhardy. In every other country in the world, best practice for tsunamis is avoidance, not building in a tsunami zone," Goldfinger said at a symposium in Newport that included a tour of the construction project.

Proponents of the university facility point out that the building will withstand strong earthquakes and be higher than the biggest tsunami. It will feature a rooftop evacuation site that can accommodate more than 900 people, accessed via an exterior ramp.

Two days of supplies, including water, food and first aid, will be kept on the roof, said Cinamon Moffett, research facility coordinator for the marine center. Once the water subsides, survivors would be evacuated to a community college on a nearby hill, she said.

An earthquake in the Cascadia subduction zone, which extends in the ocean off Northern California to Canada's Vancouver Island, has a 37 percent probability of happening off Oregon in the next 50 years, with a slightly lower chance of one striking near Washington state, Goldfinger said. Cascadia earthquakes have an average magnitude of around 9, making them among the world's biggest.

Evidence of a Cascadia earthquake's awesome destructive power is visible 30 miles up the coast from Newport.

There, a "ghost forest" of Sitka spruces juts up from a beach in the tiny town of Neskowin. An earthquake 2,000 years ago likely caused the ground beneath the trees to plunge, and tsunami debris buried them. The remnants were partially uncovered by storms in 1997. Today, the barnacle-encrusted trees stand like sentinels, facing the Pacific Ocean with vacation homes and a motel nearby.

The last time the ocean reared up from a Cascadia earthquake was in 1700. The estimated magnitude 9 quake sent a tsunami across the Pacific into the coast of Japan, where it flooded farm fields, damaged fishermen's shacks and ascended a castle moat. In the Pacific Northwest and Canada, the impact was far worse, and is described in the folklore of indigenous peoples. One tale describes a struggle between a thunderbird and a whale that caused the earth to shake and the ocean to wash away people and homes.

Oregon became a leader in tsunami preparedness when the Legislature, in 1995, banned construction of certain public facilities in inundation zones.

Washington state requires municipalities and counties to establish rules to limit development in areas that are frequently

flooded or could be hit by tsunamis, landslides or other calamities.

California has no state-mandated development restrictions in tsunami zones, said Rick Wilson, senior engineering geologist with the California Geological Survey. But the state recently adopted new language in its building code requiring that certain types of buildings be constructed to withstand tsunami forces, Wilson said. Other states are moving to do the same, using standards from the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Japan, reacting to a 2011 earthquake and tsunami that left more than 18,000 dead or presumed dead, passed a law allowing towns to set tsunami warning zones and make evacuation and reconstruction plans. The government is spending \$9 billion to build giant sea walls around the northern coastline. Moving to higher ground is not required, though some coastal communities have done so.

"Oregon has gone from sort of a leader in this to full reverse," said Goldfinger, who was attending a seismology conference in Japan when the 2011 earthquake hit.

Oregon lawmakers overwhelmingly repealed the 1995 construction ban in June, as tensions in the Capitol ratcheted up over Republican opposition to a bill addressing global warming. Few people attended hearings at which

lawmakers from coastal districts testified in favor of the repeal.

Democratic Rep. David Gombert, one of its sponsors, told members of a House committee to imagine the impacts if the state banned new schools, parking garages and police and fire stations in their communities.

"What would be the consequence of that, to your ability to get insurance on your home, your ability to attract a new business into a neighborhood that's not safe enough for fire departments, your ability to resell your home in a neighborhood not safe enough for police departments?" Gombert asked.

He said the state geology department should "help us rather than to stop our communities growing, thriving or continuing."

Gombert said his bill gives the department responsibility for advising where a new inundation line should be and how risks can be mitigated. He also said he will introduce legislation for Oregon to adopt the American Society of Civil Engineers' tsunami and earthquake building standards.

Republican Sen. Brian Boquist, who was at the center of a Republican walkout over the global warming bill, was the only senator to vote against the repeal. Boquist said in an email that it allows public entities to build, knowing full well the buildings will not survive a tsunami.

## Facebook

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the company preempt regulation and further punishment. But it's a delicate dance, as Facebook still depends on highly targeted advertising for nearly all of its revenue.

CEO Mark Zuckerberg

announced the "clear history" feature more than a year ago. The company said building it has been a complicated technical process, which is also the reason for the slow, gradual rollout. Facebook said it sought input from users, privacy experts and policymakers along the way, which led to some changes. For instance, users will be able to discon-

nect their activity from a specific website or apps, or reconnect to a specific site while keeping other future tracking turned off.

You'll be able to access the feature by going to your Facebook settings and scrolling down to "your Facebook information." The "off-Facebook activity" section will be there when it launches.

The tool will let you delete your past browsing history from Facebook and prevent it from keeping track of your future clicks, taps and website visits going forward. Doing so means that Facebook won't use information gleaned from apps and websites to target ads to you on Facebook, Instagram and Messenger. It also won't use such informa-

tion to show you posts that Facebook thinks you might like based on your off-site activity, such as news articles shared by your friends.

Stephanie Max, product manager at Facebook, said the company believes the tool could affect revenue, though she didn't say how much. But she said giving people "transparency and control" is important.

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weaker sales for companies push them to cut back on hiring. That could lead in turn to even weaker spending and do more damage to the economy.

It's also why some of the hardest-hit stocks in recent weeks have little business, if any, in China but remain vulnerable to the consequences of the trade war. Among the losers in the dispute:

### Energy companies

Energy stocks in the S&P 500 have plunged 10.2% since just before Trump sent his Aug. 1 tweet, the worst decline of the 11 sectors that make up the index.

National Oilwell Varco,

for example, is based in Houston and gets most of its revenue from supplying drilling and other technologies in the United States, Saudi Arabia, Brazil and Norway. But its stock has plunged nearly 22%, seven times the loss of the overall S&P 500.

That's in large part because the price of oil has sunk on worries that the trade war will do lasting damage to the global economy. If that happens, countries around the world will have less need to burn oil. The price of benchmark U.S. crude plunged nearly 8% on Aug. 1, its worst day in 4½ years.

### Banks

Financial stocks have been the second-worst performing sector in the S&P 500 in recent weeks as the prospect of less-profitable lending threatens banks'

profits.

Comerica, for instance, has been sucked into an industrywide downdraft. It is based in Dallas and has bank branches mostly in Arizona, California, Florida, Michigan and Texas.

It has some businesses operating outside the country, but in Canada and Mexico, not China. Its stock sank 16.2% during the recent pick up in trade tensions.

The escalation in the trade war has led a growing number of economists and analysts to warn about a possible recession.

And those concerns have spread to the bond market, where interest rates have sunk sharply.

The market for interest rates has gone so haywire this month because of worries about a possible recession that long-term Treasury yields in some cases are lower than short-term yields. That's trouble for an

industry that relies on borrowing money at short-term rates, lending it out at long-term rates and pocketing the difference.

### Microchip companies

Companies that make microchips that go into laptops and other electronics have been some of the trade war's biggest victims because of how dependent they are on China.

Consider Micron Technology, which got more than 57% of all its sales from China in its last fiscal year.

Not only that, it needs China for rare earth minerals found there, and it also has significant manufacturing operations in the country.

Micron sank 2.9% on Aug. 1, when Trump announced he would extend tariffs to products that include laptops and mobile

phones. That was more than triple the S&P 500's loss.

Since Trump's 2018 tweet that "trade wars are good, and easy to win," Micron is down 8.5%, while the S&P 500 is up 7.9%.

### Industrial companies

Since Trump initiated the trade with China in 2018, the reaction in the market has been to sell big industrial companies whenever tensions rise.

The temptation makes sense given how global the companies are, but it may be misguided, said Stephen Volkmann, an equity analyst at Jefferies who covers machinery and industrial companies.

"Every time there's a tweet, I get a call and asked, 'How does this affect CAT?'" Volkmann said, using the ticker symbol for

heavy equipment maker Caterpillar.

"CAT tends to make what they sell where they sell it," Volkmann said.

That means many of its products do not have to cross borders before they are sold, which offers some insulation from the effect of tariffs. Other industrial companies have also already absorbed tariffs and successfully passed the costs on to their customers.

But "it's a little like shouting in the wind to get anyone to care," Volkmann said.

When asked if any of the industrial companies he follows is much more vulnerable than others because of this next round of tariffs, he struggles to name one in particular.

"The most important part is: Do we enter a recession because of them?" he said. "If that's true, that's true for all my companies."

MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 26,160.12 Low: 25,952.00 Previous: 26,135.79

**Dow Jones industrials**  
Close: 25,962.44  
Change: -173.35 (-0.7%)

**Nasdaq** -54.25 (-.68%)  
**S&P 500** -23.14 (-.79%)  
**Russell 2000** -10.84 (-.72%)

<b>Close</b>	7,948.56	<b>Close</b>	2,900.51	<b>Close</b>	1,498.01
<b>High</b>	8,010.58	<b>High</b>	2,923.63	<b>High</b>	1,508.63
<b>Low</b>	7,948.09	<b>Low</b>	2,899.60	<b>Low</b>	1,497.77
<b>Previous</b>	8,002.81	<b>Previous</b>	2,923.65	<b>Previous</b>	1,508.85

<b>10-yr T-note</b>	<b>Gold futures</b>	<b>Yen</b>	<b>Euro</b>	<b>Crude Oil</b>
-0.03 to 1.56%	+4.20 to \$1,504.60	-0.30 to 106.32/\$1	-0.0013 to .9011/\$1	-0.03 to \$56.18

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-1.21	-0.85	-0.88	-5.07	-3.67	-3.49	+0.54	+1.14	+1.31

**FUTURES**

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 19	464.50	468.75	456.75	460	-5.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 19	366.50	370.25	359.25	359.50	-5.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 19	856.25	862	853	855.75	+1.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Sep 19	28.71	29.01	28.30	28.43	-.25
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Sep 19	292.60	294.80	292.60	294.00	+2.00
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Sep 19	56.10	56.60	55.28	56.18	-.03
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Sep 19	2.202	2.231	2.187	2.218	+0.008
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Sep 19	1.6629	1.6838	1.6450	1.6811	+0.0167

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	84.54	-1.02	Equity Commonwith	N	33.69	-1.20	Middleby Corp	O	110.09	-0.70
AbbVie Inc	N	66.41	-1.15	Equity Lifestry Prop	N	135.39	-1.00	Mondelez Intl	O	53.99	-0.57
Allstate Corp	N	103.22	-1.77	Equity Residential	N	82.44	-0.37	Morningstar Inc	O	156.35	-0.49
Aptargroup Inc	N	118.88	-1.34	Exelon Corp	N	45.21	-0.07	Motorola Solutions	N	175.39	-1.48
Arch Dan Mid	N	37.48	-0.55	First Indl RT	N	50.92	-0.62	NiSource Corp	O	29.32	-0.31
Baxter Intl	N	36.97	-0.90	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	50.92	-0.62	Ntn Trust Cp	O	86.72	-1.79
Boeing Co	N	331.75	-2.03	Gallagher AJ	N	89.56	-0.98	Old Republic	N	21.99	-0.30
Brunswick Corp	N	45.06	-0.08	Grainger WW	N	272.07	-3.32	Packaging Corp Am	N	100.85	-1.63
CBOE Global Markets	N	119.45	-0.88	GrubHub Inc	N	61.63	+7.73	Paylocity Hldg	O	106.25	+8.99
CDK Global Inc	O	43.57	-1.25	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	104.47	-1.09	RLI Corp	N	92.37	-0.72
CDW Corp	O	113.73	-0.58	IDEX Corp	N	164.77	-0.78	Stericycle Inc	O	44.63	-1.21
CF Industries	N	88.04	-0.68	ITW	N	152.16	-0.87	TransUnion	N	83.71	+0.06
CE Group	O	213.85	-2.85	Ingredion Inc	N	76.48	-1.17	Tribune Media Co A	N	46.46	-0.01
CNA Financial	N	46.83	-0.80	John Bean Technol	N	102.18	-0.88	US Foods Holding	N	39.50	-0.26
Cabot Microelect	O	122.41	-1.21	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	135.51	+4.42	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	323.08	-2.17
Caterpillar Inc	N	116.67	-0.69	Kemper Corp	N	74.65	-1.00	United Airlines Hldg	O	84.03	+1.14
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	28.68	-1.36	Kraft Heinz Co	O	25.14	-1.17	Ventas Inc	N	72.52	-0.80
Deere Co	N	152.10	-0.29	LKQ Corporation	O	26.07	-0.24	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	50.67	-0.39
Discover Fin Svcs	N	79.75	-1.13	Littelfuse Inc	O	158.94	-1.20	Wintrust Financial	O	62.39	-1.31
Dover Corp	N	91.30	+0.06	McDonalds Corp	N	218.47	-0.31	Zebra Tech	O	201.44	-3.74

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	8.38	-0.29
Bank of America	26.72	-0.55
Cheapok Engr	1.59	-0.01
Turquoise Hill Res	4.43	+0.30
Teva Pharm	7.01	+0.30
Ford Motor	8.96	-0.07
AT&T Inc	34.98	-0.40
PG&E Corp	11.66	+0.99
Transocean Ltd	4.59	-0.22
Macy's Inc	15.36	-0.10
Sea Ltd	33.00	-3.10
Pfizer Inc	34.61	-0.57
Vale SA	10.79	+1.11
Snap Inc A	16.08	-0.08
Ambev S.A.	4.66	-0.01
Elanco Animal Health	27.26	-2.55
TJX Cos	51.51	-0.04
Itau Unibanco Hldg	8.38	-0.01
EnCana Corp	4.40	-0.02
Kohls Corp	44.88	-3.32
Bco Santander SA	3.79	-0.09
Banco Bradesco ADS	8.01	-0.03
Barrick Gold	18.69	+0.59
Petrobras	13.08	-0.04

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	34.98	-0.40
Alibaba Group Hldg	177.21	-1.07
Alphabet Inc C	1182.69	-15.76
Alphabet Inc A	1183.53	-16.91
Amazon.com Inc	1801.38	+4.74
Apple Inc	210.36	-0.11
Bank of America	26.72	-0.55
Berkshire Hath B	198.15	-2.79
Disney	135.13	-0.16
Exxon Mobil Corp	69.03	-0.42
Facebook Inc	183.81	-2.36
HSBC Holdings pR A	26.42	-0.01
JPMorgan Chase	107.31	-1.38
Johnson & Johnson	130.60	-1.65
MasterCard Inc	277.04	-1.03
Microsoft Corp	137.26	-1.15
Procter & Gamble	118.90	-1.54
Visa Inc	179.24	-0.50
WalMart Strs	112.05	-1.76

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	31.50	-0.23	+1.1
American Funds AmrcnBala m	27.33	-0.07	+4.5
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	47.50	-0.22	+5
American Funds CptInclBldrA m	60.54	-0.28	+3.3
American Funds FdmTlInvsA m	57.96	-0.39	+7
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	49.20	-0.34	+9
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.35	-0.09	+3.2
American Funds InvCAMrca m	37.51	-0.24	+3.6
American Funds NwPspctvA m	43.76	-0.21	+3.1
American Funds WAMTInvsA m	45.27	-0.33	+4.5
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.16	+0.03	+8.5
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	38.83	-0.16	-7.2
Dodge & Cox Stk	180.59	-1.69	-4.5
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.82	+0.02	+7.5
Fidelity 500IdxInPrm	101.06	-0.80	+3.6
Fidelity Contrafund	12.97	-0.09	+2.8
Fidelity TlMktIdxInPrm	82.26	-0.63	+2.2
Fidelity USBdlIdxInPrm	12.04	+0.03	+9.7
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.26	...	+2.2
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	11.11	+0.02	+9.7
PIMCO Inc12	11.94	...	+5.3
PIMCO Inclnstl	11.94	...	+5.4
PIMCO TlRetInvs	10.54	+0.04	+9.2
Schwab SP500Idx	44.90	-0.36	+3.6
T. Rowe Price BCGr	114.99	-0.85	+6.0
T. Rowe Price GrStk	68.28	-0.46	+4.9
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	268.39	-2.12	+3.6
Vanguard BalldAdmrl	37.15	-0.13	+5.6
Vanguard DivGrInv	29.87	-0.16	+14.9
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	73.60	-0.59	+1.8
Vanguard GrldAdmrl	84.88	-0.43	+6.8
Vanguard HCAadmrl	81.52	-0.52	+2.6
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	14.62	-0.01	+8.3
Vanguard InslIdxInvs	263.35	-2.08	+3.6
Vanguard InslIdxInvsPlus	263.37	-2.08	+3.6
Vanguard InslTlMInPls	62.57	-0.48	+2.3
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	89.46	-0.34	-3.3
Vanguard MdlCpIdxAdmrl	202.88	-1.38	+1.8
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	135.09	-1.05	-1.9
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.76	+0.01	+5.8
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	72.69	-0.51	-5.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	31.76	-0.06	+4.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.99	-0.05	+3.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	34.51	-0.10	+3.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.12	-0.07	+3.3
Vanguard TtBMDIdxAdmrl	11.17	+0.03	+9.8
Vanguard TtBMDIdxInvs	11.17	+0.03	+9.8
Vanguard TtInBdxAdmrl	23.57	+0.05	+10.9
Vanguard TtInBdxInvs	35.37	+0.07	+11.0
Vanguard TtInBdxInvs	11.79	+0.03	+10.9
Vanguard TtInSdxAdmrl	26.84	-0.06	-3.8
Vanguard TtInSdxInvs	107.32	-0.25	-3.8
Vanguard TtInSdxInvsPlus	107.35	-0.25	-3.7
Vanguard TtInSdxInvs	16.04	-0.04	-3.8
Vanguard TtInSdxAdmrl	72.01	-0.54	+2.2
Vanguard TtInSdxInvs	72.02	-0.55	+3.3
Vanguard TtInSdxInvs	71.97	-0.55	+2.1
Vanguard WngInAdmrl	71.73	-0.22	+6.7
Vanguard WlslyInAdmrl	65.49	-0.01	+6.8
Vanguard WndrInAdmrl	61.93	-0.50	-0.7

d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee.  
m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee.  
Source: Morningstar.

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DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.88	1.90
6-month disc	1.84	1.84
2-year	1.50	1.52
10-year	1.56	1.59
30-year	2.04	2.08

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1504.60	\$1500.40
Silver	\$17.122	\$16.914
Platinum	\$852.80	\$856.80

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.25
Discount Rate Primary	2.75
Fed Funds Target	2.00-2.25
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.70

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

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Argentina (Peso)	54.7270
Australia (Dollar)	1.4758
Brazil (Real)	4.0397
Britain (Pound)	0.8221
Canada (Dollar)	1.3316
China (Yuan)	7.0607
Euro	0.9011
India (Rupee)	71.515
Israel (Shekel)	3.5276
Japan (Yen)	106.32
Mexico (Peso)	19.7400
Poland (Zloty)	3.93
So. Korea (Won)	1207.52
Taiwan (Dollar)	31.35
Thailand (Baht)	30.76

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2880.00	-3.1/-1.1
Stoxx600	371.30	-2.6/-0.7
Nikkei	20677.22	+114.1/+0.6
MSCI-EAFE	1828.99	+17.1/+1.0
Bovespa	99222.30	-246.4/-0.3
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## OBITUARIES

RICHARD WILLIAMS 1933-2019

## Animator was behind 'Who Framed Roger Rabbit'

BY HARRISON SMITH  
The Washington Post

Richard Williams, an Oscar-winning animator who seemed to imbue his ink and pencil creations with real flesh and fur, no more so than in "Who Framed Roger Rabbit," an eye-popping merger of live action and animation, died Aug. 16 at his home in Bristol, England. He was 86, and still working seven-hour days with a 2B or 3B pencil in hand.

The cause was cancer, said his daughter Natasha Sutton Williams.

An illustrator's son, Williams was raised in Canada and spent most of his career in London, where he specialized in the lavish hand-drawn animation style made famous by Walt Disney Studios, which he visited at age 15 after making a five-day bus trip from Toronto.

Williams purportedly slipped out of a tour group and made his way onto the lot, where he asked animators about their craft before getting booted by security. "Learn to draw," one animator told him — advice he took to heart, later decamping to the Spanish island of Ibiza to spend two years sketching circus performers and honing his skills as a painter.

"I'm in the same business as Goya and Rembrandt," he later said. "I may be rotten at it with nothing of the same quality and talent, but that's my business."

Williams went on to serve as a bridge between hand-drawn animation at Disney or Warner Bros. and the digital revolution wrought by studios such as Pixar — where animators reportedly attended his master-class workshops in the mid-1990s, seeking insight into his methods and technique.

At his production company in England, Williams hired Disney veterans such as Milt Kahl ("Pinocchio"), Art Babbitt (who developed the character Goofy) and Grim Natwick ("Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs"), as well as Warner Bros. animator Ken Harris, the model for Wile E. Coyote. He animated roughly 2,500 commercials — "from cereal to babies' diapers to Shell oil," his daughter said — while also juggling film commissions and his own

artistic work.

Early on, he was enlisted to design animated title sequences or special effects for movies including "What's New Pussycat?" (1965), "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" (1966), "Casino Royale" (1967), "The Return of the Pink Panther" (1975) and "The Pink Panther Strikes Again" (1976).

Williams won his first Oscar for "A Christmas Carol" (1971), a Charles Dickens adaptation that aired on ABC before moving to theaters, and shared an Emmy with two producers for "Ziggy's Gift" (1982), a Christmas short featuring the bulbous comic strip character created by Tom Wilson.

But it was "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" (1988) that secured his reputation for artistic brilliance and technical innovation. Directed by Robert Zemeckis and starring Bob Hoskins as a Los Angeles detective, the film featured live action and cartoon characters side by side, marrying hard-boiled detective fiction with Looney Tunes-style animation.

The film was a dramatic departure from animation milestones such as "Mary Poppins" (1964) and "Anchors Aweigh" (1945), in which Gene Kelly dances with Jerry the cartoon mouse, said animation historian Charles Solomon. "Roger Rabbit," he wrote in the Los Angeles Times, "displays the most inventive, effective integration of animation and live action ever attempted," with shadows cast by animated characters who prance across the set amid camera pans and zooms.

Williams, who served as director of animation, oversaw a team of at least 340 people, including two of his children, and created characters including Roger Rabbit and his wife, Jessica, who Williams said was inspired by 1940s film stars Rita Hayworth, Veronica Lake and Lauren Bacall.

Created in collaboration between Steven Spielberg's Amblin Entertainment and Disney's Touchstone Pictures, the film was a critical and commercial hit. Williams shared the Oscar for best visual effects with Ken Ralston, Ed Jones and George Gibbs, and also received a special achieve-

ment Oscar for his animation direction.

For years, the movie appeared to be his version of Alejandro Jodorowsky's "Dune" or Terry Gilliam's "The Man Who Killed Don Quixote," films that languished in development limbo for years amid creative and financial difficulties. But Williams and his studio reportedly received \$14 million from Warner Bros. after the release of "Roger Rabbit" and seemed poised to complete the film around the time Disney released "Aladdin."

Instead, Williams was forced to close his studio and lay off his staff in 1992, when a completion bond firm took control of the movie after it fell over budget and behind schedule. A heavily edited version was released by Miramax in 1995 under the name "Arabian Knight," although Williams said he never saw it.

Richard Edmund Williams was born in Toronto on March 19, 1933. His parents divorced when he was young; his mother was a commercial artist, and his stepfather organized business deals at the firm where she worked.

"When I was 5 I saw 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' and my mother said it poleaxed me," Williams told the Sydney Morning Herald in 1998. But his interest in animation waned as a student at the Ontario College of Art (now the Ontario College of Art and Design University), where he burst into tears while visiting a Rembrandt exhibition. "This was the real thing," he recalled saying.

Williams' marriages to Lois Catherine Steuart and Margaret French ended in divorce. In 1990, he married producer and director Imogen Sutton. They collaborated on animation workshops that were later adapted into a manual, "The Animator's Survival Kit" (2001), as well as a 16-volume DVD set and iPad app.

In addition to his wife, survivors include two children from his first marriage, Alex Williams and Claire Williams; two from his second, Timothy Williams and Holly Williams; two from his third, Natasha Sutton Williams and Leif Sutton Williams; a brother; and seven grandchildren.

and China opened talks at Dumbarton Oaks in Washington that helped pave the way for establishment of the United Nations.

**In 1945**, President Harry Truman ended the massive Lend-Lease program that had shipped \$50 billion in aid to Allies during World War II.

**In 1959**, President Dwight Eisenhower signed an executive order proclaiming Hawaii the 50th state.

**In 1973**, a new civilian government in Greece began to free political prisoners under an amnesty granted by President George Papadopoulos.

**In 1975**, the U.S. lifted a 12-year ban on exports to Cuba by foreign subsidi-

aries of American firms.

**In 1987**, Sgt. Clayton Lonetree, the first Marine ever court-martialed for spying, was convicted in Quantico, Va., of passing secrets to the KGB. (Lonetree was released from military prison in Fort Leavenworth, Kan., in February 1996 after serving less than 9 years of his original 30-year sentence.)

**In 1991**, the hard-line coup against Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev collapsed in the face of a popular uprising led by Russian Federation President Boris Yeltsin.

**In 1994**, on a vote of 235-195, the House approved a \$30 billion crime bill that banned certain assault-style firearms.

**In 2003**, the French government acknowledged that as many as 10,000 people might have died in the country's heat wave.

**In 2013**, Syrian rebels alleged that President Bashar Assad's regime used poison gas to kill hundreds of civilians, including women and children, in Damascus suburbs.

**In 2015**, a federal jury ordered the owners of the defunct supermarket chain Dominick's to pay former Bulls star Michael Jordan \$8.9 million for using his identity without permission in an advertisement; Jordan donated the money to 23 Chicago charities.

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## Death Notices

## Address, Joan

Joan Address, 86, of Barrington (former long-time resident of Arlington Hts.); loving wife to the late Peter; loved mother to Greg (Kelli), Keith (Linda), Neil (Maggie) and Glenn; cherished grandmother to Brad, Hailey, Eric (Fiancée Rachael Healy), Jim, Matt, Stevie, Daniel, Joseph, Heather and Bill; dear sister to the late Robert Nehlsen; and fond aunt to several nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday, August 23, 2019 from 4 pm until 8 pm at Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd., 1520 N. Arlington Hts. Rd. (4 blocks south of Palatine Rd.), Arlington Hts., IL 60004. Prayers 9:15 am Saturday, August 24, 2019 at the funeral home proceeding to St. James Catholic Church, 831 N. Arlington Hts. Rd., Arlington Hts., IL 60004 for a 10 am Funeral Mass. Interment at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to Gigi's Playhouse Down Syndrome Achievement Center Hoffman Estates, IL at https://gigisplayhouse.org. Funeral Information and condolences can be given at www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.

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## Bansley, Michael Anthony

Michael Anthony Bansley, Age 41, Born into Eternal Life on August 18, 2019. Beloved son of Theresa and Andrew Bansley. Loving brother of Andrew (Priscilla Lee Harwig), Joseph (Israel Morales), Amy (John) Innis, James (Nora), Daniel (Michael Carioto), and David (Kelly) Bansley. Beloved grandson of Harold (Diane) and the late Maureen Hartnett, and James and the late Barbara Bansley. Michael was also loved and will be dearly missed by a legion of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Alumnus of Brother Rice H.S. (1996), and Columbia College (2001). Visitation Thursday 3-9pm at Curley Funeral Home (Heeney-Laughlin Directors), 6116 W. 111th St., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. Family and friends will meet at Most Holy Redeemer Church, 96th St. & Lawndale Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805 on Friday morning for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30am. Interment Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Memorials to Catholic Charities, 721 N. La Salle St., Chicago, IL 60654 are most appreciated. Info: Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors 708-636-5500 or [heeneyfh.com](http://heeneyfh.com)



late Maureen Hartnett, and James and the late Barbara Bansley. Michael was also loved and will be dearly missed by a legion of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Alumnus of Brother Rice H.S. (1996), and Columbia College (2001). Visitation Thursday 3-9pm at Curley Funeral Home (Heeney-Laughlin Directors), 6116 W. 111th St., Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. Family and friends will meet at Most Holy Redeemer Church, 96th St. & Lawndale Ave., Evergreen Park, IL 60805 on Friday morning for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30am. Interment Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Memorials to Catholic Charities, 721 N. La Salle St., Chicago, IL 60654 are most appreciated. Info: Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors 708-636-5500 or [heeneyfh.com](http://heeneyfh.com)

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## Caldarelli, Violet

Violet Caldarelli, age 103, dearly beloved wife of the late David D. Caldarelli; loving mother of David, M.D. (Janna) Caldarelli; cherished grandmother of Leslie Caldarelli, M.D. (Aleksandr Granchalek) and Adam Caldarelli (Claire Ojala, D.V.M.); dear great grandmother of Nicholas, Julia and Katherine Granchalek. Funeral Mass 10:00 a.m. Friday, August 23, 2019, at Saint Margaret Mary Church, 2324 W. Chase Avenue, Chicago, IL 60645. Entombment All Saints Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Saint Margaret Mary Church. Info: 847-675-1990 or [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com).

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## Collins, Blanche McHugh 'B.C.'

Blanche McHugh Collins, lovingly known as B.C., passed away on August 20, 2019 after a week of farewells from her loving children and grandchildren. B.C. was born in Zachary, Louisiana and graduated from St. Joseph's Academy in Baton Rouge. She attended St. Mary's College of Notre Dame and graduated from Louisiana State University. Geaux Tigers! It was at Notre Dame where she met her beloved husband Robert W. Collins, affectionately known as Rip. B.C. and Rip were wed on September 1st, 1946 and looked forward to celebrating their 73rd anniversary later this year. They treasured the many friends they made throughout the years playing golf, tennis, and bridge in LaGrange, Illinois and Amelia Island, Florida. She was an active volunteer for Infant Welfare and St. Vincent DePaul. B.C. will always be remembered for her kindness, warmth, and southern hospitality. She was preceded in death by her parents, Blanche Capdevielle and Jesse McHugh, brother Weldon McHugh, and niece Sallie McHugh Lee. In addition to her devoted husband Rip, B.C. is survived by her beloved children: William (Patricia) Collins, Ann Collins, Kim Collins, and Alisa (Jeff) Anderson. She is also survived by her cherished grandchildren: Mary Beth (Wes) Matheny, Jackie Collins, Lisa (Greg) Kruse, Steve Collins and Meredith, Ben and Mac Anderson as well as her three great-grandsons, Rip, Jack, and Warren. Family and friends will meet on Friday, August 23rd at St. Cletus Church, 600 West 55th St., LaGrange, IL 60525 for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00am. Friends will be received from 9:30am-10:00am before Mass. Interment Bronswood Cemetery, Oak Brook, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be made to Good Shepherd Manor Foundation, P.O. Box 260, Mokena, IL 60954 or online at [www.goodshepherdmanor.org/foundation](http://www.goodshepherdmanor.org/foundation). Masses in memory of B.C. are also most appreciated. Info: Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors, 708-636-5500 or [www.heeneyfh.com](http://www.heeneyfh.com)

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## Conrath, Gregory M

Gregory M. Conrath, age 68, of Oak Lawn, passed away peacefully on August 17, 2019.

He is the beloved son of the late John H. and Julia A. (nee Prendergast) Conrath; cherished brother to the late Barbara LaMorte, John (the late Sharon), Larry (Linda), Tim (Jeannie) Conrath; special uncle to Larry (Brooke), Claire, Kate, Paul (Beth), Katie (Stephen), and Matthew (Mellissa).

Corp honorably served in the United States Marine Corps, serving during the Vietnam War. He is a 29 year veteran of the Chicago Police Department, serving in the first district. Visitation will be Thursday, August 22, 2019 from 4:00-8:00 pm at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home (4727 W. 103rd Street; Oak Lawn, IL 60453). Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, August 23, 2019 at 11:00 am at St. Linus Catholic Church (10300 S. Lawler Ave.; Oak Lawn, IL 60453). He will be laid to rest at a later date at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Info: [www.blake-lamb.com](http://www.blake-lamb.com)

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## Dalicandro, Michael J.

Michael J. Dalicandro, age 64, of Chicago died on August 17, 2019. Michael leaves behind his wife, Mary Ellen Doherty; his children Danielle (Luke Scislowicz), and Michael John Dalicandro. His grandson Colin Michael Scislowicz. Michael was the loving son of Marie, nee Iovino, and the late Daniel; loved brother of James (Eileen Belmonte), the late Laurence, and the late Daniel (Donna) Dalicandro. Visitation will be Thursday, August 22, from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., at Cumberland Chapels, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral will begin on Friday at the funeral home at 10:00 a.m., then proceed to St. Pascal Church, Chicago, for Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. Interment private. Info: 708-456-8300 or [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com)

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## Dodmead, Jennie Lou

Jennie Lou Dodmead nee Blackwell, 88 of Addison. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth. Loving mother of Elmer (Laura), Richard and Pamela Dodmead. Cherished grandmother of Mandy (James) Lesko, Jason, Amy (Kylie) Duffie, Amber (Hector) Gonzalez-Hernandez and Kalie Dodmead. Dearest great grandmother of Nathan, Sydney, Adam, Lucy, Noah, Roosevelt, Jeremiah and Adeline. Dear sister of the late Foye, Wylodean, Gwendolyn and Melvin. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday, 2-8 PM at Humes Funeral Home, 320 W. Lake St., Addison (2 Mi. W. of Rt. 83, 2 Mi. E of Rt. 53). Funeral Service Saturday, 10:30 AM at Humes Funeral Home. Entombment Mt. Emblem. For info, [www.HumesFH.com](http://www.HumesFH.com).

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## Dorchack, Joseph Paul

Joseph Paul Dorchack, age 70, of Bolingbrook, beloved husband of Margaret "Peg" Sokalski; loving stepfather of Heather Sokalski; dear brother of the late James Dorchack; devoted son of the late Paul and Kay Dorchack. Joe received his Master's Degree in history from Roosevelt University in Chicago. He formerly worked as a paralegal for Cantor Fitzgerald and most recently taught for DeVry University. Visitation 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday August 22, at Drechsler, Brown & Williams Funeral Home, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Interment Private. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date at St. Christopher Episcopal Church in Oak Park. In lieu of flowers, donations to A.D.O.P.T. ([adoptpshelter.org/donate](http://adoptpshelter.org/donate)) are appreciated. Funeral info: [drechslerbrownwilliams.com](http://drechslerbrownwilliams.com) or 708-383-3191

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## Droulias, John A.

John A. Droulias, AKA Ioannis Anastasios, 84, was born in Axladakombos, Argos, Greece on March 27, 1935, and passed on August 18, 2019; beloved husband of Laura nee Evans; loving father of Hariklia (Angelo) Cangialosi, Eleni (Bill) Carlstrom, Anastasios Droulias; adoring grandfather of Niki, Zoe, Melissa, and John Carlstrom, Tiffany (Trevor) Krutch, and Cheyenne Cangialosi; most adoring great-grandfather of Mila Krutch; dear brother of Georgia (late Xenofonda) Kakanis, and the late Panaiotis Droulias; caring son of the late Anastasios & Hariklia Droulias; caring cousin; unforgettable uncle; and fond friend of many; successful restaurateur and recipient of the Congressional Successful Small Business Owner Award.

Visitation Friday, August 23, 2019, from 9-11AM, and Service to follow at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 6041 W. Diversey Ave., Chicago, IL 60639; Committal Prayers at Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Chapel at Elmwood Cemetery immediately to follow; info 773-622-9300 or go to [www.Montclair-LucaniaFuneral.com](http://www.Montclair-LucaniaFuneral.com)

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## Eastman, Marcia Ann

Marcia Ann Eastman nee Johnson, 79, of Oswego, former longtime resident of Wheaton, loving mother of Richard; loving mother of Pamela (Michael) D'Argo, Bryan (Donna) Eastman and David (Tracy) Eastman; cherished grandmother of Lauren, Eric and Nicholas D'Argo, and Zachary (Alexandra) Eastman, Alexander Gadomski, Daniel Eastman, Christopher Gadomski, Lauren Gadomski, Molly Palzkill and Casey Hall; dear daughter of the late Harry and Flora Johnson; sister of the late Rodger (Emily, surviving) Johnson; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Memorial visitation at Williams-Kampff Funeral Home, 430 E. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. with a Memorial Service at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, August 24, 2019. In lieu of flowers, memorials would be appreciated for the American Parkinson Disease Association, 1800 North Main Street, Suite 215, Wheaton, Illinois 60187. Funeral Info (630)668-0016 or [www.williams-kampff.com](http://www.williams-kampff.com)

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## Edelheit, Bertha "Berdie"

Bertha "Berdie" Edelheit, 100, of Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Morton "Mutt" Edelheit; loving mother of Larry (Barbara) Edelheit, Mark (Nancy) Edelheit and Jeffrey Edelheit; proud grandmother of Steven (Loren) Edelheit, Marla (Robert) Koza, David (Lindsay) Edelheit, Tammy (Michael) Bendoff, Russell (Simone) Edelheit, Eric (Jenny) Edelheit, Heather (Chaz) Crocker, Aaron (Kelly) Edelheit and great grandmother of 16. Graveside services will be held 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 20, 2019 at Westlawn Cemetery, 7801 W. Montrose Ave., Norridge, IL 60706. Memorial contributions National Multiple Sclerosis Society ([www.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.nationalmssociety.org)) appreciated. Funeral information 847-256-5700.

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**In 1567**, St. Francis de Sales, the Roman Catholic bishop of Geneva and doctor of the church, was born in Thorens-Glieres, France.

**In 1831**, former slave Nat Turner led a violent anti-slavery insurrection in Virginia's Southampton County. (After his capture, he was hanged Nov. 11, 1831.)

**In 1858**, senatorial contenders Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas held the first of their seven famous debates.

**In 1878**, the American Bar Association was founded in Saratoga, N.Y.

**In 1944**, the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union

## WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

**ILLINOIS**  
Aug. 20  
Mega Millions .....  
08 14 25 51 63 / 4  
Mega Millions jackpot: \$79M  
Pick 3 midday ..... 481 / 6  
Pick 4 midday ..... 7636 / 6  
Lucky Day Lotto midday .....  
12 18 23 27 31

Pick 3 evening ..... 317 / 6  
Pick 4 evening ..... 7795 / 3  
Lucky Day Lotto evening .....  
02 09 20 21 25

Aug. 21 Powerball: \$40M  
Aug. 22 Lotto: \$2M

**WISCONSIN**  
Aug. 20  
Pick 3 ..... 158  
Pick 4 ..... 3066  
Badger 5 ..... 16 22 23 28 31  
SuperCash ..... 02 09 18 20 27 33

**INDIANA**  
Aug. 20  
Daily 3 midday ..... 685 / 1  
Daily 3 evening ..... 6755 / 1  
Daily 3 evening ..... 342 / 9  
Daily 4 evening ..... 1996 / 9  
Cash 5 ..... 27 28 29 35 40

**MICHIGAN**  
Aug. 20  
Daily 3 midday ..... 909  
Daily 4 midday ..... 0772  
Daily 3 evening ..... 129  
Daily 4 evening ..... 0385  
Fantasy 5 ..... 18 24 26 29 31  
Keno ..... 02 03 05 07 08 09  
23 25 27 28 33 36 37 48  
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## Flood, Fred Robert 'Bob'

Fred Robert "Bob" Flood passed away suddenly on Friday, August 16, 2019, at Edward Hospital in Naperville at the age of 89. Bob was born on May 23, 1930, in Rockford, Illinois, to Swedish immigrant parents John Arnold and Esther Viktoria Flood. In his early teens, Bob and his family moved from Rockford to Chicago's East Side neighborhood. On May 25, 1957, Bob married the love of his life, Lois Koche. In 1967, Bob and his family moved to Naperville, where they built a wonderful life full of family, friends, and community. Bob enjoyed a 37-year career with Commonwealth Edison, followed by an active retirement. He was an avid fisherman, golfer, and poker player. Bob's great legacy is the love, support, inspiration, and guidance he gave to family and friends.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Lois; his children Linda (Anthony) Brandys of Orland Park, David (Ellen Kuefler) Flood of Naperville, and Diane (William) Russell of Naperville; grandchildren Tracey Brandys, Erica Huff, Melissa (Jesus) Villa, Stephanie (Kevin) Allison, John Flood, and Christine (Tyler Kelley) Flood; 10 great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and a wide network of friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers Bengt Arnold Flood and John Leroy "Lee" Flood.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Northern Sky Theater, PO Box 273, Fish Creek, WI 54235. They can also be made online at <https://boxoffice.printitusa.com/northensky/donate>. Memorial Visitation: Friday, August 23rd 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 44 S. Mill St., Naperville, IL 60540. Memorial Service: Saturday, August 24th 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment is private. For more information please call 630-355-0213 or visit [www.friedrich-jones.com](http://www.friedrich-jones.com).



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## Forbes, Anne

Anne Forbes, née Rudich, age 93, loving wife of the late Gerald "Jerry" Forbes; cherished mother of Pamela (Stuart Lieberman) Forbes Lieberman and Marla (Al Devaney) Forbes; proud grandmother of Jeremy and Genna Popper; adored sister of Carolyn (Harold) Tecktiel, Charlene (Alan) Rubin, Sidney Rudich and the late Eleanor Jolcover; sister-in-law of the late Martin (late Annette) Forbes; admired by all who knew her, Anne was a beloved aunt and great aunt to numerous nephews and nieces and loving friend to long time caregiver and companion, Asheila Yap. Anne was an opera singer who made her career locally, in Chicago where she was born and raised. She studied voice at Hull House, Oberlin College and The American Conservatory. She later worked for many years at Marshall Field's, managing the Customer Service department. She was greatly loved and will be missed by all. Service Wednesday, 2:00 p.m. at The Chapel, 8851 Skokie Blvd, Skokie (at Niles Center Rd.). Interment Shalom Memorial Park. Contributions may be made to the Lyric Opera of Chicago [www.lyricopera.org](http://www.lyricopera.org), or Purple Heart Foundation, [www.purpleheartfoundation.org](http://www.purpleheartfoundation.org). Info: The Goldman Funeral Group, [www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com](http://www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com) (847) 478-1600.



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## Giordano (Hernandey), Beatrice Ann

Beloved wife, mother, and grandmother passed away after a long battle with cancer on August 17. She is survived by her son, daughter, two grandsons, and extensive family and friends. She was a gifted artist who loved to read and travel. She had a contagious laugh and zeal for life everyone should emulate. A celebration of her life will be at Angeli's restaurant in Naperville, 1478 East Chicago Ave. On August 25th from 1-4pm.

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## Jarnowski, Stephen D.

Stephen D. Jarnowski, Army Veteran, dearest brother of James Jarnowski, loving brother to the late Grace (James) Wiggins, nee Jarnowski, and the late Harriet (Robert) Taterka, nee Jarnowski; cherished uncle to Robin Taterka, Christine (Jeff) Gross, Sandie (Kip) Voigt, Tony Taterka, Bob (Joanne) Taterka, David (Jeanna) Wiggins, Dawn Wiggins, and Carolyn (Kurt) Williams; fond cousin and great-uncle to many. Stephen leaves behind a legacy of kindness and humor, and long will be remembered as a caring and thoughtful brother, uncle and friend. He loved fishing, golfing, and sports, often sharing the sentiment, "I don't care who wins, as long as it's the Cubs!" Visitation Thursday, Aug. 22, 2019 from 3:00 - 9:00 pm at COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Funeral service Friday, Aug. 23 at 10:30 am at the funeral home. Interment to follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles. Info 773-774-0366 or [colonialfuneral.com](http://colonialfuneral.com)

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## Kanner, Donald Ross

Donald Ross Kanner, 75, of Chicago, passed away August 16, 2019. Beloved husband of 50 years of June (nee Hobby); loving father of Brian (Kerstin) and Jonathan (Susan) and grandfather of Karolin, Helen, and Amalthea. Son of the late Doris and Edmond Kanner, brother of Nancy Kanner Haase, uncle of Daniel and Kimberly. After earning his B.S. from Northwestern University, Donald taught physics for 40 years at Lane Tech High School. He also loved playing the washboard, anything to do with trains, working on his beloved Saabs, and building, inventing, and fixing things around his home in Chicago. A memorial service celebrating Donald's life is being held Sat., August 24, 11am, at St. James Lutheran Church, 2101 N. Fremont St., Chicago, IL, 60614. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. James Lutheran Church. Arrangements by Cremation Society of Illinois, 773-281-5058 or [www.cremation-society.com](http://www.cremation-society.com).



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## Kessler, Diane Keller

Diane Keller Kessler, lifelong volunteer and activist for those causes that enriched the lives of women, families, and children. Beloved wife of Paul for 61 years. Loving mother of Michelle (Don) Kosmin and Todd (Bar) Kessler. Adoring grandmother of Jacob, Corey, Lauren, and Maddie. Dear sister of Larry (Kathy) Keller. Gravesite services Thursday, August 22, 10:30 AM, Beverly Cemetery, 12000 S Kedzie Ave, Blue Island, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the following organizations: National Council of Jewish Women ([www.ncjw.org](http://www.ncjw.org)), South Suburban Family Shelter ([www.ssfhs.org](http://www.ssfhs.org)), or American Cancer Society ([www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)). Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjfinfo.com](http://www.cjfinfo.com)



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## Kirst, Lorraine M.

Lorraine M. Kirst (Sievert), 91, passed away peacefully on August 17, 2019, surrounded by her family, after succumbing to complications from a heart attack. She was the beloved wife of 61 years to the late Paul J. Kirst; loving mother to her son, Paul J. Kirst, who proceeded her in death, and daughters, Laura (Bruce) Skeggs, Karen (Sue) Kirst-Millsbaugh, Pamela (Todd) Weingart, and Tina Marie Kirst. She was a fun and devoted "Nana" to Jennifer, Julia, PJ, Brian, and Emma. A lifelong dog lover, she was especially devoted to her Spencer, who passed away just hours before her.

She led a full and active life; passionate about world travel with her family and friends, taking and sharing photos, playing cards with her Florida condo friends and at the Glenview Senior Center., as well as socializing with friends in her Glenview neighborhood. In her early years, she was an active member in Eastern Star and enjoyed working in the radiology department at Ravenswood Hospital. As a lifetime member of Bethany United Church of Christ in Chicago, she served as Secretary on the Council, Woman's Fellowship and Coffee hour committee. Visitation will be held Thursday, August 22, 2019 from 4 to 9 pm at N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home, 1240 Waukegan Road, Glenview where funeral service will be held Friday, August 23 at 10:30 am. Entombment Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to: Bethany United Church of Christ, 4250 N. Paulina, Chicago, IL 60613. Funeral information 847-998-1020.



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## Klawitter, Claribel K. 'Claire'

Claribel K. Klawitter, "Claire"; Born May 24, 1925 and passed away August 20, 2019. For full obituary and online guest book please see: [www.colonialfuneral.com](http://www.colonialfuneral.com)



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## Kluge, Pauline G.

Pauline G. Kluge, 93 years of age, at peace August 17, 2019. Beloved wife of 39 years to the late William F. Kluge. Loving mother of Bill (Joanne), Bob (Jean), Kim (Matt) Dwyer, Kathy (Larry) Kowalkowski and Brian (Liz) Kluge. Grandmother of Kevin (Lisa), Katie (Luke) Munro, Lauren (Mel) Padillo, Kristen (Patrick) Reichel, Rob (Maggie) and Claire Kluge. Great-grandmother of 7. Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Sister of the late Ramon Green. Founding board member of the Lyons Public Library. Services are Friday, August 23, 2019, 10:00 am at Adolph Funeral Home, Ltd., 7000 S. Madison St., Willowbrook. Interment at Clarendon Hills Cemetery. Visitation is Thursday, August 22nd from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm. In lieu of flowers donations preferred to The Chicago Lighthouse at: [www.chicagolighthouse.org](http://www.chicagolighthouse.org). Info at: 630-325-2300 or [www.adolfservices.com](http://www.adolfservices.com).



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## Koules, Catherine 'Kay'

Catherine Koules, age 97, born March 30, 1922 in Chicago, IL was a retired paralegal at Schiff Hardin in Chicago. Kay was a world traveler, strong in her Greek Orthodox faith. Cherished daughter of the late Sophia (nee Loutos) and Andrew Koules; dear sister of Christ (the late Hazel), and the late Charlie (Denise) Koules and the late Sam (Evelyn) Koules; adored aunt of Sandra (Richard) Adrian, Debra (Michael) Sears, Andrea Koules, Paula (Paul) Berg, Gregory Koules, Steven Koules, Andrew Koules, Edward Koules and Oren (Shereen) Koules. She will be missed dearly. Visitation Friday, August 23, 2019, 9:30 am until time of service 11 am at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, 5015 Lincoln Ave. (Route 53), Lisle, IL. Interment Lisle Cemetery. For information 630-964-9392.

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## Krage, Jack A.

Jack A. Krage, 87, of Glenview, passed away August 18, 2019. Beloved husband for 67 years of Dorothy Krage nee Swanson; loving father of Daniel (Michelle) Krage and the late Keith A. Krage; cherished grandfather of Mackenzie, Devyn, and Dylan Krage; dear brother of The Late George (Gerry) Krage, Leighton (Patricia) Krage, Ruth (George) Radechel and Susan (Jim) Young; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Memorial visitation will be held Friday, August 23, 2019 from 10am until time of the service 11 am at Lutheran Church of the Ascension, 460 Sunset Ridge Road, Northfield. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr, Suite 800 Chicago, IL 60631. Funeral information 847-998-1020.



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## Laffey, Mary Theresa

(nee Nee)—Beloved wife of the late John Joseph. Laffey; loving mother of John, (Elaine) Thomas (Melissa), and Mary (John) Grealy; grandmother of Megan, Maeve, and John "J.J." Grealy Tara, Cealan and Colton Laffey fond sister of Michael "Nan" (the late John) Sullivan, Mairtin (Nancy), Annie (Theresa), the late Coliin, Frank, and Jack Nee all of Rosmuc Co. Galway Ireland; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation at Cooney Funeral Home located at 625 Busse Hwy. in Park Ridge on Thursday from 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Funeral Friday on Friday at 9:15 a.m. to St. Robert Bellarmine Church for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit [www.cooneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.cooneyfuneralhome.com)

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## Masco, Raymond H.

Raymond H. Masco, Age 86, passed away August 18, 2019. Born and raised in Chicago's Roseland neighborhood. Ray is the loving son to the late Raymond and Laura (Rizzo) Masco; dearest brother to Mary (the late Arthur) Lundell, the late John (the late Dolores), the late Matthew (Marianne); cherished uncle to many nieces and nephews. Ray was a Korean Veteran, and an accomplished interior designer and antique dealer in Chicago, Naples, New Orleans and Beverly Hills. Services will be private.

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## McGarry, Gertrude B.

Gertrude B. McGarry, age 93; loving mother of Luke (Marie) McGarry, Marilee (the late Mark) Ferg, Jeannine (Thomas) Holcer and the late Timothy (Karel) McGarry; dear grandmother of Stephen (Kimberly) McGarry, Valerie (Brett) Doy, Rebecca (Kurt) Doy, Gregory (Desiree) Ferg, Talia (Anthony) Koperski, Julia (Timothy) Ward, and Daniel McGarry; great-grandmother of 10; fond sister of the late Charles, Raymond and Joanna Boinski. Visitation Sunday 3:00PM to 8:00PM. Funeral Monday 9:15AM from Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home, 4343 Main St., (1 blk. So. of Ogden Ave.) Downers Grove to St. Joseph Church. Mass 10:00AM. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. 630/968-1000 or [www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com](http://www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com)



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## McNamara, Bridget C.

Bridget C. McNamara, nee Rafter, age 83, beloved wife of James; loving mother of James (Mary), Robert (Jeannette), Kevin (Kristen), Eileen (Doug) Tichy, and the late Kathleen Roberts; cherished grandmother of 9; also many nieces and nephews. Funeral Friday 9:15 A.M. from Modell Funeral Home, 7710 S. Cass Ave, Darien, to St. Alphonsus Mass at 10:00 A.M. Interment at Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 3 to 9 P.M. For info: (630) 852-3595 or [www.modelldarien.com](http://www.modelldarien.com).



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## Miller, Rosemary E.

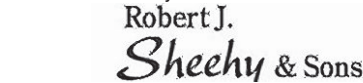
Rosemary E. Miller, nee Schwarz, 97. Beloved wife of the late Alfred Miller. Adored mother of Richard (Mary Angela) Miller, Patricia Miller, Marilyn Lewis, Ronald (Mary Catherine "Ty") Miller Sr. Loving grandmother of Rebecca Angela (Samuel) Keller, Lisa Amy Miller, Theresa (Joe) Stancel, Kimberly (Larry) Smith, Elizabeth (Curtis) Lanaghan, Ronald Miller Jr., and Melanni Michehl. Loving great-grandmother of nine. Dear aunt to eight nieces and nephews. Funeral Mass Friday, August 23rd, 10 AM, St. Colette Catholic Church, 3900 Meadow Dr, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008. Interment Memory Garden Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Rosemary's name may be made to Journeycare Hospice in Barrington. Visitation Thursday, August 22nd, 3 PM to 8 PM, Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 185 E Northwest Highway, Palatine. Info 847-359-8020 or visit [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com)



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## Mills, Edward J.

Age 82. Beloved husband of 52 years to Diane (nee Opiela). Loving father of Edward (Carolyne), Gregory (Cari), and Jennifer (Daniel) Brandr. Proud papa of Julia, Ethan, Ashley, and Eddie. Dear brother of Marion (Clyde) Kregger. Kind brother-in-law of Ken (Sharon) Opiela. Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Dedicated basketball coach for 30 years. Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. Funeral Saturday 9:15 a.m. from the Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to Our Lady of the Woods Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations to Lurie Children's Foundation, 225 E. Chicago Ave., Box 4, Chicago, IL 60611 or American Lung Association, 55 W. Wacker Dr., Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60601 would be appreciated. [www.sheehyfh.com](http://www.sheehyfh.com) 708-857-7878



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## Mininni, June G.

June G. Mininni, 94, long-time resident of Deerfield, passed away August 19, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Guido; loving mother of Carmella (James) Kaulentis and Michael G. (Robin) Mininni; adored grandmother of Demitra Kaulentis, Michael (Franny) Kaulentis, Carine Mininni, Olivia O'Brien and the late John Kaulentis; cherished great-grandmother of Jimmy, Alex, T.C., Caitlyn, Johnny, Sloane, Millie and Emma. Dear sister of Rosalie (Denise) Duffy; loving aunt to many. A visitation will be held on Thursday, August 22, 2019 from 4-9 pm at Kelley and Spalding Funeral Home, 1787 Deerfield Rd, Highland Park, IL 60035. A funeral mass will be held on Friday, August 23, 2019 10:00 am at Holy Cross Church, 724 Elder Lane, Deerfield, IL 60015. Interment Ascension Cemetery, Libertyville, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to John J. Kaulentis Memorial Scholarship Fund, 105 Manor Drive, Deerfield, IL 60015. For info or directions please contact Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home at 847-831-4260 or [www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com](http://www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com)



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## Minnich, Avonne Joy

Avonne Joy Minnich, age 57; loving daughter of James and Kathleen Minnich; dear sister of Melody (Richard) Sledgister and Terry (Kristine) Minnich; fond companion of Eric Seib; cherished aunt of Emily (Tony) Gould, Cara (Adam) Burritt and Kristina Sledgister; beloved great-aunt of Catherine, Norah, and Evelyn Gould. Visitation Friday, August 23rd, 10:00 AM until time of Funeral Service, 11:00 AM at Christ Church of Oak Brook, 501 Oak Brook Road, (York Road & 31st Street) Oak Brook, IL 60523. Interment, Saturday, August 24th, 2:00 PM at Southside Cemetery, 400 S. Locust St., Pontiac, IL, 61764. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Cancer Society ([www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)), appreciated. Arrangements by Sullivan Funeral Home Hinsdale. 630-323-0275 or [www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com](http://www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com)



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## O'Connor, CMF, Raymond E.

Fr. Raymond E. O'Connor, CMF. Retired Priest/Director of National Shrine of St. Jude Claretian Missionary. Fr. Raymond E. O'Connor 81 died August 17th in Park Ridge, IL. Born in Chicago, Father O'Connor attended St. Jude Seminary in Mommence, IL, Claretknoll in Peru, IL, Claretville in Calabasas, CA and Catholic University of America in Washington before being ordained in 1964. As a priest he had brief assignments at Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Francis of Assisi churches in Chicago from 1964-66 and then served as Assistant Vocation Director at the Claretian House of Studies in Washington, D.C. from 1966-70. For the next two years he served as Campus Chaplain to students at Nassau Community College and Hofstra University in New York. From 1972-78 he became Associate Pastor at St. Mary's Parish in Fairfax, VA.

During the next 27 years, Fr. O'Connor fulfilled much of his ministry as a Claretian priest in Missouri, where he carried out the duties of Pastor and Associate Pastor at three different churches: Sacred Heart in Poplar Bluff (1978-87); Sacred Heart Church in Springfield (1989-1996); and St. Peter's the Apostle in Joplin (1998-2005). In between this time, he also served as Associate Pastor at Corpus Christi Parish in Stone Mountain, GA from 1997-98. He returned to Chicago in 2005 and became the Director of The National Shrine of St. Jude (located within the Claretian parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on the Southside) for the next 3 years. In 2008, he retired and became a resident of the Claretian community in Oak Park, IL however continued as Co-Director of the Shrine for another 10 years. In 2019 he was moved to The Sheridan at Park Ridge Nursing home, his final place of residence.

Visitation and Funeral Services Friday, August 23, 2019 from 11:00 am until time of Mass of Christian Burial at 12:00 noon DIRECTLY at St. Ferdinand Catholic Church 5900 W. Barry Ave. Chicago, IL 60634. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Arrangements entrusted to Elmwood Chapel, Chicago. For more information 773-731-2749 or [www.elmwoodchapel.com](http://www.elmwoodchapel.com)

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## Oswald, Maggie

Margaret Madonna Oswald, age 55, of Evanston. Beloved wife to Kenneth Paquette. Adoring mother to Katherine Paquette. Loving daughter to James and Hermine nee Browe Oswald. Dear sister to Ann (Sandy) Benett, Mary Oswald, James (Mindy) Oswald, Katherine (John) Wherity. Visitation Friday, August 23, 2019, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Donnellan Family Funeral Home, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Service Saturday, August 24, 2019, 10:00 a.m. at St. Marks Episcopal Church, 1509 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201. In lieu of flowers please make a memorial contribution to "Bright Directions" (Katie Grace's 529 educational fund), mailed to: James R. Oswald, Esq., Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C., One Citizens Plaza, Providence, RI 02806 or The Cradle, 2049 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201. Funeral info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or (847)675-1990

Beloved wife to Kenneth Paquette. Adoring mother to Katherine Paquette. Loving daughter to James and Hermine nee Browe Oswald. Dear sister to Ann (Sandy) Benett, Mary Oswald, James (Mindy) Oswald, Katherine (John) Wherity. Visitation Friday, August 23, 2019, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Donnellan Family Funeral Home, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Service Saturday, August 24, 2019, 10:00 a.m. at St. Marks Episcopal Church, 1509 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201. In lieu of flowers please make a memorial contribution to "Bright Directions" (Katie Grace's 529 educational fund), mailed to: James R. Oswald, Esq., Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C., One Citizens Plaza, Providence, RI 02806 or The Cradle, 2049 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201. Funeral info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or (847)675-1990



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## Perlotto, Virginia J.

Virginia J. Perlotto nee Tripi age 86, passed away peacefully on August 18, 2019. Wife for 62 years of Victor Perlotto. Mother of Elizabeth and Mark (Dawn) Perlotto. Grandmother of Sydney and Kayleigh Perlotto. Daughter of the late Rosalia nee Panzica and John Tripi. Sister of Frances Rader and Rosemary (Bob) Kent. Sister-in-law Mary Jane (late Pete) Karamuzis nee Perlotto. Aunt to many nieces and nephews. Resting at Panozzo Bros. Funeral Home, 530 W. 14th St. (U.S. Rt. 30, 3 blks E. of Western Ave.), Chicago Heights on Saturday August 24th from 11:00 AM until time of funeral service at 3:00 PM. Inurnment of ashes Monday August 26th 2:00 PM at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Virginia's name to the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by her family. For further service information contact 708-481-9230 or [panozzobros.com](http://panozzobros.com).

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## Pillarella, Lillian

Lillian Pillarella (nee Kosich), age 83. Late of Schererville, Indiana formerly of the East Side. Passed away Monday, August 19, 2019. Beloved wife of Nicholas for 63 years. Loving mother of Nicholas II (Cecilia), James (Debbie), and Steven Pillarella. Devoted grandmother of Vinnie (Meghan), Jessica, Melissa (Donovan), Bianca, Joe, and Luke. Dearest sister of the late John (late Dorothy) and the late Emil (Ellen) Kosich. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Lillian is also survived by many cherished friends. Funeral Services Friday, August 23, 2019 DIRECTLY at St. Maria Goretti Church 500 Northgate Dr. Dyer, Indiana 46311 where friends may visit with the family from 9:00 am until time of Memorial Mass at 10:00 am. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the American Lung Association in Lillian's name. Arrangements entrusted to Elmwood Funeral Chapel, St. John. For more information 219-365-3474 or [www.elmwood-chapel.com](http://www.elmwood-chapel.com)

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## Rekart, Katherine A.

Katherine A. Rekart nee Lontka. Beloved wife of the late John E. Rekart. Loving mother of John (Frances) Rekart, David (Cynthia) Rekart, Sharon Sullivan, Philip (Kathy) Rekart, & the late Ronald & Patricia Rekart. Cherished grandmother, great grandmother & great-great grandmother of many. Fond aunt of many nieces & nephews. Funeral Friday 8:45 am from Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn to St. Gerald Church for Mass at 9:30 am. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Thursday from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm. [thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com](http://thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com) 708-425-0500

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## SCHNEIDER, JONATHAN

Jonathan Schneider, age 30; suddenly; beloved son of Beth Ann Schneider; loving brother of Joshua; devoted grandson of Herbert and the late Renee; fond nephew of Jay (Sherri) and Dean Schneider. Private family service and no shiva. Contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to Lakeshore Jewish Funerals, 773-625-8621



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**Schneider, Rita C.**

Rita C. Schneider, nee Badsing, 65 of Norwood Park. Beloved wife of 46 years to Martin J. Schneider, III. Loving mother of Martin J., IV (Jennifer) Schneider, Peter J. (Heather) Schneider and Jacquelyn C. (Andrew) Power. Proud grandmother of Brayden, Julia, Mason, Abigail, Gryphon, Drake, Charlotte and our angel Amelia. Dear sister of Paul (Sandra) Badsing, Germaine Timlin, Anne (Michael) Glazier and the late John (Ann) Badsing. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday, August 23, 2019, from 3 until 9 PM at the **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, 6754 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago. Funeral Saturday, family and friends meeting at 9:45 AM at Saint Paul of the Cross Church, Washington and Northwest Highway, Park Ridge for Mass at 10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to Rainbow Hospice, 1550 Bishop Court, Mount Prospect, IL 60056. Interment All Saints Cemetery. For further information 773-631-1240 or www.suerth.com.



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**SCHURE, DAVID J.**

David J. Schure. Beloved son of Ralph and Ann Schure nee Loeffel. Loving brother of Kim Schure. Visitation Thursday 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM at **COGLIANESE FUNERAL HOME** 7508 S. County Line Road (one block south of 155/Stevenson) Burr Ridge. Service and interment private. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to American Cancer Society 1801 S Meyers Rd. Ste 100 Oakbrook Terrace IL. 60181. Funeral info 630 654 8484 or www.coglianesefuneralhome.com

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**Semmler, Hank F.**

Hank F. Semmler, age 88, passed away August 19, 2019; Beloved husband for over 70 years, of Violet Marie Semmler, nee Andersen; dear father of the late Henry (Linda), the late Fred, William, and James Semmler; Loving grandfather of Henry and the late Diane; Brother of the late Grace (Richard) Landem; Hank was self-employed in roofing for over 60 years. Services Private. Arrangements by Affordable Cremations, L.L.C. For info 312-216-9880.

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**Slad, Elia A.**

Elia A. Slad, nee Colangelo, age 99. Beloved wife of the late Honorable Jerome Slad; dear mother of Maria (the late Peter) Stoncius, Jerome, Lisa Hanauer, and Andrea Slad (Brad Warden); loving grandmother of Brigitta and Ericka Stoncius, Derek (Amanda) and Allegra Hanauer, and Nikolas Warden; great-grandmother of Alec and Sophia. Visitation Thursday, August 22, 2019 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Michalik Funeral Home**, 1056 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60642. Family and friends will meet on Friday, August 23, 2019 for 12:00 p.m. Funeral Mass at St. John Cantius Church, 825 N. Carpenter St., Chicago, IL 60642. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip, IL. In lieu of flowers donations to Carmelite Monastery, Des Plaines, IL or Missionaries of Charity. For info 312-421-0936 or sign guestbook at [www.michalikfuneralhome.com](http://www.michalikfuneralhome.com).



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**Suszko, Marian**

Marian Suszko, 84, beloved husband of Irena, nee Rutkowska; loving father of Grazyna Suszko (Frederick Rector) and Robert Suszko. Devoted grandfather of Madeleine and George Rector. Cherished brother of the late Bronislaw (late Bronislaw) Suszko. Dear brother-in-law of Marysia, Leokadia, Stanislaw, late Alex. late Antoni, late Zygmunt, late Czeslaw and late Leonarda. Fond uncle and friend of many.

Visitation Thursday, August 22, 2019 from 4:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m., at **COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME**, 8025 W. Golf Rd., Niles IL. Funeral Friday, August 23, starting with prayers at 9:00 a.m. from the funeral home, going in procession to St. Hyacinth Basilica for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Burial to follow at Maryhill Cemetery. For more information, please call 847-581-0536 or [www.colonialfuneral.com](http://www.colonialfuneral.com)



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**Thomas, Nancy, A.**

Nancy A. Thomas (nee McHugh), 76 of Arlington Hts. Loving mother of Michelle (David) Beckemeier, late Brian Thomas and Brad (Joan) Thomas; cherished grandmother of Max, Kate, Ben and Lucy; fond sister of Kevin (Mara) McHugh and Sheelagh (late Mike) McGurn. Visitation Thursday from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the **Glueckert Funeral Home, Ltd.**, 1520 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Hts. Prayers 9:15 AM, Friday at **Glueckert Funeral Home** to St. James Catholic Church, 831 N. Arlington Hts Rd for Mass at 10:00 AM. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 2151, 501st St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38101-2151. Funeral info. [www.GlueckertFH.com](http://www.GlueckertFH.com) or (847) 253-0168.



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**Tufano, Angeline**

Angeline Tufano nee Colauto, age 91. Devoted wife of the late Frank; Beloved mother of Louis (Jill) Tufano, Susan (Anthony) Michi and Jerry (Kathy) Tufano; Loving grandmother of Alex and Ryan Tufano, Amanda and Dominic Michi, Frank (Jennifer) Tufano, Krista Tufano, Michael (Monica) Tufano, Nick (Sarah) Tufano and Anthony (Krista) Tufano and great-grandmother of Kate, Charlotte, Tyler, Destiny, Ethan, Savannah, Johnny, Inez, Ophelia, Joey and Landon; dear sister of Annette (the late Charles) Salvatore; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday August 22, 2019 from 3:00 until 9:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL 60706. Funeral services begin Friday 9:00 a.m. at the funeral home and will proceed to Mary, Seat of Wisdom Church in Park Ridge for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Entombment to follow at Queen of Heaven Mausoleum. Info 708-456-8300 or [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com).



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**Van Boldrik, Antoinette Augusta**

Antoinette Augusta Van Boldrik, age 95, passed away August 17, 2019; beloved wife of the late Hendrik Maarten; devoted mother of Frank (Denise) Van Boldrik, Ineke (James) Cummings and Froukje (Greg) Martin; adored grandmother of Michael, Kelly, Jimmy, Scott and Anne; dear sister of Willie Middle, the late Johann Streiff and Ferry Boogaard. All services are private. Arrangements by **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels** 630-889-1700.



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**Violt, Kenneth M.**

Kenneth M. Violt age 75 of Monee, Illinois passed away on August 20, 2019. Loving husband to Kathleen (nee Romischer); beloved father to Rebecca Fillion and Jeffrey Violt. Cherished grandfather to Sean, Bryan and Nicholas Johnson. Dear brother to Michael (Kathy) Violt, Daniel (Jo Anne) Violt, James Violt, Greg Violt, Emilie Violt, Adele (John) Kealy and late John Violt Jr. Fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. Kenneth worked as an Electrical Operator for Metropolitan Sanitary District and served proudly in the U.S. Army. Visitation on Friday, August 23rd from 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM at **Monee Funeral Home** 5450 Wilson St. (at Governors Hwy.), Monee, IL 60449. Funeral mass, Saturday at 10:00 AM at St. Boniface Catholic Church, 5304 Main Street, Monee, Illinois. Inurnment at a later date: Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, Illinois. Info: (708) 534-0016. [Moneefuneralhome.com](http://Moneefuneralhome.com)

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**Wellisch, Julie Ann**

Julie Ann Wellisch. Beloved wife of Daniel Wellisch. Loving mother of Benjamin. Devoted daughter of Peggy and the late Burton Sharpe. Dear sister of Steven (Darin) Sharpe and the late Barry Sharpe. Fond aunt of Sam and Greg Sharpe. Cherished best friend of Stephanie Ross. Service Thursday, 2PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd. (One block north of Lake Cook Road) Buffalo Grove. Interment Shalom. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Shir Hadash Reconstructionist Synagogue, 200 W. Dundee Rd., Wheeling, IL 60090, [www.shir-hadash.org](http://www.shir-hadash.org). Arrangements by: **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjfinfo.com](http://www.cjfinfo.com)



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**Westrich, C. Beatrice**

C. Beatrice Westrich, age 105. Passed away August 19, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Edward Westrich; loving mother of the late Marcelle (Ralph) Dorr and Dru (Robert) Mueller; cherished mother of step-son William (Marie) Westrich; dear grandmother of Michael (Victoria) Arthofer, David (Laureen) Arthofer, Patti Reed, Kathryn (Joe) Cleberg and Cindy (Craig) Wilken; proud great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother of many. Visitation Saturday, August 24, 2019 from 10 a.m. until time of Funeral Service, 11 a.m. at **Nelson Funeral Home** 820 Talcott Road, Park Ridge IL., 60608. Interment will be private at Mount Emblem Cemetery. For info 847-823-5122 or [www.nelsonfunerals.com](http://www.nelsonfunerals.com)



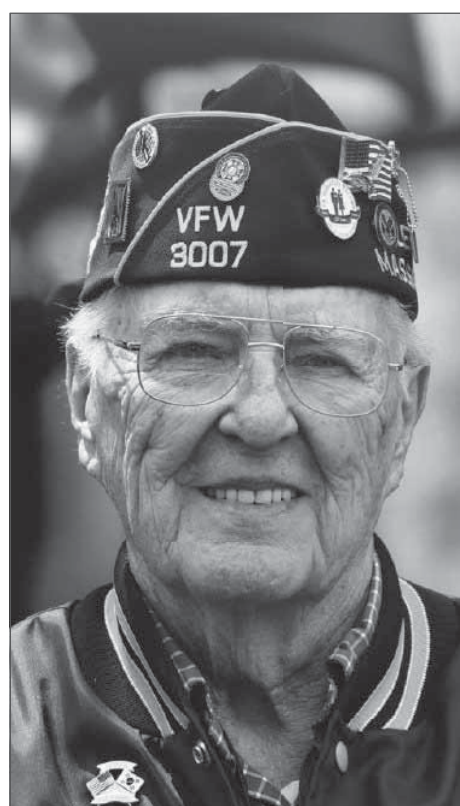
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**WYNN, JONATHAN G**

Jonathan G. "Jon" Wynn: 30 of Bristol, WI; loving son of Kevin (Lisa Strang) Wynn and Christine (Jerry Smigla) Wynn; treasured brother of Connie Wynn; cherished uncle of Keagan L. Freeh; dear grandson of Gary and Mary Betters and the late John and Vera Wynn; significant other to Kristina Koehler and her children: Adrianna and Lillia; fond stepbrother of Michael Strang, Melissa (Bradley) Kienitz, Daniel Smigla and the late Ryan Smigla; step-uncle of Thomas, Tanner, and Nathan; and friend of many. Memorial Service 10AM Saturday August 24, 2019 at the **STRANG FUNERAL HOME OF ANTIOCH** 1055 Main St. (Rte. 83) Antioch, IL 60002. Memorial Visitation from 3PM until 8PM Friday and from 9AM until services Saturday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations to a college fund for his niece Keagan Freeh c/o Connie Wynn. INFO 847-395-4000 or [www.strangfh.com](http://www.strangfh.com)

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## 100 is grand

Loyola chaplain reaches century after becoming a national treasure

BY SHANNON RYAN

When Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt was a 20-year-old nun, she heard someone say that age 40 is when “you’re put on the shelf.”

She thought to herself: “That’s kind of foolish to be talking about life that way. What will I do if I’m put on the shelf at 40?”

She passed that milestone 60 years ago. At 40, she was just getting started. Heck, at 98, she was living a dream life.

Sister Jean has enjoyed some of her most exciting years as the Loyola basketball team chaplain. She became the darling of the 2018 NCAA Tournament during the Ramblers’ unlikely run to the Final Four.

Wednesday is her 100th birthday. And she doesn’t plan to slow down.

“I never thought I’d be 100,” Sister Jean, the team chaplain since 1994, said last month.

She’ll celebrate Wednesday with students and Loyola President Jo Ann Rooney, with cake and songs from a campus cappella group, before holding a news conference. The university plans to

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**“The legacy I want is that I helped people and I was not afraid to give my time to people and teach them to be positive about what happens.”**

— Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt

Sister Jean Delores Schmidt became chaplain of the Loyola men’s basketball team in 1994.

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### BEARS

## Long regrets practice outburst

Veteran guard says fight with teammate was ‘unacceptable’

BY COLLEEN KANE

Bears guard Kyle Long called his actions during a fight at practice last week “absolutely unacceptable” and vowed to make amends for an outburst that included swinging a helmet at a teammate.

Long returned to practice Tuesday, five days after Bears coach Matt Nagy chose to leave him behind on the team’s preseason trip to play the Giants as punishment for his blow-up.

During the Wednesday night practice at Halas Hall, Long scuffled with rookie defensive lineman Jalen Dalton near the line of scrimmage. He swung Dalton’s helmet at him several times and then tossed it toward the sideline.

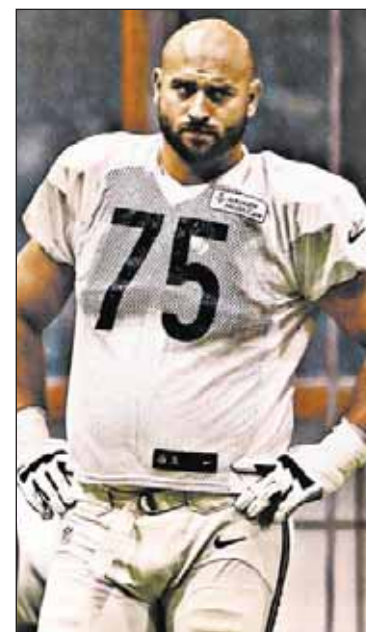
Bears coaches kept Long on the sideline for the rest of the night. Long, who became sick on the sideline after the incident, said he felt “immediate regret.”

“A momentary lapse of judgment,” Long said. “I cost myself a lot of personal equity. People don’t like to see stuff like that. It does not feel good to be the one that’s responsible for it. I’m trying to take ownership of it and move forward, and all I can do today is show up and be the man that I know that I am and stack those days together.”

Long wouldn’t say exactly what caused his reaction, and when asked why he got sick he said, “I think I ate too much.”

“Just football,” Long said. “We’re out here beating each

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Bears guard Kyle Long was left home when the Bears played the Giants last week after an outburst at practice.

### BEST BEARS PLAYERS EVER

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**George Connor**, our pick at No. 16, ushered in an era of

large, quick linebackers who disrupted offenses. Connor’s biggest disruption? A legendary wedge-buster against the Packers in 1955 that knocked the returner, his helmet and the ball in different directions. **Back Page**



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Bears coach Matt Nagy wants QB Mitch Trubisky to fine-tune the timing of his throws. **Back Page**

### CUBS 5, GIANTS 3

## Cubs may have to watch wild-card race

Division title is preference as stretch run nears

The Cubs were in the thick of the National League wild-card race Tuesday night as they began a six-game homestand against the Giants and Nationals, a couple of potential wild-card opponents.

They trailed the Nationals by two games for the first-wild-card spot and were two games ahead of the Phillies and Mets for the second spot.

Winning the division obviously is the goal, but it wouldn’t be too surprising if the Cubs fell short and had to settle for (gulp) a do-or-die wild-card game and a chance to play the Dodgers in the NL Division Series.

Naturally, no one is paying attention.

Manager Joe Maddon admit-



**PAUL SULLIVAN**  
On the Cubs

ted to being clueless when asked before Tuesday’s game if he knew where the Cubs stood in the wild-card race.

“Where are we?” he said. “I don’t know. I’m worried about San Francisco tonight. I mean that sincerely. I

don’t know. ... That’s where I’m at. Listen, if we take care of tonight, take care of the seconds and minutes, the hours and days take care of themselves. There’s still a long way to go.

“I’ve been involved in some really good comebacks and I was involved in a really bad situation with the Angels (who blew an 11-game AL West lead in 1995). So it’s not about that, and

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Anthony Rizzo hits the first of his two solo home runs Tuesday against the Giants at Wrigley Field.

# TOP OF THE SECOND



TEDDY GREENSTEIN

## Plenty of reasons to believe

Northwestern was such an out-of-nowhere Big Ten West champion last year, I'm still not sure it happened. Duke and Akron might feel the same.

But the Wildcats defense was that good down the stretch, freshman running back Isaiah Bowser became a beast and Northwestern committed only 40 penalties all season.

Beyond that, I have no explanation. So what's in store in 2019?

Northwestern locked up the West with two games to play. No way that happens this year. The division will be tighter than the lid on a pickle jar. Six teams can win it. (Sorry, Illinois fans. You still have men's golf. And maybe basketball.)

Here's a breakdown of the six contenders, listed in order of their chances to win the Big Ten West according to MyBookie.ag (+275 means you would have to wager \$100 to win \$275).

### Nebraska

**Odds:** +275.  
**Reasons to pick:** Remember what Scott Frost did in Year 2 at UCF? Undefeated. And Frost has a spectacular quarterback in sophomore Adrian Martinez, whom he praised as "fearless" after Martinez shredded Iowa's strong defense — on the road — in the Cornhuskers' finale. Nebraska attracted several promising transfers, starting with running back Dedrick Mills. And cornerback Dicaprio Bootle has the game to match his legendary name.

**Reasons to punt:** The offensive line lacks depth, and you can't call the beleaguered defense "Blackshirts" yet — though the unis are getting darker.

### Wisconsin

**Odds:** +350.  
**Reasons to pick:** Jonathan Taylor is primed to crank out another 2,000-yard rushing season. Receiver Quintez Cephus is expected back after a jury acquitted him of sexual assault charges. The Badgers have several fine options at quarterback, starting with veteran Jack Coan. True freshman Graham Mertz has gotten the buzz, but don't snooze on redshirt freshman Chase Wolf. The offensive line is, well, the Wisconsin offensive line; five-star recruit Logan Brown might get redshirted.



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Nebraska coach Scott Frost has labeled QB Adrian Martinez as "fearless." The Huskers are the favorite to win the Big Ten West.

**Reasons to punt:** The crossover schedule is downright sinister, with the Badgers facing Michigan and Michigan State at home and Ohio State at the 'Shoe. Wisconsin is thin at outside linebacker, and a QB controversy could be detrimental.

### Purdue

**Odds:** +375.  
**Reasons to pick:** Rondale Moore produces more electricity than one of those wind turbines near West Lafayette. Coach Jeff Brohm can outscheme some of the game's sharpest defensive minds. Quarterback Elijah Sindelar, who turned 23 in June, has seen it all. The crossovers are manageable: Penn State on the road, Maryland and Indiana ... or would Purdue relish another date with Ohio State?

**Reasons to punt:** The Boilermakers are not particularly strong on either line. This is an extremely young team that's well short of the 85-scholarship limit. A thin backfield became emaciated after veteran running back Tario Fuller suffered a fractured jaw.

### Minnesota

**Odds:** +450.  
**Reasons to pick:** The Gophers finished 2018 with a flurry, outscoring Wisconsin and Georgia Tech 71-25. The receivers are terrific, led by Tyler Johnson. Tailback Mohamed Ibrahim was lethal down the stretch. The offensive line is gargantuan, starting with 400-pound Australian Daniel Faalele. The crossovers are kind: Rutgers (road), Maryland and Penn State.  
**Reasons to punt:** Starting quarterback Zack Annexstad went down with a foot injury two weeks ago and might miss the season. On the plus side, Tanner Morgan is 4-2 as a starter. This is a young team that, for what it's worth, gave up 55 points to Illinois last season.

### Iowa

**Odds:** +475.  
**Reasons to pick:** Nine starters return on each side. Nate Stanley might be the conference's best pocket passer. A.J. Epenesa is a QB-seeking missile and a huge part of a potentially great defense. The Hawkeyes are due to win some close games.  
**Reasons to punt:** Stanley's a fine quarterback, but here's a reality check: He completed a modest 59.3 percent last season despite having two All-America tight ends taken in the first round of the NFL draft. All-Big Ten safety Amani Hooker also is gone. The rushing attack could falter again, and the Hawkeyes face two tough crossover games at Michigan and at home against Penn State.

### Northwestern

**Odds:** +550.  
**Reasons to pick:** The defense should be strong, especially in the secondary. Linebacker Paddy Fisher and end Joe Gaziano are among the best in the conference. Bowser and Drake Anderson could be a thunder-and-lightning combo in the backfield. Barring more crazy injuries, the punter won't have to double as the place-kicker. These guys know how to win. They're 15-1 in their last 16 regular-season Big Ten games.  
**Reasons to punt:** The Wildcats leave themselves susceptible to heartbreak by always playing close games. Clayton Thorson is gone, leaving a potential QB quandary. Will Hunter Johnson beat out T.J. Green? Don't assume.

### LET'S PLAY 2

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	<b>Wednesday</b> Giants 7:05 p.m. NBCSCH	<b>Thursday</b> Giants 1:20 p.m. WGN-9
	<b>Wednesday</b> @Twins 12:10 p.m. NBCSCH	<b>Thursday</b> Rangers 7:10 p.m. NBCSCH
	<b>Saturday</b> @Revolution 6:30 p.m. ESPN+	<b>Aug. 31</b> @Crew 6:30 p.m. ESPN+
	<b>Friday</b> Mystics 7 p.m. WCIU-26.2	<b>Sunday</b> @Mercury 5 p.m. WCIU-26.2

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<b>BASEBALL</b>		
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<b>6 p.m.</b> Phillies at Red Sox	MLB	
<b>7 p.m.</b> Giants at Cubs	NBCSCH	
		WSCR-AM 670
<b>9 p.m.</b> Yankees at Athletics	ESPN	
<b>EQUESTRIAN</b>		
<b>8 a.m.</b> Juddmonte Stakes	NBCSN	
<b>SOCCER</b>		
<b>2 p.m.</b> Olympiacos vs Krasnodar	TNT	
<b>TENNIS</b>		
<b>10 a.m.</b> Bronx Open	Tennis	
<b>2 p.m.</b> Winston-Salem Open	Tennis	

### SKY 87, DREAM 83

## DeShields, Vandersloot lead balanced attack

Diamond DeShields led five Sky starters in double figures with 17 points, helping them beat the Dream 87-83 on Tuesday night in Atlanta.

Courtney Vandersloot went 1 of 2 from the line with 17.9 seconds left to give the Sky (16-11) an 85-83 lead. Allie Quigley added 16 points.

### ILLINOIS FOOTBALL

## Peters named starting QB

BY SHANNON RYAN

Brandon Peters will be Illinois' starting quarterback, coach Lovie Smith announced Tuesday.

The graduate transfer from Michigan beat out freshman Isaiah Williams and redshirt freshmen Matt Robinson and Coran Taylor during preseason camp.

"We loved Brandon when we got a chance to know him during the recruiting process," Smith said. "Now that we've seen

him on the field, he has been everything we thought he would be. He has really thrown the ball well and is a better runner than he's given credit for."

Peters is a former four-star recruit and Mr. Football winner in Indiana. He has two seasons of eligibility after playing in 10 games with four starts for the Wolverines.

He started four games in 2017, but a concussion sidelined him and then he fell down the depth chart as transfer Shea Patterson took over.

## Sullivan

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when you start worrying about stuff like that, that's the trap. I believe that firmly. ... If we do this properly, that will take care of itself. I absolutely believe that to be true."

I absolutely believe Maddon absolutely believes that to be true, and certainly it's way too early for Maddon and the Cubs to be thinking wild card. They're engaged in a heated three-way race with the Cardinals and Brewers in the NL Central. Why think about the worst-case scenario in August?

But there's no getting around the fact they may have to get into the postseason through the back door, as they did last year after losing Game 163 to the Brewers. It's not what anyone wants, especially knowing last year's outcome.

But it's definitely preferable to option C, which is sitting out October and waiting for President Theo Epstein's reckoning to begin.

Everyone you ask believes the Cubs have the best team in the Central, and on paper that's probably the case. When Nicholas Castellanos and Anthony Rizzo homered in the first inning Tuesday, it was like old times at Wrigley.

But they still can't win on the road, their bullpen is shakier than the stock market and the team still ranks 29th out of 30 teams with a .240 average against left-handed pitching. All the mental-skills coaches in the world haven't been able to fix these issues yet, but if the Cubs intend to go far in the postseason, they need to figure them out quickly.

If you remember how all this began in February, you'll recall Cubs camp was riled up when the PECOTA rankings from the Baseball Prospectus computer came out and projected them to finish last in the division with an 80-82 record, behind the Brewers (88 wins), Cardinals (87), Red and Pirates (81 apiece).

The Cubs scoffed at the idea. "That's cool," Kyle Schwarber said. "I

guess they want to be different, right? I guess they want to get some publicity. We all know what we have in this clubhouse. Baseball is baseball. It might happen, but I'm betting that it won't happen. So I don't think we'll do that. So next question."

The projection was posted on the bulletin board in the Cubs spring training clubhouse the next day. Scoff, scoff.

Maddon feigned indignation with the computer, saying: "That's kind of upsetting and insulting because I've always been on the side of the computer for so many years. I've defended the computer for many years, and all of a sudden IBM has turned its back on me."

It looks as though PECOTA got it wrong about the Cubs finishing last, but they were only on pace for 86 wins Tuesday, which is why they also have to hang on in the wild-card race as a backup plan for October.

There's no shame in being a wild-card team. The Giants won the wild-card game in Pittsburgh in 2014 and wound up beating the Royals in the World Series. It happens.

But Cubs fans have grown accustomed to loftier goals, and you can imagine the collective sigh across Wrigleyville if they have to settle for a wild-card spot again.

The bottom line is the Cubs need to get in any way possible, even if it's through the back door. But the players seem optimistic after winning a road series for the first time since May. Castellanos even said before Tuesday's game it was opening day, which he said is how he feels every day.

"Why is today not opening day?" he said. "Prove to me that it's not."

Well, there's the 66-58 record ...

"Well that's only if you believe your record," he said. "It's kind of the mentality, like, if what does happen is a memory, and what's going to happen is a thought, you're taking yourself out of right now."

"So in that case, every day is opening day."

It's hard to argue with that logic, so never mind about the wild-card. The Cubs have six more months to get things right.

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## CUBS



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## CUBS RECAP

Anthony Rizzo hit two home runs and reached base four times in leading the Cubs to a 5-3 victory over the Giants on Tuesday night. The Cubs improved to 42-19 at Wrigley Field. Rizzo has hit four home runs in his last five games, giving him 25 on the season. It was the 17th multihomer game of his career and his first since Aug. 26, 2017. Nicholas Castellanos hit his seventh home run since joining the Cubs in a trade from the Tigers on July 31 to give the Cubs a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first, and he added two singles. Castellanos has hit safely in 15 of his 18 games with the Cubs. Cole Hamels rebounded from his disastrous start Wednesday in Philadelphia by pitching six innings of five-hit ball to improve to 7-4. Kyle Ryan, Rowan Wick and Craig Kimbrel pitched one scoreless inning apiece to close it out.

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# High opinion

## Maddon believes in Cubs' bullpen despite struggles

BY MARK GONZALES

The Cubs upgraded the quality of their infield depth in the last three weeks by acquiring Tony Kemp from the Astros and recalling versatile Addison Russell from Triple A.

But are there enough quality relievers among a season-high cast of nine to satisfy manager Joe Maddon with a National League Central title at stake?

"I have confidence in all of this," Maddon said Tuesday night after Steve Cishek was activated from the injured list. "This is a really good bullpen. I know it's been maligned and the numbers ... We missed some saves, but I like the group. I think our best pitching baseball is ahead of us, and I think our best baseball is ahead of us in this six-week window.

"We'll get everyone right, which I think they're trending in that direction, then spreading the work and not relying on one guy too often."

There are plenty of veteran relievers who can work their way into Maddon's circle of trust. But there are also talented newcomers, such as Rowan Wick, who has a 1.69 ERA in 11 appearances, who can be just as valuable in strikeout situations.

The bullpen has had an up-

and-down season. It rebounded from a disastrous start to help the Cubs move into first place in the second week of May. More recently a series of injuries and three blown ninth-inning leads resulted in the Cubs' 3 1/2-game division lead dissolving within a week.

There's no time for auditions or working on secondary pitches or stamina. That was clear Sunday night with closer Craig Kimbrel. He allowed a home run to Starling Marte on his first pitch after returning from a right knee injury and was pulled after 15 pitches.

Closer Pedro Strop, who started the season as the closer, finished Sunday's game but has struggled with his command over the last six weeks.

"We got to get Strop back on solid ground with his stuff," Maddon said.

The bullpen has had an unusual amount of turnover, with three relievers who were on the opening-day roster — Brad Brach, Carl Edwards Jr. and Mike Montgomery — now with other organizations. A fourth, Randy Rosario, is at Triple-A Iowa.

The flavor of the summer is Wick, who didn't receive his first promotion until May 23 but appears here to stay after being promoted for the fourth time on July 22.

"If you told me I'd be in this position in spring training, I don't know if I would have believed you," Wick said. "It would have been wishful thinking. But it's

pretty cool."

Wick has a combination of two elite pitches — a 97-mph fastball and a big-breaking curve — that is matched by only Kimbrel. That has helped him to strike out 14 in 10 2/3 innings, post an 0.75 WHIP and average 11.8 strikeouts per nine innings.

"He's grown into somebody," Maddon said of Wick, who started his career in the Cardinals organization as a catcher/outfielder.

With nine relievers at his disposal, Maddon could slot specific relievers in select situations. But that can change, based on usage and health.

Cishek pitched in 54 games before suffering a sore left hip. He said his arm might have benefited from his IL stint.

"Let's be honest," Cishek said. "Guys in the bullpen, we don't always feel 100 percent. It's impossible."

Tyler Chatwood must find a way to stay ready even during long stretches of inactivity. Chatwood went eight days without an appearance before he pitched two scoreless innings Saturday against the Pirates to preserve a win for Jon Lester.

"I try to stay mentally sharp, as locked in as I can," Chatwood said. "If you let it get you super frustrated, it can eat at you. So I want to be in there more and help us win games, but just be ready when they call my name."

Said Wick: "Everyone is throwing important innings, for sure. Joe has some options."

## CUBS NOTES

## Maddon: Bote, Almora will benefit in Iowa

BY MARK GONZALES

David Bote spent more than four months on the Cubs roster before he was optioned to Triple-A Iowa on Monday.

Reliever Steve Cishek, whose activation from the injured list resulted in Bote being optioned, admitted the transaction was tough.

Center fielder Albert Almora Jr. was optioned Friday to make room for infielder Addison Russell, one day after Bote committed an error at shortstop that paved the way for the Phillies to rally for a stunning 7-5 win.

"But it's also a good thing because those guys will be able to get reps in and be able to help us in September," Cishek said. "They weren't playing consistently, for sure."

Bote had seen a decrease in

at-bats with the arrivals of Ian Happ and Tony Kemp. Almora's playing time started to diminish because of his struggles against left-handed pitchers, which led to the acquisition of Nicholas Castellanos.

The Cubs were delighted that Almora went 2-for-4 with a double in his Iowa debut and is 3-for-9 in his first two games.

Bote batted .190 in 42 at-bats in July, and the Cubs optioned him despite his 8-for-20 performance in August.

"You know it's in their best interests," manager Joe Maddon said. "That part of it becomes easier. You're not releasing anyone. You're sending them back to a limited amount of time to work on some things that specifically is going to benefit them and us moving forward."

"It's a tough conversation, but

you've got to be straight forward and honest about it. Don't paint a picture that's not true."

The addition of Russell on the major-league roster lessens the need for Bote to get work at shortstop.

"But I'm happy for him to get that work," Maddon said. "The biggest thing is for him to get those at-bats as much as anything."

**Zobrist update:** Cubs infielder Ben Zobrist is scheduled to play for Double-A Tennessee on Thursday before joining Triple-A Iowa for two games beginning Friday.

Zobrist, who missed nearly three months while he was on the restricted list, is batting .222 (6-for-27) in nine games with Class A affiliates South Bend and Myrtle Beach and Iowa.

## WHITE SOX

# Bunting big part of Sanchez's game

White Sox's small-ball specialist leading all AL players in sacrifices

BY LAMOND POPE

MINNEAPOLIS — Yolmer Sanchez leads the American League with nine sacrifice bunts.

Sanchez had his most memorable moment of the season Monday against the Twins at Target Field when he laid down a successful suicide squeeze on an 0-2 count in the seventh inning.

"We get the sign from the third-base coach or the manager and you have to execute it," Sanchez said Tuesday. "If they ask you to do something, you have to try your best and try to get it done. It was a really good pitch to do it, a high fastball and I was able to get it done."

Tim Anderson scored to give the Sox a three-run lead on the way to a 6-4 victory.

Sanchez said it's the first time he can remember accomplishing the feat on an 0-2 count.

Twins pitcher Kyle Gibson wasn't sure if he'd seen it before either.

"Especially for it to work in that instance on that pitch in that situation, Yolmer must be, he might just be a really elite bunter," Gibson said. "That was a really good job."

"Crazy that they did a suicide squeeze instead of a safety squeeze in that instance. They're up by two, and 0-2 on the hitter, normally, you might do a safety in that instance. But once I saw (Anderson) out of the corner of my eye, I knew there was only a chance at first (base)."

Sox manager Rick Renteria knew he had the right player up to pull off the play.

"I know that they went out there to talk to (Gibson) about it, to get ready for Yolmer possibly

laying something down," Renteria said. "And the squeeze was something we were able to use to counter it and Timmy can really fly and he got a nice running start. They both executed it very, very well."

Gibson also was impressed with the execution.

"Once I got to two strikes, I really wasn't thinking about it a whole lot," Gibson said. "Even (third baseman Miguel Sano) kind of moved away from the line a little bit. He's a good bunter. But I felt like we had the right pitch for the right time for that situation and somehow he did a good job and got it down."

Sanchez said bunting is "part of my game."

"I've (done) it a couple of times this year and I feel good," Sanchez said.

Some of the bunts have come in crucial situations.

Sanchez's sacrifice bunt in the 10th inning June 21 brought home Eloy Jimenez and gave the Sox the lead in a 5-4 win over the Rangers.

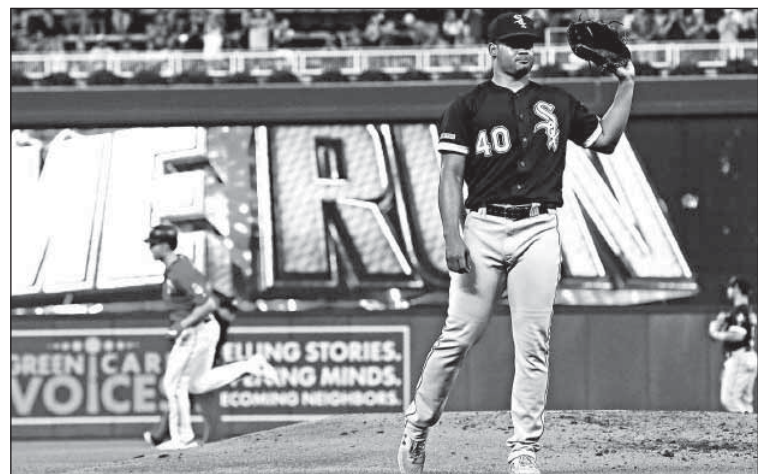
His Aug. 14 bunt against the Astros led to two runs when pitcher Wade Miley flipped the ball over the head of catcher Robinson Chirinos.

Sanchez said there's not one particular trait that makes someone an effective bunter.

"To bunt for a base hit is a little bit harder because you have to put the ball close to the line," Sanchez said. "In that play (Monday), it's a little easier because in that situation we had a fast runner on third. It's (Anderson). In my mind, I just tried to put the ball on the ground and we'll have a run. That's easy."

While Sanchez appreciated the praise, he didn't address his "elite" bunting status.

"I just think about the moment and what the manager asks you to do," Sanchez said. "I feel good, really good doing a sacrifice bunt, a squeeze or a safety squeeze."



JIM MONE/AP

## WHITE SOX RECAP

The Twins scored seven runs in the eighth inning and beat the White Sox 14-4 Tuesday at Target Field. The Twins have outscored the Sox 89-39 this season and have won eight of the 12 games. Sox starter Reynaldo Lopez (above) allowed seven runs, three earned, on six hits in six innings. It all fell apart for the Sox with two outs in the fifth, when Jose Abreu failed to catch a throw from catcher Wellington Castillo, opening the door for four unearned runs. Nelson Cruz, who went 4-for-5 with a home run, hit a two-run double in the inning. Tim Anderson went 2-for-4 with two RBIs for the Sox. He drove in a run with a double in the third and hit a solo home run in the sixth.

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# Renteria: Lineups 'not just willy-nilly'

BY LAMOND POPE

MINNEAPOLIS — When it comes to constructing the White Sox lineup, manager Rick Renteria says, "It's not just willy-nilly."

"I think about why and where I put them on particular days," Renteria said Tuesday.

Tuesday, that meant Tim Anderson in the No. 2 spot and Eloy Jimenez hitting cleanup against the Twins at Target Field. Anderson hit second Saturday, seventh Sunday and sixth Monday. Jimenez hit fifth the previous nine games.

"I have conversations about Timmy hitting second, Eloy hitting fourth," Renteria said. "I do have conversations with the players. Timmy has been showing a lot better against (both) lefties and righties. He's expressed that. He's actually embracing the idea of possibly hitting second."

More adjustments will be required when Yoan Moncada returns from the injured list (strained right hamstring). Moncada is on a rehab assignment with Triple-A Charlotte.

"Once Yoan returns, maybe I'm thinking about slotting Yoan at the four hole, so I have to do some things to kind of prepare for that particular move," Renteria said. "Putting Eloy in the No. 4 hole right now is also (a possibility) because potentially down the road

that's where he can hit. I'm giving them and myself a different look."

The Sox have had 100 lineups this season, according to Baseball Reference.

Renteria said the adjustments are for comfort and from conversations with players.

"A lot of it has to be trust," Renteria said. "Most people want to go through just statistically-based decisions. OK, I'm not that guy. I trust myself and the things I do. I think there's a balance. I don't discount numbers. Never have, never will."

"But I'm a balance guy. I'm not going to appeal to the sabermetrician on a daily basis. Never will. Never want to. Not my intent. If they don't like it, I don't really give a (bleep)."

Renteria says the decisions are made "because I think it's the right thing for me to do."

"I know everybody has their opinion," Renteria said. "Maybe it puts me on the outs. That's fine. But I'm going to do what I think I need to do with the guys I have."

"I know my guys. I know what they are capable of doing. It may not always work out. I can't defend something I can't quantify because everybody wants history behind it. But you can't develop history unless you allow an opportunity for an individual to be put in a particular situation for an extended period of time."



## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Sister Jean

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honor her by raising funds for a \$100,000 athletic endowment.

Sister Jean, meanwhile, has been a gift to Loyola, as fans, players, coaches and students often say.

She's a fixture at basketball games, sitting in her wheelchair in the Gentile Arena tunnel, intently watching while wearing a maroon-and-gold scarf and letterman's jacket. Her pregame prayers on the court are among the Ramblers' most treasured traditions.

She provides coaches with scouting reports and sends players postgame emails with encouragement and advice. She often includes her observations in her prayers with the players.

"Sometimes my prayers don't seem very holy, but they mean a lot to the players," she said, grinning. "I (roam) the concourse during halftime, and opponents' fans will say, 'You pray harder for Loyola.' I say, 'If you wore gold and maroon, you would too.'"

Despite breaking a hip in a fall off a sidewalk curb earlier in the year and missing nine home games, Sister Jean traveled with the Ramblers during their 2018 NCAA Tournament run. As Loyola made one game-winning shot after another, Sister Jean's popularity also increased at each stop as television cameras captured her pregame prayers and postgame celebrations with players.

Soon, Charles Barkley and Bill Walton were seeking out Sister Jean for selfies just like hundreds of other college basketball fans — no matter which team they rooted for.

Her popularity hasn't waned. In July, a young boy who traveled to Chicago for a Cubs game asked to stop by her office in the student center for a photo and chat. Sister Jean obliged.

She said she has tried to use her fame to spread a positive message of faith — no matter anyone's religious beliefs. She said she heard from alumni and fans who returned to their places of worship after absences, inspired by watching the Ramblers.

"The legacy I want is that I helped people and I was not afraid to give my time to people and teach them to be positive about what happens and that they can do good for other people," Sister Jean said.

"And being willing to take a risk. People might say, 'Why didn't I do that?' Well, just go ahead and try it — as long as it doesn't hurt anybody."

## Just a number

Sister Jean said she doesn't think much about her age.



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Loyola coach Porter Moser greets Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt before last season's opener at Gentile Arena, where Schmidt has become a fixture at games.

"I never tried to think I was getting old," she said while sitting in her wheelchair at a computer in her office, wearing her maroon-and-gold scarf on a July day. "I think that's kind of debilitating."

As a centenarian, Sister Jean joins one of the fastest-growing groups in America.

In 2014, 72,197 Americans were at least 100 years old, an increase of 44 percent from 2000, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The United Nations estimates there will be 25 million centenarians worldwide by 2100.

But Sister Jean spends much of her time around students 80 years younger.

Her office door in the student center remains open. She reads the same books they do; Eve Ewing's "Ghosts in the Schoolyard: Racism and School Closings on Chicago's South Side," a required book at Loyola, sits in her office.

She owns a simple mobile phone and doesn't text, but she dutifully answers emails a few times a day.

"I just try to place myself in their position and think about what they would like to hear," she said of relating to young people. "I just came back from orientation and it was packed. I said to them, 'God has given you certain gifts and you have to use those gifts.'"

Sister Jean was born in San Francisco in 1919 — the year Congress approved women's right to vote, Prohibition was ratified and the White Sox threw the World Series.

Born into a family of sports fans, Sister Jean played high school basketball from 1933 to '37 on a court divided into three sections with rules that allowed only forwards to shoot. She became a nun after high school, joining the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary convent in Iowa, then returned to California in 1941 as a teacher and coach.

She accepted a teaching job at Mundelein College, an all-women's school near Loyola, in 1961 and attended athletic events at both schools, driving some

Mundelein teams to competitions. Mundelein merged with Loyola in 1991, and Sister Jean retired from the education department not long after.

A few years later, Loyola asked her to become team chaplain. For 25 years she has prayed with teams, offered her scouting reports and delivered her postgame encouragement.

"I can tell when (players are) having a good day or not," she said. "They're very resilient young men. They work hard."

## Eat well, sleep well, pray well

Despite living through the Great Depression, when her mother could make a meal for a family of five on a nickel's worth of vegetables, her family created silver linings.

There's no better way than "delightful" to describe Sister Jean's childhood. Near the end of a recent interview, she asked a reporter, "Did I tell you we had a monkey?"

A family friend who worked on a cargo ship brought the Schmidts an "organ-grinder type" monkey born on a ship from South America. They made it one of the family. Sister Jean's mom knitted a red sweater for Jerry, the monkey, who ate toast and drank coffee each morning.

The family also had a foot-long pet alligator for a few years. "We didn't even have a dog," Sister Jean joked.

Longevity was in her genes. While her mother lived to 74, her father lived to 95 and she said all but one of her paternal aunts and uncles lived to their mid-90s. Her grandfather lived with her family during her childhood.

Birthdays were to be celebrated, even when money was sparse. Her mother ensured each child's birthday was special. Sister Jean and her brothers could request a specific menu — her favorite was chicken fricassee, homemade noodles and pound cake with lots of frosting.

"Birthdays," she said, "are your special days."

Wednesday's event isn't the only time Loyola is celebrating Sister Jean's century mark.

The university will host an all-alumni celebration Aug. 29 that includes a champagne toast at the Loyola University Museum of Art followed by a block party on the downtown campus.

The university's Gannon Center for Women and Leadership and the Mundelein College Alumnae Board on Aug. 7 hosted a Mass at St. James Chapel, a luncheon and the ribbon cutting of the "A Century of Sister Jean" exhibit at LUMA. A portrait of Sister Jean was painted to commemorate her 100th year.

Sister Jean said she has the key to a long life, following the principles of St. Ignatius.

"I eat well and sleep well," she said. "And hopefully I pray well."

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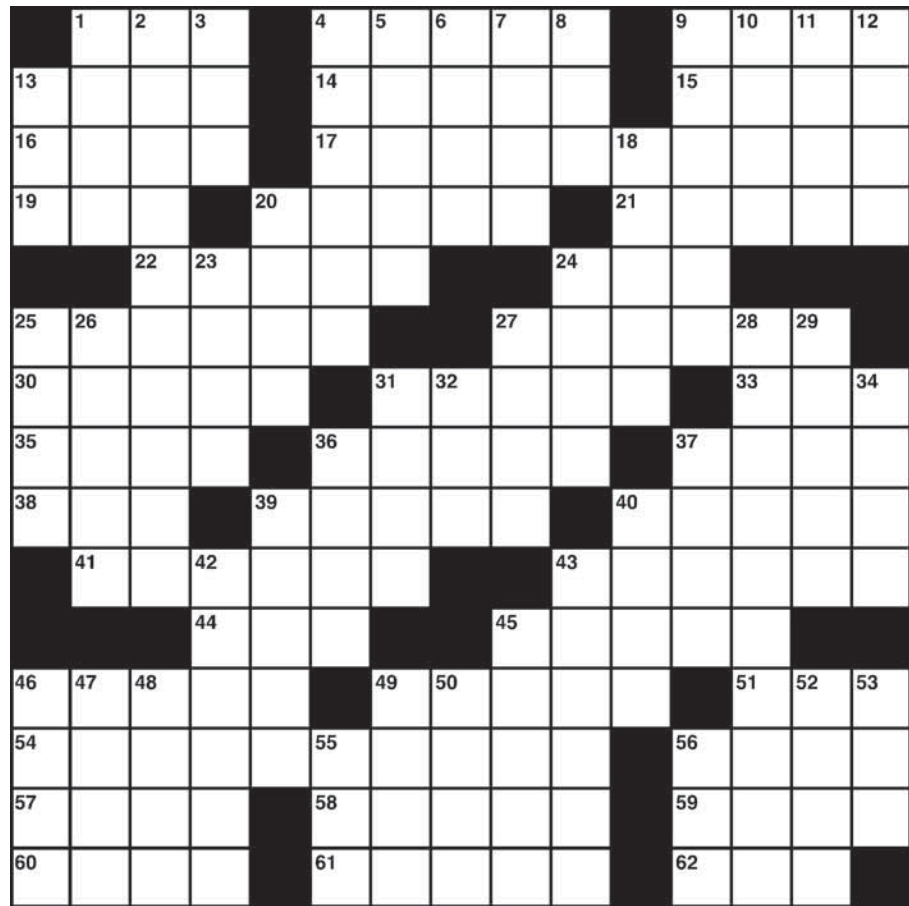


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# BEARS



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**"What I was involved with last week was unacceptable regardless of who we practice against or who we play against, what line of work you're in."**

—Kyle Long on his fight during a practice

## Bears

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other up. I was a little frustrated, and it boiled over and it was really unfortunate." Long said his actions reflected poorly on the team, acknowledging that fans don't want to hear about such a distraction when preparation for the season opener against the Packers should be the focus. Long already has spoken to his teammates, and Nagy said Tuesday morning the team is moving on. "We're past it," Nagy said. "Now it's not about talking anymore. ... It's showing by your actions, whether that's being a good football player or being a good person. I always tell my kids, 'Don't talk about it. Be about it.' So it's time to start being about it." Nagy noted fights can happen among teammates when they knock each other around in practice each day but said his players need to be "mentally mature" about such scuffles. Long and many of the Bears starters haven't played in the preseason because Nagy values health over experience in

exhibition games. While acknowledging he's ready to play a real opponent, Long didn't blame the incident on that. "What I was involved with last week was unacceptable regardless of who we practice against or who we play against, what line of work you're in," Long said. Long also got into a skirmish with defensive lineman Akiem Hicks earlier in the week on the final practice in Bourbonnais. He spoke of that incident as a more typical practice fight and said he'd like to make sure he doesn't cross the line into something worse again. "The Akiem-and-I thing, that's the nature of two giants getting frustrated with each other over the course of time," Long said. "Akiem and I are good buddies. But when we're on the field, he's trying to get the quarterback, and I'm trying to put him 5 yards behind the line of scrimmage. Sometimes we get frustrated. "It's like siblings. We bicker or we push each other around. Most of the time, Mom or Dad has to say, 'Hey, that's your brother. Be nice. Come back to the huddle.' Things work themselves out that way. But moving forward, I'd like to keep it there and not have it escalate into something else."

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Washington -147 at Pittsburgh +137
at Atlanta -190 Miami +175
at St. Louis -105 Milwaukee -105
at Chi Cubs -190 San Fran. +175
INTERLEAGUE WEDNESDAY
at Boston -153 Philadelphia +143
at NY Mets -160 Cleveland +150
at LA Dodgers -300 Toronto +270

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
prgame.com SATURDAY
Florida 7½ Miami
Arizona 11 at Hawaii

NFL PRESEASON
WEEK 3 THURSDAY
at Cincinnati 3 NY Giants
Washington 3 at Atlanta
at New England 3½ Carolina
Baltimore 4½ at Philadelphia
Green Bay 3 at Oakland
at Miami 3½ Jacksonville
FRIDAY
Cleveland 3 at Tampa Bay
Buffalo 1 at Detroit
SATURDAY
at Minnesota 7 Arizona
at Indianapolis 4 Chicago
at Dallas 4 Houston
New Orleans 3 at NY Jets
at Kansas City off San Fran.
at LA Rams off Denver
Seattle 2½ at LA Chargers
SUNDAY
at Tennessee 3 Pittsburgh

NFL PRESEASON

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New England 2 0 0 1.000 53 20
Buffalo 2 0 0 1.000 51 30
Miami 1 1 0 .500 48 43
N.Y. Jets 1 1 0 .500 44 41

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Baltimore 2 0 0 1.000 55 13
Cleveland 2 0 0 1.000 51 28
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Houston 1 1 0 .500 56 51
Jacksonville 0 2 0 .000 10 53
Indianapolis 0 2 0 .000 34 45

AFC WEST W L T PCT PF PA
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Kansas City 1 1 0 .500 45 34
Denver 1 2 0 .333 43 56
L.A. Chargers 0 2 0 .000 30 36

NFC EAST W L T PCT PF PA
NY Giants 2 0 0 1.000 63 35
Dallas 1 1 0 .500 27 27
Philadelphia 1 1 0 .500 34 37
Washington 0 2 0 .000 23 53

NFC NORTH W L T PCT PF PA
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Atlanta 0 3 0 .000 47 70

NFC WEST W L T PCT PF PA
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Seattle 1 1 0 .500 41 39
Arizona 1 1 0 .500 43 46
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THURSDAY'S GAMES
NY Giants at Cincinnati, 6 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Carolina at New England, 6:30 p.m.
Baltimore at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Green Bay vs. Oakland
in Winnipeg, Manitoba, 7 p.m.
Jacksonville at Miami, 7 p.m.
FRIDAY'S GAMES
Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Detroit, 7 p.m.
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Arizona at Minnesota, noon
Chicago at Indianapolis, 6 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 6 p.m.
New Orleans at N.Y. Jets, 6:30 p.m.
San Francisco at Kansas City, 7 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Rams, 8 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Chargers, 9 p.m.
SUNDAY'S GAME
Pittsburgh at Tennessee, 7 p.m.

WNBA

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Indiana 9 18 .333 11
New York 9 18 .333 11
Atlanta 5 22 .185 15
WESTERN W L PCT GB
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Los Angeles 16 10 .615 2
Seattle 15 13 .536 4
Minnesota 13 15 .464 6
Phoenix 13 14 .481 5½
Dallas 9 18 .333 9½
x-clinched playoff spot
TUESDAY'S RESULTS
New York 82, Indiana 76
Chicago 87, Atlanta 83
Las Vegas 84, Phoenix 79, OT
Los Angeles 81, Minnesota 71
THURSDAY'S GAMES
Dallas at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

WORLD SERIES
at South Williamsport, Pa.
e-eliminated
TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Salem (Ore.) 4, Bologna (Italy) 3
Willemstad (Curacao) 9,
e-Maracaibo (Venezuela) 2
Elizabeth (N.J.) 2, e-Barrington (R.I.) 0
TENNIS
ATP WINSTON-SALEM OPEN
R1 at Wake Forest Univ. courts;
Winston-Salem, N.C.; outdoors-hard
Steve Johnson d. C. Moutet, 6-3, 6-3.
Andrey Rublev d. Thomas Fabbiano,
6-4, 6-2.
Damiir Dzumhur d. Antoine Hoang,
6-7 (5), 6-0, 6-2.
SECOND ROUND SINGLES
#1 Benoit Paire d.
Prajnesh Gunneswaran, 6-3, 7-5.
#2 Denis Shapovalov d. Tinnys
Sandgren, 6-2, 6-4.
#3 Hubert Hurkacz d. Lee Duckhee,
4-6, 6-0, 6-3.
Robin Haase d. #4 J. Sousa, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Steve Johnson d. #5 Dan Evans, 6-3, 6-1.
#6 Sam Querrey d. Roberto Carballes
Baena, 6-3, 7-5.
#7 Lorenzo Sonego d. D. Dzumhur, 6-1, 6-4.
#8 Filip Krajinovic d. Tomas Berdych,
3-6, 7-5, 6-1.
Andrey Rublev d. #9 Albert
Ramos-Vinolas, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-1.
#10 Frances Tiafoe d. J. Chardy, 4-2, ret.
#11 Pablo Carreno Busta d.
Marius Copil, 6-3, 6-7 (3), 6-4.
#12 Casper Ruud d. Lloyd Harris, 6-1, ret.
#13 Miomir Kecmanovic d.
Alexi Popyrin, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
#14 John Millman d. Marco Cecchinato,
6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-3.
#15 Ugo Humbert d. Bjorn Fratangelo,
3-6, 6-3, 6-2.
#16 Feliciano Lopez Diaz-Guerra d.
Pablo Andujar, 6-4, 1-6, 7-5.
WTA NYJTL BRONX OPEN
R2 at Cary Leeds Center; New York;
outdoors-hard
Camila Giorgi d. Andrea Petkovic,
3-6, 7-5, 7-6 (3).
Bernarda Pera d. #3 Barbora Strycova,
3-6, 6-2, 6-1.
#5 Katerina Siniakova d.
Anastasia Potapova, 6-0, 3-0, ret.
Alizé Cornet d. Zhu Lin, 7-6 (5), 4-0, ret.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

UPCOMING TOP 25 SCHEDULE
SATURDAY'S GAME
#8 Florida vs. Miami in Orlando, 6 p.m.
THURSDAY, AUG. 29
#1 Clemson vs. Georgia Tech, 7 p.m.
#12 Texas A&M vs. Texas St., 7:30 p.m.
#14 Utah at BYU, 9:15 p.m.
#17 UCF vs. Florida A&M, 6:30 p.m.
FRIDAY, AUG. 30
#18 Michigan State vs. Tulsa, 6 p.m.
#19 Wisconsin at South Florida, 6 p.m.
SATURDAY, AUG. 31
#2 Alabama vs. Duke in Atlanta, 2:30 p.m.
#3 Georgia at Vanderbilt, 6:30 p.m.
#5 Ohio State vs. FAU, 11 a.m.
#6 LSU vs. Georgia Southern, 6:30 p.m.
#7 Michigan vs. Middle Tennessee,
6:30 p.m.
#10 Texas vs. Louisiana Tech, 7 p.m.
#11 Oregon vs. #16 Auburn in
Arlington, Texas, 6:30 p.m.
#13 Washington vs. Eastern
Washington, 2 p.m.
#15 Penn State vs. Idaho, 2:30 p.m.
#20 Iowa vs. Miami (Ohio), 6:30 p.m.
#21 Iowa State vs. Northern Iowa, 11
a.m.
#22 Syracuse at Liberty, 5 p.m.
#23 Washington State vs. New Mexico
State, 9 p.m.
#24 Nebraska vs. S. Alabama, 11 a.m.
#25 Stanford vs. Northwestern, 3 p.m.
SUNDAY, SEPT. 1
#4 Oklahoma vs. Houston, 6:30 p.m.
MONDAY, SEPT. 2
#9 Notre Dame in Louisville, 7 p.m.

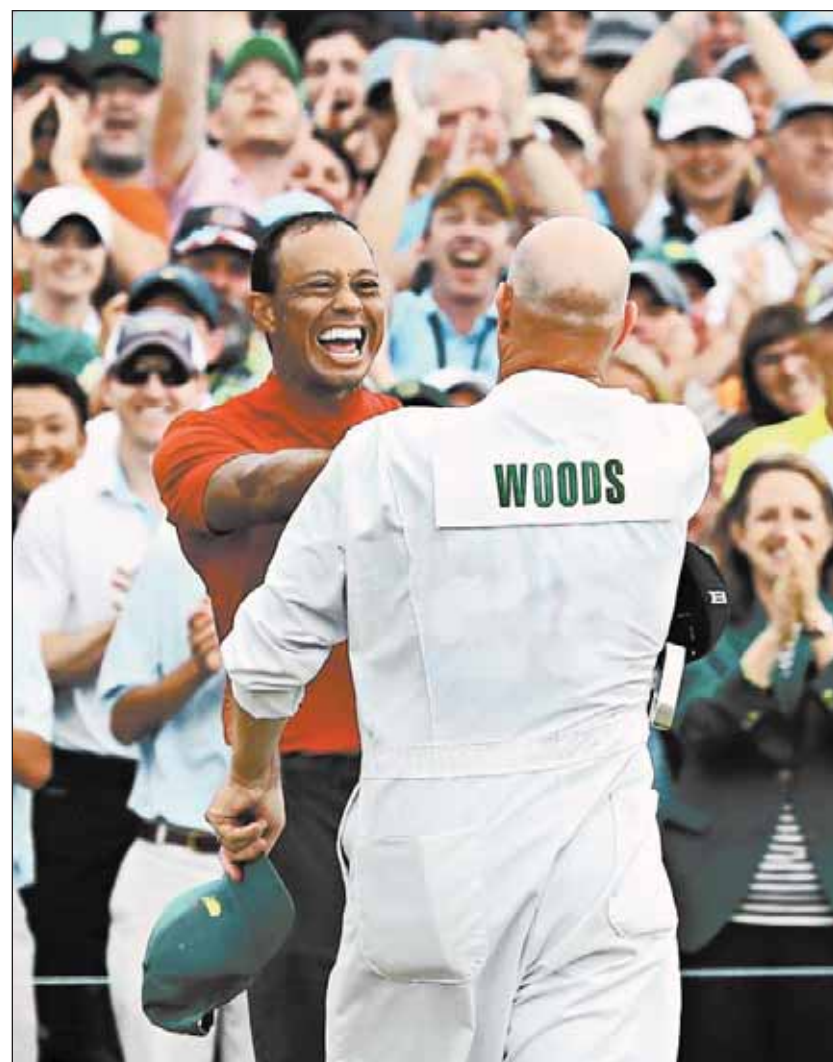
UPCOMING SCHEDULE
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Villanova at Colgate, 11 a.m.
Youngstown St. vs. Samford in
Montgomery, Ala., 2 p.m.
Arizona at Hawaii, 9:30 p.m.
THURSDAY, AUG. 29
East
Robert Morris at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Delaware St. at Delaware, 6 p.m.
Bryant at Stony Brook, 6 p.m.
Wagner at UConn, 6 p.m.
South
Union (Ky.) at Morehead St., 5 p.m.
E. Illinois at Chattanooga, 6 p.m.
Valparaiso at E. Kentucky, 6 p.m.
Pikeville at Murray St., 6 p.m.
Jacksonville at Richmond, 6 p.m.
Gardner-Webb at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
N'hwestern St. at UT Martin, 6:30 p.m.
C. Arkansas at W. Kentucky, 6:30 p.m.
NC Central at Austin Peay, 7 p.m.
W. Illinois at North Alabama, 7 p.m.
Jacksonville St. at SE Louisiana, 7 p.m.
FIU at Tulane, 7 p.m.
Alabama St. at UAB, 7 p.m.
Midwest
Morgan St. at Bowling Green, 6 p.m.
Albany (NY) at Cent. Michigan, 6 p.m.
UCLA at Cincinnati, 6 p.m.
S. Illinois at SE Missouri, 6:30 p.m.
Bethel (Tenn.) at Lamar, 7 p.m.
S. Dakota St. at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
West
Missouri St. at N. Arizona, 8 p.m.
Kent St. at Arizona St., 9 p.m.
N. Colorado at San Jose St., 9 p.m.
FRIDAY, AUG. 30
Rice at Army, 5 p.m.
Sacred Heart at Maine, 5 p.m.
UMass at Rutgers, 6:15 p.m.
Utah St. at Wake Forest, 7 p.m.
Purdue at Nevada, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado vs. Colo. St. in Denver, 9 p.m.
Oklahoma St. at Oregon St., 9:30 p.m.

AP PRESEASON ALL AMERICANS

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE
QB: Trevor Lawrence, so., Clemson.
RB: Jonathan Taylor, jr., Wisconsin.
RB: Travis Etienne, jr., Clemson.
OT: Andrew Thomas, jr., Georgia.
OT: Walker Little, jr., Stanford.
OG: Shane Lemieux, sr., Oregon.
OG: Ben Bredeson, sr., Michigan.
C: Tyler Biadasz, jr., Wisconsin.
TE: Albert Okweugbunam, jr., Missouri.
WR: Jerry Jeudy, jr., Alabama.
WR: Tylan Wallace, jr., Oklahoma State.
AP: Rondale Moore, so., Purdue.
PK: Andre Szmyt, so., Syracuse.
FIRST TEAM DEFENSE
DE: Chase Young, jr., Ohio State
DE: A.J. Epenesa, jr., Iowa.
DT: Derrick Brown, sr., Auburn
DT: Raekwon Davis, sr., Alabama.
LB: Dylan Moses, jr., Alabama
LB: Isaiah Simmons, jr., Clemson
LB: Joe Bachie, sr., Michigan State.
CB: Bryce Hall, sr., Virginia
CB: Paulson Aedebo, jr., Stanford.
S: Grant Delpit, jr., LSU
S: Andre Cisco, so., Syracuse.
P: Braden Mann, sr., Texas A&M.
SECOND TEAM OFFENSE
QB: Tua Tagovailoa, jr., Alabama.
RB:D'Andre Swift, jr., Georgia
RB: Eno Benjamin, jr., Arizona State.
OT: Trey Adams, sr., Washington
OT: Calvin Throckmorton, sr., Oregon.
OG: Tommy Kraemer, sr., Notre Dame
OG: John Simpson, sr., Clemson.
C: Nick Harris, sr., Washington.
TE: Jared Pinkney, sr., Vanderbilt.
WR: Laviska Shenault Jr., jr., Colorado
WR: Justyn Ross, so., Clemson.
AP: CeeDee Lamb, jr., Oklahoma.
PK: Rodrigo Blankenship, sr., Georgia.
SECOND TEAM DEFENSE
DE: Kenny Willekes, sr., Michigan State
DE: Julian Okwara, sr., Notre Dame.
DT: Leki Fotu, sr., Utah
DT: Marvin Wilson, jr., Florida State.
LB: Paddy Fisher, jr., Northwestern
LB: Evan Weaver, sr., California
LB: Shaquille Quarterman, sr., Miami.
LB: Kristian Fulton, sr., LSU
CB: CJ Henderson, jr., Florida.
S: Alohi Gilman, sr., Notre Dame
S: Jordan Fuller, sr., Ohio State.
P: James Smith, jr., Cincinnati.

SOCCER

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New England 9 9 8 35 38 45
Montreal 10 13 4 34 39 50
Orlando City 9 11 7 34 35 35
Toronto FC 9 10 7 34 41 43
Chicago 8 11 9 33 42 40
Columbus 7 14 6 27 29 41
Cincinnati 5 18 3 18 26 61
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Minnesota 12 8 6 42 44 36
LA Galaxy 13 11 2 41 35 38
Real Salt Lake 12 10 4 40 38 34
Seattle 11 8 7 40 40 39
San Jose 11 9 5 38 42 38
Portland 11 10 4 37 41 37
FC Dallas 10 10 7 37 39 36
Houston 9 13 4 31 37 43
Sporting KC 8 11 7 31 39 45
Colorado 7 13 6 27 43 52
Vancouver 6 12 9 27 27 45
WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES
Columbus at N.Y. City FC, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Red Bulls at D.C. United, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles FC, 9:30 p.m.
THURSDAY'S MATCH
Minnesota at Sporting KC, 8:30 p.m.
FRIDAY'S MATCHES
Atlanta at Orlando City, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Portland, 9 p.m.
SATURDAY'S MATCHES
N.Y. Red Bulls at N.Y. City FC, 6 p.m.
Chicago at New England, 6:30 p.m.
D.C. United at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Montreal at Toronto FC, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at San Jose, 9 p.m.
SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Columbus at Cincinnati, 5 p.m.
Houston at FC Dallas, 7 p.m.
LA Galaxy at Los Angeles FC, 9:30 p.m.
NWSL
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Portland 9 3 6 33 36 22
Chicago 9 6 2 29 28 21
North Carolina 8 4 4 28 31 17
Utah 8 6 3 27 19 15
Reign FC 7 4 6 27 16 19
Houston 6 7 4 22 17 26
Washington 6 7 3 21 20 18
Sky Blue FC 3 11 4 13 13 24
Orlando 3 11 2 11 16 34
WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Utah at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.



Tiger Woods celebrates with caddie Joe LaCava after winning the Masters. DAVID CANNON/GETTY

COMMENTARY

Pays to play: Cup all about money

Major champs missing from East Lake not new except when it's Woods

over it, for one reason. "I'm the one with the green jacket," he said of winning the Masters. He also has company. British Open champ Shane Lowry didn't make it to East Lake, either. He has a claret jug at home in Ireland to console him.

By DOUG FERGUSON

Associated Press

This is the fifth time in 13 years of the Cup that at least two major champs weren't at the final event, usually due to extenuating circumstances. Five major champs who didn't make it to East Lake weren't PGA Tour members.

ATLANTA — The FedEx Cup is still about the money. Whoever wins this week at the Tour Championship gets \$15 million, more than Greg Norman's career earnings on the PGA Tour.

Given their stature, it would seem the majors should get more Cup points than a measly 20% bump. For example, Woods received 600 points for winning that little invitational at Augusta National. That's only 100 points more than Kevin Tway got for winning the Safeway Open.

The FedEx Cup might one day be as much about prestige. Tiger Woods (twice), Vijay Singh and Jim Furyk won the first four Cups, and all four will be in the Hall of Fame if they're not in already. The last four winners were Justin Rose, Justin Thomas, Rory McIlroy and Jordan Spieth. That's good company to keep.

Could it be more? Sure. Does it need to be? Not necessarily. Would anyone be talking about major champs not being at East Lake if not for Woods being one of them? Because while the PGA Tour has drastically changed its season with the Cup format, what hasn't changed is what matters — winning majors. The reward for capturing a Grand Slam event is worth far more than having a tee time at East Lake and a chance to win \$15 million.

The Cup was never about major championships. Woods is absent from East Lake, this time not by choice but because he didn't qualify. It stands out because of last two victories both came in Georgia. The first was the Tour Championship, the most electric moment in golf all of last year. Woods won at East Lake to cap a remarkable return from four back surgeries, a DUI arrest stemming from his reliance on painkillers and his own fears that he would never compete again.

The majors are over. Names are etched on trophies and in golf lore. The Cup is merely an end-of-the-year competition to keep golf compelling and to give the PGA Tour season a definitive end. It hasn't done any harm. If anything, it has kept the best players competing against each other after the majors.

Memories would be a lot stronger if he were here. Instead, he becomes the seventh player to win the Tour Championship and not be eligible to return the next year in the Cup era. Should he be at East Lake? It seems that way because of his other victory, this one in April at Augusta National, as captivating as any of his 15 majors. Woods said Sunday at Medinah when his season officially ended that he was disappointed and he wished he could be at East Lake. But he hardly was torn up

And they all get rich when it's over. Total bonus money for the 30 players who made it to Atlanta is \$46 million. That's what they will be chasing over the next four days. Woods and Lowry now can only look behind them. The view is just as sweet.

NFL NOTES

Gruden says Brown now 'all in'

News services

All-Pro receiver Antonio Brown practiced in a certified helmet with the Raiders on Tuesday, two days after being given an ultimatum by general manager Mike Mayock to be "all in or all out."

"He's all in, ready to go," coach Jon Gruden said. "That's my understanding. Really happy to have him out here. He's a great player."

Brown didn't attend practice Sunday as he worked to find a helmet he was comfortable using and that met safety standards set by the NFL and NFLPA. He lost a grievance last week in which he sought to be allowed to use the Schutt Air Advantage helmet he has worn throughout his career. But the helmet was too old to be certified as safe.

He had hoped to find a newer version of his preferred helmet that could be approved but the one he submitted failed a safety test conducted by the league and union.

Monday seeking a one-year grace period, according to a person familiar with the situation who spoke on condition of anonymity because it wasn't made public. But he's back practicing with the team while that gets resolved.

Brown didn't take part in a full practice during the Raiders' entire training camp stay in Napa, which wrapped up Monday, missing time because of frost bite on his feet suffered in a cryotherapy accident in France and then over the helmet issue.

Still no Luck: Colts QB Andrew Luck will miss another week of practice as he continues recovering from a lower left leg injury.

The four-time Pro Bowler last practiced July 28. The Colts already had said the injury probably would keep Luck out of the entire preseason.

Luck was initially diagnosed with a strained calf in March and didn't participate in any of the team's offseason workouts. When training camp opened, he was limited to individual drills and seven-on-seven but no full team drills. But when the pain persisted, Luck returned to rehab and was only permitted to run the starting offense in walkthroughs.

Cowboys' Smith gets new deal:

The Cowboys and linebacker Jaylon Smith agreed on a five-year, \$64 million contract extension. The deal includes \$35.5 million in guaranteed money.

Smith, 24, started all 16 games last season, when he was second on the team in tackles (150) and tackles for loss (five).

Extra points: Cowboys WR Amari Cooper likely will not play in a preseason game because of a heel injury suffered earlier this month, but the three-time Pro Bowler is hopeful he can practice by the end of the week. ... Broncos rookie QB Drew Lock will miss the rest of the preseason with a sprained right thumb. Lock, a second-round pick, was competing to be Joe Flacco's backup. ... The Jets claimed S Derrick Kindred off waivers from the Colts. Kindred, 25, spent the first three seasons of his career with the Browns. He has two INTs, 12 passes defended and 148 tackles.

IN BRIEF

College basketball: A jury acquitted former Michigan State point guard Mateen Cleaves of allegations he sexually assaulted a woman in a motel room four years ago. The verdict announced in a courtroom in Cleaves' hometown of Flint, Mich., came after a nearly-two week trial that included the testimony of the accuser, who told jurors that she had wanted to leave the motel room but Cleaves continued to force himself on her. The jury of nine women and three men deliberated for a little more than two hours before delivering its verdict. Cleaves, 41, was an integral part of a Michigan State team that won the national championship in 2000. ... ESPN reported that five-star PG Daishen Nix committed to UCLA, giving new head coach Mick Cronin his first elite recruit since taking over the Bruins. Nix, a 6-foot-5 point guard from Las Vegas, is ranked fifth at his position in the ESPN 100 for 2020.

Clemson and No. 2 Alabama tied for the most first-team selections with three each. ... Illinois named former Michigan QB Brandon Peters its starter for the season opener Aug. 31 against Akron. Peters, a graduate transfer, played 10 games for the Wolverines. He has two years of eligibility left. ... Auburn named freshman QB Bo Nix its starter for the season opener Aug. 31 against Oregon in Arlington, Texas. Nix's father, Patrick, played QB for the Tigers from 1992-95. ... West Virginia named former Oklahoma backup QB Austin Kendall its starter for the season opener Aug. 31 against FCS James Madison. Kendall, a graduate transfer, has two years of eligibility left.

Also: Gennady Golovkin of Kazakhstan and Sergiy Derevyanchenko of Ukraine agreed to terms to meet for a vacant middleweight world title on Oct. 5 at Madison Square Garden in New York, ESPN reported. The bout will be announced Thursday at a news conference. Derevyanchenko (13-1, 10 KOs), 33, and Golovkin (39-1-1, 35 KOs), 37, will be fighting for the IBF 160-pound world title stripped from Canelo Alvarez on Aug. 1 when he failed to finalize a deal to face Derevyanchenko, the mandatory challenger. ... Amanda Anisimova withdrew from the upcoming U.S. Open because of the recent death of her father and coach, Konstantin. Anisimova, who was born in New Jersey to Russian parents and moved to Florida when she was 3, is ranked 24th in the WTA and would've been seeded for the Grand Slam. ... Jack Whitaker, whose Hall of Fame broadcasting career ranged from the first Super Bowl to Secretariat's Triple Crown to short essays from major sporting events, died Sunday of natural causes, CBS reported Monday. He was 95.

— News services

RANKING THE **BEST BEARS** PLAYERS EVER

# #16 George Connor

Fierce, athletic outside linebacker revolutionized position

BY WILL LARKIN

George Connor knew he was playing against the Packers for the final time on Nov. 6, 1955, at Wrigley Field.

Not only that, the Bears two-way star's parents, Esther and Dr. Charles Connor, were in the stands at Wrigley Field, as was his brother Jack, on leave from the Marines.

"I wanted to show them something," Connor told Jeff Davis in his 2005 book, "Papa Bear: The Life and Legacy of George Halas."

In the second quarter, with the Bears already up 21-3 on the way to a 52-31 win, Connor made what still is acknowledged as the biggest hit in the 98-year history of the series.

"Some 40 years later, players still spoke of Connor's hit with a mixture of awe and amazement," former Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reporters Gary D'Amato and Cliff Christl wrote in their book "Mudbaths and Bloodbaths: The Inside Story of the Bears-Packers Rivalry" in 1997. It was "a collision so violent, many players on the field involuntarily shuddered in horror."

The Bears' George Blanda kicked off the ball to the Packers' Veryl Switzer. Connor, the wedge buster on kickoffs who was tasked with breaking up the three- or four-man wall in front of the returner, sprinted down the field with a full head of steam.

The Packers' wedge fell apart, either confused about which way the return was going or wanting no part of the 6-foot-3, 240-pound Connor, whom Grantland Rice once described as "the closest thing to a Greek god since Apollo."

Connor ran untouched to Switzer, lowered his shoulder and exploded. The ball, Switzer and his helmet went in different directions.

Bill George recovered the fumble. Bill Bishop was one of the next Bears on the scene.

"I was right next to Switzer," Bishop told D'Amato and Christl. "I picked up his headgear. I thought he had lost his head."

"A lot of people in the stands thought I had decapitated him," Connor said in Richard Whittingham's 1991 book "What Bears They Were."

Switzer had been an excellent returner. The Packers drafted him fourth overall out of Kansas State in 1954, and as a rookie he led the NFL with a 12.8-yard punt-return average, including a 93-yard touchdown against the Bears. After the hit from Connor, he played sparingly the rest of the season and did not return in 1956.

Greg Knafelc, an end for the Packers at the time and their public-address announcer from 1964 to 2004, called the hit "the worst hit I've ever seen in my life."

"I mean, the whole stadium, there wasn't a sound," Knafelc told D'Amato and Christl. "They thought Switzer was dead."

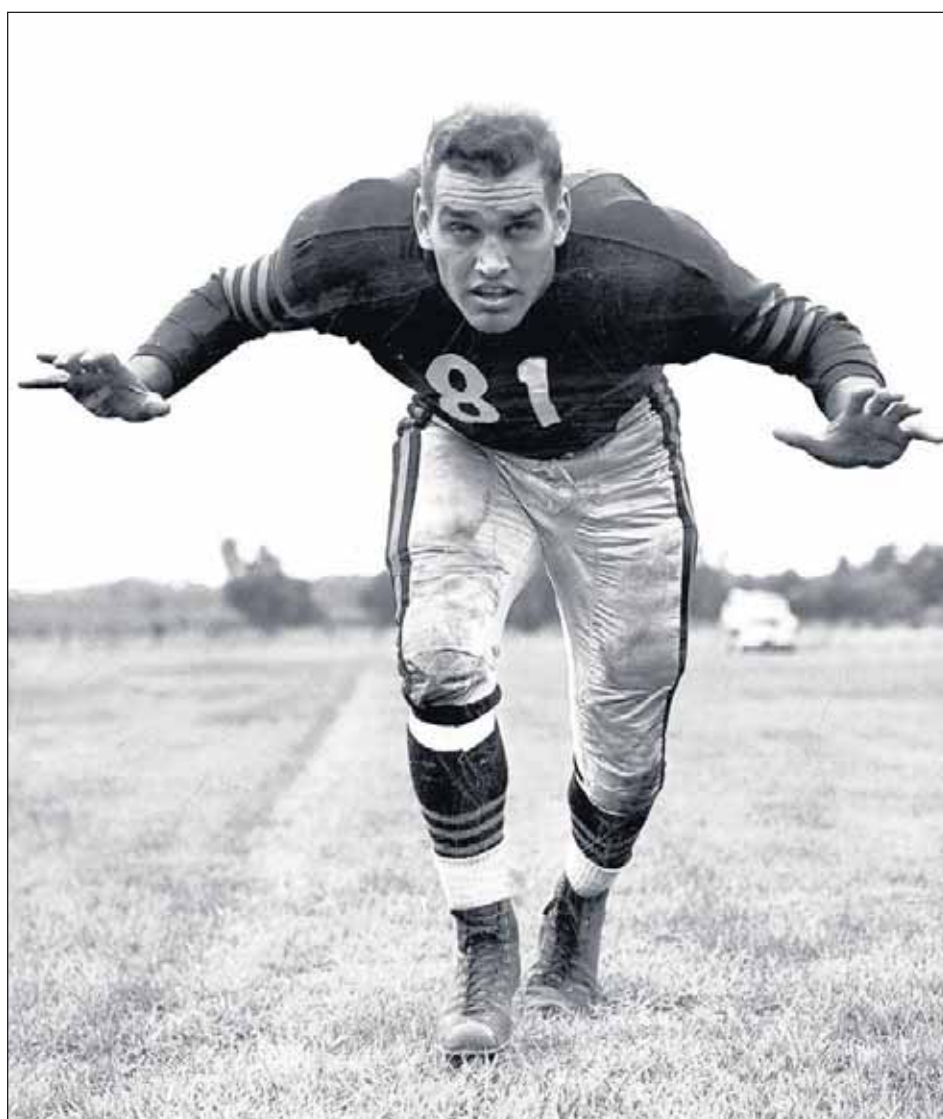
Connor's combination of size and speed made him perhaps the most feared hitter of his era. He once delivered a knockout blow on 49ers fullback Joe Perry that was so fierce it broke the tape Connor used to hold up his high socks.

Cardinals quarterback Paul Christman told the Tribune's Jack Rosenberg on Nov. 11, 1956, that Connor's hits were fierce but clean. "He used to hit me in the face, then apologize."

"I wasn't mean," Connor told Rosenberg, "but I wasn't meek."

Connor made his first mark on the NFL as one of its first outside linebackers in a package the Bears introduced for a game against the Eagles in 1949. Until then, NFL linebackers generally were centers and fullbacks who stood a few steps behind the linemen. Bears coach George Halas and defensive coordinator Hunk Anderson had Connor, a tackle on offense, stand up outside an end about 2 yards behind the line.

Anderson concocted the scheme to slow down the Eagles' powerful running game.



CHICAGO TRIBUNE

George Connor played for the Bears from 1948 to 1955 and ushered in the era of the large but quick linebacker that helped disrupt opposing offenses.

Steve Van Buren would lead the NFL in rushing that season for the fourth time in five years. In 1947 he was the second NFL player to rush for more than 1,000 yards, breaking Beattie Feathers' 1934 record of 1,004 yards by 4 yards. In 1949 Van Buren was on his way to a new mark of 1,146 that would stand until Jim Brown rushed for 1,527 in 1958.

The 1949 Eagles went 11-1, then defeated the Rams 14-0 for the championship. The Bears handed them their only loss on Oct. 16, outgaining them 457-255. The Eagles rushed for 42 yards, 175 fewer than their league-leading average of 217 per game. The Bears stuck with their new formation and allowed the fewest rushing yards in the NFL, an average of 100 per game.

A new position was born. Connor was the first of the big, mobile outside linebackers that still disrupt offenses today. The Bears' great players who followed Connor at the position include Joe Fortunato, Larry Morris, Doug Buffone, Otis Wilson, Wilber Marshall, Lance Briggs and Khalil Mack.

"It was a lot of fun playing the position back then," Connor told the Associated Press on Nov. 9, 1984. "Most teams had never seen it before. Blockers didn't really know how to handle me out there off the line of scrimmage. And all the fans were looking at me because the newspapers made such a big thing about it with diagrams and all."

Connor found a play could be diagnosed more easily from his new vantage point.

"If you tried to follow the ball," he told the AP, "a slick quarterback could fool you every time. So I just started picking out one or two players on the offensive line and moved with their first moves."

Connor was equally adept on both sides of the ball. He was named first- or second-team All-Pro six times, and three of those times he earned the honor as both a tackle and a linebacker. He was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1975, and the institution named him to its All-Decade team of the 1940s, even though his best years came in the '50s. In 1994, the Tribune's Don Pierson and Fred Mitchell named Connor and Jimbo Covert the starting tackles on their all-time Bears team.

Introducing Connor at his Hall of Fame induction, Halas said: "He just simply was

great all the way — born to heroics and completely at ease and efficient in the role."

Connor, a Chicago native, was born two months premature. Weighing 3 pounds, he was given a grave prognosis. His doctor advised he be fed boiled cabbage juice with an eyedropper in addition to his mother's milk. Connor's mother, a nurse, and his father, a general practitioner, took turns caring for him by his bedside for a year until he improbably gained full health.

"Boiled cabbage juice and faith are a strange mixture," Connor told Rosenberg, "but they saved my life."

Connor entered De La Salle High School on the South Side still on the small side at 5-foot-3 and 135 pounds, but by the time he graduated he was 6-1, 215. His coach, Joe Gleason, kept him out of contact drills so he wouldn't hurt his teammates.

An all-out recruiting battle followed, and while Connor wanted to attend Notre Dame, he followed his family's wishes and went to Holy Cross, where his uncle and namesake, Monsignor George Connor, was president of the alumni association. As a freshman in 1942, Connor dominated, and he led the Crusaders to a 55-12 shocker against No. 1 Boston College at Fenway Park.

Connor joined the Navy in 1944 and was stationed in the Pacific during World War II with Notre Dame coach Frank Leahy, who re-recruited Connor with the promise that he would become an All-American and the Irish would win a national title. Both came true when Connor's tour ended as he became the first Outland Trophy winner as the nation's best lineman in 1946 and Notre Dame was voted national champion in 1947.

The Giants drafted Connor with the fifth overall pick in 1946, but Connor informed them he wouldn't play anywhere but Chicago and went back to Notre Dame. After the 1947 season the South Sider hoped to join the Chicago Cardinals, who had won the NFL title that year, but coach Jimmy Conzelman said the team was full at tackle.

So, Connor went to Halas, who told him, "Stick to your guns, kid, and I'll get you."

By that time, the Boston Yanks had acquired Connor's rights from the Giants, and eventually Halas sent them tackle Mike Jarmoluk for those rights. Halas wanted Connor so badly that he broke his rule of not

## CONNOR AS A BEAR

1948-55 | 8 seasons | 91 games

Bears record: 59-36-1 (.620).

Playoff appearances: 1.

Acquired: Trade with the Boston Yanks in 1948.

## THE LIST

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| 16. George Connor   | 59. Jim Osborne      |
| 17. Stan Jones      | 60. Willie Galimore  |
| 18. Steve McMichael | 61. Mark Carrier     |
| 19. Devin Hester    | 62. Mark Bortz       |
| 20. Red Grange      | 63. Julius Peppers   |
| 21. Jimbo Covert    | 64. J.C. Caroline    |
| 22. George McAfee   | 65. Ed O'Bradovich   |
| 23. Jay Hilgenberg  | 66. Mike Pyle        |
| 24. Bill Hewitt     | 67. Mike Hartenstine |
| 25. George Halas    | 68. Keith Van Horne  |
| 26. Olin Kreutz     | 69. Tommie Harris    |
| 27. Joe Fortunato   | 70. George Wilson    |
| 28. George Trafton  | 71. Jack Manders     |
| 29. Lance Briggs    | 72. James Williams   |
| 30. Ed Healey       | 73. Jim Dooley       |
| 31. Link Lyman      | 74. Robbie Gould     |
| 32. George Musso    | 75. Bennie McRae     |
| 33. Ed Sprinkle     | 76. Johnny Lujack    |
| 34. Paddy Driscoll  | 77. Bill Osmanski    |
| 35. Harlon Hill     | 78. Jay Cutler       |
| 36. Rick Casares    | 79. Jim McMillen     |
| 37. Ken Kavanaugh   | 80. Khalil Mack      |
| 38. Charles Tillman | 81. Eddie Jackson    |
| 39. Gary Fencik     | 82. Doug Plank       |
| 40. Luke Johnsos    | 83. Zuck Carlsson    |
| 41. Richie Petitbon | 84. Bill Wade        |
| 42. Ray Bray        | 85. Kyle Long        |
| 43. Rosey Taylor    | 86. Brandon Marshall |
| 44. Johnny Morris   | 87. Lee Artoe        |
| 45. Joe Kopcha      | 88. Alshon Jeffery   |
| 46. Fred Williams   | 89. Beattie Feathers |
| 47. Matt Forte      | 90. Kevin Butler     |
| 48. Doug Buffone    | 91. Bill Karr        |
| 49. Dave Duerson    | 92. Matt Suhey       |
| 50. Larry Morris    | 93. Ed Brown         |
| 51. Dick Barwegan   | 94. Gary Famiglietti |
| 52. Wally Chambers  | 95. Akiem Hicks      |
| 53. Otis Wilson     | 96. Joey Sternaman   |
| 54. Wilber Marshall | 97. Hugh Gallarneau  |
| 55. Dick Gordon     | 98. Tom Thayer       |
| 56. Jim McMahon     | 99. William Perry    |
| 57. Neal Anderson   | 100. Patrick Mannely |
| 58. Mike Brown      |                      |

acquiring a player who employed an agent for one of only three times in the Bears' first 45 years; the others were Red Grange in 1925 and Dick Butkus in 1965.

Before the 1948 season Connor signed for an unheard-of \$13,000 per year for three years with a \$6,000 signing bonus. When his new teammates learned Connor made more than established stars such as Bulldog Turner and Ray Bray, they took it out on the rookie.

"When I went to my first training camp, I found out just how poorly that sat with the other players," Connor told Whittingham. "They really gave me a bad time. Most of the scars I have on my face today are from my teammates that year."

Connor took the abuse in stride, and his talent and toughness became apparent. At the end of camp Turner said: "Kid, you're all right. You took everything we gave you. Welcome to the team."

A knee injury in 1954 limited Connor's effectiveness, and he retired after a bounce-back season in '55, saying he wanted to leave to cheers rather than boos. He served as an assistant coach for the Bears in 1956 and '57 under new coach Paddy Driscoll, a stretch Connor called the worst two years of his life.

He stayed with the team as a broadcaster, teaming for years with Grange, and he was a salesman for a corrugated box company. One of Connor's greatest skills was public speaking, and he was a regular emcee at local charity events for much of the rest of his life. Connor died of a variety of ailments at 78 on March 31, 2003, in Evanston.

Connor's sons, George Jr. and Al, never saw him play football but were in awe of their father's other talent, the Tribune's Don Pierson wrote on April 1, 2003.

"He was probably just as accomplished as a public speaker," George Jr. said. "We used to marvel at how little preparation he did. He'd show up at the Notre Dame Club or wherever he was speaking, talk to a few people, jot down some notes and just talk. And he'd be great at it."

## WHAT WE LEARNED

# Nagy wants Trubisky to work on timing of throws

BY RICH CAMPBELL

Here are three things we learned at Halas Hall on Tuesday as the Bears continued their slog through the preseason with an eye on the Packers game Sept. 5.

**Matt Nagy wants birthday boy Mitch Trubisky to hone the timing of his throws this week.** "Just the anticipation now, that's probably the biggest keyword for him," Nagy said.

With the season on the horizon, Nagy wants Trubisky to be looking at the same places he is on every play. Just as importantly, the ball must come out on time, an indication that Trubisky is seeing the field clearly.

There's also a conversational element to the sharpness Nagy covets from Trubisky with the season opener approaching.

"His answers to me when he throws the ball somewhere: 'Why did you do that?' And if his answer is good, those are the things I'm looking for. I think we're right there, but we won't know that until we get into the season."

Trubisky turned 25 Tuesday. Nagy said the team was prepared to sing to him in the morning meeting.

"But he did the old thing where you put your head down, you get embarrassed," Nagy said with a smile. "I had a feel for it, so I let him go."

Trubisky is expected to speak to media Thursday.

**The Bears' patience with Bradley Sowell bodes well for his roster chances.** Nagy showed respect Tuesday for the good faith in which the team asked Sowell to covert to tight end from offensive lineman in May.

The position change centered on Sowell losing 30 pounds to get down to about 270. For a player on the roster bubble, such a body composition change equates to operating without a safety net at final cuts. What other team would give Sowell a chance if he didn't make the Bears?

Well, Nagy seemed to indicate it won't come to that.

"If we don't have patience with him in this transition, and there's frustration with

anything, we have to check ourselves as coaches," Nagy said.

Considering the Bears' shortage of proven options at the in-line tight end spot, Nagy preaching patience would appear to be a good sign for Sowell.

"It speaks to who he is, and trying to sacrifice, knowing that for us and our role at the Y position, that we could use some depth there," Nagy said. "He's being about the 'we' part. I just commend him and I'm looking forward to these next two games and seeing what he can do."

**Kerrith Whyte's kick-return juice is flowing.** The rookie running back, a seventh-round pick, returned a kickoff 103 yards for a touchdown against the Giants on Friday, only to have it called back for a holding penalty by Isaiah Irving.

Irving's illegal block — as ticky-tack as the call might've been — was at the point of attack, so it can't be disregarded. But Whyte did exceptionally well with the part of the play he could control, and that counts for something as he tries to make the roster as the fourth running back.

On Whyte's first return earlier in the game, he recognized a running lane but didn't take it quickly enough, saying Tuesday, "I think I missed it."

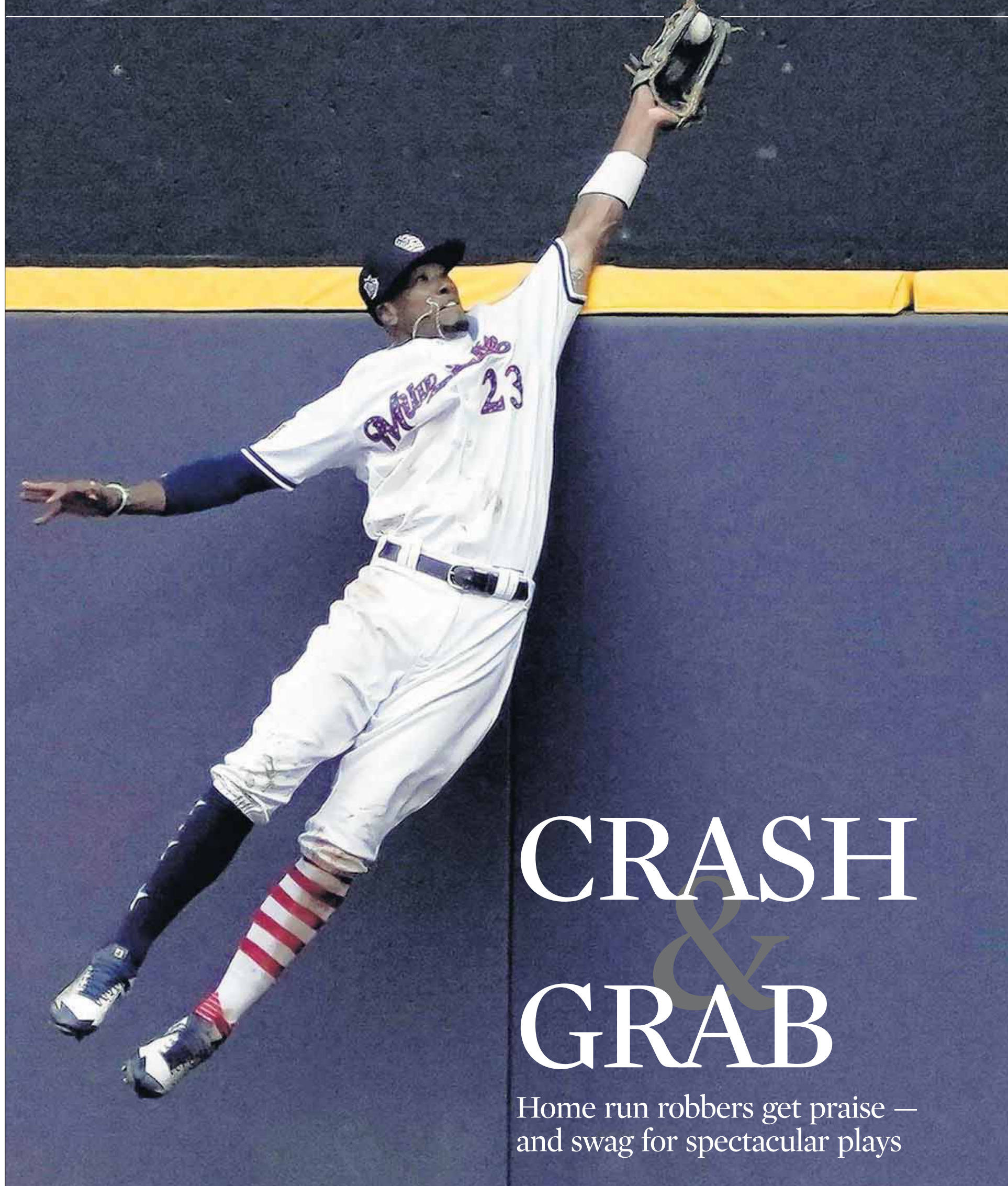
On the second return, he made sure to trust himself. By doing that, his elite speed became obvious as he ran untouched to the end zone.

"I'll just say I had to knock the dust off," Whyte said. "It felt good to be back out there, so just trust what I'm seeing and go with my natural instinct."

**Participation report:** Slot receiver Anthony Miller (right foot) missed his fourth straight practice. Miller was hurt in practice 10 days ago, and Nagy previously characterized the injury as not serious. Nagy did not address it at his media session Tuesday, which was before practice.

Nose tackle Eddie Goldman did not attend practice, and the team gave no explanation. Defensive end Jonathan Bullard (undisclosed) and Aaron Lynch (shoulder) sat out. Left guard Cody Whitehair (dislocated finger) returned to practice.

## eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE

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GRABHome run robbers get praise —  
and swag for spectacular plays

MORRY GASH/AP

Brewers outfielder Keon Broxton robs the Twins' Brian Dozier of a homer in the ninth inning of a game last season. "We're out there to catch the uncatchable," Broxton said.

By KRISTIE RIEKEN  
Associated Press

It was late in the 2015 season when Baltimore's Manny Machado smoked a pitch from Tampa Bay's Chris Archer into center field at Camden Yards.

Kevin Kiermaier sprinted to the wall, turned and leaped high above it before reaching back and snatching the ball. He banged off the wall and landed on his feet with the ball firmly planted in his glove for the out.

The play sent a dejected Machado back to the dugout and left a stunned Archer simply mouthing, "Wow."

Archer, now with Pittsburgh, was so grateful for Kiermaier's extraordinary effort that he searched for a fitting way to thank his center fielder for keeping that run off the board.

He found it by commissioning a painting of the catch, which he presented to Kiermaier at spring training the next year.

"It happens so rarely you're in awe," Archer said. "It's an awesome feeling. They have the defensive runs saved calculation, but when you actually see a run taken away it feels so good."

Kiermaier recalled the team meeting where he received the painting and shared where he has it displayed.

"It's hanging up on my wall right now and I look at it all the time," he said. "It's such a great gesture, and he did that all on his own."

Everyone has seen an outfielder receive a tip of the cap or a jubilant fist bump from a pitcher after a home run robbery.

This is a story about what happens after they leave the field. It's a look at home run robbers, the pitchers who love them and the swag these elite defenders collect after making highlight-reel grabs.

The artwork isn't the only surprise Kiermaier, a two-time Gold Glove winner, has received for amazing grabs. He's been gifted with whiskey, a case of beer and even his favorite sweets after helping out a pitcher with his defense.

"You see like quarterbacks, they're taking their linemen out because their linemen are the guys that are protecting them," Kiermaier said. "Baseball has its ways of doing that as well."

Speedy Texas Rangers center fielder Delino DeShields has robbed a few homers in his five seasons in the majors. One of the most memorable came when he climbed the center field wall at Globe Life Park to



ERIC CHRISTIAN SMITH/AP

Indians outfielder Greg Allen robs the Astros' Alex Bregman of a homer during the first inning of a game last season.

denied San Diego's Hunter Renfroe a two-run shot last season. The robbery helped Mike Minor pitch seven scoreless innings in a 5-2 win.

Minor, who could be seen saying, "Oh my God" after the catch, decided DeShields deserved a treat for helping him keep a zero on the board.

His loot? An electric scooter. Ostensibly to help save DeShields' legs for more such catches.

While Kiermaier and DeShields are the leaders in the clubhouse for home run robbery rewards, plenty of other outfielders have received gifts for their thievery.

Seattle's Keon Broxton has a knack for making such plays, often late in games. The rangy center fielder has three home run robberies in the ninth inning or later in his career, with two of those coming with Corey Knebel pitching when Broxton was with the Brewers.

There was one on and two out in the ninth inning of a 2017 game with Milwaukee up 6-5 over the Cardinals when Broxton reached over the wall in front of a 400-foot sign to rob Randal Grichuk of what would have been a go-ahead blast and give the Brewers the win.

The second one he robbed for Knebel

came on July 4, 2018. He leaped, stretched his entire body against the wall and reached at least a foot over it to corral a soaring shot by Minnesota's Brian Dozier in the ninth inning of a 3-2 win.

"We're out there to catch the uncatchable," Broxton said. "The routine plays, anybody can catch them but the uncatchable balls, those are the ones we get paid for."

To Broxton, there's no better feeling than robbing a home run and he delights in the pitcher's reaction afterward.

"When your pitcher is super excited about it and happy that you did that for him, I take pride in that just for that simple fact," he said.

Of course, he appreciates the spoils that have come with those grabs, too.

That Fourth of July catch netted Broxton a gift card to Nordstrom and Knebel has also gotten him a couple of other gift cards and treated him to dinner for his dazzling defense.

Houston starter Gerrit Cole has played with more than his fair share of home run robbers. He has an outfield with Jake Marisnick, George Springer and Josh Reddick with the Astros and played with Starling Marte and Andrew McCutchen in Pittsburgh.

He'll always be grateful to Marte for keeping brother-in-law Brandon Crawford from going yard off him with a nifty robbery he made by reaching into the stands in left field in 2015.

Despite being helped by such catches on several occasions, Cole sheepishly noted that he's never given a present for a robbery.

"But now that you mention something, it looks like I need to go to the store," he said, smiling.

Brewers' center fielder Lorenzo Cain recalled a robbery he committed in April against the Mets at Citi Field. Slugger Todd Frazier sent a ball from Chase Anderson to straightaway center field for what looked like a sure home run. Instead, Cain tracked it, jumped and reached high above the wall to make the catch. Cain smiled broadly as he came down with it before shaking his finger as if to say, "Not on my watch."

"He gave me a gift card to a restaurant in Milwaukee," Cain said. "I've gotten a few treats. I told him he doesn't have to do that, I was just trying to make a play. But it's always nice when a pitcher understands that it's not easy out there making a play for him."

These are the kinds of plays that give Cain a boost and help him feel like he's

contributing during times when things aren't going so well at the plate.

"It's something very unique that everybody can't do," he said. "I think it takes a special talent to do it."

While Archer set the bar with personalized artwork for Kiermaier and Minor sent DeShields zipping around on a scooter, not all the home run robbery booty is quite so fancy.

When Cleveland's Greg Allen snagged a ball hit by Houston's Alex Bregman just before it would have sailed into the seats in right field at Minute Maid Park last season, Mike Clevinger rewarded him by paying for a few beers after the game.

And years ago when Reddick played for Oakland, Jesse Chavez gave him a carton of cigarettes when he robbed a homer for him.

Still, those gifts are better than never getting one at all. Angels outfielder Justin Upton, who has eight home run robberies since 2015, was shocked to learn of this phenomenon.

"I didn't know that was a thing. But next time I rob a homer I'm going to let the pitcher know," Upton said with a laugh.

Arizona's Adam Jones, who's had plenty of robberies in a 14-year career with stops in Seattle and Baltimore, said he's never been rewarded for one of those catches.

Even his most famous robbery, when he took away a homer from Machado by reaching into a sea of fans to make an improbable catch in the World Baseball Classic, didn't net him any swag.

It did, however, gain him the admiration of Tyler Clippard, who threw the would-be homer pitch.

"He was like a magician," Clippard said in 2018. "It was like a magic act out there from my perspective. It just looked like it was gone and the next thing I know he had the ball in his glove."

Though he's never gotten a home run robbery gift, Jones was warmed when former Orioles reliever Darren O'Day bought him an expensive bottle of liquor for making a nifty catch in the outfield and completing a double play by throwing out Mike Trout at home.

Jones shouldn't feel too bad about never getting a home run robbery reward.

Hall of Fame center fielder Ken Griffey Jr., perhaps the best and most prolific home run robber of all time, said he was in the same boat.

"Nothing," Griffey said when asked what gifts he received for robbing homers in his illustrious career.

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BEN HIDER/AP

Commissioner of the NFL Roger Goodell and Jay-Z are all smiles at a news conference Wednesday in New York.

## Criticism not going away after Jay-Z's recent move

BY DES BIELER | The Washington Post

In discussing last week his company's partnership with the NFL, Jay-Z was asked about Colin Kaepernick and said, among other things, "I think we've moved past kneeling. I think it's time for action."

Three NFL players have continued to kneel during the national anthem to bring attention to issues of racial injustice and police brutality, and two of them have made it clear that they have a problem with Jay-Z's comments.

On Monday, it was Kenny Stills's turn to express disappointment with the rapper and business mogul. Stills, a wide receiver for the Miami Dolphins who has been protesting before games with teammate Albert Wilson, told reporters at his locker, "Some of the ways that (Jay-Z) answered his questions, talking about, 'We're moving past kneeling,' like he ever protested. He's not an NFL player."

"He's never been on a knee. Choosing to speak for the people like he had spoken to the people."

Stills added, "To be able to speak on it, and say that we're moving past something — it didn't seem very informed."

Jay-Z, whose real name is Shawn Carter, made his remarks Wednesday at the New York headquarters of his entertainment company, Roc Nation, while at a news conference with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell. The company is partnering with the league to help produce the Super Bowl halftime show and other NFL-related musical events.

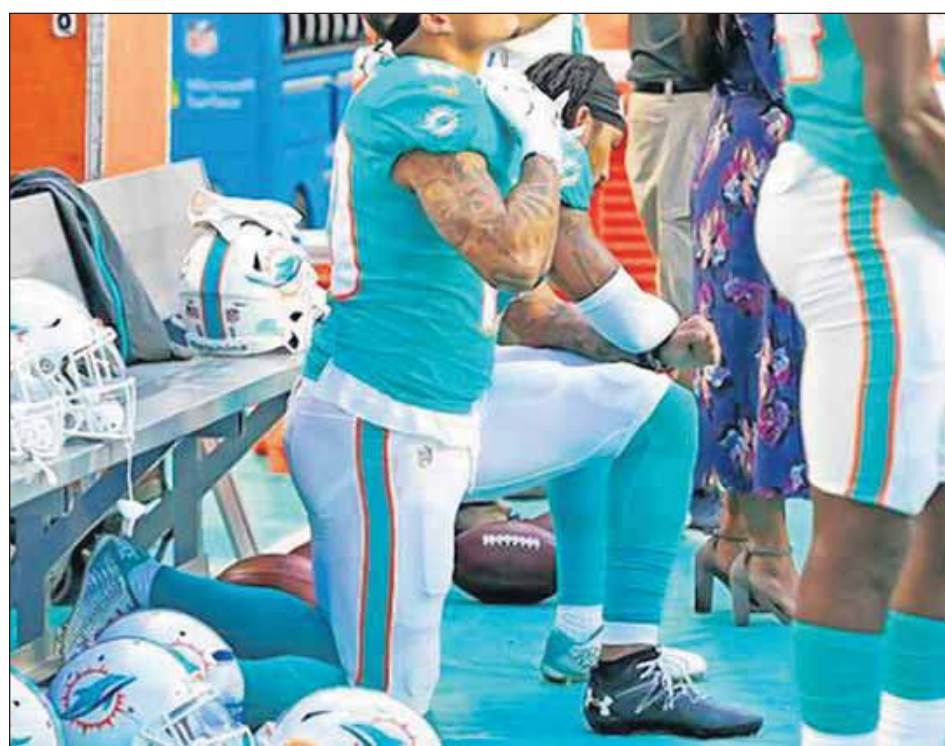
Roc Nation is also expected to have input in the direction of Inspire Change, an NFL initiative that grew out of discussions with players about their desires to help communities and to advance criminal justice reform. Those discussions were sparked by the headlines stemming from player protests originally begun by former 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick, who has been unable to latch on with a team since becoming a free agent in March 2017 but who has continued his social activism.

Kaepernick sued the NFL over what he alleged was collusion by team owners to keep him out of the league, and the two sides settled for an undisclosed amount in February.

The subject of Kaepernick, whom Jay-Z has publicly supported in the past, came up frequently Wednesday, and at one point Jay-Z said, "Everyone's saying, 'How are you going forward if Kaep doesn't have a job?' This was not about him having a job. ... I believe real change is had through real conversation and real work."

On Monday, Stills said of Jay-Z, "I felt like he really discredited Colin and myself, and the work that's being done in our communities. I think he could have handled the whole situation differently."

"If he were to say, 'I see the work Colin and these guys have been doing, and I want to partner up with the league to further that work,' it would have been totally different than the way he answered some of these questions."



CHARLES TRAINOR JR./MIAMI HERALD

Dolphins receiver Kenny Stills on Jay-Z saying "we've moved past kneeling": "He's never been on a knee. Choosing to speak for the people like he had spoken to the people."

"For the most part, what I'm trying to say to people is: Let's work toward solutions. Let's wait and see what goes down, from this deal," added the seventh-year player, a Dolphins team captain who led them in receiving touchdowns last season. "We can't really tell right now. It doesn't sit right with me, I don't think it was handled the right way, but you never know."

Offering stronger criticism of Jay-Z was Carolina Panthers safety Eric Reid, a close friend and former teammate of Kaepernick who was among the first to join the latter in kneeling during the anthem.

Of a report Friday that Jay-Z's partnership with the league would lead to him having a "significant ownership interest" in an NFL team, Reid said it was "kind of despicable."

"When has Jay-Z ever taken a knee, to come out and tell us we're past kneeling?" Reid said Friday in the Panthers locker room, while wearing a jersey with Kaepernick's No. 7 and an "ImWithKap" hashtag. "Yes, he's done a lot of great work, a lot of great social justice work. But for you to get paid to go into an NFL press conference to say that we're past kneeling — again, asinine. ... He got paid to take the bullets that he's taking now. Because we're not having it."

Reid also derisively referred to the Players Coalition, a group of NFL players whose negotiations with the league resulted in Inspire Change and an \$89 million donation from the NFL to community-oriented endeavors favored by the players. Reid and a few others broke with the Players Coalition, and he has accused the group of being paid off to help the league make the protests, as well as the issue of Kaepernick's unemployment, go away.



JEFF SENER/CHARLOTTE OBSERVER

Panthers safety Eric Reid on Jay-Z: "When has Jay-Z ever taken a knee, to come out and tell us we're past kneeling?"

Before a game between the Panthers and Eagles in October 2018, Reid confronted Malcolm Jenkins, a Philadelphia safety and one of the leaders of the Players Coalition. After the game, Reid called Jenkins a "sellout" who "co-opted" what Kaepernick began to "get his organization funded."

Jenkins praised the Roc Nation-NFL partnership on Monday, saying, "To sit across from billionaires, and talk about

issues and why they should be important, and why the NFL should be highlighting them, I think having somebody like Jay-Z, who can add to that conversation, who does these things on a daily basis and has a history of doing those things, helps us as players to have an ally like that. So I'm looking forward to seeing what that turns into."

Asked whether he thought the partnership was a "cynical" move by NFL for "PR," or if it was "coming from a good place," Stills smiled and said, "I think that's hard to say, but they've done a good job shifting the problem onto Roc Nation and Shawn Carter's shoulders, instead of themselves."

Of Reid's use of the word "despicable," Stills told reporters, "I understand his frustration."

"A lot of what I'm trying to do is bring people together, so I'm not going to personally go that route, but I understand when people do go that route," added Stills, a three-time winner of the Dolphins' Community Service Award. "I'm looking for solutions, and I'm going to try and give (Jay-Z) the benefit of the doubt for now, but it doesn't sit right with me."

"It's not something that I agree with. It's not something that I respect."

Kaepernick appeared to make his own reference to Jay-Z's "we've moved past kneeling" line in an Instagram post Sunday in which he praised Reid, Stills and Wilson for continuing to kneel.

"They have never moved past the people and continue to put their beliefs into action," he wrote. "Stay strong Brothers!!!"

On that same day, Stills shared an Instagram post that showed him kneeling. In a lengthy caption, he said, "I'll continue to take a knee to bring awareness to the issues of police brutality, systematic oppression and social injustice in our country — that is action."

The wide receiver, who earlier this month criticized Dolphins owner Stephen Ross for holding a fundraiser for President Trump, said he would also "continue the work" he'd been doing "alongside the protest," and he listed the following:

- "Educating myself and others on social issues."

- "Being an advocate for mental wellness."

- "Mentoring youth and fostering positive action in our community."

- "Working with law enforcement to stress safety and accountability in our communities."

- "And ultimately, doing my best to use sports as a platform to bring people together."

"There is great opportunity for this deal to have an impact and that's the goal," Stills wrote on Instagram about Jay-Z's partnership with the NFL. "I will say that I don't respect the way either party went about it."

"We can all work towards social justice without disparaging one another. ... Let's hope that Roc Nation recognizes this and shifts their stance on people using different methods to work towards what is hopefully a shared goal."



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The face of Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, right, and his wife Kitihawa, a Potawatomi woman, left, unfolds in a floating four-face sculpture along the Green Line "L" at Harding Park.

# Wonder what this is?

The Floating Museum's latest art initiative is outside your Green Line 'L' window

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

**T**aken the Green Line "L" lately only to look out the window on a Wednesday to see a patterned balloon-like structure sitting in a park beside the tracks?

What a way to mark Hump Day, huh?

The 25-by-35-by-34-foot inflatable sculpture titled "Founders" features four busts — interpretations of Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable, his wife, Potawatomi tribe member Kitihawa, Harold Washington, and the face of a young child. The object is part of the Floating Museum's latest public art initiative, Cultural Transit Assembly, which began on July 24.

"With the "Founders" inflatable, it's really thinking about the founding of Chicago and maybe changing that narrative a little bit to think about Chicago being birthed from a union involving a French Haitian and a Potawatomi woman," said Faheem

Majeed, Floating Museum co-director. "There's not a lot of writing about DuSable; there's even less about the woman he married. We need to speak her name, we need to talk about the contribution of this woman in the founding of Chicago and think about

tribal roles in our city."

The arts collective that explores relationships between art, community, architecture, and public institutions is activating the city again and this time over 50 artists came together to make the city's oldest "L" line a "moving cultural destination" by creating surprise art encounters for the public.

The four faces that comprise "Founders" come from works at the DuSable Museum of African American History and the Field Museum's Potawatomi textile collection. And because no photographs exist for DuSable and his wife, Native American artist Monica Rickert-Bolter posed for Kitihawa's likeness and Etzer Cantave, board president of the DuSable Heritage Association, sat as a model for DuSable. The result is what artists imagined Kitihawa and DuSable, Chi-

cago's first permanent settler, to look like. According to co-director Andrew Schachman, the sculpture took about five months to make, complete with a Potawatomi stitching pattern that covers the body of the inflatable.

A collaboration between Floating Museum, Chris Pappan and Monica Rickert-Bolter, "Founders" moves around city parks near the Green Line from Austin to Englewood until Sept. 11. "L" riders can see the tethered balloonlike art work in passing, and passersby on the ground can engage in conversation about the piece with Floating Museum docents.

The mobile monument is but one part of the multilayered citywide installation that highlights historical figures of color whose roles are often

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# Music Box Theatre is turning 90 but not growing old at all

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

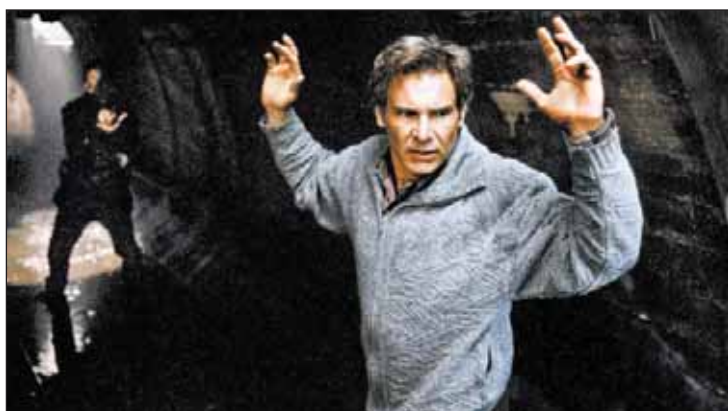
When you turn 90, if you haven't yet, you should celebrate your way, maybe with family, friends, cake and lovely, varied memories from a long and interesting life.

The Music Box Theatre, Chicago's grandest surviving movie house, turns 90 this week. It too has enjoyed a long and interesting life. And it's celebrating for an entire week, starting Thursday, in the spirit of its survive-and-thrive strategy: every which way.

A 9 p.m.-5 a.m. Dolly Parton film marathon, featuring 480 minutes of Dolly plus specialty cocktails and Parton-themed bingo? That's one way.

A revival of one of the Chicago-est hits ever? Yes, that's another: Director Andrew Davis will dish on the subject of "The Fugitive" on Friday night, with stories of Harrison Ford, Tommy Lee Jones and a really terrific train derailment.

Something old? Of course. The Music Box birthday festivities begin Thursday with a 35-millimeter screening of "Innocents of Paris," an early sound musical showcasing the aggressive Gallic charms of Maurice Chevalier, Paramount's big new acquisition in 1929. It's dopey as dopey gets, but Chevalier sings



MUSIC BOX THEATRE

Harrison Ford in "The Fugitive." Director Andrew Davis, who grew up near the Music Box Theatre, will introduce a 35mm screening Friday.

his infernally memorable signature tune "Louise." Once heard, never forgotten. Ever.

The Music Box is still around, and in good shape for its future, because owner Bill Schopf believes in its civic value over its commercial fortunes.

"Chicago's been good to me over the years," says the long-time lawyer, wine enthusiast (he owns a vineyard in Michigan) and impresario of Music Box Films, the acquisition and distribution arm of the Music Box label.

"When I bought this place in 1986, I was doing it more for the 34 apartments and eight stores that came with it. But I found

out this was really an opportunity for me to restore an iconic and historical Chicago institution."

Music Box operations manager Ryan Oestreich, now in his fifth year, says Schopf has spent nearly \$3 million in renovation and repairs, most conspicuously on building an adjoining lounge; upgrading the second, smaller theater; and improving and expanding the number of restrooms. Oestreich says he's now implementing a second-by-section auditorium seat replacement, starting with 120 down front.

He'd rather talk programming

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ERIC ZACHANOWICH/TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX

Samara Weaving excels to ferocious extremes as she takes care of some pre-wedding business in "Ready or Not."

'READY OR NOT' ★★

# A lethal family game night of hide and seek

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

The answer to "Ready or Not" is "not."

This stridently jaunty new thriller squanders a premise laid out simply in its trailers and TV spots: Grace, played by Samara Weaving in a quick-witted, nearly movie-saving turn, marries into a family of rotters whose fortune was built on board games. Wedding night in the family mansion, decked out with dumbwaiters, servants' corridors and the smell of moral rot, turns into a lethal all-night round of hide and seek, played

with executioner's ax, crossbow, shotgun and hot tea kettle.

Earlier this month, you may recall, a movie called "The Hunt" was shelved prior to its September release, ostensibly on the grounds of gun violence and political inflammations depicted uncomfortably close to our most recent mass shootings.

That film provoked a wide range of knowledge-free speculation from the media, much of it framing the storyline (as Fox News did in a headline) as one that "glamorizes the killing of

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# CELEBRITIES

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Steve Carell, Reese Witherspoon and Jennifer Aniston star in the AppleTV+ show "The Morning Show."

## Apple teases juicy 'Morning Show'

Apple released a full trailer for its long-anticipated newsroom drama "The Morning Show" on Monday, delivering a good look at Jennifer Aniston, Reese Witherspoon and Steve Carell in what could become the flagship series for its TV+ service.

The trailer opens with broadcaster Alex Levy (Aniston) leading her program with some unfortunate, all-too-familiar-sounding news. Mitch Kessler (Carell), her co-host and colleague of 15 years, has been torpedoed by sexual misconduct allegations and fired from the show. Watching her announcement live, Kessler angrily dents his TV with a fireplace iron. But the network is moving toward a larger shake-up now, declaring Levy past her "sell-by date." Enter Bradley Jackson (Witherspoon), an intrepid field reporter the suits position to usurp Levy's throne.

Various trailer moments hint at a whirlwind of conflict.

Based on Brian Stelter's 2013 book "Top of the Morning," "The Morning Show" is primed to chart a juicy chess match of dueling media egos in a cable news environment urgent to remain fresh. The two high-powered women at the show's center wage war, and an ensemble cast fills out the legion of producers and executives pulling the strings behind the scenes.

Billy Crudup's Cory Ellison, one of those executives, delivers the trailer's standout line: "Watching a beloved woman's breakdown is timeless American entertainment."

The trailer comes a week after the release of a more cryptic teaser that earned initial comparisons to HBO's "The Newsroom." But "The Morning Show," of which Apple has already ordered two seasons, appears to be aiming for a breezier look into the media world with funny moments amid the drama.

— The Washington Post



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**End of 'Road':** Step aside, Lil Nas X. There's a new sheriff in town, and her name is Billie Eilish. Billboard announced the rising pop star's summer smash "Bad Guy" has hit No. 1 on the Hot 100 chart, ending "Old Town Road's" unprecedented 19-week ride at the top. "Bad Guy" marks the singer's first No. 1 hit. Eilish retweeted the news on Twitter, and Lil Nas X took to social media as well: "Congratulations to billie eilish!!!" the country rapper wrote. "u deserve this!!!"

**Bond 25:** The 25th James Bond movie has a title: "No Time to Die." Daniel Craig returns to the role of 007. Lea Seydoux, Naomie Harris, Ben Whishaw and Ralph Fiennes also return. Rami Malek plays the villain. The film, directed by Cary Fukunaga, is scheduled for release April 8, 2020.

**Coming 'Home':** Those pining for the comforts of "Prairie Home Companion" are getting the ultimate Christmas gift. Garrison Keillor will reunite with key members of the old gang for a series of holiday shows, starting with a performance Nov. 30 at the Pantages Theater in Minneapolis. Stops in San Francisco, New York and Atlanta have also been announced.

**Aug. 21 birthdays:** Actor-filmmaker-writer Melvin Van Peebles is 87. Singer Kenny Rogers is 81. Actress Loretta Devine is 70. Newsman Harry Smith is 68. Actress Carrie-Anne Moss is 49. Singer Kelis is 40. TV personality Brody Jenner is 36. Comedian Brooks Wheelan is 33. Country singer Kacey Musgraves is 31. Actress Hayden Panettiere is 30.



# ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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## Abuse survivor is over old family ties

**Dear Amy:** I come from a family of four kids. Mother was bipolar and kept the four of us at each other's throats through manipulation. It took me years to repair my relationships with my two brothers, and our sister refused any attempts at reconciliation with her siblings.

Mother died several years ago, and my brothers and I had fairly good communication. When our father died, the elder brother, who was physically abusive to us when we were younger and verbally abusive as adults, emotionally attacked me and refused to allow the younger brother to attend the funeral. Now my younger brother has also alienated me, even though I took his side during that skirmish.

Since Father's death, Big Brother continues to invite me to his family events, and my family wants me to put his past meanness aside and spend time in his home. I am now in my 60s and do not wish to be demeaned by him. He just cannot help himself.

He is basically saying that I need to get over it, but I AM over it, and I do not wish to be exposed to his mean-spirited attacks any longer. I would rather my immediate family visit him (if they wish) without me. I hate it that my family is so fractured, but I have no control over any of this.

I am much happier with my immediate family and without the old family ties, so how can I make this nagging issue go away?  
— Contented

**Dear Contented:** Congratulations on being officially Over It. You say you

are contented now, and so the last thing I would want to do would be to try to "cure" your contentment.

Your narrative illustrates the heartbreaking generational fracturing caused by extreme dysfunction.

Yes, you should carry on, determined to be better and to do better than the generation that raised you. And you should certainly encourage any family member to reach out toward your older brother on their own accord.

Things might go well for them, and, if so, great! Or they might fly a little too close to the family flame and also get burned. But your children (for instance) might be better equipped to handle this, because they weren't exposed to this abuse during their childhoods and because they were raised by you in a higher-functioning and healthier home.

You can't make this issue go away. But you can cope with it, safe in the knowledge that you are taking good care of yourself.

**Dear Amy:** I recently attended my nephew's wedding, which was also an occasion to get together with members of his father's family. While we didn't grow up together, I feel close to this family and really enjoy our celebrations and gatherings — with one exception.

One of his aunts is extremely "touchy-feely." She seems incapable of reading subtle cues or recognizing personal boundaries. She gives uncomfortably lengthy hugs and kisses male family members on the mouth. Often she will stand behind me (and

others) and massage necks and rub backs. I have tried moving away or withdrawing, but it persists. Several of my family members have complained to each other, but we don't want to create friction.

I should mention that as a survivor of sexual assault, I also feel triggered by unwanted touch. How can I address this problem without offending or creating a rift?

— Auntie Hands Off

**Dear Hands Off:** Being kissed on the lips or massaged by someone's auntie would be a "no-go" for me.

Because this woman doesn't read physical cues, please give her the courtesy of telling her that you don't want to be touched in that way. You say, "Belle, so nice to see you. But please don't massage my neck and shoulders. Come sit next to me and tell me how you are."

**Dear Amy:** I disagreed with your response to "Concerned Cousin," who was conceived through sperm donation and now wants to tell her cousin that she was conceived the same way.

When will people get the memo: This is none of your business!  
— Upset

**Dear Upset:** A person's DNA is the very definition of their "business." This cousin thought her aunt and uncle should not keep this information from their (adult) child, and I agree.

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# Music Box

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than bathrooms.

"The key to our longevity," Oestreich says, "is that we've refused to pigeon-hole our audiences. Fifteen, 16 years ago, (the theater) heard about a sing-a-long 'Sound of Music' out in LA; now we do eight shows across two weeks."

The theater hosts 170 events annually; nearly half the calendar has been "event-ized," but in enough different directions to draw nearly every taste.

Fans of wide-gauge, widescreen, richly evocative film, take note: The Music Box will screen "Joker," with Joaquin Phoenix, in a 70-millimeter print this October. (The Music Box 70MM Film Festival will reappear in 2020.)

Brian Andreotti, programming director and longtime Music Box staff



20TH CENTURY FOX

An eight-hour Music Box Theatre marathon devoted to Dolly Parton (center, with Lily Tomlin and Jane Fonda in "9 to 5") is one of many Music Box anniversary programs.

member, cites the company's investment in old-school technology as its most valuable risk from a brand-identity perspective.

"We hadn't played 70MM in a long time," he recalls, "but when '2001: A Space Odyssey' was reissued in 2002, ironically, we knew it was going to be available in the widescreen

70MM format. That took a major investment in training and equipment, but we did it. And since then 70 has become a staple of our programming."

The theater opened on Aug. 22, 1929. It was nearly named the "New Blaine Theatre," in honor of Blaine Elementary School across Southport Avenue and

slightly to the north. The theater was squarely in the exhibition vanguard then, designed and equipped as a boutique-sized, 750-seat alternative to the massive Balaban & Katz auditoriums of the day (the Chicago Theatre was the flagship).

The Music Box wasn't a vaudeville house with movie capabilities. Rather, its shallow stage and new-fangled technical facilities supported this new fad called "the talkies."

Ninety years later, they're still talking. And moving. Chicagoans have come to know the Music Box as an old friend.

Schopf sees it this way: "I spent most of my career as a lawyer. It took me 20 years to learn how to try a lawsuit to a jury. You have to learn what the truth is, and present the story to the jury in a way that's truthful and appealing both intellectually and emotionally. And you have to consider different people's different points of view."

Movies work the same. "The movie business is about the story," he says. "People have an almost biological need for stories told on a big screen. I think the Music Box is the perfect place to meet that need in a hundred different ways."

For more information and tickets, go to musicboxtheatre.com.

Here's the full 90th birthday schedule of events:

■ Thursday — Cinema in 1929: "Innocents of Paris," 7 p.m.

■ Friday — Made in Chicago: "The Fugitive" with director Andrew Davis, 7 p.m.

■ Saturday — Silent Cinema & The Music Box Organ: "World City in Its Teens: A Report on Chicago" with live accompaniment by Music Box house organist Dennis Scott, 2:30 p.m.

■ Saturday — "Dolly Parton 9 to 5er," featuring "9 to 5," "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," "Rhinestone" and "Straight Talk," also featuring costume contest, sing-a-long, Dolly bingo and specialty cocktails, 9 p.m.-5 a.m.

■ Sunday — Family Fun & Celebrating Indie Horror: "Mary Poppins Sing-a-Long," noon, and "Society" with director Brian Yuzna, 7 p.m.

■ Aug. 27th — Music Box Films Double Feature: "Ida," 7 p.m., and "The Deep Blue Sea," 8:45 p.m.

■ Aug. 28th — Audience Choice Double Feature: "The Terminator," 7 p.m., and "Robocop," 9:15 p.m.

■ Aug. 29th — Celebrating 70MM: "Back to the Future Part II," 7 p.m.

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Trump supporters." Americans hunting Americans for sport: It's what's for dinner, according to every other movie out there along with "The Hunt."

"Ready or Not" runs along a parallel track, though its pace is oddly arrhythmic and the tone is every which way but assured. Screenwriters Guy Busick and R. Christopher Murphy and directors Matt Bettinelli-Olpin and Tyler Gillett take their sweet time setting up a two-sentence setup, and then periodically grind the bloody game to a halt while Grace and husband Alex (Mark O'Brien) sort out their trust issues.

Too often, after a moment of comic desperation or the latest carnage, the

**MPAA rating:** R (for violence, bloody images, language throughout, and some drug use)

**Running time:** 1:35

writers end a scene with a character spitting out an f-word designed to ... well, to end the scene, bluntly. The conceit of "Ready or Not" ties into a family curse that only a certain "ritual" we keep hearing about can prevent. Nothing new there, once the movie gets there.

I did like a few things en route. The casting of Nicky Guadagni as severely disapproving Aunt Helene is choice. (She refers to one relative not by name but by "brown-haired niece.") Andie MacDowell cuts a striking presence as Grace's mother-in-law and frenemy. And Weaving excels in

the both the antic and ferocious extremes.

Too many of Weaving's cohorts, however, tend toward mugging or blandness. "Ready or Not" may escalate the gore factor for an outlandish finale that takes things in a new direction. But it's a new direction that feels entirely predictable. Call it the entirely expected unfamiliar direction. Some early, admiring reviews admired the sociopolitical satire in "Ready or Not," to which I can only say: It's a free country, and a funny old world. The movie has one arrow in its crossbow: *The rich are awful*. And some times, when you meet the Fockers, the Fockers turn out to be fockers, all right.

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# When Taylor met Kanye

How 2 superstars, 4 words and 15 seconds of TV influenced a decade of pop culture

By EMILY YAHR  
Washington Post

Whether you were watching from a couch, a dorm, a bar or in the control room at Radio City Music Hall where the 2009 MTV Video Music Awards were taking place, it was the rare moment in our culture where everyone had the same reaction: Did that actually just happen?

One minute, an effusive 19-year-old Taylor Swift, sparkling in silver sequins, was accepting the prize for female video of the year, gushing about what an honor it was to win a pop-music VMA as a country singer. Then, suddenly, a sunglasses-clad Kanye West snatched her microphone and delivered the quote that would shape the next decade for two of music's biggest superstars:

"Yo, Taylor, I'm really happy for you, I'mma let you finish. But Beyoncé had one of the best videos of all time."

Beyoncé, in the audience, gaped in horror. "Oh, Kanye," she mouthed.

"One of the best videos of all time!" West continued.

He handed the mic back to a dazed Swift. The confused crowd, which seconds earlier cheered to hear Beyoncé's name, started booing. One of Swift's band members leaped to her feet, leading a standing ovation for her humiliated boss.

As he watched the chaos from a production truck on that night of Sunday, Sept. 13, Van Toffler was in shock. Then the president of MTV Networks Music Group, he'd had a hell of a time luring Swift out of her lucrative and controlled country-music bubble to appear at the raucous annual pop spectacle in the first place. And now this had to happen.

"It was like someone shot Bambi in front of the world," Toffler recalls.

Kanye and Taylor. Taylor and Kanye. The Nashville songwriting prodigy and the hip-hop phenom shared little in common, but those 15 seconds left them intertwined in ways neither could have anticipated. Over the next decade they both transcended music stardom, ascending to a stratosphere of fame where both became recognizable by their first names to people who couldn't name a single one of their songs. They became the celebrities you couldn't help but have strong opinions about, in large part because their actions seemed to hit every fault line of culture — race, gender, mental health, victimhood, media and politics.

That inciting incident in their tangled story was also spectacular television — a badly needed shot in the arm for the VMAs. The show had once been legendary for water-cooler antics such as Madonna tongue-kissing Britney Spears; but it had lately lost its buzz to such an extent that producers had trouble that year even wrangling the cast of "True Blood" to attend.

(As iconic as the moment is, at this point it's mostly an iconic memory. The video has been scrubbed from the internet, with only low-quality bootleg versions floating around. MTV declined to make it available for this story; they also declined to comment. Swift, West and Beyoncé could not be reached for comment.)

But the Kanye-Taylor moment raised the bar for other awards shows, which sought to manufacture their own "moments," and alerted TV execs to the electric new potential of live broadcasts in the social media era. (Twitter, still in its toddlerhood, virtually exploded that night.) It launched thousands of memes, back when we were still trying to figure out what "memes" were, and a catchphrase we're still not done with: I'mma let you finish...

Hamish Hamilton, who directed the telecast, will never forget seeing West storm the stage. He turned to the producers and said, "Oh my God, this is TV gold."

"That was the phrase I used, I remember it really clearly," Hamilton says now. "In many ways, it was a moment that TV producers and TV directors of such live shows pray for."

Yet in that particular moment, Toffler was truly mortified. He snapped into crisis-management mode, turning to a colleague who was friendly with West. "Go find Kanye and please find a way to escort him out of the building," he remembers saying. "I'll find Taylor."

He found her sobbing backstage, flanked by her mother and management team. Toffler tried to comfort her, but she was scheduled to perform "You Belong With Me" — her prizewinning song that night and her biggest pop crossover hit to date — in about five minutes.



CHRISTOPHER POLK/GETTY

At the 2009 MTV Video Music Awards, Kanye West jumped onstage and grabbed the mic after Taylor Swift won the award for female video of the year. "Yo Taylor, I'm really happy for you, I'mma let you finish. But Beyoncé had one of the best videos of all time!" he shouted.

Toffler raced back to the control truck and happened to bump into Beyoncé. She appeared "shaken," he said, so he decided on the spot to break awards-show protocol. He hinted to the star that "Single Ladies" — her megahit song that West had rushed the stage to champion — was going to win the final and most prestigious trophy of the night: video of the year. If she stuck around, Toffler suggested, maybe she could help redeem Swift's ruined evening.

In the waning minutes of the telecast, Beyoncé glided to the stage to accept her trophy, resplendent in a red gown. "I remember being 17 years old, up for my first MTV Award with Destiny's Child," she told the room. "And it was one of the most exciting moments in my life. So I'd like for Taylor to come out and have her moment."

Swift reemerged. The audience went wild. "Um," Swift said. "Maybe we could try this again?" As she thanked her video director, her fans and "my little brother's high school for letting us shoot the video there," she had no idea of the storm that was brewing.

"What happened to you as a child?? Did you not get hugged enough?" Kelly Clarkson wrote on her blog.

"It's like u stepped on a kitten," tweeted Katy Perry.

"You can't make a pretty girl cry," VMAs host Russell Brand said in a radio interview the next day.

Everyone had an opinion about what Kanye did. The VMAs were viewed by 11 million people that year, though the crush of coverage after the fact was more comparable to that of a Super Bowl, which typically gets 10 times as many viewers.

West's apology on his blog ("I'm sooooo sorry to taylor swift and her fans and her mom ... She is very talented! ... i'm in the wrong for going on stage and taking away from her moment!") did little to stem the outrage.

A rare appeal for perspective came from Jay-Z, Beyoncé's husband and West's longtime collaborator. Sure, West's interruption was "inappropriate," he told a radio interviewer, but "He didn't kill anybody. No one got harmed."

He already had a reputation, of course. In 2005, just a year after his breakout album "The College Dropout," West blurted out during a televised Hurricane Katrina fundraiser that "George Bush doesn't care about black people." West, who was already an A-list producer before he released a string of platinum records, had also publicly sulked about his own losses at earlier awards shows. Critics chalked it up to a monstrous ego and a lack of self-control. The VMAs episode only cemented this perception.

There were some hints that West, who carried a bottle of booze onto the VMAs red carpet, might have some deeper issues. It would be years before he opened up about his mental health struggles, as he was hospitalized in 2016 under a psychiatric hold after erratic behavior on tour, and two years later, revealed his bipolar diagnosis on his album "Ye."

Back then, people just wanted to rationalize how he could go after a teenage singer on live television. During an appearance the night after the VMAs on NBC's "The Jay Leno Show," West issued



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Kanye West and Taylor Swift attend the 2015 Grammy Awards.

another apology, and Leno rubbed salt in the wound by making a pointed reference to the recent death of West's mother, Donda.

"What do you think she would have said about this?" Leno asked.

West paused, wiped his eyes, avoided the specific question. "I'm just ashamed that my hurt caused someone else's hurt," he said. He said he would take a break from the spotlight and "analyze how I'm going to make it through the rest of this life."

Making her "Saturday Night Live" debut in November 2009, Swift paused dramatically in the middle of the comic tune that served as her opening monologue.

"You might be expecting me to say something bad about Kanye, and how he ran up on the stage and ruined my VMA ..." she sang, as the audience tittered expectantly. "But there's nothing more to say, cause everything's OK, I got security lining the stage!" Two SNL cast members ran out, dressed as guards, holding up a police sketch of West.

The crowd cheered; Swift beamed. "We have a great show!" she shouted. "Kanye West is not here!"

Still a few months from winning her first Grammy for album of the year, Swift wasn't yet a global pop megastar. But she had made an astonishing ascent in Nashville, proving young listeners had an appetite for country music, and impressing industry gatekeepers — who initially scoffed at a teen singer — by writing her own songs, which sold millions.

Yet in those years following the incident, as she rose to become one of the biggest stars on the planet, Swift, at times, seemed to cling to the role of the damsel in the silver dress with the microphone ripped from her hand, awash in public sympathy and affirmation. After all, playing the underdog had long been part of her story — the excluded middle-schooler who channeled her hurt into songwriting, where she told stories as an outsider looking in. As she sang in "You Belong With Me": "She's cheer captain and I'm on the bleachers."

Indeed, an aura of drama and scorekeeping hovered around the songs that lined her path to global stardom. The razor-sharp, Grammy-winning "Mean" is rumored to be inspired by a music blogger's vicious review of her widely criticized 2010 Grammys performance. John Mayer — one of her increasingly famous short-term swains — said he was "humiliated" by her song "Dear John." Another track allegedly took a swipe at an ex's new girl-

friend — "an actress ... better known for the things that she does on the mattress." "Shake It Off" her biggest career hit, focused on dismissing the critics and haters.

In interviews after the 2009 VMAs, Swift insisted that she was a fan of West and had accepted his apology. But the next year, she appeared back at the show to introduce a new ballad called "Innocent." The performance started with grainy footage of the Kanye incident, and the lyrics were steeped in faux-forgiveness and condescension: "It's OK, life is a tough crowd / Thirty-two and still growin' up now / Who you are is not what you did."

West closed the show, seeming to own all the criticism of the past year by performing the bombastic, vulgarity-filled "Runaway." What was it like having both stars in attendance that night?

"Awkward," was all Toffler would say.

The 2010 VMAs could have been the end of their shared story. Alas, it was not.

"It's a weird dance these two do ... over the last decade, we've seen that play out in a fascinating way," Lui said. While the media has certainly had a role in reminding fans of the feud, "they themselves keep resurrecting it."

West publicly complained that Swift "rode" his negative publicity for her own benefit. But then they had a friendly exchange at the 2011 Met Gala. But then West told the New York Times he had "no regrets" about his outburst. But then West and Swift were seen happily chatting at the 2015 Grammys.

Everything seemed to finally come full circle at the 2015 VMAs, as Swift presented West with a lifetime-achievement award. "I'm really happy for you, and I'mma let you finish," she joked. "But Kanye West has had one of the greatest careers of all time!"

Their redemption story completely disintegrated a year later. In 2016, West invoked Swift in his new song, "Famous," with a lyric far more direct than her own coy call-outs: "I feel like me and Taylor might still have sex ... why? I made that bitch famous." The video featured naked look-alikes of Swift and other celebrities. She decried it as misogynistic "revenge porn."

A bitter and tawdry dispute ensued. Following the release of "Famous," Swift's "1989" won album of the year at the Grammys. In her acceptance speech, she made a comment that many interpreted as a dig at West: "There are going to be people along the way who will try to undercut your

success or take credit for your accomplishments or your fame."

This rankled reality TV mogul Kim Kardashian West, Kanye West's wife, who blasted Swift for playing the victim. She released a Snapchat recording of an amiable phone call that seemed to show West giving Swift a heads-up about the song — never mind that he apparently said nothing about calling her a "b—."

Nonetheless, Kardashian branded Swift a "snake" and much of the Internet followed suit. The controversy was a stark reminder that Swift and West's careers would continue to be entangled. Swift released a statement that said she was being "falsely painted as a liar."

"I would very much like to be excluded from this narrative, one I never asked to be a part of, since 2009," she wrote.

The pair eventually found themselves on opposite ends of the spectrum in the arena that has become critical for so many celebrity's brands: politics.

West went full MAGA, claiming that he connected on a personal level with Trump and that he admired the former reality TV star's "dragon energy" and "hero's journey." In addition to a high-profile trip to the White House, West performed on "Saturday Night Live" with his red MAGA hat and said he was "bullied" backstage for wearing it.

Swift, on the other hand, broke years of political silence to declare she was voting Democrat in the Tennessee midterms. She made donations in support of gun control and became an outspoken advocate for LGBT rights, starting a petition to support the Equality Act.

Suddenly, one of the most notoriously apolitical celebrities of the previous decade was speaking out on favorite liberal causes. The direct contrast with West's embrace of Trump was impossible to ignore.

The train-wreck moment of the 2009 VMAs struck twin chords of fantasy and fear. The fantasy of feeling so furious that you grab a microphone and shout your true feelings to the world. And the fear of achieving your dream only to have it torn away.

West's interruption may have been appalling, yet "Single Ladies" was a dazzling, pace-setting video for a song now recognized as the earworm of the decade. Its loss to the less-epic "You Belong With Me" underscored the way works by black artists, particularly women, are often ignored or diminished.

West was ahead of his time. Years later, #OscarsSoWhite protests prompted the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences to overhaul its voting structure and expand its ranks to younger and more diverse members, and the topic has also percolated around the Grammys, championed by performers such as Drake.

The incident also taught TV producers how to up their game in the age of social media; how something that lit up Twitter or Facebook could inspire live to tune in, including Ellen DeGeneres posting a selfie at the Oscars and the current craze for anything-could-happen live productions of vintage Broadway musicals. People still say "I'mma let you finish."

# Scholarship honors Lane Tech student

Sincere Ash went missing from Lollapalooza in '18

By JESSI ROTI

The Lane Tech Alumni Association has named a scholarship in honor of Sincere Ash, a senior at the college prep school who went missing from Lollapalooza in 2018.

Ash, who was last seen at the festival in the afternoon of Aug. 5, was found near the Clybourn Metra Station in the 2000 block of North Ashland Avenue — nearly two hours after he was last seen, according to reports. An autopsy determined Ash had died from multiple injuries from being struck by a train, though the manner was undetermined,



Ash

According to the Cook County Medical Examiner's office. After news broke of the student's passing, his friends and classmates created a GoFundMe campaign on Aug. 7 on behalf of the Lane Tech community to help pay for a memorial and burial. The campaign had a goal of raising \$32,000 and has since surpassed it.

The association's Director of Alumni Relations, Joanna Maciaszkiewicz Perez, said she was contacted by two parents (who wish to remain anonymous)

about the gift a few months ago. Using the remaining funds from the GoFundMe campaign, \$1,000 will be given out each year for the next five years in the name of the Sincere Ash Memorial Scholarship.

"They felt the best way to honor Sincere was to set-up a scholarship in his name," Maciaszkiewicz Perez says. "Myself, Herb Berg — who's our chairperson of the scholarship committee this year — we met with the two parents and just wanted to listen, and see what we could do to help establish the scholarship and their vision. They really spearheaded that and we just helped them make it happen."

In the latest update to the GoFundMe page,

Tamara Peters Porfirio, the mother of one of Ash's closest friends, wrote, "Sincere was full of light, love, and style, and being with him was everyone's favorite part of the day."

"He passed away very unexpectedly," the statement continued, "and this scholarship is given in memory of all the happiness he brought to his many friends. It was organized by his classmates and funded by hundreds of donations given to honor Sincere's life."

The scholarship will be given out next year, with the 2020 senior class all eligible as long as they qualify for the expected June graduation date and have been accepted to an accredited college or university. Maciaszkiewicz

Perez adds that financial need will be considered, and preference will be given to students pursuing a career working with children or studying art.

"In our conversation with (the parents), when we met, they mentioned that that's what was special about him," she explains of the preference for humanities work. "There was a photo I remember seeing, at an event at Lane Tech, of him completely engaged with the child of a faculty member. He had a beautiful smile on his face. I think they included this criteria because it really would honor his memory."

The Lane Tech Alumni Association Scholarship was established in 1985 and has since awarded \$1.9

million dollars to graduating seniors, according to the Director of Alumni Relations. In 2019, the LTAA says it gave \$167,000 in total — its largest amount to date — to 22 students meeting different criteria in various fields, including scholarships in STEM (one specifically for women), chemistry, mathematics and other arts.

In April 2019, Ash's mother Precious Stovall filed a petition for discovery with the Cook County court. The June 25 hearing resulted in a continuance per court records obtained by the Tribune. On July 9, involved parties came to an agreement. The Tribune's records request has not been returned.

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# Stepping out of the DJ booth

King Marie brings her voice to the fore with "The Prelude"

By JESSI ROTI

Declaring yourself "king" is a bold move, but Christine Marie, aka King Marie, has proudly repped, and defended, that title for the past decade.

She sums up her road to "The Prelude," a six-song EP she's using to reintroduce her creative self as a performing artist, with the aptly titled opener "King."

Stepping out of the DJ booth and behind the mic to get reacquainted with her first love, singing, her honeyed, R&B coo delivers the juice: "Bet ya didn't even know that ya girl could sing / I'ma show them why they call me king."

"I've never embodied myself as much as I am right now. I've never felt so much myself as King Marie. It's not just my artist name anymore, I really feel like I am," she says on a call from Las Vegas. "When I say I'm a 'king,' it's because I said that I can do all these things, and now I'm doing them. I really feel like I'm living up to the name that I've given myself. I just feel like these are my superpowers."

While her initial pursuit behind the boards was originally a detour between her first EP as an independent artist "Neon City" (released 10 years ago this year) and its follow-up, she found herself building a platform and following that has taken her to a headliner spot at The Raven in Manila, Philippines ("the motherland," as she lovingly refers to it), on tour with The Cool Kids' Chuck Inglish and playing day one of ComplexCon Chicago.

But beneath the rising DJ veneer, Marie was facing life-altering decisions. After an impromptu session in a recording studio while snowbound in Boston, again surprising people with her vocal chops, she knew she had to resolve big issues in order to make room for bigger successes.

"I found sobriety at the beginning of this year," she says. "I was like, if I really want what I want and see

for myself, then I know what I have to do."

Her newfound sobriety inspired the track "I Decided," a keyboard-forward track driven by the thump of classic Chicago House, Marie delivers growth affirmations as pop hooks — tapping into the "posi-pop" and relatability currently promoted by fellow artists Lizzo, NAO and Kehlani on a larger scale.

"It wasn't necessarily a struggle, but a lot of finding oneself and confrontation of self — inner growth and emotional growth," she explains. "I wanted to understand myself and accept myself in all instances. I think drugs and alcohol kind of blur or take away from that process. I knew I had to be free-minded and able to focus. The first couple months of the year were really hard for me. It was a lot of battling my own demons and trying to accept myself and how far I've come from the old me."

While that late-night life comes with the territory, Marie believes she's been subconsciously planning for this moment of her career all along. Growing up in a musical household, and as a first generation Filipinx American with her older brothers (both DJs) and mother on the Northwest side, she sees herself — in her current position — as a manifestation of what her ancestors wanted, what her mother did and the trail she hopes to blaze for her nieces and nephews.

Her mother, who was also a touring singer — winning regional talent competitions in her native Pampanga (a province an hour and a half north of Manila) and performing with bands for off-duty soldiers during the Vietnam War before making her way to the U.S. after being scouted to play with another act — often shares her own tales from the road with her daughter.

"I'm in Vegas right now, so she's asked me if I've been here and there," Marie says. "She'll say 'I used to sing there.' It's so cute."



LIZ FANG PHOTO

Christine "King" Marie talks stepping away from her career as a DJ and returning to her first love, singing, with her new EP "The Prelude."

The differences in their experiences aren't lost on her, however. As a young woman of color, a child of immigrants, one story in particular sticks out in her mind, reminding her of barriers slightly cracked, but not fully broken.

"She told me one story specifically about how she went to Canada and she got detained because her visa was expired," she recalls. "She wasn't an American citizen yet. The times that we live in now, she

wouldn't have even been able to do that."

"Where we're at, and I don't even want to try to get into it because we don't have enough time, but in 2019 — to be an American-born citizen, to be a woman that's not scared to speak up and to take ownership of what's male-dominated, what's 'supposed to be,' I want to make sure that that energy's what's kept," Marie says.

"My mom was a single mother from an entirely

different country who didn't know the language and was able to learn English because of music. That's what brought her to tour around the world. She was doing what she loved, and I just want to make sure that's what the continuous lineage of my family will be like."

That definition of family includes the community she hopes to foster from behind the booth, on the mic and as a creative looking to pay it forward

When: 8 p.m. Aug. 28

Where: Schubas Tavern, 3159 N. Southport Ave.

Tickets: \$9-\$13, 18 and older; www.lh-st.com

through campaigns such as This Is What Asian Looks Like, the Art for Social Justice Project and as the Chicago ambassador for DJ Jasmine Solano's women's empowerment series Unity in Color. While the dance floor as a place for healing and empowerment isn't a new concept, embraced by early House pioneers, DJs and club kids from the very beginning, Marie hopes to magnify that, with lyrics that build and move the soul in the same way each track's rhythm and mix moves the body.

The simplicity and repetition of "The Prelude" is inviting, familiar to those who were also raised on late '90s/early 2000s mid-tempo club tracks; lending itself well to the kind of anthemic, shared experience that stems from giving yourself over to the music completely. The response, from DJ/artist to audience and vice versa, is mutually validating — especially for the artist who feels like she's really introducing herself for the first time.

"It took a whole bunch of strangers to tell me or validate the idea of me even doing music for me believe in myself again. It just created this whole new belief process," Marie explains. "I love DJing, I love everything that comes from it. It's an experience and I know that people can walk away and have that feeling — but it's only for that night. Nothing makes me feel how creating a song, singing and performing for people who know the words and can sing it back to me feels. 'The Prelude' is my baby. These songs, they're small extensions of me. I think that's what the difference is, I wanted to create where people could have parts of me. I just want to meet as many people as I can, touch as many people as I can with my time."

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# Famed Chicago playwright leaves town for Texas



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Playwright Rebecca Gilman discusses the play "Luna Gale" at the Goodman Theatre in 2013.

Rebecca Gilman takes a job at Texas Tech University

By CHRIS JONES

Rebecca Gilman, who long has been one of Chicago's most illustrious playwrights, is moving to Lubbock, Texas.

Gilman, the author of such works as "Spinning Into Butter," "Boy Gets Girl," "The Crowd You're In With" and "Blue Surge," has resigned her position at Northwestern University, where she has taught writing for the screen and stage, and taken a job at Texas Tech University, where she will

head the M.F.A. degree in playwriting within the School of Theatre and Dance.

"Hiring a playwright such as Ms. Gilman is a director of a program's dream," said Mark Charney, the director of the School of Theatre and Dance at Texas Tech.

"I want my students to understand how playwriting fits into the world at large, and Ms. Gilman's strong connections with theater in Chicago, and indeed the country, will transform our playwriting program."

"I'll always love Chicago," Gilman said, noting that she'll continue to be an artistic associate at the

Goodman Theatre. "But this is a wonderful opportunity to help foster the voices of a new generation of playwrights."

Universities in the state of Texas, where arts funding at the college level is healthy, have been aggressively recruiting nationally known playwrights. Both Annie Baker and Branden Jacobs-Jenkins have accepted teaching positions this fall at the University of Texas at Austin, and Texas Tech has also recruited the playwright Doug Wright.

Gilman, clearly, has been troubled by the amount of debt arts students, especially those from less affluent back-

grounds, often acquire at expensive private universities.

"The students at Texas Tech are so well supported, both financially and artistically," she said, "that they are able to focus solely on developing their artistic visions and voices in their time here."

Gilman, 54, first gained wide public attention in 1996, following the premiere of "The Glory of Living" at the now-defunct Circle Theatre in the western suburb of Forest Park.

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## WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Jennie Garth

**"B90210"** (8 p.m., FOX): Tori (Tori Spelling) really starts feeling the stress of trying to keep the proposed reboot moving even as she personally tries to coordinate the quirky requirements of each cast member in a new episode called "The Photo Shoot." Jennie (Jennie Garth) meets her new bodyguard, while Jason and Ian (Jason Priestley, Ian Ziering) continue struggling with their marital issues. Shannen Doherty and Gabrielle Carteris also star.

**"Ghost Hunters"** (8 p.m., 12:03 a.m., AE): Original team leader Grant Wilson returns to manage a handpicked group of professional paranormal colleagues in this new reboot of the hit spook-chasing series that ran for 11 seasons the first time around. As before, the crew will draw on historical research along with improved tech support to assist everyday people who are beset by supernatural problems. The premiere, "School Spirit," finds the team at a century-old Idaho high school.

**"Mountain Monsters"** (8 p.m., 11 p.m., TRAVEL): The plucky members of the Appalachian Investigators of Mysterious Sightings (AIMS) continue their investigations, albeit from a new network home base on Travel Channel, as the series launches a new season with a two-hour premiere called "The Dark Forest Revealed." The action picks up where it left off, with Trapper, Buck, Huckleberry, Jeff, Willy and Wild Bill caught in an eerie backwoods area.

**"Snowfall"** (9 p.m., 10:04 p.m., 12:13 a.m., FX): Andre (Darius McCrary) has no choice but to ask Franklin (Damson Idris) for his help in the new episode "Pocket Full of Rocks." Elsewhere, Gustavo (Sergio Peris-Mencheta) clears the way to implement his own vision, and Julia (Peta Sergeant) has a new plan to propose for Teddy (Carter Hudson). Michael Hyatt also stars.

**"Marrying Millions"** (9 p.m., 1:01 a.m., Lifetime): In the new episode "A Constructive Proposal," Brianna insists she just wants to find some new friends in Miami, but after a night out together, Bill is left questioning her motives. A reluctant Megan sits down with an attorney to discuss a prenup that Sean wants her to sign. Rosie wrestles with whether to elope with Drew.

**"Psychic Kids"** (9:01 p.m., 1:04 a.m., AE): The 2008-10 TV series "Psychic Kids: Children of the Paranormal" followed a group of juvenile psychics as they worked with mentors trying to help them master their uncanny abilities. Now, in a new eight-episode reboot, several of those same young psychics, now successful adults in their own right, return to work alongside trained licensed therapists to help a new generation of gifted kids realize their full potential.

## TALK SHOWS

**"Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Comedian Jane Lynch.\*

**"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Singer Selena Gomez; journalist Elaine Welteroth; Goldlink and Maleek Berry perform.\*

**"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): TV host John Oliver; retired professional football player Joe Namath.\*

**"Jimmy Kimmel Live"** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Donald Glover; actress D'Arcy Carden; comic Beth Stelling.\*

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FLOATING MUSEUM

The Floating Museum includes galleries in Green Line cars from artists like Brandon Breaux.

## FOUNDERS

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overlooked. The series also entails two "in service" Green Line train cars that serve as art galleries with work about DuSable and Kithawa in the advertising spaces found on the cars called "Soul El." Art decorates the outside of the cars (by Adam Sings In The Timber) and interiors with work from artists like Max Sansing, Joyce Owens, Santiago X, and Nyia Sissac on display. Pop-up poetry and music events are scheduled for the two cars.

"The artwork is not as obvious because with public transportation there's a lot of safety standards to negotiate for territory, but we tried to push the CTA out of their comfort zone to bring the collection to the public and get history that doesn't always get representation out there," Schachman said. "It's about activating park space in new exciting ways with something that makes you stop and think."

The remaining layers of the initiative are the Green Line Central, which will consist of a field of 3D

**"It's about activating park space in new exciting ways with something that makes you stop and think."**

— Andrew Schachman, co-director, Floating Museum

printed ceramic reproductions of local artists on 3-by-foot podia in front of Austin Town Hall (adjacent to the Central Green Line stop). And Green Line Conservatory where everyday street signs are reinterpreted as art near the Conservatory/Central Park Drive Green Line stop. The abstract piece will make the space a gallery of sorts, Schachman said.

Majeed said the work is really about planting seeds of museum practices and how they can evolve. "Museums are really trying to figure out how can we get more audiences to come in the doors, but maybe we also need to think about

how can we take the things inside out doors, out to the community in a more sustainable way," he said.

The last time the collective did a citywide activation was in 2017 with its River Assembly, art works traveling on a Chicago River barge. Having brought Floating Museum work from water to land, the group is already thinking about the the next area to conquer: air.

"The city is already a huge cultural space, but work like this says you don't always have to go to museums to get culture," said Jeremiah Hulsebos-Pofford, co-director of the Floating Museum.

*Cultural Transit Assembly is free to the public and erected on Wednesday 11 a.m.- 6:30 p.m. The initiative goes from hyperlocal to international when the works will be shown at the entrance of Art EXPO at Navy Pier on Sept. 19-22. Founder will next appear at Fairfield Park (next to the Central Park Green Line station) on Aug. 21. Other dates can be found at [floatingmuseum.org](http://floatingmuseum.org).*

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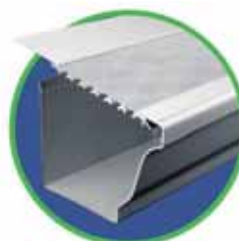
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	<b>NBC</b> 5	America's Got Talent: "Live Results 2." (N) ©		(8:01) Songland: "Old Dominion/Jeep." (N) ©		Hollywood Game Night (N) © 卐		NBC 5 News (N) 卐
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	<b>AMC</b>	Ace Ventura: Pet Detective (PG-13,'94) *** ©		Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls ***				
	<b>ANIM</b>	North Woods Law (N)	North Woods Law (N)	I Was Prey (N) ©		Prey (N) 卐		
	<b>BBCA</b>	Home Alone (PG,'90) ***	Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci. ©			Home Alone 2 卐		
	<b>BET</b>	(5) Higher Learning ***	Barbershop: The Next Cut (PG-13,'16) ***	Ice Cube. 卐				
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	<b>ESPN</b>	2019 Little League World Series (N)	Baseball (N)			MLB Baseball: Yankees at Athletics (N) 卐		
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	<b>FX</b>	(6) The Fate of the Furious (PG-13,'17) ** ©				Snowfall (N) ©		Snowfall 卐
	<b>HALL</b>	(6) Eat, Play, Love ('17)	A Summer Romance (NR,'19)	Erin Krakow. ©		Golden Girls		
	<b>HGTV</b>	Property Brothers ©	Property Brothers (N) ©		Hunters (N)	Hunt Intl		Property 卐
<b>HISTV</b>	Forged in Fire (N)	Forged in Fire (N)			(9:03) Face the Beast (Series Premiere) (N)		Forged 卐	
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<b>LIFE</b>	Married (N)	Married at First Sight (N) ©			Marrying Millions (N) ©		Married 卐	
<b>MSNBC</b>	All In With (N)	Rachel Maddow Show (N)			The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
<b>MTV</b>	Catfish: The TV Show: "Angel & Antonio." (N) ©				Catfish: The TV Show ©		Catfish 卐	
<b>NBCSCH</b>	MLB Baseball: San Francisco Giants at Chicago Cubs. (N) (Live)						Postgame	
<b>NICK</b>	Alvin and the Chipmunks (PG,'07) **	Jason Lee. ©		Friends ©	Friends ©		Friends 卐	
<b>Ovation</b>	(6:30) Fatal Attraction (R,'87) ***	Michael Douglas.	To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything 卐					
<b>OWN</b>	Queen Sugar	Queen Sugar (N)		David Makes Man (N)		Sugar 卐		
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<b>PARMT</b>	(6) National Treasure (PG,'04) **	Nicolas Cage. ©		Yellowstone (N) ©		Cowboy (N)		
<b>SYFY</b>	The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG-13,'14) *** ©				(9:34) Wanted ('08) **** 卐			
<b>TBS</b>	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full Frontal	Conan (N)	
<b>TCM</b>	Sullivan's Travels (NR,'41) **** ©		(8:45) The More Merrier (NR,'43) *** ©				Conan 卐	
<b>TLC</b>	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive		Hoarding: Buried Alive		Hoarding 卐		
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<b>TRAV</b>	Monsters: Uncaged (N)	Mountain Monsters: "The Dark Forest Revealed." (Season Premiere) (N)			Monsters (N)		Monsters (N) 卐	
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<b>WE</b>	Law & Order ©	Law & Order ©		Law & Order ©		Law 卐		
<b>WGN America</b>	(6) Platoon (R,'86) ****	Tom Berenger.   Platoon (R,'86) ****	Tom Berenger. © 卐					
PREMIUM	<b>HBO</b>	Red Sparrow (R,'18) **	Jennifer Lawrence, Joel Edgerton. ©		(9:25) Succession ©			
	<b>HBO2</b>	Hard Knocks	Our Boys (Subtitled-English)	REAL Sports Gumbel		Grudge 卐		
	<b>MAX</b>	Armageddon (NR,'98) **	Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton. ©		(9:35) Casino Royale ©			
	<b>SHO</b>	City on a Hill ©	Rambo (R,'08) **	Sylvester Stallone. ©		(9:35) Total Recall *** 卐		
	<b>STARZ</b>	(5:53) Fallen (R,'98) **	Pitch Black (R,'00) **	Radha Mitchell. ©		Scarface 卐		
<b>STZNC</b>	(6:07) 8 Mile (R,'02) ***	Power: "Happy Birthday." (9:01) Power ©			Tango-Csh 卐			



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## Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Aug. 21): Inspiration and love elevates your year. Faithful exercise and health practices energize you. Adapt to a physical challenge this summer, inspiring a performance surge this winter, followed by a new beginning. Shift positions with a heartfelt matter next summer.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): 8. There's interesting, creative work coming in, with Venus entering Virgo. Aim for mastery and artistry. Add a feminine touch to a project.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Get creative. Discover beauty, love and passion, with Venus in Virgo. Express your heart. Share possibilities and dreams. You can generate romance from thin air.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 7. Your home can become your love nest. Manage household beautification and improvement projects. For a month, with Venus in Virgo, prioritize home and family.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Express your heart this month, with Venus in Virgo. Study a subject of your passion. Write, record and broadcast your ideas. Communicate art, beauty and harmony.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Gather new income, with Venus in Virgo. This next month can get especially profitable. Focus on work that you love, and silver flows.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. For the next month, with Venus in your sign, you're irresistible. Try a new style. Take advantage, and ask for what you want. Follow your heart.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Ponder dreams and fantasies. Savor sweet memories and envision the future, with Venus in Virgo this month. Imagine beautiful results, and plan for realization.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. You're especially popular, with Venus in Virgo this month. Social activities benefit your career. Enjoy the public spotlight, and use it for a good cause.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Put your love into your work. Watch for potential career advances and assume authority. Take charge professionally this month, with Venus in Virgo.

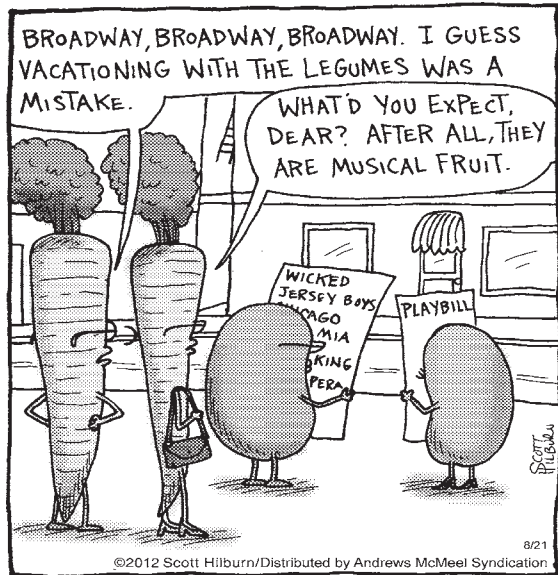
**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Have fun with loved ones. Travel, studies, research and exploration offer abundant reward. Venture forth this month, with Venus in Virgo.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Find a sweet deal for your family. Monitor numbers this month, with Venus in Virgo. Your collaboration has profitable potential. Bring home more silver.

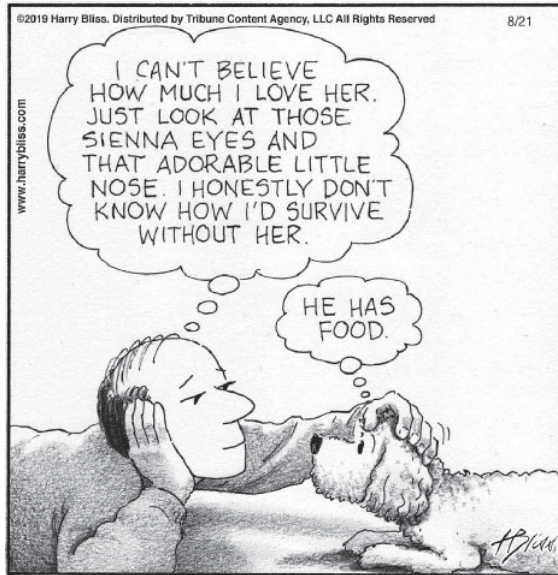
**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Partnerships flower over the next four weeks, with Venus in Virgo. Compromise and support each other. It could get lucrative.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

**The Argyle Sweater** By Scott Hilburn  
(Argyle Sweater is on vacation this week. Please enjoy this strip from 2012.)



**Bliss** By Harry Bliss



## Bridge

East-West vulnerable, North deals

<b>North</b>		<b>East</b>	
♠ KJ5	♥ A952	♠ Q	♥ 1076
♦ K	♣ Q875	♦ Q10765	♣ KJ96
<b>South</b>		<b>West</b>	
♠ A9863	♥ Q3	♠ 10742	♥ K84
♦ A9842	♣ A	♦ J3	♣ 10432

At a tournament in Asia recently, a pair from Bangladesh bid aggressively to slam. It is a very difficult hand to play and the declarer lost his way. He established the hearts with a finesse and a ruff, but he could not then draw the trumps and

### The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♣	All pass

**Opening lead: Four of ♣**

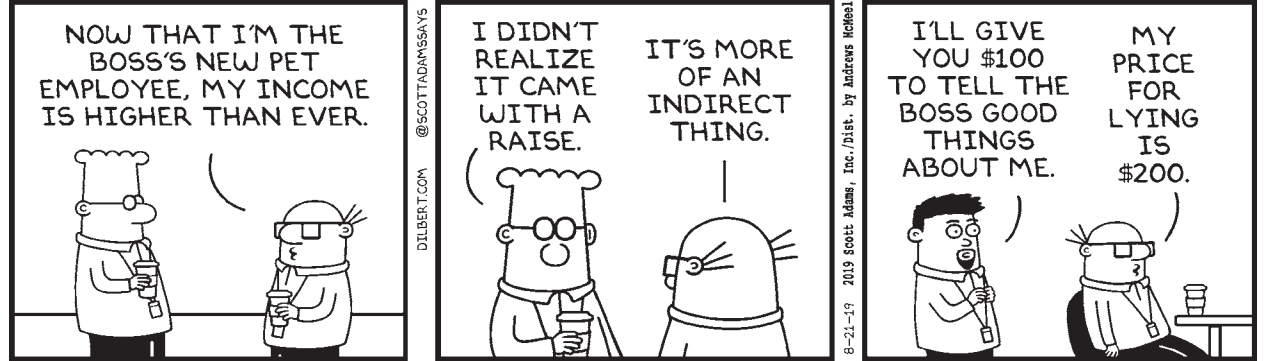
and ruffed a club. The queen of hearts would be covered by the king and won with dummy's ace and another club ruffed. Now a heart to the jack and a little cross-ruffing. Ruff the last club in hand, ruff a diamond in dummy, and then ruff a heart in hand. This would be the position:

<b>North</b>		<b>East</b>	
♠ KJ	♥ 95	♠ Q	♥ Void
♦ Void	♣ Void	♦ Q107	♣ Void
<b>South</b>		<b>West</b>	
♠ A	♥ Void	♠ 10742	♥ Void
♦ A98	♣ Void	♦ Void	♣ Void

Declarer ruffs a diamond with dummy's jack, ruffs a heart with the ace, and ruffs a diamond with dummy's king. West must under-ruff helplessly on each of these tricks. South finally surrenders the 13th trick to the opponents. Would you have played it that way?

— Bob Jones, tcaeditors@tribpub.com

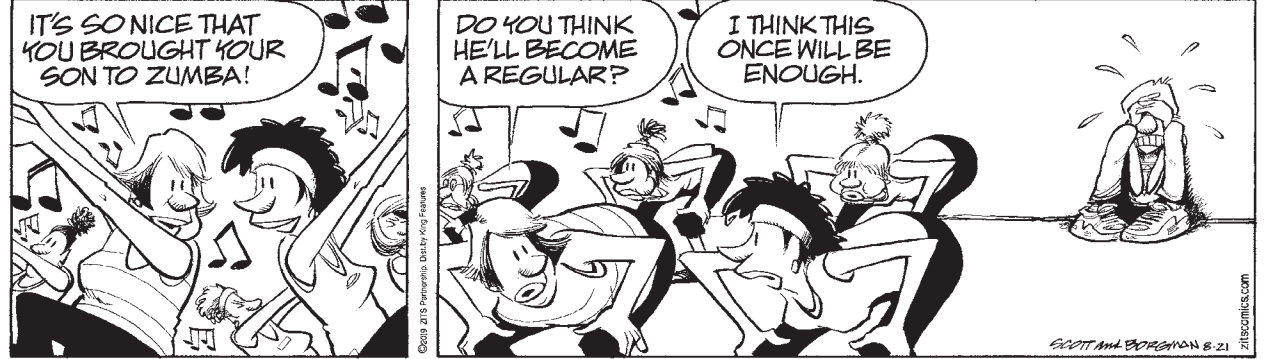
**Dilbert** By Scott Adams



**Baby Blues** By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



**Zits** By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



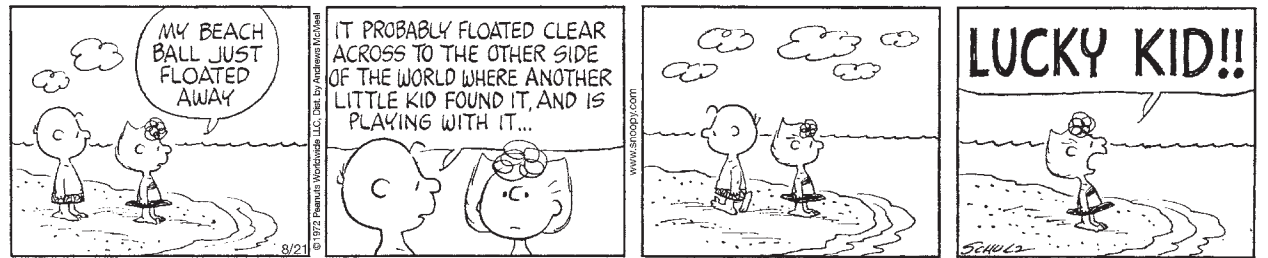
**Mr. Boffo** By Joe Martin



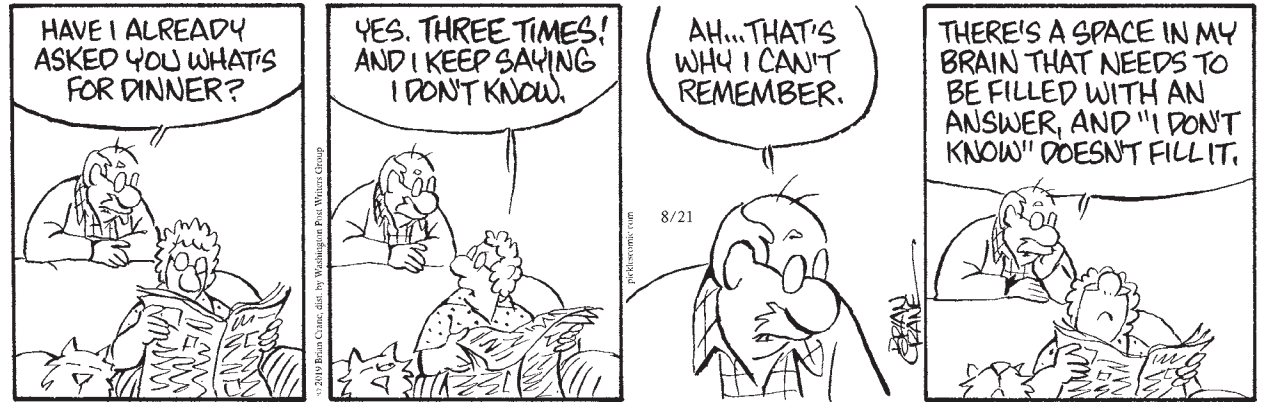
**Frazz** By Jef Mallett



**Classic Peanuts** By Charles Schulz



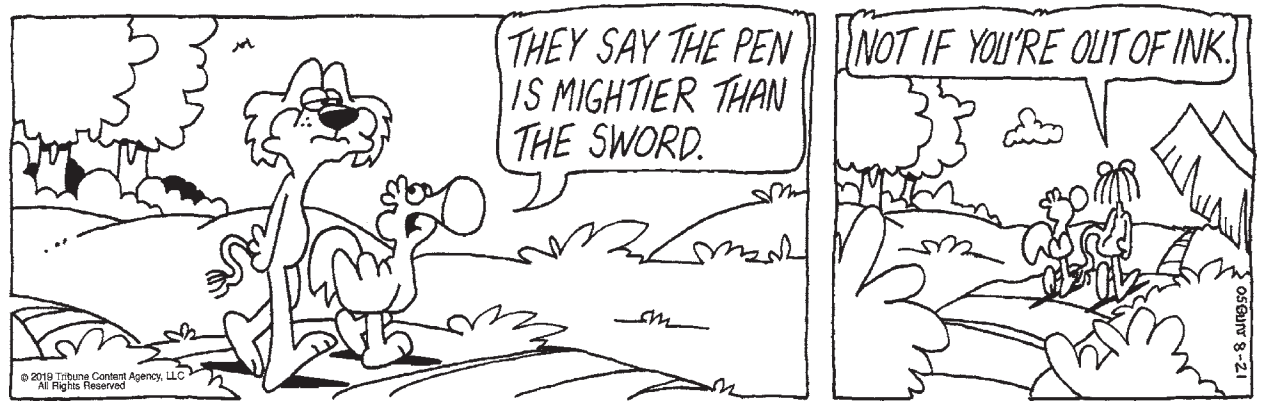
**Pickles** By Brian Crane



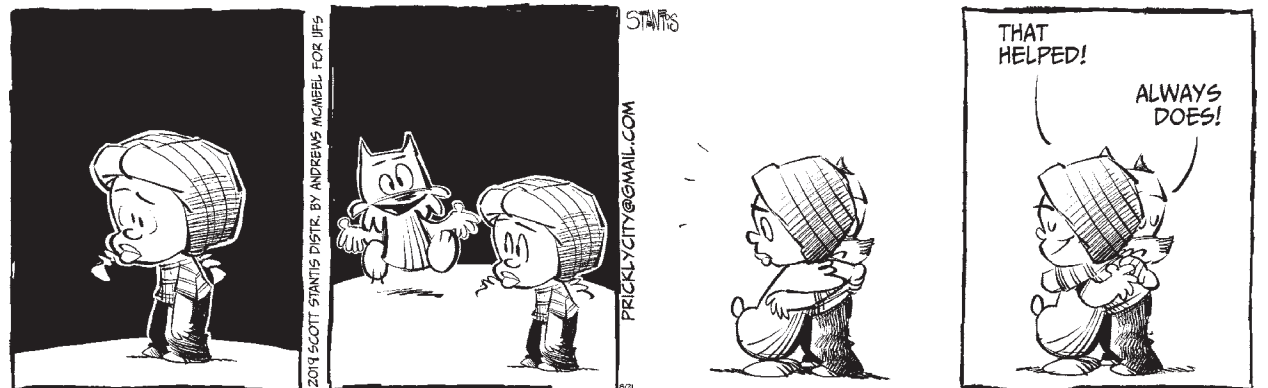
**Dick Tracy** By Joe Staton and Mike Curtis



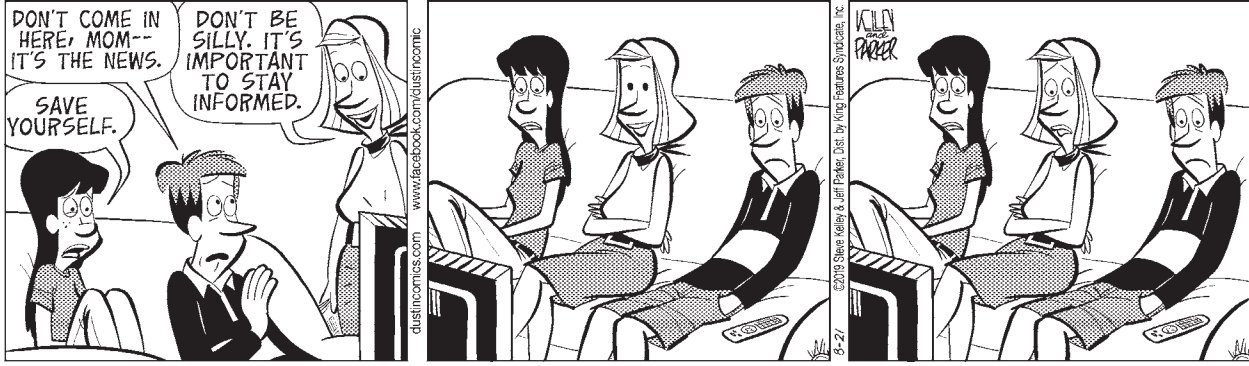
**Animal Crackers** By Mike Osburn



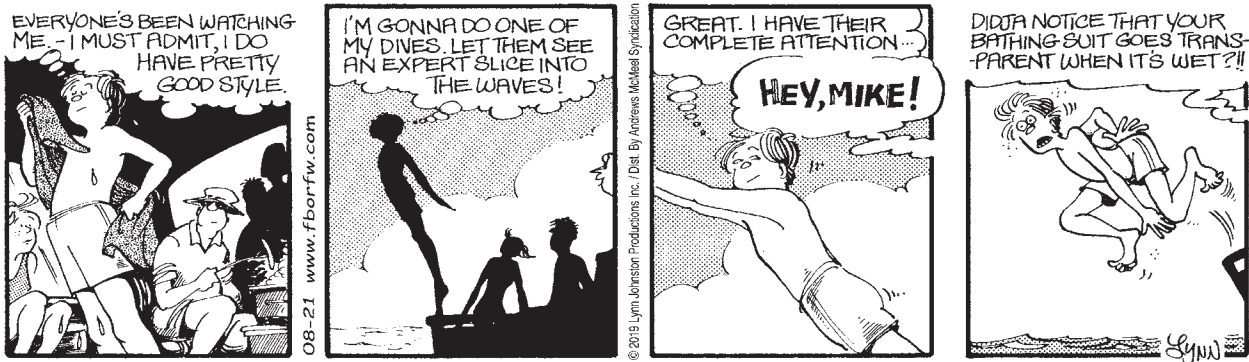
**Prickly City** By Scott Stantis



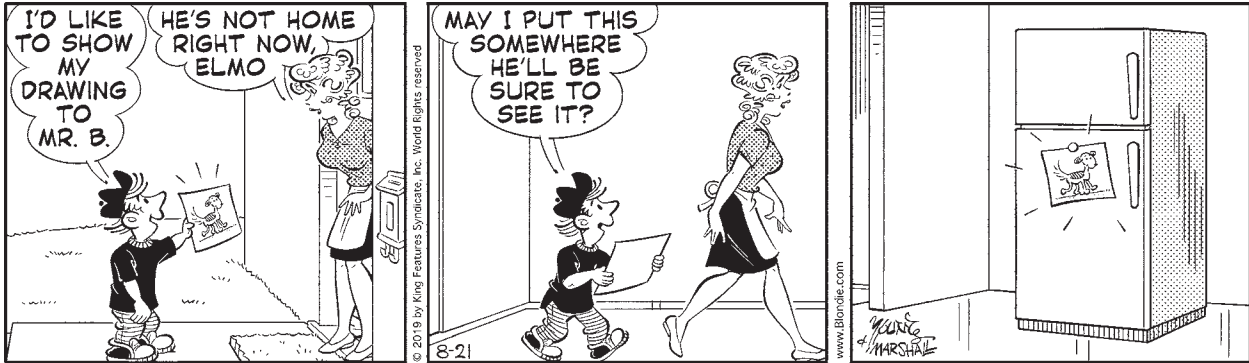
**Dustin** By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



**For Better or for Worse** By Lynn Johnston



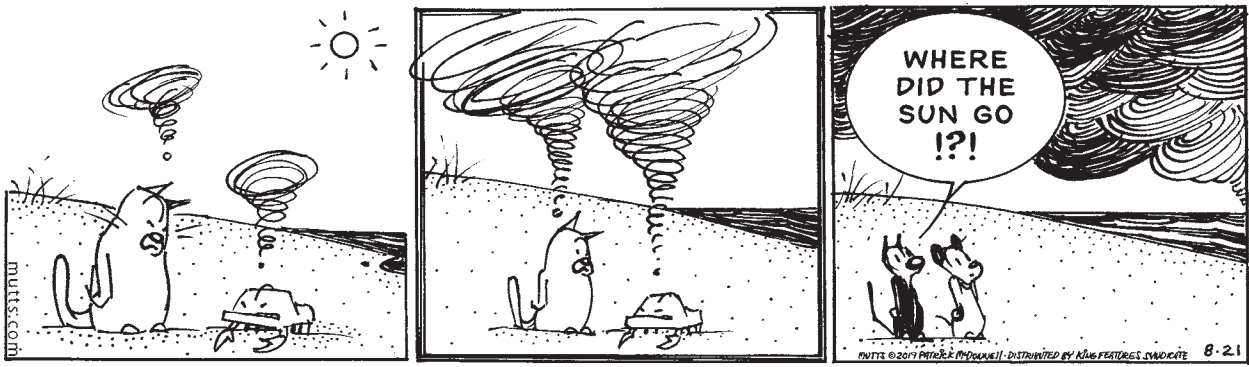
**Blondie** By Dean Young and John Marshall



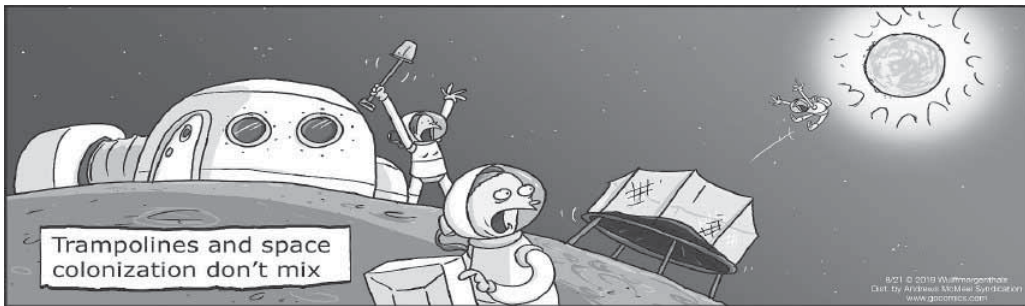
**Hägar the Horrible** By Chris Browne



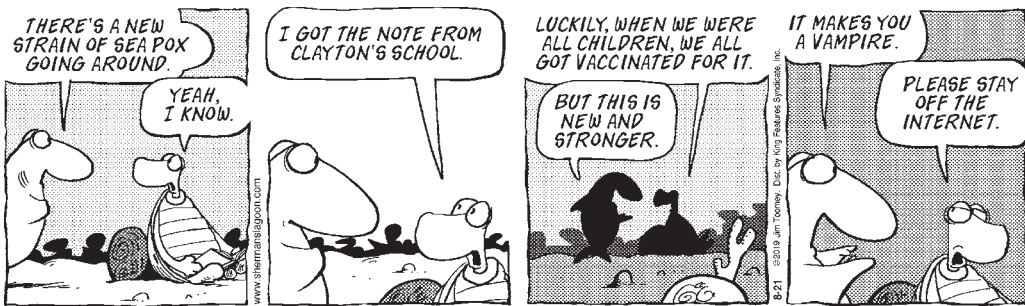
**Mutts** By Patrick McDonnell



**WuMo** By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



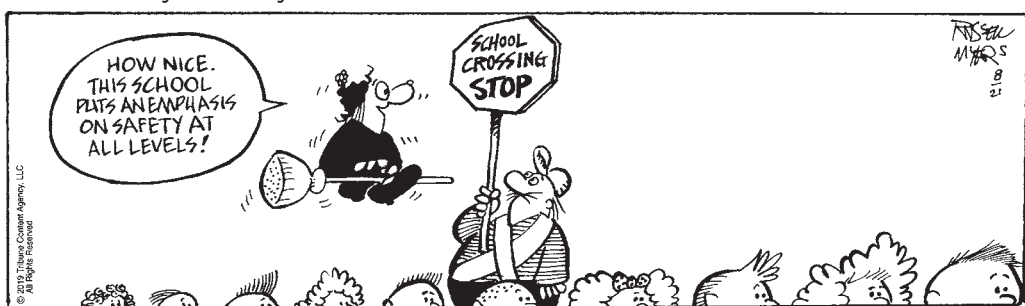
**Sherman's Lagoon** By Jim Toomey



**Brewster Rockit: Space Guy!** By Tim Rickard



**Broom-Hilda** By Russell Myers



**Trivia Bits**

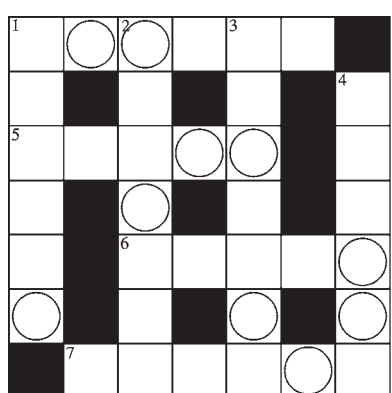
**In May 1834, who sailed through the Strait of Magellan on a ship called the Beagle?**

- A) Charles Darwin
- B) Abraham Lincoln
- C) David Livingstone
- D) Robert Falcon Scott

Tuesday's answer: Mercury and bromine are liquid at standard room temperature.

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**Jumble Crossword**



- CLUE ACROSS**
1. Type of kicker
  5. Pastoral
  6. \_\_\_ limit
  7. Show, uncover
- CLUE DOWN**
1. Hook-billed bird
  2. Feed, care for
  3. Solar \_\_\_
  4. Dogs, but not dog

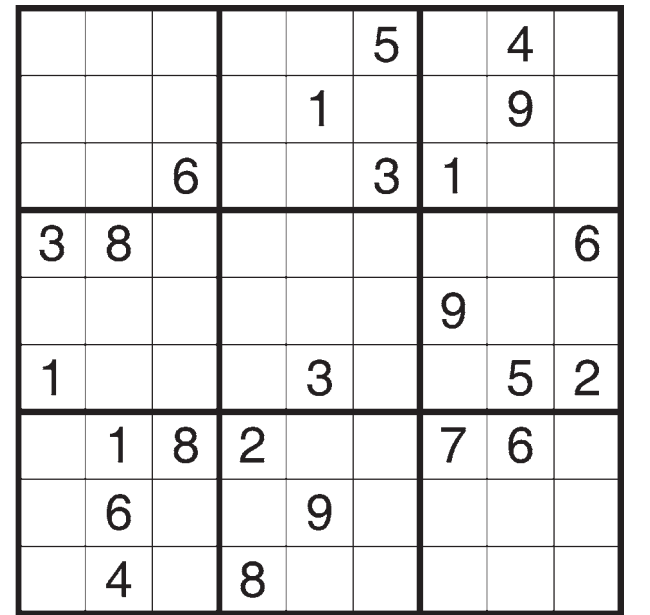
How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

**BONUS** [Grid of 10 circles]

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**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

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4	6	2	8	7	3	9	5	1
7	3	5	1	2	9	4	6	8
8	1	9	4	6	5	2	7	3
2	7	8	9	5	6	3	1	4
1	9	3	7	8	4	5	2	6
5	4	6	2	3	1	7	8	9
9	8	4	5	1	2	6	3	7
6	2	1	3	4	7	8	9	5
3	5	7	6	9	8	1	4	2

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

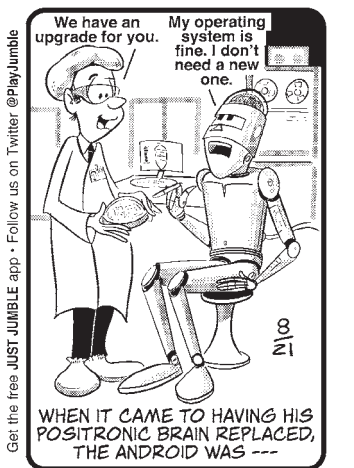
**Tuesday's solutions**

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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.

- VRIRE
- SOYMS
- DIDNHE
- NLHECC



**Answer here**



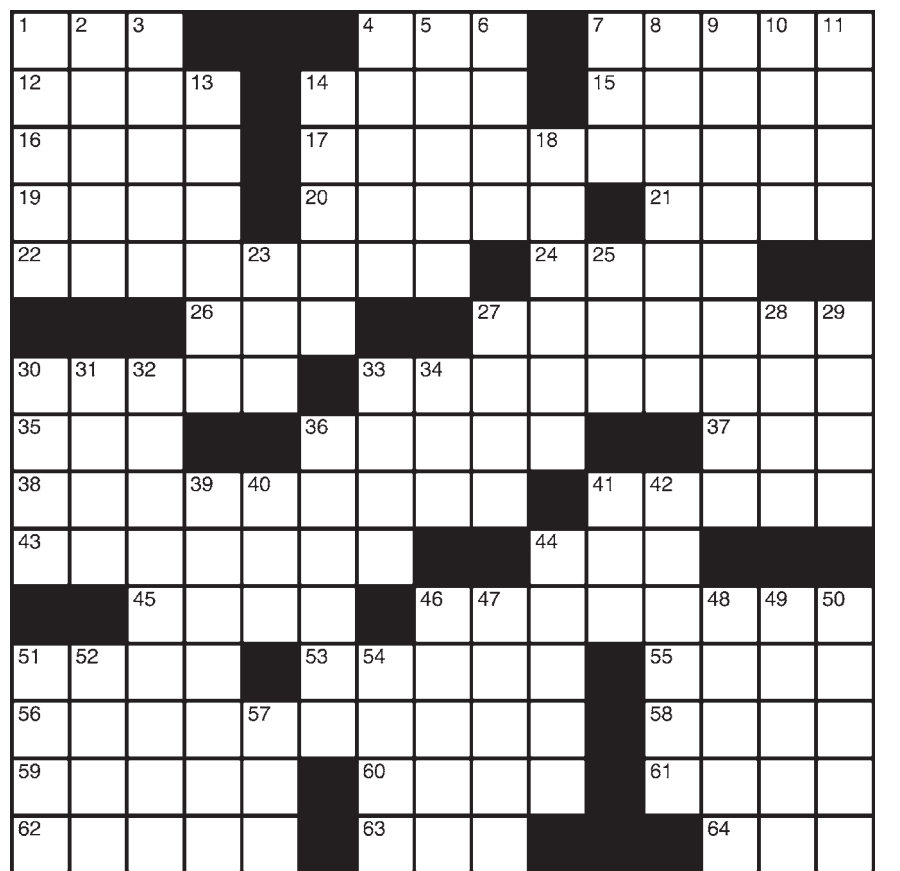
**Tuesday's answers**

Jumbles: SKUNK ABOUT HAGGLE PELVIS  
Answer: He predicted he'd lost a few pounds, but when he was weighed, his wife said — GUESS "A GAIN"

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**Crossword**

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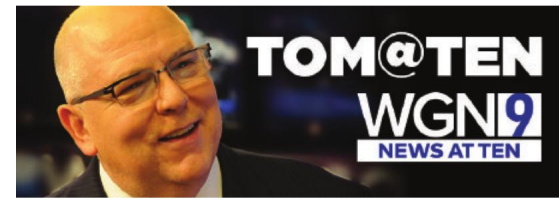


- Across**
- 1 Half of a stiff price to pay
  - 4 Chinese food additive
  - 7 Breed from Honshu
  - 12 Sob story makeup
  - 14 \_\_\_ Nui: Easter Island
  - 15 Jell-O flavor
  - 16 Food for the kitty?
  - 17 \*British-owned American hotel chain
  - 19 Robert the Bruce, for one
  - 20 Speak with style
  - 21 Latin "to be"
  - 22 \*Went on foot
  - 24 Boys
  - 26 Actress Longoria
  - 27 Substitute for
  - 30 Cat Deeley's role on "So You Think You Can Dance"
  - 33 \*Wind chill factor relative
  - 35 Jobs title, once
- Down**
- 10 Truckloads
  - 11 Heche of "Psycho" (1998)
  - 13 Fixed charge
  - 14 Valerie Harper sitcom
  - 18 Get rid of
  - 23 Christmas \_\_\_
  - 25 Boxer who beat Frazier twice
  - 27 Ball game delayer
  - 28 Tuxedo part
  - 29 Former Canadian MLBer
  - 30 Repeat
  - 31 Happy \_\_\_
  - 32 Leading edge of cooler temperatures
  - 33 Cuts down
  - 34 Yale alum
  - 36 Thin soups
  - 39 Peter the Great, e.g.
  - 40 401(k) kin, briefly
  - 41 CT scan relative
  - 42 "Sounds good"
  - 44 Utterly confused
  - 46 White with frost
  - 47 Furry swimmer
  - 48 Furby places
  - 49 Not yet achieved, as a goal
  - 50 Art class item
  - 51 Atkins no-no
  - 52 Toward shelter
  - 54 Some parlors, for short
  - 57 Stun
- Tuesday's solution**
- COD MAIMS SOPH  
ANO EXIST TROOP  
BLOODLINE ACURA  
BYRDS BARN TIL  
ANDI JACKETSIZE  
GOINGUP THANOS  
EWE EDEN EVENT  
STORYTIME  
ATSEA CORA KAN  
SHOWME GANDALF  
LESSONPLAN ITLL  
ORO VOLE TAROT  
NORTE AFTERLIFE  
GARBO STOVE NIA  
DYAN MYWAY ATM
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# CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 21 NORMAL HIGH: 82° NORMAL LOW: 63° RECORD HIGH: 99° (1955) RECORD LOW: 46° (1950)

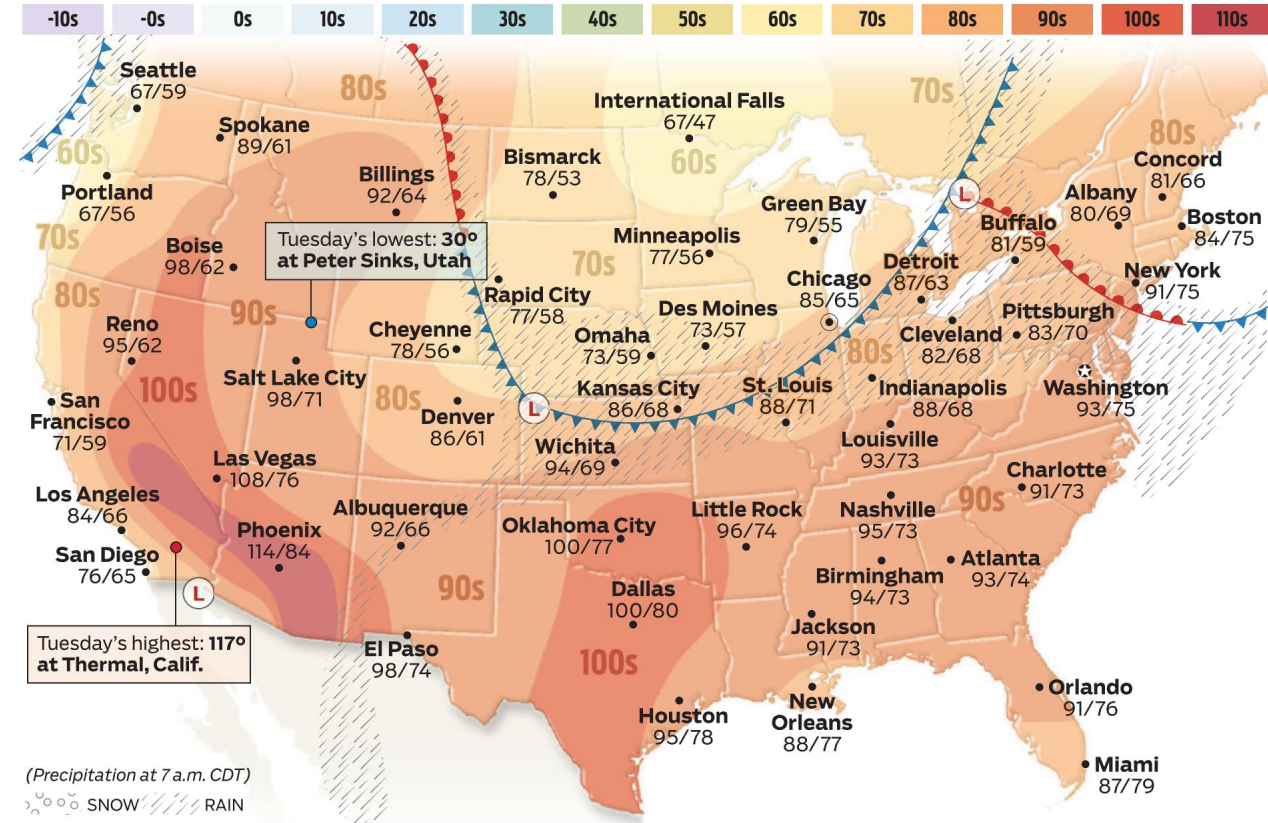
## Storms, showers give way to cooler weather

### LOCAL FORECAST

**HIGH** 85 **LOW** 65

- Cold front eases its way south across the area.
- Warm and humid with a slight chance of t-storms, mainly along and south of Interstates-88 and 290.
- Afternoon highs range from near 80 far north to the mid-upper 80s far south.
- Winds shift NW as the front passes a given location and cooler less humid air slowly works its way into our area from the north.
- Clouds overnight with a chance of showers south.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



Chicago was positioned in a warm humid air mass Tuesday as a band of showers and thunderstorms rumbled across Illinois from the west. Severe storms tracked out of Iowa into central Illinois with strong winds gusting to 70 mph downing trees and power lines and even overturning semitrailers in a few locations. The Chicago area missed out on the winds, but did experience a few heavy downpours and extensive cloudiness that held high temperatures in the 70s.

Wednesday looks to be a warm and rather humid day as a cold front works its way south through the area. Following the front the leading edge of cool Canadian-source high pressure will nose far enough into northern Illinois to give us an extended period of cooler much less humid weather beginning Thursday.

### THURSDAY, AUG. 22

**HIGH** 77 **LOW** 60

High pressure builds across the upper Midwest bringing partly to mostly sunny skies. Highs in the 70s with coolest readings at the lakefront. Partly cloudy and cool overnight. Northeast winds.

### FRIDAY, AUG. 23

**HIGH** 74 **LOW** 58

Canadian-source high pressure keeps skies sunny and temperatures on the cool side — highs in the low to mid 70s with coolest readings at the lakefront. Clear and cool overnight. Easterly winds.

### SATURDAY, AUG. 24

**HIGH** 79 **LOW** 61

Abundant sunshine warms low dew-point air quickly. Afternoon temps approach the 80-degree mark, but readings remain in the middle 70s along the lakefront. Partly cloudy overnight. Light E-SE winds.

### SUNDAY, AUG. 25

**HIGH** 81 **LOW** 65

A little warmer and more humid. High/mid-level clouds increase during the day with afternoon highs 80 to 85. Cloudy overnight with a chance of showers toward morning. Southerly winds.

### MONDAY, AUG. 26

**HIGH** 87 **LOW** 70

More clouds than sun, warm and humid with a chance of t-storms. Afternoon highs in the mid to upper 80s. A good chance of showers/t-storms overnight. Southwest winds.

### TUESDAY, AUG. 27

**HIGH** 85 **LOW** 67

Mostly cloudy with peeks of sun — periods of showers/t-storms likely during the daytime hours and overnight. Highs in the upper 70s north to mid 80s south. Winds becoming east to northeast.

### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
 You make occasional mention of the “dew point.” I have always wondered exactly what that is.  
 — Danny Gladder, Chicago

Dear Danny,  
 The dew point is the saturation temperature of air, the temperature at which the air would have a relative humidity of 100 percent. Unlike relative humidity, the dew point changes only when the air’s moisture content changes. One complication is that air’s ability to hold moisture increase greatly as it heats up. For example, when air warms from 69 to 90 degrees F, its ability to hold moisture doubles. Air that is saturated at 69 degrees means its dew point is also 69 degrees and its humidity is 100 percent. At 90 degrees, the dew point stays at 69 degrees, but the relative humidity falls to 50 percent. Dew point is a better measure of moisture content.

Write to: ASK TOM  
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 Chicago, IL 60618  
 asktomwhy@wgn9.com

Hear Tom Skilling’s weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.



### Damaging winds/heavy rains Tuesday; cooler air Thurs/Fri.

#### TUESDAY’S WINDS AND RAINS

**High winds produce damage**  
 Peak t-storm wind gusts

New London, Iowa	70 mph
Middletown, Iowa	65 mph
Danville, Ill.	60 mph
Arcola, Ill.	60 mph
Springfield, Ill.	58 mph
Decatur, Ill.	55 mph

**BIG RAINS** drench areas south and west of Chicago

#### TUESDAY’S RAIN TALLIES

Keystone, Iowa	3.75"	O’HARE 0.35"
Williamsburg, Iowa	3.10"	MIDWAY 0.42"
W. Belle Plain, Iowa	3.00"	
Lincoln, Ill.	1.79"	
Bloomington, Ill.	1.50"	
Parnell, Ill.	1.40"	
Cantrel, Ill.	1.30"	

**Squall line produces swath of damage**  
 Powerful storms develop 1-2 a.m. Tuesday morning

AREA WITH STORM GUSTS AND DAMAGE

**THURSDAY-FRIDAY**  
 Upper-level 30,000 ft. flow and low-level surface of the cooler air with a couple impulses embedded in the flow aloft reinforcing the cool air in the western Great Lakes/Chicago. Hot air/Heat remains positioned over the Southwest/Rockies.

**NW FLOW THURSDAY-FRIDAY**  
 Cool Canadian-source high pressure centered over Lake Superior with NE flow of cool air into our area

Winds 10 to 20 mph to build 2 to 4-foot waves on Lake Michigan developing dangerous rip and structural currents along the Illinois and Indiana shoreline.

MIDWEST CITIES				OTHER U.S. CITIES				WORLD CITIES							
WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	WEDNESDAY	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	ts	91	70	ts	85	67		Albany	ts	80	69	ts	85	76	
Carbondale	ts	87	65	ts	77	58		Albuquerque	pc	92	66	ts	85	76	
Champaign	ts	86	66	ts	77	58		Alhambra	pc	92	66	ts	85	76	
Decatur	ts	86	66	ts	77	58		Anchorage	su	67	50	ts	80	60	
Moline	sh	81	60	ts	68	53		Asheville	ts	88	67	ts	83	65	
Peoria	ts	83	64	ts	70	59		Aspen	pc	93	61	ts	82	50	
Quincy	ts	83	65	ts	78	63		Atlanta	pc	93	74	ts	92	73	
Rockford	cl	81	57	ts	79	56		Atlantic City	pc	87	74	ts	90	69	
Springfield	cl	84	66	ts	78	61		Austin	pc	101	77	ts	100	76	
Sterling	cl	81	58	ts	79	56		Baltimore	ts	93	75	ts	93	70	
Indiana	ts	87	68	ts	79	63		Billings	su	92	64	ts	89	59	
Bloomington	ts	87	68	ts	79	63		Birmingham	pc	94	73	ts	92	73	
Evansville	ts	91	71	ts	83	68		Bismarck	su	78	53	ts	79	61	
Fort Wayne	cl	85	62	ts	74	56		Boise	pc	98	62	ts	84	55	
Indianapolis	pc	88	68	ts	78	62		Boston	ts	84	75	ts	90	69	
Lafayette	pc	88	65	ts	77	57		Brownsville	pc	95	78	ts	95	79	
South Bend	ts	82	60	ts	74	54		Buffalo	pc	81	59	ts	74	56	
Wisconsin	ts	87	68	ts	79	63		Burlington	ts	83	68	ts	79	57	
Green Bay	pc	79	55	ts	72	52		Charlotte	pc	91	73	ts	93	72	
Kenosha	ts	80	58	ts	75	59		Charlottesville	pc	87	78	ts	87	77	
La Crosse	pc	78	56	ts	75	56		Charlottesville WV	ts	89	71	ts	86	66	
Madison	pc	77	55	ts	76	54		Chattanooga	pc	93	73	ts	91	73	
Milwaukee	pc	80	60	ts	78	59		Cheyenne	pc	78	56	ts	83	59	
Wausau	pc	74	52	ts	70	50		Cincinnati	pc	89	70	ts	81	64	
Michigan	pc	87	63	ts	75	61		Cleveland	ts	82	68	ts	72	62	
Detroit	pc	83	59	ts	78	54		Colorado	ts	86	56	ts	83	57	
Grand Rapids	pc	83	59	ts	78	54		Columbia MO	ts	87	68	ts	80	67	
Marquette	pc	71	51	ts	64	50		Columbia SC	pc	93	75	ts	94	74	
St. Ste. Marie	pc	72	51	ts	68	49		Columbus	pc	88	68	ts	79	61	
Traverse City	pc	75	52	ts	71	48		Concord	pc	81	66	ts	86	56	
Iowa	ts	72	53	ts	68	55		Corpus Christi	pc	92	79	ts	92	78	
Ames	ts	72	53	ts	68	55		Dallas	pc	100	80	ts	99	80	
Cedar Rapids	ts	73	57	ts	79	59		Daytona Bch.	pc	89	75	ts	93	75	
Des Moines	ts	73	57	ts	79	59		Denver	ts	86	61	ts	90	65	
Dubuque	cl	78	56	ts	77	55		Duluth	pc	73	54	ts	64	52	
Florida	ts	98	74	ts	95	75		El Paso	pc	98	74	ts	95	75	
Alabama	ts	95	78	ts	92	78		Fairbanks	sh	56	40	cl	61	41	
Birmingham	ts	95	78	ts	92	78		Fargo	su	75	48	su	74	55	
Jacksonville	ts	95	78	ts	92	78		Flagstaff	su	87	50	ts	84	52	
Miami	ts	95	78	ts	92	78		Fort Myers	ts	89	74	ts	90	75	
New Orleans	ts	95	78	ts	92	78		Fort Worth	ts	89	74	ts	90	75	
San Antonio	ts	95	78	ts	92	78		Grand Junc.	su	99	65	ts	96	64	
San Diego	ts	95	78	ts	92	78		Great Falls	pc	93	63	ts	92	73	
Seattle	ts	84	66	ts	83	65		Harrisburg	ts	92	72	ts	89	67	
Tampa	ts	92	77	ts	92	73		Hartford	ts	84	72	ts	89	64	
Washington	ts	93	75	ts	94	71		Helena	pc	61	52	ts	73	52	
Yuma	ts	95	78	ts	95	75		Honolulu	pc	90	78	ts	90	78	
Arizona	ts	95	78	ts	95	75		Houston	pc	95	78	ts	94	78	
California	ts	95	78	ts	95	75		Int'l Falls	pc	67	47	ts	67	45	
Colorado	ts	95	78	ts	95	75		Jackson	su	91	73	ts	90	73	
Connecticut	ts	95	78	ts	95	75		Jacksonville	pc	90	77	ts	92	77	
Delaware	ts	95	78	ts	95	75		Janeau	sh	62	48	ts	57	47	
District of Columbia	ts	95	78	ts	95	75		Kansas City	ts	86	68	ts	78	69	
Florida	ts	95	78	ts	95	75		Las Vegas	su	108	76	ts	106	75	
Georgia	ts	95	78	ts	95	75		Lincoln	ts	74	62	ts	78	64	
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Ex-female genital mutilation (FGM) cutter Monika Cheptilak shows a homemade tool used for FGM during a meeting of an anti-FGM organization in Alakas village in Uganda in 2018.

# 'This is being done here'

## Cutting girls' genitals is barbaric. I hope a new Illinois law raises awareness.



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Illinois recently passed new legislation aimed at decreasing female genital mutilation, a barbaric practice that some experts estimate tens of thousands of girls are at risk of undergoing each year in the Midwest alone.

The bill, signed into law by Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Aug. 9, removes the statute of limitations for prosecuting the performance of female genital mutilation (also called FGM) if the victim was under 18 at the time of the cutting. The law takes effect Jan. 1, 2020.

Scholars and medical experts who study the prevalence and lifelong complications of FGM met the legislation with tempered enthusiasm.

"It's incremental progress," said Juliet Sorensen, clinical professor of law at Northwestern University. Sorensen has worked with the law school's Center for International Hu-

man Rights, and she founded the school's access to health project, which analyzes health and human rights in underserved communities.

"When it comes to conduct like female genital cutting, the victim's testimony is absolutely critical to bringing a case," Sorensen said. "Not to mention the forensic medical evidence that would likely be part of a case. Without a victim coming forward, it simply wouldn't happen. This legislation does facilitate that because it gives a longer window for victims to decide they want to come forward and to report what happened to them to authorities."

Prior to the new legislation, the statute of limitations for FGM was three years.

But legislation alone won't end the practice, experts warn. FGM has been illegal in the United States since 1996, and is banned in more than two dozen countries. Still, the World Health Organization estimates more than 200 million girls and women alive

today have undergone the procedure, and an estimated 3 million girls are at risk of being cut every year.

Arrests and prosecutions are extremely rare.

In 2018, charges were dismissed against two Michigan doctors and a group of parents accused of subjecting at least nine girls to FGM after a Detroit judge declared America's federal female genital mutilation law unconstitutional.

Federal law has limited jurisdiction, Sorensen explained. For conduct to qualify as a federal crime, as opposed to a state crime, it has to directly involve the federal government or interstate commerce. The judge in Michigan determined neither standard was met in that case — the first case of its kind in the United States.

Victims may have a better chance at justice on a state level. The new Illinois law classifies FGM as a class 1 felony.

"But the solution doesn't lie

with the justice system alone," Sorensen said. "Really the answer is an awakening — education and outreach to inform the people of Illinois that female genital cutting does indeed occur among us, that it is, indeed, regarded not only as a crime but as a violation of human rights, and that it is not acceptable. It goes to the heart of an individual's personal dignity."

Lori Post, a professor in emergency medicine at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine who researches FGM, estimates 200,000 American girls are at risk for FGM per year, with about 40,000 of those girls living in the Midwest. She arrived at those numbers by studying population demographics, including how many people in a given state identify with ethnic groups that routinely perform FGM.

"Every American should know this is being done here," Post said. "We need a campaign. We need to raise awareness. And we need

people to understand it has nothing to do with religion."

Post said her research has found that the practice cuts across all religions and persists despite official condemnation by the heads of every major religion.

"There's nothing in the Bible, nothing in the Quran, Old Testament, New Testament, that says you should cut off girls' genitals," Post said. "Nobody has a right to take away the sexuality of a girl, to physically harm them and perform unnecessary surgery on their genitals. It's barbaric. It's a horrific form of sexual abuse. It's a horrible event for the child, who has to grow up feeling unwhole and humiliated for her entire life."

FGM involves reducing or removing the labia majora and/or minora and the visible parts of the clitoris and sometimes partially or entirely closing the vagina. The tools used are often not sterilized, which often leads to infection and sometimes death. Girls who survive the procedure face a lifetime of medical complications, including chronic infections and pain and potentially fatal fistulas

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# Suicidal thoughts and hormone stabilization

## UIC study looks at how level fluctuations can affect mood

By **KATE THAYER**

Alyse Ruriani, 24, is living in recovery from the depression and suicidal thoughts that plagued her teenage years.

But every month she knows there's a possibility some symptoms could return — and it's timed to her menstrual cycle.

"Most days, I'm not feeling depressed," Ruriani said. "But I notice that the days I'm down, I'll check, and it always happens to be" just before menstruation.

"It's frustrating because I'm doing so well, and those weeks will come, and you don't feel so hot," she added.

University of Illinois at Chicago researchers are trying to help women who have a history of suicidal thoughts by looking at how the hormones estrogen and progesterone, which fluctuate during the menstrual cycle, can affect their mood. Researchers

recently obtained a \$3.1 million grant from the National Institute of Mental Health to further study how stabilizing these hormone levels in women at risk for suicide can keep suicidal thoughts at bay.

While health care professionals can identify who is at risk for suicide, it's hard to determine when they're most at risk, said Tory Eisenlohr-Moul, assistant professor of psychiatry at UIC and lead researcher on the new study.

"There's something of a crisis in suicide research over the last few years," she said. "We're good at predicting who is at risk for suicide ... but we are really not able to tell when someone will make a suicide attempt."

"We can't just say, you're a person who is at high risk for suicide, so we'll keep you in the hospital forever," she added. "We have to be able to predict when."

The study will track 90 females with a history of suicidal thoughts, providing estrogen and progesterone patches, or a placebo, during the time in their cycle when those hormones naturally drop. Previous research has

already shown women at a higher risk for suicide are more likely to be hospitalized just before, during and just after menstruation, when hormone levels are at their lowest, Eisenlohr-Moul said.

Knowing this, over the past year, Eisenlohr-Moul has studied if stabilizing both estrogen and progesterone levels during that part of women's cycles could decrease suicidal thoughts. She's also involved in other research to see if one hormone is more responsible than the other.

The new study, however, will further that work by recording participants' mood, and trying to determine why these hormones affect women, and how they're metabolized. The study will also use an app that detects mood shifts in the way women type on their phones — not the words they use, but the speed at which they type and other factors, Eisenlohr-Moul said.

While researchers will also talk to participants about how they feel, it's not uncommon for people to hold back reporting suicidal thoughts for fear of being hospitalized and "losing their free-



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Alyse Ruriani, 24, of Albany Park, has a history of depression and suicide attempts as a teen.

dom," she said. The app will provide another way to measure feelings.

Eisenlohr-Moul said she hopes her work will lead to additional ways to treat women who experience suicidal thoughts, ultimately decreasing suicidal behavior.

Women attempt suicide three times more often than men, though men die by suicide more often, according to the American

Association of Suicidology. Experts say this discrepancy is likely due to the methods women tend to choose in suicide attempts.

April Foreman, a Louisiana-based psychologist and executive board member for the American Association of Suicidology, said that despite an increase in suicide deaths, suicide research has lagged behind other health issues. And, it's important to study women specifically.

"We've known for a long time that the 70-kilogram man is not our only patient," she said. "We also know that when it comes to suicide, there are gender differences."

The goal of this research shouldn't solely be preventing suicide deaths, Foreman said. Scientists also need to better understand how to decrease suicidal thoughts.

"Even if you don't die by suicide ... you feel like dying, and that is horrible," she said. "We should do better science to understand what controls that and tells us what we can do about it."

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# Treating athlete's foot fends off other problems

Experts: Once that's healed, focus on prevention

BY JILL U. ADAMS  
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Perhaps the skin between your toes is itchy. Or the skin on the sides of your feet is flaking and irritated.

These are classic signs of athlete's foot. Doctors call it tinea pedis and it's a common fungal infection, affecting 15 to 25% of people at any one time.

"It's flaky dead skin overlying redness," says Adam Friedman, a dermatologist at George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Skin between the toes may look white and soggy, the soles of the foot are more likely to be dry and flaky, and reddening and blistering can appear anywhere.

Still, it might be something else — psoriasis and eczema can look a lot like athlete's foot.

So how can you be sure you have athlete's foot? Do you need to see a doctor?

"Most people want to treat athlete's foot," says Shari Lipner, a dermatologist at Weill Cornell Medicine in New York. Even when the itching and burning symptoms are very mild, the condition is unsightly. Also, the fungus can invade the nail — and nail fungus is much harder to treat, Lipner says.

But you don't necessarily need to see a doctor. It's OK to try an over-the-counter product. Look for those that contain an antifungal medication such as terbinafine (Lamisil), clotrimazole (Lotrimin), tolnaftate (Tinactin), miconazole (Micatin), or undecylenic acid (Cruex). Other products, such as those containing tea tree oil or "natural" salts, have little evidence to back their use, Lipner says. "Generally, we recommend treating for about a month."

But if your symptoms



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Keeping feet clean and dry is important, especially if you wear closed shoes and if you exercise. "Running shoes are petri dishes," a dermatologist said.

don't improve after a couple of weeks, you should probably see a doctor.

Friedman says even doctors cannot always identify athlete's foot correctly. He says he found that dermatologists looking at still images may make errors in identifying various skin conditions. And errors can have consequences. Steroid creams, for example, might be appropriate for eczema but can worsen athlete's foot.

Dermatologists can diagnose athlete's foot by taking fungal cultures or doing a two-minute in-office procedure, called a potassium hydroxide (KOH) test.

The fungi involved are

usually one of two species of Trichophyton, either rubrum or mentagrophytes.

"Our skin cells are foie gras to them," Friedman says. "These organisms just like the top layer of skin." But when fungus take up residence on the surface, "they can open the door to bacteria and other infections to cross the barrier."

For instance, athlete's foot might start out scaly red, but if it becomes red, swollen and painful, it's a warning sign of something else. Inflammation might indicate a bacterial infection, even a serious one such as cellulitis.

Untreated athlete's foot means you're harboring fungal growth. That fungus

can spread to the toenails to cause a condition called onychomycosis — or more simply, toenail fungus.

"With nail fungus, it's even more important to see a board-certified dermatologist," Lipner says. "Lots of things make the nails look abnormal. About 50% of the time, it's nail fungus."

Over-the-counter ointments, powders and sprays don't work against nail fungus. Typically, this condition is treated with oral antifungal medications, or one of the newer topical preparations, which are pricey and by prescription only. It's important to treat nail fungus because it serves as a reservoir of organisms, Friedman says.

The first-line treatment is oral terbinafine — "A pill a day for three months," he says. Toenails grow slowly, so you'll have to wait for the unsightliness to grow out. "It can take a year to look normal."

Once you've rid yourself of athlete's foot, focus on preventive measures. Lipner advises wearing flip-flops on pool decks and in locker rooms, wearing moisture-wicking socks and keeping nails short. "Probably the biggest risk factor is a family member with athlete's foot," she says. You're sharing floors and showers in your home. "Genetics may play a role, but exposure is the key thing."

Keeping your feet clean and dry is important, especially if you wear closed shoes and if you exercise. "Running shoes are petri dishes — dark, warm and salty," Friedman says, ideal for fungal growth.

Still, he says dry skin on the feet also can be a problem. Fungus in our environment is looking for a way to latch on. Dry, cracked skin offers that opportunity. So moisturizing your feet regularly can help.

If you're prone to athlete's foot or have a history of nail fungus, Lipner recommends daily treatment with a drugstore antifungal product — it reduces your chance of recurrence threefold, she says.

## Stevens

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during childbirth, in which a hole develops between the vagina and either the rectum or the bladder.

Ava Ganson Chappell, a Northwestern Medicine plastic surgery resident, is researching FGM in the United States, specifically how clinicians can recognize and diagnose it in patients and then help those patients access proper care.

"I want to determine what is the best way to talk about it with victims who might not be up front about what they've gone through because there's so much shame or pain or emotional distress related to it," Ganson Chappell said. "We need to know how to develop that therapeutic alliance with the patient and know what are things that can be done and what's the best way for those things to be done. If women want to pursue reconstruction, that means knowing it's best to have a psychiatrist or a therapist involved in the care and having a multidisciplinary approach to really get the best treatment outcomes for them."

She's working with Ivona Percec, an assistant professor of surgery at the University of Pennsylvania, who has developed a reconstructive procedure that can increase sexual function for women who were subjected to FGM as children.

Raising awareness about FGM, Ganson Chappell said, is going to be key to putting her research into practice.

"There's such little awareness among health care providers, so I think a lot of surgeons and health care providers don't even know how to diagnose it," she said. "It's just not a commonly discussed or taught topic."

Ganson Chappell said FGM was never discussed in her medical school classes.

Maybe the new legislation will put the topic on the radar of people in positions to help decrease its prevalence and alleviate its aftermath.

At least people are talking about it," Post said.

And, she said, removing the statute of limitations takes the onus off children to defy their parents or other authorities and report what they've endured.

"When you're a child and you're humiliated and you know you're different from other people and you feel bad about yourself and you have nightmares and PTSD, you're not going to come forward. You have no voice in the halls of power," Post said. "When you're an adult, maybe you'll come forward."

Ideally, Sorensen said, the legislation helps Illinoisans understand that FGM is not a distant problem. But it needs a coalition of voices if it's going to move the needle.

"The House and Senate in the Illinois General Assembly should do a roll-out campaign around the law," Sorensen said. "An education and awareness campaign that takes place with a whole range of stakeholders, whether it's individuals at a community level, whether it's kids in schools, whether it's health care providers.

"We need people to understand this is a public health problem as well as a human rights violation," she said. "And it's something that's happening here at home, and it's our obligation to do something about it."

We can't credibly argue that we value the humanity and dignity of girls and women if we don't. We can't continue to shrug our shoulders in the face of this sort of research, these sorts of numbers. We can't wave away FGM as a remote, far-removed — and therefore intractable — problem.

We have to get to work, and this new bill is a good start.

Joining the Heidi Stevens Balancing Act Facebook group, where she continues the conversation around her columns and hosts occasional live chats.

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## For quintessential Malibu, you need to head to Neptune's Net



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The Middle Ages

MALIBU, Calif. — Never sneer at Malibu. Without it, can you imagine the number of pale celebrities we'd have to endure? Cher would look like Andy Warhol.

We're headed up there today in a convertible, naturally, for how else are you going to properly parse Malibu? Bring your sunscreen, a favorite faded cap.

From our drop-top Jeep, the ocean looks like a disco ball, with glints of sunlight and the toothy snarls of demigod surfers and their girls (or demigoddess surfers and their dudes).

I could drive this stretch of Pacific Coast Highway — one of the noblest in the nation — just to study the old VW buses, the little deuce coupes and all the sketchy beach buggies the watermen use.

I bumped into Cindy Crawford once in Malibu, at a pet store, and she didn't even recognize me, a significant disappointment. I would've gladly posed for photos, asked how her trademark mole was doing, whether she ever got back to northern Illinois, where we both grew up.

And I think another celeb, Ryan Gosling, once cut me off in traffic near the pier, but I can't be sure. Up here, half the dudes resemble Gosling. Throw a stone in Malibu, you'll hit a Gosling.

This day, there are no celebrities in sight. We make do with the young woman in the gleaming new Porsche who blows kisses to the driver for letting her in, then cuts



Bikers park out in front of Neptune's Net in Malibu, California, home to a fast-and-furious vibe and great food.

sharply into the McDonald's lot for lunch.

There are all sorts of better places to eat up here: Nobu if you want to be seen, and Geoffrey's if you want to propose. I'll place Malibu Farm, the organic cafe on the pier, as one of my favorite lunch spots.

Yet the most beloved hangout a landmark roadhouse on the outskirts that is equal parts good grub and great floor show.

We roll in looking like a Nick Nolte booking photo, all windblown and reddened from our ride in the Jeep. But so does everyone. To be honest, it looks like a hillbilly wedding — all ages, all types, swirly hair, the whiff of ganja.

Front and center are the motorcyclists and their heaving machines, crackling hot and panting at the curb like horses.

The crowd is jovial, chatty, turned on by the spectacle of all this. A CNN

crew is here recording a travel piece. Every 20 minutes, some idiot rider with a death wish pops a long wheelie as he exits the premises.

If the fast-and-furious vibe doesn't click your clock, the food will — perfectly fried calamari and shrimp, in a suit coat of batter, served hot as a Harley and lickety-split.

There are two areas to Neptune's Net: the main restaurant that serves fried food and burgers and the often-overlooked seafood counter to the right, serving ceviche, steamed lobster and peel-and-eat shrimp.

Think of it as the secret speak-easy in the back.

Most times, I prefer the restaurant side, where the counter service takes longer and the tables are in short supply. Don't sweat it. Have one person wait to grab a table, while another takes a place in line. You'll

have your meal in 15 minutes.

Here's the thing about long lines, though: If you're going to live in LA, you'd best learn the art of chatting up strangers.

Nice boots? Where you from? Ever tried the chowder?

Yeah, Neptune's is a scene. And like LA, it's always "on." It closes only on Thanksgiving, and a first-timer might do well to test the waters (so to speak) on a weekday before venturing in during the crush of a weekend.

But the weekend is where it's at: the bikes, the chatty lines, the showoffs, the quintessential California moments.

Each hour, the ocean gets bluer, the sun softer, the blonds bleacher.

I'm kind of crushing on August right now.

Can you tell?

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# Fans have potential to do more harm than good in a heat wave

By DENNIS THOMPSON  
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Thinking of picking up an electric fan to help keep you cool and protect your health during the next heat wave?

You might want to think again.

Electric fans might make you feel cooler, but they can actually increase your risk of becoming heat sick and even dying from a heat stroke, the evidence shows.

Electric fans could contribute to a potentially dangerous increase in a person's core heat if outdoor temperatures exceed 95 degrees Fahrenheit, a recent Cochrane evidence review says.

"The fan actually will be blowing air that is hotter than our body at us," said co-author Mike Clarke, director of the Northern Ireland Clinical Trials Unit at Queen's University Belfast.

It's like switching on an electric oven's convection fan to speed up the cooking process, the researchers said.

Meanwhile, another new study found that electric fans are particularly dangerous during very hot and dry conditions, but can help lower core temperatures and heart strain in hot, humid weather. That study appeared in an August issue of the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.

Electric fans are seen as a cheap way to help people cope with the several days of high temperatures that make up a heat wave, researchers for the Cochrane review said.

Global warming means heat waves will become more frequent, and they can have terrible health consequences. A Moscow heat wave in 2010 was responsible for nearly 11,000 deaths, the researchers noted.

The Cochrane review team found that there's not



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A new study found that the use of electric fans can be dangerous during very hot and dry conditions.

a lot of research related to the effectiveness of electric fans, even though they've been around for well over a century. No studies at all met their review criteria, which were looking for experiments directly comparing electric fans with no fans.

They did find several studies that had looked at the effectiveness of cooling options employed during heat waves, however.

These studies had mixed results, with some suggesting that an electric fan might increase the risk of dying during a heat wave.

Fans don't cool us down by circulating cooler air, Clarke noted. The air moving through a fan is the same temperature as the surrounding environment.

Instead, they cool us by speeding up evaporation of our sweat. That means fans also are causing our bodies to lose water faster.

According to Dr. Teresa Amato, head of emergency medicine at Northwell Health's Long Island Jewish Forest Hills, in Forest Hills, N.Y., "If you sweat more and don't replace it quickly with fluids, there is a theoretical increased risk of dehydration, which could potentially put a person at greater risk for heat stroke or heat-related illness."

If the ambient air is warmer than the human

body, then the air blowing from the fan could actually increase a person's core temperature, the researchers explained.

For the new study, Australian researchers exposed volunteers for two hours to laboratory conditions that mimicked two different types of heat waves.

One condition was very hot and dry, the same as the peak conditions of the July 2018 California heat wave, with a heat index of about 115 degrees Fahrenheit. The other condition involved a hot, humid day with a heat index of 133 degrees Fahrenheit, similar to a July 1995 heat wave in Chicago.

The experiment showed that electric fans lowered volunteers' core temperature and heart strain in the humid condition, but were detrimental in weather that was less hot but very dry.

"Bottom line is that during a heat wave, the safest thing is to be in a cool, air-conditioned area," Amato said. "If that is not possible in your own home or dwelling, you should seek out 'cooling stations' throughout your community. Once there is an alert that a heat wave is coming, many local health departments work to identify these safer alternatives and will use places such as libraries and schools."

## PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

# Getting help for severe mosquito bite reactions

By JOE GRAEDON AND TERESA GRAEDON  
King Features Syndicate

**Q. I suffer from unusually severe reactions to mosquito bites. Each bite causes a red swollen area the size of a quarter. I've learned to never scratch, as the red area will grow to several inches and take weeks to clear up.**

**Last summer, about 20 bites gotten while I was gardening caused an immune system reaction, triggering eczema that lasted for months. After I'd suffered for years, a dermatologist prescribed triamcinolone. It's been life-changing. Just the smallest dab on a mosquito bite makes it disappear within 24 hours. Why isn't this medicine mentioned as a treatment for extreme mosquito bite reactions?**

A. There is a medical term for your exaggerated reaction to mosquito bites. It's called skeeter syndrome (American Family Physician, Dec. 15, 2013). The intense redness and itching are caused by allergens in the saliva of mosquitoes. Symptoms can persist far longer than a typical bite response. Why some people are hypersensitive remains a mystery.

The best way to overcome such reactions is with topical prescription-strength corticosteroids, like triamcinolone. The sooner they are applied after a bite, the better. Oral prednisone is sometimes warranted in the case of an extreme bite reaction.

**Q. I have never understood why exposure to the sun is supposed to be the major cause of skin cancers. My husband never went out without a shirt on his body and never sunbathed. He probably didn't spend**



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Skeeter syndrome refers to a severe, long-lasting reaction to mosquito bites.

**more than two weeks total in his life at any beach or pool.**

**So why did he get a melanoma under his left clavicle?**

A. Your husband's experience is not unique. Other people have developed melanomas in sites that were not drenched in sun. However, researchers have affirmed that a substantial proportion of melanomas can be attributed to ultraviolet exposure (*Journal of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology*, October 2018).

**Q. I have large breasts and have had an unpleasant rash under them for about a week now. I have tried a bunch of home remedies that I found on your website. Coconut oil was too greasy. Paper towels get stuck to my skin, and baby powder leaves tiny clumps under my breasts. Do you have any other advice for me?**

A. This is an exceptionally common problem at this time of year. Heat and humidity encourage the growth of fungus that can cause a rash. It is the same type of organism that causes jock itch.

Some men have found that using Cetaphil cleanser for the affected area can

help control the rash. The propylene glycol it contains has antifungal activity. Another popular remedy is using dandruff shampoo to wash the skin that has the rash. Be gentle: Fungal infections should not be scrubbed or irritated.

Other people have utilized the antifungal activity of old-fashioned amber Listerine for jock itch or under-breast rash. Some people like to use a lotion containing tea tree oil, which also fights fungus. Be careful, though. Tea tree oil can trigger an allergic reaction similar to contact dermatitis.

**Q. For some reason, the past two years my knees have been aching terribly when I lie down in bed. I have no pain at all when I'm standing, walking or sitting, just when I'm lying down. I figure it's some kind of arthritis.**

**Your soap remedy kept popping up in your newsletter, so six months ago I finally decided to try it for my knees. It was amazing! In one night, the pain was totally gone.**

A. We have heard from several other readers that soap can help ease arthritis pain temporarily. We don't know how or why this works, although we suspect it has something to do with transient receptor potential (TRP) channels in the nerves that transmit pain.

That might explain why capsaicin cream and other arthritis rubs can be helpful as well. Activating TRP channels seems to be able to temporarily "scramble" the pain signal these nerves are sending.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via [www.peoplespharmacy.com](http://www.peoplespharmacy.com).

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# Fears about planet are affecting mental health

Therapists seeing new phenomenon: 'Climate grief'

BY VICTORIA KNIGHT  
Kaiser Health

Therapist Andrew Bryant says the landmark United Nations climate report last October brought a new mental health concern to his patients.

"I remember being in sessions with folks the next day. They had never mentioned climate change before, and they were like, 'I keep hearing about this report,'" Bryant said. "Some of them expressed anxious feelings, and we kept talking about it over our next sessions."

The study, conducted by the world's leading climate scientists, said that if greenhouse gas emissions continue at the current rate, by 2040 Earth will have warmed by 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit above preindustrial levels. Predictions say that increase in temperature will cause extreme weather events, rising sea levels, species extinction and reduced capacity to produce food.

Bryant works at North Seattle Therapy & Counseling in Washington state. Recently, he said, he has been seeing patients with anxiety or depression related to climate change and Earth's future.

Often these patients want to do something to reduce global warming but are overwhelmed and depressed by the scope of the problem and difficulty in finding solutions. And they're anxious about how Earth will change over the rest of their or their children's lifetimes.

Although it is not an official clinical diagnosis, the psychiatric and psychological communities have names for the phenomenon: "climate distress," "climate grief," "climate anxiety" or "eco-anxiety."

An April survey by Yale



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Climate change is profoundly affecting Greenland, where there has been acceleration in the rate that glaciers and the ice cap are retreating.

and George Mason universities found that 62% of Americans were at least "somewhat worried" about climate change. Of those, 23% were "very worried."

Both younger and older generations express worry, although younger Americans generally seem more concerned: A 2019 Gallup poll reported that 54% of those ages 18 to 34, 38% of those 35 to 54 and 44% of those 55 or older worry a "great deal" about global warming.

There is no epidemiological data yet to show how common distress or anxiety related to climate change is. But people say these feelings are real and affect their life decisions.

Alyson Laura started seeing a counselor for anxiety and depression in college. Eventually she began

working in building sustainability, where she helped businesses reduce their energy and water consumption. But a few years ago, she began talking to her therapist about the contradictions in her life.

"I saw corporations destroying the environment, but I was working for them, and I knew what they were doing was wrong," said Laura, 36, who lives in Atlanta. "It was causing me mental anguish. My therapist advised me to take action on what I could control and try to find another area of work. I just couldn't work in an industry that was harming the Earth."

So how do people alleviate feelings of stress, anxiety or depression regarding the planet's fate?

Bryant, the Seattle therapist,

said the No. 1 action he advises is sharing these concerns with others, whether a counselor, psychiatrist, family, friends or an activist group. "There is a lot of underlying worry, but not a lot of dialogue or discussion, and so people feel isolated. Talking about it makes you feel less isolated, and it's also a way to relieve the tension, find a pathway forward and find a purpose."

In that vein, Dr. Janet Lewis, a clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at the University of Rochester in New York, recommends building relationships within a like-minded group. That could involve group therapy, environmental activist groups or online communities.

For Laura, becoming involved with the interna-

tional group Extinction Rebellion has helped her build a network of people who share her values and made her feel she's making a positive contribution to society. With the group, she has participated in nonviolent protests and is organizing the Atlanta chapter's first grief circle, where people can share their anxiety and grief about the destruction of Earth.

"Activism is also therapy for me," said Laura.

Personal action is a way to take control of a situation in which you feel powerless, said Dr. Elizabeth Haase, a psychiatrist at Carson Tahoe Health in Carson City, Nevada. "Small gestures, such as taking fewer airplane rides or buying local produce, can actually make a difference."

Susan Clayton, a psychology professor at the College of Wooster in Ohio, said one way to tackle the uncertainty of environmental change is learning how it might specifically affect your community by viewing climate model predictions.

"If you know what you're going to face, it's not quite as scary," said Clayton, who also co-wrote the American Psychological Association's 2017 report on how climate change can affect mental health.

Lewis said it's also crucial for people to remember that their mental response to climate change is often valid.

"The goal is not to get rid of the anxiety. The goal is to transform it into what is bearable and useful and motivating."

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**REVIEW** Pizzeria Portofino ★★★  
 Robert's Pizza & Dough Co. ★★

## Pair of pizzerias making a splash along Chicago River

One features critic's favorite crust in town

BY PHIL VETTEL

I can't think of a better pitch for a restaurant concept than "gourmet-level pizza on a waterfront cafe," and this summer there are two Chicago restaurants that fit that description: Pizzeria Portofino, the Lettuce Entertain You concept hugging the north bank of the Chicago River, and

Robert's Pizza & Dough Co., an independent operation overlooking Ogden Slip in Streeterville. Both appear to have bright futures, so let's take a look at each one.

### Pizzeria Portofino

Lettuce Entertain You's latest pizzeria has been wildly successful. On sunny days (and there have been a ton of them since

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Pizzeria Portofino's focaccia pizza, left, and the Pugliese pizza, right.

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Freshly made labneh is a canvas for your imagination. The most immediate choice is to simply sprinkle it with fresh herbs, sumac and za'atar, drizzle with olive oil and serve with pita.

**CRAVING** Middle East

# Skip the hummus and try the labneh

It only takes 2 ingredients to make luscious Middle Eastern yogurty spread



**JAMES P. DEWAN**  
 Prep School

Like the great crested grebe is how we'll dive into today's topic, labneh. Oh, labneh, you cheese-ish yogurt sequel, beloved art thou by Middle Eastern peeps from Aqaba to Zarqa, from Ta to Ur.

If you've never had labneh, one of two things is probably true: Either you're not of Middle Eastern stock, or you are of Middle Eastern stock but there's something definitely up, like you're lactose intolerant or you're a vegan or you're a werewolf and you only eat meat.

### Why you need to learn this

In all seriousness, if I see one more gaily festooned plate of quaggy hummus, I'm going to plotz.

Don't get me wrong: I love hummus like buzzards love roadkill. But come on, it's a bit ubiquitous, innit? Dare to be different, I say: Here's something that can serve the same function as hummus, but with a distinctive mouthfeel — rich, tart, full of umami — and adaptable to a planet-load of flavor profiles.

### The steps you take

A little background never hurt anyone. So, we're mammals, right?

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# Vettel

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Portofino's July 1 debut), the restaurant is jam-packed from noon to last call.

Reservations, available through Tock, get snapped up quickly; a quick search online turned up a few tables at 2:45 p.m., or 9:30 p.m. and later. Your options are to pick a date six weeks out and pray for good weather, or take your chances as a walk-in party.

Which is what I tried on my first visit, rolling in around 6 p.m. one Saturday. The hostess explained the dining room was fully committed, and frankly (but politely) said my chances of being seated were virtually nil. Undaunted, my wife and I headed for the bar, eventually staked out a little stand-up real estate, and had dinner that way. Which, on a sunny evening, was pretty pleasant.

Everything about the place is pleasant, really. Walking down the stone (well, concrete) steps from the Clark Street bridge to the restaurant immediately takes one out of the "I'm in Chicago" mindset. The open-air interior is done in stone and natural wood and includes an artificial arbor at ceiling height; servers are clad in white pants and navy-striped shirts. Sitting on (or gazing across) the patio and its white-wicker seating, watching the expensive yachts mosey along the water, and the Italian-Riveria effect is complete. Beyond the water is Chicago's bustling Riverwalk, and the city skyscrapers loom just beyond that. There isn't an unattractive view anywhere.

The challenge for previous occupants of the space (Bridge House Tavern most recently) is drawing customers during the many months that outdoor dining is impractical, if not impossible. Portofino intends to add awnings and space heaters to extend the outdoor season, but ultimately it will come down to the food, and Portofino does extremely well on that score.

Executive chef Doug Psaltis is in charge; I've practically lost count of how many Lettuce projects this jack-of-all-cuisines oversees (he's the P in any RPM restaurant, for instance, including RPM on the Water, which will open above Portofino in a month or so), but he seems to be having a lot of fun with this menu, particularly the pizzas.

If pizza determines whether the restaurant rises (heh) or falls, Portofino will be in good shape. Psaltis' pies have thin, light and crispy crusts, and the heels, aggressively charred by the wood grill, deliver a satisfying chew. The pizzas "have all the respect for Neapolitan pizza with none of the rules," in Psaltis' words.

Pies to try include the charred pepperoni, which has a lively but not overbearing spice presence, and the Pugliese with fennel sausage, rapini and pecorino. But the best thin-crust creation might not be a pizza at all; the focaccia, a Ligurian-style creation of super-light dough stuffed with stracchino cheese ("Italian cream cheese on steroids," Psaltis calls it) is an addictive creation, suitable as a shareable snack. The focaccia name will confuse those accustomed to the more common, spongy bread, but they'll love the taste.

For those who don't dine on pizza alone, Pizzeria Portofino has plenty of pleasant distractions. Spicy tuna bruschetta is a nice appetizer mashup, and the watermelon and feta salad, bolstered by red onion, grape tomatoes and torn basil, is a refreshing starter. Pastas, in half and whole portions, include classic cacio e pepe, albeit one with a four-peppercorn blend, and trofie noodles with pesto. Among the grilled seafood, the delicious whole baby octopus serves as a fine entree and a strong hint that RPM on the Water will be worth our attention when it opens.

Spot-on service is a big plus, and the beverage program offers interesting cocktails and spritzes, and an all-Italian (a few Champagnes excepted), treasure-filled wine list by Richard Hanauer. One caution: The only chardonnay on the by-the-glass list (there are plenty of other options) is a premium pour for \$27 — about double the price of the other wines on the list. It's a delicious wine, but if you're the sort of person who breezily orders chardonnay without so much as a glance at the menu, you'll be in for a surprise.

## Robert's Pizza & Dough Co.

I've written before about Robert's Pizza, the self-taught pizzaiolo with a grail-like obsession for the perfect crust. Indeed, in 2016 when I reviewed his first restaurant, Robert's Pizza Co., I called his creation a "savory slice of pizza heaven" and praised his inventive topping combinations. I



Pizzeria Portofino, which opened in July, is along the Chicago River at Clark Street.

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Portofino's pasta offerings include classic cacio e pepe.



The watermelon and feta salad, with grape tomatoes at Portofino's.



Robert's Pizza & Dough Co. overlooks the River East Art Center promenade and Ogden Slip in Chicago.



Robert's Pizza is owned by Robert Garvey and his wife, Dana Hokin.



Robert's chef de cuisine Michael Luth has contributed a giardiniera.

haven't changed my opinion.

So why write about him again? Because, after being forced out of his original restaurant back in 2017, Garvey and his wife, Dana Hokin, are back with Robert's Pizza & Dough Co., in a space overlooking the River East Art Center promenade and Ogden Slip.

I loved Garvey's pizzas, but I never loved the original restaurant, a cramped spot whose 50 seats were spread among several floors, and whose host stand was also the pickup point for carryout orders. The new space offers triple the seating capacity and quadruple the kitchen capacity. Away from the dining area is a dedicated carryout/delivery window, and there's also a 12-seat private dining room, an 18-seat bar with leather-wrapped seats and, yes, that waterfront view.

In about a week, that waterfront view will be closer still, now that Garvey has approval for a 70-seat outdoor cafe on the water edge of the promenade. (Garvey also has use of the property's floating dock, but seating there, he says, will have to wait until

2020.)

But back to the pizza. Garvey's crust combines a thin, charcoaled base that cracks when folded ("you can see the structure of the dough," said Garvey), with a blistered heel that reminds me of a French baguette. It's my favorite pizza crust, hands down.

To that exceptional crust, Garvey adds winning topping combinations, including a shellfish-loaded seafood pizza (shrimp, clams, calamari) and duck prosciutto with Calabrian peppers. I haven't seen his Peking duck pizza among the specials on my visits, but there was a market pizza with heirloom tomatoes, asparagus and ramp-onion kimchi. (Subsequent market pizzas will have different toppings.)

For the adventurous, check the daily specials for the pizza I call the Killer B's: Brussels sprouts, bacon and balsamico. It sounds challenging, but the sprouts add earthy and bitter notes, balanced by the bacon's salty-fatty flavors, balanced yet again by the balsamic, reduced to a sweetly acidic syrup. It's remarkable. At the other end of the adventure scale

is the three-cheese pizza, though the not-the-usual-suspects cheese blend comes from Tulip Tree Creamery in Indianapolis, not coincidentally owned by Hokin's cousin.

Garvey also has a chef de cuisine, Michael Luth, who has improved the pizzeria's side offerings tremendously. He contributed a giardiniera to Garvey's classic veal-beef meatballs, moving the dish from respectable to memorable, and the arancini, made with mushroom risotto, is boosted with arrabbiata sauce. Luth also is taking full advantage of heirloom-tomato season, including a salute-to-summer salad of tomatoes, burrata, date jam and Calabrian oil, and a grilled-octopus composition with olive puree, romesco, lemon vinaigrette and cherry tomatoes.

Beverages include good cocktails and an assortment of craft and basic beers. The wine list covers the bases; the selection might not be thrilling, but the prices (\$45 or less for the most part) are.

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## Pizzeria Portofino

317 N. Clark St.  
312-900-9018  
[pizzeriaportofino.com](http://pizzeriaportofino.com)

**Tribune rating:** ★★

**Open:** Lunch and dinner daily; brunch weekends

**Prices:** Pizzas and pastas \$15-\$22

**Noise:** Conversation-challenged

**Other:** Cash-free

## Robert's Pizza & Dough Co.

465 N. McClurg Court  
312-265-1328  
[robertspizzacompany.com](http://robertspizzacompany.com)

**Tribune rating:** ★★

**Open:** Dinner Tuesday-Sunday, lunch Friday-Sunday

**Prices:** Pizzas \$18-\$25

**Noise:** Conversation-friendly

**Ratings key:** Four stars, outstanding; three stars, excellent; two stars, very good; one star, good; no stars, unsatisfactory. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

# How a wine lover piles up the gadgets

BY DAVE MCINTYRE  
The Washington Post

I couldn't find my favorite wine opener the other day, and suddenly I was engulfed in an existential crisis. It wasn't that I couldn't find any opener; there were several in the drawer.

There was the one with the faded lettering from Horton Vineyards in Virginia, much beloved and used over many years, plus two identical ones that advertised wines of Rioja or Colorado, an elegant enameled souvenir purchased on a long-ago visit to France, and a two-pronged "ah-so" from a Missouri winery. I could have used any of these to open a bottle of wine, but I didn't want to. I wanted the one I use every day, the one that fits comfortably in my hand and extracts even the most recalcitrant corks with ease. I found it, eventually, behind the bag of potato chips on the counter, still impaled with the cork of the previous night's chardonnay.

My panic and frustration are probably familiar to wine fiends. We are inveterate collectors, not just of wine but of trinkets, gadgets, openers, stoppers, cans of inert gas to preserve opened wines, crazy gizmos to chill wines quickly or remove reluctant wine labels to archive in our tasting scrapbooks. These are impulse purchases, souvenirs from winery visits, swag from tastings we attended, gifts from well-meaning friends and family. They are the detritus of our vinous existence.

OK, I've been writing about wine for 25 years now, so I've probably collected more of this junk than most of you, but here's what I found in one section of my kitchen silverware drawer when I decided to do an inventory: eight waiter's corkscrews, the kinds with a blade on one end to cut the foil on a bottle and a



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A wine lover's kitchen drawer collects openers and other gadgets to a degree well beyond the norm for most of us.

lever on the other to pry the cork out; some of these blades couldn't cut air, while others might slice your fingertip off if you're not careful. I had kept one, branded with the Wines of France logo, even though the spiral "worm" had broken and was now useless to extract a cork. I like it because instead of a blade it has a foil cutter — four metal disks that cleanly cut the foil without leaving a jagged edge. My current favorite is labeled "TSA Compliant," because it, too, has a similar foil cutter in place of a blade. I've never tested the TSA compliance because I always check a bag when I fly, and I have a corkscrew stashed in every suitcase in the house. Because, you never know.

I also found two ah-so openers, eight sparkling wine bottle stoppers of

various sizes and effectiveness, and 16 glass bottle stoppers — a sign of my love of German and Austrian wines, where these are almost exclusively used. They are also nearly useless for reusing. There was one rubber stopper/pourer, a Vacu Vin pump to eliminate air from an opened bottle and create a vacuum, five Vacu Vin stoppers to use with that pump, a glass decanter stopper, a round foil drip guard branded with a Chilean winery's logo, a key ring/bottle opener from the now gone Energy Federal Credit Union, and a cheap aluminum beer bottle opener marked TAIWAN, a souvenir of my Mandarin studies there in the 1980s.

And this inventory doesn't account for the corkscrews scattered elsewhere in the house or, well,

in the luggage. Not to mention decanters on hand for when an expensive wine needs a special display.

We wine fiends are prone to panic if a cork puller isn't within arm's reach. So what gadgets are useful if you are not a wine fanatic, but a regular drinker looking to get the best out of your vino?

An opener, obviously. I prefer the waiter's corkscrew, described above, over an "angel's wing" opener or ah-so. Look for an open spiral on the "worm," the part that penetrates the cork. The angel's wing is the opener that looks like it's doing jumping jacks. The ah-so, favored at California wineries, has two prongs, one slightly longer than the other, that you wriggle down between the cork and

the bottle, then twist and pull the cork out. I don't like these, because I usually end up pushing the cork into the bottle. When I actually succeed in getting a cork out, I exclaim, "Ah, so that's how it works!"

Wine collectors with deep cellars will want to invest in a Durand wine opener. This is a pricey gadget, at \$125, but it is probably worth it if you have a lot of old wines with potentially crumbly corks. The Durand combines the spiral worm of a regular opener with the two prongs of the ah-so, which slide down the side of the cork and help you twist it out of the bottle in one piece.

The Vacu Vin pump is useful for anyone who doesn't regularly finish a bottle in one evening. Sticking the cork back in, or screwing the cap back on, is

probably fine if you're going to finish the wine in the next day or two, but if you want to keep it longer, the Vacu Vin helps protect the wine from oxygen.

Other products, such as Private Preserve, will inject an inert gas into the bottle, which you then close with any stopper. The gas protects the wine from oxygen.

You can spend a lot of money on wine accessories, and not just those that fit in your kitchen drawer. Coolers to keep your cellar at the proper temperature, or special refrigerators to preserve just a few cases of wine at the optimal temp — for most of us, these are not necessary.

But if you get hooked, be ready for your kitchen drawer to fill quickly.

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## CRAVING Middle East

## From shawarma to falafel

## The best Middle Eastern sandwiches in Chicagoland

BY NICK KINDELSPERGER

If you ever want to get a glimpse of the magnitude of the Middle East, attempt to catalog all the sandwiches. When I decided to explore the subject as a part of this month's Craving coverage, I pictured a few weeks of feasting mostly on shawarma stuffed in pita, with the occasional falafel mixed in.

But depending on which definition you use, we are talking about a gargantuan geographic area that runs from Turkey in the north to Yemen in the south, and from Egypt in the west to Iran in the east. It has a population greater than the United States. It would have taken me years to learn about all the sandwich options there.

Instead of feeling overwhelmed, this made me terribly excited. Isn't it terrific to realize there are more delicious things to eat? That's especially true when you don't have to leave the Chicago area to find them.

Like any great sandwich, the best Middle Eastern options start with excellent bread. You are familiar with pita. Circular and puffed up in the middle, pita is usually sliced open at the top and stuffed. The best pita felt plush as a pillow, yet sturdy enough to stay together without unleashing its contents all over your lap.

But pita is just the beginning. There's also lavash, a large thin flatbread, which restaurants use as a wrap. Equally as fascinating is the bread often translated as markook or markouk. The thin unleavened flatbread is distinguished by baffling elasticity, stretching more than you think it could without breaking. When all rolled up, sandwiches made with markook look an awful lot like burritos.

Which brings up a very important question: Are any of these technically sandwiches? One could argue defiantly against using the term, especially if you subscribe to the strict idea that a sandwich requires a filling with two separate slices of bread on either side. While I find the argument about what qualifies as a sandwich to be interesting, I also think it kind of misses the point. Most of these restaurants call these dishes sandwiches on their menus, whether they are served in a pita or wrapped in markook bread. So I will too. (This is the same reason why I don't think a hot dog is a sandwich. If it were a sandwich, everyone would call it one.)

I'll discuss the fillings below, but it's important to note the wide array of topping choices. Sure, some restaurants wrap their meaty sandwiches with little more than onions, tomatoes and tahini, the creamy sesame seed sauce. But others go maximalist, cramming the pita with huge swipes of hummus and more vegetables than you'd ever think possible. Both options can work.

Is this the right time to admit my blossoming love affair with sumac? Made by grinding the dried berry of the sumac bush, this dark red powder adds a wild citrus note and astringent bite to everything it touches.

As mentioned above, this isn't a comprehensive list of Middle Eastern sandwiches. But after eating all around Chicago, these are the ones I can't stop thinking about.

## Shawarma

*Stacked slices of marinated meat that cook slowly on a rotisserie*

I'm captivated by the sight of a spinning cone of meat. I'm obviously not the only one. From the Loop to the 'burbs, you don't need to drive far to find a glistening cone of stacked meat twirling lazily in front of a fire. Not all places treat the meat right, though. My favorite places slice the meat off the rotating stack and transfer it directly to the bread, which leaves the meat juicy and plump. Unfortunately, several places griddle the meat after cooking it on a spit, drying it out. Skip those.

Until recently, if I had one place to recommend for shawarma, it was Al Sufara Grill in Palos Hills, where the giant cone of lamb shawarma cooked horizontally over charcoal. Sadly, it closed unexpectedly. Talk about timing. While unfortunate, Al Sufara's closing does help prove a recent trend of beef and lamb slowing fading in popularity, as



The combo chicken and beef shawarma wrapped in markook bread at Fattoush in suburban Worth (\$6.99) is outrageously juicy.



Doner sandwich at Ali Baba Doner (\$11.90).



Sabich sandwich at Ema (\$12.95).



Adana kebab at The Gundis (\$13.25).

chicken steadily becomes the shawarma meat of choice.

This isn't to say that beef and lamb shawarma have disappeared completely. At Falafel & Grill in Wicker Park, you can find a satisfying beef and lamb shawarma (\$7.75) wrapped tight with tomato slices, onions and pickles. You know this place is serious because it never lets the shawarma meat touch a griddle.

You'll find incredible chicken shawarma at Oozi Corner (\$7.95), a gleaming new restaurant in suburban Bridgeview, which wraps up its browned chicken pieces in stretchy, speckled-brown markook bread. Middle East Grill in Andersonville uses soft lavash bread baked next door at Middle East Bakery & Grocery to hold its intricately spiced slices of chicken (\$7.25).

If you can't choose between chicken or lamb and beef, why not get both? That's my favorite order (\$6.99) at Fattoush in suburban Worth. Each bite is outrageously juicy, but the fillings never spill out thanks to some expert wrapping in markook bread.

I even like the chicken shawarma at some of the local Middle Eastern chains. The Pita Inn in Skokie is one of the busiest restaurant operations I've ever seen, and it's easy to see why. The chicken gets a great char and the pita stays impressively soft (\$5.99). Naf Naf Grill's chicken shawarma sandwich (\$7.95) is built on pita baked on the premises, and you can dress it up with several crunchy vegetable toppings. (The sumac-sprinkled onions and crunchy pickles are essential.) As with any chain, sometimes proper construction is sacrificed for speed, and you can end up with an off-kilter sandwich.

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 ■ Middle East Grill, 5200 N. Clark St., 773-561-1853, middleeastbakeryandgrocery.com  
 ■ Fattoush, 10700 S. Harlem Ave., Worth, 708-671-9999,

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 ■ Falafel & Grill, 1317 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-292-8888, falafelgrillchicago.com  
 ■ Pita Inn, multiple locations, pita-inn.com  
 ■ Naf Naf Grill, multiple locations, nafnafgrill.com

## Doner kebab

*The Turkish precursor to shawarma, where slices of meat are stacked on top of each other and cooked on a rotisserie*

Though not quite as popular as shawarma, doner kebab can be found at a number of Turkish restaurants around town. I'm currently obsessed with Ali Baba Doner, which is technically a doner kebab in the German style, as the dish is incredibly popular in that country. Owner Atalay Oenem also used to live in Munich. Regardless, he lavishes more attention on a single sandwich (\$11.90) here than the average Subway sandwich artist probably spends in his or her entire lifetime. He only flicks on the switch for the rotisserie after an order has been placed, and he keeps a sharp eye on the progress, only slicing pieces off when the chicken is lightly crispy, but never dry. Instead of traditional pita, he uses a version that's thick and crusty. The meat is then layered exactly on the pita with thin layers of cabbage, onions and a tangy yogurt sauce. This attention to detail means every bite contains an ideal portion of each ingredient.

In the complete opposite direction is the doner kebab at Cafe Orchid (\$7.25), which features a mountain of thin slices of the doner, made from a mix of ground lamb and veal, tossed within a house-baked lavash bread the size of a hubcap. If you have a deep hunger to fill, this one's for you.  
 ■ Ali Baba Doner, 545 W. Diversey Parkway, 312-823-7716, alibabadoner.business.site  
 ■ Cafe Orchid, 1746 W. Addison St., 773-327-3808, cafeorchid.com



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Chicken shawarma at Oozi Corner (\$7.95).



Falafel sandwich in a pita at Mizrahi Grill (\$8.99).



Lamb shish kebab at Al Bawadi (\$6.99).



Simit with cheese and tomato at Turkitch (\$4.99).

## Falafel

*Small fried balls of highly seasoned ground chickpeas*

Like shawarma, falafel is everywhere, but after weeks of searching, no place nails the combination of flavorful, crunchy falafel with plush pita like Mizrahi Grill in suburban Highland Park. Each sandwich (\$8.99) also comes stuffed to the breaking point with crunchy cabbage, acidic pickles, creamy hummus and tahini, and some fried potatoes. That it all holds together shows how crucial the house-baked pita is. Mizrahi also serves an excellent version of a schnitzel sandwich (\$12.99), which is quite popular in Israel.  
 ■ Mizrahi Grill, 215 Skokie Valley Road, Highland Park, 847-831-1400, mizrahigrill.com

## Sabich

*Fried eggplant mixed with hard-boiled eggs*

Sabich is the great unsung vegetarian Middle Eastern sandwich. Although you can find falafel everywhere, this unique mix of fried eggplant and hard-boiled eggs deserves more attention. While undoubtedly messy, the version at Ema (\$12.95) hits all the right notes, balancing the luscious eggplant and squishy eggs with a host of crunchy vegetables. It's all housed in a soft pita that's made to order. Also worth trying is the version at Taboun Grill in Skokie (\$8.00), where the eggplant is cut into small pieces.  
 ■ Ema, 74 W. Illinois St., 312-527-5586, emachicago.com  
 ■ Taboun Grill, 8808 Gross Point Road, Skokie, 847-965-1818, taboungrill.com

## Shish kebab

*Marinated cubes of meat cooked over a grill*

Instead of using a standard gas grill, Al Bawadi in suburban Bridgeview cooks all the meat over charcoal, which lends the lamb shish kebab pieces a distinct

smoky profile. The restaurant wraps the meat in excellent markook bread, along with lettuce, tomato and pickles (\$6.99). Shish Kabob House may lack a charcoal grill, but it serves a lamb shish kebab that's pleasingly tender and slightly gamy. Plus, it's served on pita that's made right there (\$7.99).  
 ■ Al Bawadi, 7216 W. 87th St., Bridgeview, 708-599-1999, al-bawadigrill.com  
 ■ Shish Kabob House, 9328 W. 159th St., Orland Park, 708-226-9133, shishkabobhouse.net

## Adana kebab

*Ground meat mixture that's formed onto a long skewer and grilled*

My favorite version comes from what's apparently Chicago's only Kurdish restaurant, The Gundis. The restaurant grills an extra-long adana kebab (\$13.25), about the size of a forearm, before wrapping it up with lettuce and tomatoes. On the side you'll find a saucer of extra tangy yogurt, which you can dunk the sandwich into. The kebab itself is layered with a complex array of spices such as sumac.  
 ■ The Gundis, 2909 N. Clark St., 773-904-8120, thegundis.com

## Simit

*A circular Turkish bread with a hole in the middle*

A simit looks like an oversize bagel, complete with a hole in the middle, but instead of chewy and dense, it's soft and lightly crispy on the crust. It's often completely covered in sesame seeds, which adds a pleasing nuttiness to each bite. At Turkitch by Lincoln Park, you can get one stuffed with creamy cheese and ripe, red tomato slices (\$4.99). It makes for a nice breakfast or light snack.  
 ■ Turkitch, 565 W. Diversey Parkway, 773-453-3323, turkitch.us

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Pilot Project Brewing launched Friday in Logan Square. It hopes to attract beer drinkers with its “relaxing living room coffee shop” atmosphere of a taproom, and brewers with its novel small-scale contract brewing model.

# Pilot Project aims to help newbie brewers’ dreams

BY JOSH NOEL

Want a beer? Pilot Project Brewing is here for you. Want to start a brewery? Pilot Project Brewing is here for you too.

In a city rife with breweries, Pilot Project, which opened last Friday in brewery-packed Logan Square, believes it has found a fresh approach: a handsome, comfortable taproom up front that nurses the dreams of start-up brewers in back.

Pilot Project, 2140 N. Milwaukee Ave., will make its own brand of beer, but the business’ focus — and the focus of its 24 taps — will be the beer of others. Pilot Project’s founders hope to nurture each of its clients into full-fledged businesses, whether by starting their own brick-and-mortar spaces or by ramping up at larger contract breweries.

Co-founder Dan Abel offers a comparison rooted in the 10-year music marketing career he quit last fall to launch the brewery: Pilot Project is “what a recording space does for musicians.” Musicians rarely own the studios where they record; why must brewers own the breweries where they brew?

In fact, making beer at alternate locations — known as contract brewing or alternating proprietorship, depending on the approach — has become a mainstream force in the beer industry and enabled its relentless growth.

Large contract breweries have become viable business models, such as Chicago’s Great Central Brewing, which launched in 2016, and makes most of the volume for local breweries such as Maplewood and Begyle.

Pilot Project aims to replicate the model on a more intimate level with head brewer Logan Helton — formerly of Alulu, Great Central, Founders and Bell’s — at the helm.

“Obviously Great Central has filled the void of major production for breweries that have proven themselves,” Abel said. “But what about the tens of thousands of creative people entering the market or debating the plunge into doing it commercially?”

While the minimum batch size at Great Central is 600 barrels of beer per year — one barrel equals two kegs — at Pilot Project, it’s a mere one barrel.

The hope, Abel said, is that Pilot Project becomes a route to market for a broad audience: a new brand taking its first steps; a home brewer wanting to test beer professionally; a chef wanting an exclusive beer for her restaurant; a professional nomad brewer (also called a “gypsy brewer”); or an established brewery needing space to experiment. Or, at a two-keg minimum, even an engaged couple can make a beer especially for their wedding.



Co-founder Dan Abel, from left, co-founder Jordan Radke, assistant brewer Brandon Kempf, head brewer Logan Helton and director of hospitality Mary Abel.



Pilot Project’s own brand of beers, Brewer’s Kitchen, takes its inspiration from the culinary industry.

Abel is also thinking of collaborations: perhaps flying in a well-known brewer to collaborate with, say, five Chicago breweries. But rather than have that brewer visit all five breweries, everyone would convene to brew five different beers at Pilot Project.

In other words, Abel is thinking ambitiously. “But I’m also a realist,” Abel said. “We’re starting small with four breweries and proving ourselves by supporting them.”

Pilot Project’s initial client list includes names that will be unfamiliar to most people, though that is the point: hard kombucha startup Luna Bay Booch; Tethered Vines, which incorporates wine ingredients into its beer; and Orkenoy Brewery, which plans to open later this year in Humboldt Park.

The fourth is Pilot Project’s own brand, Brewer’s Kitchen, which takes inspiration from the culinary industry and will launch with three beers: Courtesy of Copenhagen, a strawberry, lemon and lavender pale ale; Manana de Mallorca, an IPA made with melon-based Mallocan tea; and A Little Idiomi, a kettle sour made with yuzu and plum.

Abel hopes most breweries only brew with Pilot Project for six months to a year, then graduate to spaces of their own or larger contract breweries such as Great Central or Octopi Brewing, a fast-

growing operation outside of Madison, Wisconsin.

“Unless you want it, you should never have to have a brewery,” Abel said. “Start in the garage, come to us, then Great Central or Octopi. That takes away the need to raise \$2 million and puts the power back in the hands of the creatives who are exceptionally talented at brewing.”

The intended attraction for beer drinkers is not only the variety on tap, but the taproom itself, which sits on a quiet stretch of quickly gentrifying Milwaukee Avenue. The Congress Theater, due to get a \$65 million face-lift, sits across the street. (When the theater’s renovation is complete, Abel figures development around the brewery will go into overdrive.)

Pilot Project offers modern casual comfort, filled with natural light and arrayed in earth tones — brown, gray, black and white — with familiar taproom touches: concrete floor and a bar and tables made from handsome walnut. In addition to a taproom, it’s a coffee shop in the morning, opening at 7 a.m. for coffee sourced from the newly opened Brewpoint Coffee and baked goods from local Aya Pastry, with plenty of comfortable seating for the laptop crowd.

The food menu includes a meat board, a cheese board, cookie sandwiches from HotChocolate de-

signed to pair with beer and waffles. The opening menu includes a waffle featuring fermented peach and hazelnut and another with caramelized fig and matcha.

Pilot Project aims for a “beachy, calm, relaxing living room coffee shop feel ... a space to market test beers without pressure to drink fast or a lot,” Abel said. The space is also meant to convert easily for one of Pilot Project’s clients to take it over for an event or beer release.

The idea for the brewery dates to 2017, though Abel and his partner Jordan Radke — best friends since age 5, when they were growing up in the Minneapolis suburbs — were so convinced of the viability that they kept marketing to a minimum. They didn’t want anyone else grabbing the concept.

Before settling on Chicago, they considered opening in Denver; New York; Portland, Oregon; Los Angeles; Austin, Texas; and Minneapolis, Minnesota. They’re already thinking about exporting Pilot Project if it works in Chicago.

Chicago’s endlessly growing beer landscape struck them as opportunity. They’ll be in the thick of that landscape in Logan Square, with neighborhood veteran Revolution Brewing, the forthcoming North Side outpost for Marz Community Brewing and the newly opened Bungalow, from Middle Brow.

“I run toward saturation because that’s where we can help the most,” Abel said.

He said they wish they had been a bit further ahead of Chicago’s beer curve, maybe even before the city became home to more breweries than any other place in the nation.

“I wish we were in the market five years ago,” Abel said. “But five or even two years ago, the market might not have been ready.”

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# Labneh

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Mammals are a class of animals so named because their young are kept alive with milk produced by the mammary glands of the females. Our species, *homo sapiens*, differs from the other 5,000-some-odd species of mammals in that we regularly drink the milk of other species. Of course, that particular development didn't arise until we'd been traipsing about for 200,000 years or so.

Anyway, because the invention of the electric refrigerator didn't occur for many thousands more years, sometimes that extra-species milk would spoil. Fortunately, over time, we learned how to control that spoilage — like training bacteria with teeny whips and tiny chairs — et voila, behold the yogurt.

Here in the modern U.S. of A., when we think of yogurt, we think of that slippery, sour, super-white, puddinglike tongue balm that you eat for breakfast with fresh berries. Mostly, it's from cow's milk. In other places on the planet, though, yogurt has many forms depending on, for example, the animal from which the milk flows or how much liquid it contains.

About a decade ago, we started seeing on our grocery shelves a product called "Greek" yogurt. In truth, Greek yogurt is Greek like French toast is French, Chinese checkers are Chinese and moon pies are moonian. Word on the street is it's called "Greek" because it's similar to a thick, strained sheep's milk yogurt common in Greece known as "straggisto." Straining, incidentally, removes some of the whey, that cloudy liquid enjoyed famously by Little Miss Muffet.

Labneh is yogurt that's been strained to within an inch of its life, attaining a consistency closer to cream cheese than pudding. Most recipes for labneh call for Greek yogurt precisely because some of the whey has already been strained out. Listen: Because some duplicitous "Greek-style" yogurts are thickened artificially rather than by straining, read the label and go with the ones that don't have any thickeners (such as gelatin or guar gum).

Labneh can be made from any yogurt, from any mammal. It can be of any fat content, even fat-free, for those of you tired of tasting your food.

Now, finally, let's look at how to make labneh. It's so easy, even an Irish American like me or a reasonably intelligent chimp could do it and, quite frankly, I'd love to see that.

The ingredients for labneh are, literally, just yogurt and salt. The



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Line a colander with layers of cheesecloth. Stir the salt into the yogurt and then spoon the yogurt into the cheesecloth.



Tie or twist the corners of the cheesecloth together.



After 24 to 48 hours draining in the refrigerator, the yogurt has become labneh. Save the whey to use in other dishes.

equipment you'll need are a colander or sieve, a bowl and some cheese cloth (or a dish towel).

Here's what you do:

**1.** Set your colander inside the bowl and line it with several layers of cheesecloth, leaving the ends flapping o'er the side.

**2.** Stir the salt — roughly 1 teaspoon per quart — into the yogurt, then scrape it all onto the cheesecloth.

**3.** Bring the corners of the cheesecloth up and tie or twist them together to make a handy yogurt sack, like something Cow Santa would tote. Squeeze the sack, oh so gently, to lose some of

the whey, then set it back into the colander inside the bowl and place the whole thing in the fridge.

**4.** After a day or two — the longer you leave it, the stiffer your labneh — remove the bowl from the fridge. Give the sack one last gentle squeeze, then scrape the labneh into a bowl.

There. Now you have labneh.

Here's you: "Great. Now I've got labneh. And?"

Well, Brad, you can eat it right away fresh or you can mix in some flavoring ingredients of your choice: parsley, mint, garlic or the spice mix called za'atar would all

## Labneh

**Prep:** 5 minutes **Drain:** Overnight to 3 days

**Makes:** 4 to 6 servings

Use yogurt with no artificial ingredients or thickeners.

¼ teaspoon salt

2 cups plain Greek yogurt

Extra-virgin olive oil, as needed

**1. Line** a colander or mesh strainer with a couple of layers of cheesecloth; set over a bowl large enough to hold it steady.

**2. Stir** salt into the yogurt and scrape directly onto the cheesecloth. Bring cheesecloth corners together and twist or tie them together.

**3. Set** the bowl with the strainer with the cheesecloth with the yogurt in the refrigerator for 24 to 72 hours. (The longer the drain time, the stiffer and drier the labneh.)

**4. After draining,** squeeze the bag gently to release any more liquid. Serve labneh immediately (see below) or store refrigerated in an airtight container up to 3 or 4 days. Alternately, roll labneh into 2- to 3-inch balls and place on a sheet pan. Cover with a clean towel and refrigerate overnight to firm up a bit. After the labneh balls have firmed up, refrigerate them, submerged completely in extra-virgin olive oil in an airtight container. They will keep up to 2 months.

**Nutrition information per serving (for 6 servings):** 114 calories, 3 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 8 mg cholesterol, 6 g carbohydrates, 6 g sugar, 15 g protein, 146 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

## Serve it up

Labneh can be eaten plain with bread (pita), bagels or chips, or it can be used on sandwiches and burgers or stirred into soups and stews as you would sour cream. Flavorings can be mixed in to taste or sprinkled over the top of fresh labneh along with extra-virgin olive oil. Or the labneh balls can be rolled in these ingredients before storing in oil.

For fresh labneh, spread it in a thick circle on a plate. Sprinkle with one or more of the following: fresh minced herbs, dried or fresh mint, sumac, za'atar, smoked paprika, black pepper, crushed pistachios, minced garlic or any other flavoring ingredients you like. Drizzle with a generous amount of extra-virgin olive oil and serve immediately.

be fairly typical of Middle Eastern flavor profiles. However, this being Anytown, USA, you can add anything you want: herbes de Provence, ginger, chipotle, Sriracha. Think of it as you would cream cheese in terms of its ability to act as a culinary canvas. You could even sweeten it up with honey, agave or maple syrup.

Whatever you do, don't forget to save the whey. You can use it for smoothies and batters, soups and sauces.

To serve labneh fresh, envision its cousins, hummus and baba ganoush, and schmear it on a platter into a round of attractive concavity, like an inverted Frisbee. Drizzle extra-virgin olive oil over the lot with giddy abandon and garnish with any of the above herbs and spices or tomatoes and olives or any other thing that makes you smack your lips like a weasel watching "Watership Down."

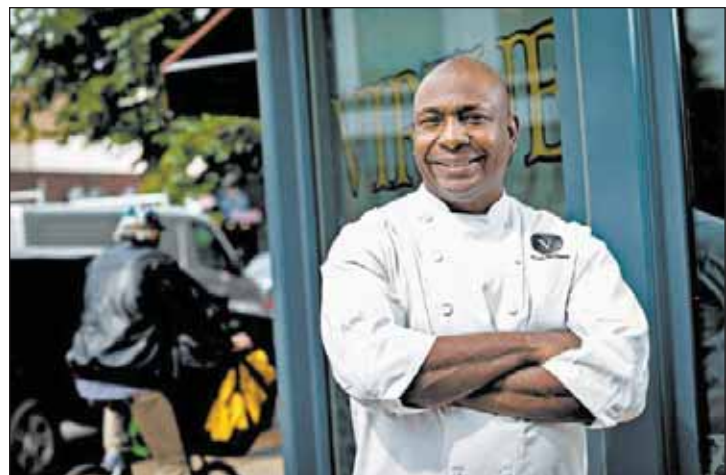
If you're too famished for

pretty things, for the love of God, just slather your labneh on a bagel. You can also use it like any other condiment: Spread it on burgers, sandwiches or wraps. Scoop a spoonful or two into a bowl of dal or beans — black, red, white. Whisk it into a vinaigrette or sauce to thicken and enrich.

Any labneh left ungobbled, you can store in the fridge in a covered container for a week or so. Or, try this:

Get your hands wet with water or slippery with olive oil and roll the labneh into balls the size of walnuts or stegosaurus brains. Place the balls in a jar and submerge them completely in extra-virgin olive oil. They'll last in your fridge for a couple of months, easily.

Oh, and if you do that, try this: After fabricating the balls, but before submerging them, roll them in something pretty and flavorful, like paprika or za'atar. Now, go party like it's 1399.



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Erick Williams is the chef and owner of Virtue in Hyde Park.

## Williams named winner of Game Changer Award

BY PHIL VETTEL

The Chicago Tribune's Food & Dining Game Changer Award, established in 2018, is presented annually to a chef, restaurateur or other industry figure whose work has brought significant, positive change to the restaurant industry as a whole, and to the Chicago dining scene in particular. The award was presented Aug. 13 during the launch party for Chicago Tribune Food Bowl at City Hall restaurant in Fulton Market.

This year's recipient is chef Erick Williams, whose rise to prominence is as old school as it gets. His career began at the salad station at the late, great MK restaurant, a typical starting point for a raw beginner. Williams worked his way up the ladder, at every station in the house, until he was named MK's executive chef in 2008.

Williams continued to uphold MK's high culinary standards — earning the restaurant three stars from the Tribune in 2013 — and remained the executive chef until the restaurant closed, reportedly over a lease dispute, in 2017. By that time, Williams had another restaurant to oversee, County Barbeque on Taylor Street.

A little more than a year later,

Williams took his talents to Hyde Park, opening Virtue in November 2018. As the name suggests, Virtue's mission is as much an ethical one as a culinary one; it's deeply ingrained in the community, and Williams has made his kitchen a virtual incubator, recruiting young and inexperienced workers to learn by working alongside industry veterans.

This hands-on instruction came without any sacrifice in quality; Virtue quickly became one of the best new restaurants in Chicago, earning a three-star review from this critic in January. The accolades didn't end there; in July, Eater named Virtue one of the best new restaurants in the country, and The New York Times profiled Williams in a story titled "16 Black Chefs Changing Food in America."

With his consistent culinary excellence, his outreach to young workers and community commitment, and for attracting a national spotlight to South Side restaurants, Williams has changed the restaurant game in Chicago and beyond.

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## 2019 Bourbon County beers a promising Goose lineup

BY JOSH NOEL

Sorry — there will be no Bourbon County Oyster Stout after all. (Though we sort of knew that.)

Two months after its fake labels and trickery, planted with federal regulators to throw beer nerds off its boozy scent and build anticipation for its annual release of whiskey barrel-aged beers, Goose Island has announced its actual Bourbon County lineup for 2019.

It's a promising roster of eight beers, including five that feature no adjuncts, and which are seemingly meant only to highlight the whiskey barrels in which the beer was aged.

But, of course, there are some adjunct-heavy beers as a nod to current tastes, including one made with granola.

The beers will be released, as always, on Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving.

Here's the rundown on what to expect:

**Bourbon County Stout:** The flagship of the family, with roots dating to 1995 and an unrivaled place in craft beer history, is aged in a mix of Heaven Hill, Buffalo Trace and Wild Turkey barrels, resulting in a "richer, more complex mouthfeel (featuring) flavors of cocoa, vanilla, caramel, almond, plus leather and tobacco," the brewery said.

**Bourbon County Double Barrel Stout:** This stout was aged in 11-year-old Elijah Craig barrels and then 12-year-old Elijah Craig barrels. Not surprisingly, Goose Island promises a beer that will be quite "barrel forward" — that is, oaky and boozy.

**2-year Reserve Bourbon County Stout:** This beer spent — you guessed it — two years in 11-year-old Knob Creek barrels "creating an oak-forward inten-



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Goose Island's roster of 2019 Bourbon County beers includes several stouts meant to highlight the whiskey barrels in which they were aged.

sity accented by hazelnut and chocolate notes, all while allowing the signature flavor profile of the Knob Creek Bourbon to shine through," the brewery says.

**Reserve Rye Bourbon County Stout:** Another "reserve" beer,

which implies particular attention to the wood in which the beer was aged. This version of Reserve Bourbon County was aged in Rittenhouse Rye barrels. The result "exemplifies fruity, spicy rye flavors as well as the notes that come from the impact the barrel has on the original imperial stout," according to the brewery.

**Bourbon County Wheatwine Ale:** It's no accident that last

year's Wheatwine won Goose Island's sole medal at the 2018 Festival of Wood and Barrel-Aged Beer: It was a wonderful beer (and my favorite of last year's lineup). This year's version is aged in Larceny bourbon barrels. Larceny is a bourbon with heavy wheat content that should play nicely with the wheatwine, which is barleywine featuring a large percentage of wheat in the grain bill.

**Proprietor's Bourbon County Stout:** The Bourbon County

lineup has been impressively light on adjuncts and odd ingredients to this point. But modern beer fans like adjuncts and odd ingredients in their barrel-aged stouts, so Goose Island will release three of them.

It's little wonder that Proprietor's will be one, since this Chi-

cago-only release is usually a playground for experimentation. Some vintages work better than others, but if nothing else, Proprietor's is always at least an interesting attempt.

This year's version is made with toasted pecans, coconut, cacao nibs and vanilla — "reminiscent of tiramisu, ending with lingering notes of marshmallow."

**Bourbon County Cafe de Olla Stout:** Another adjunct-heavy

beer, Cafe de Olla is inspired by "a traditional Latin infused coffee," featuring Intelligentia Coffee beans and cold brew, cassia bark (which lends a cinnamon flavor), orange peel and panela sugar.

**Bourbon County Mon Cheri Stout:** And here we have it:

granola! Though, really, cherries are the star here — two different types. The beer is "a love letter" from the brewer who wrote the recipe, Quinn Fuechsl, to his wife, who is a cherry fan, the brewery says.

Via the brewery, Fuechsl said he had long considered making a Bourbon County beer featuring granola and "after many tweaks, we found a nice mix of granola, oats and brown sugar, that gave us a 'pie crust' element to the beer, then layered in a mix of Balaton and Montmorency tart cherries."

Goose Island said it will also release a Bourbon County Stout Vertical Collection — the flagship Bourbon County Stout from 2017, 2018 and 2019 packaged together.

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# Dine in Mies van der Rohe classic



**INA PINKNEY**  
*Breakfast With Ina*

My Global Entry card is tucked securely in my passport wallet. I had to remind myself of this, because the three places I visited for this month's column made me feel like I had left home on an overseas adventure.

### Travelle at The Langham

I remember going into The Langham hotel in London and thinking I was the most sophisticated person on the planet. I was 23 and far from a sophisticate. But I remember how it made me feel. Now we have a Langham here in Chicago, and having breakfast there was a walk down memory lane.

There was something slightly familiar when I entered the lobby of the hotel here in Chicago. Then I remembered it was the famous Mies van der Rohe IBM Building, and while it certainly has changed, it still has the iconic lines and sensibilities.

The elevator to the second floor is where the magic reveals itself with finishes of tinted glass, wood, metal and beige leather seating. Engaging artwork is all around. Where to look first?

We sat at a table that was surely in someone's office eons ago; it's a spectacular transformation.

I chose the smoked salmon bowl. The components were traditional for a toasted bagel, but the quality and presentation took it to a new level.

The Florentine benedict, with spinach artichokes and bearnaise, was deeply delicious.

**Of note:** Valet parking, river views

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**Hours:** Breakfast is served 6:30-11 a.m., Monday-Friday; 7 a.m.-noon, Saturday and Sunday.

### Mozzarella Store

Take a step inside and you'll feel like you've crossed into Italy. First, take in the beautiful space with marble and equipment imported from Italy. Head to the coffee counter and look at the pastries, then to the deli counter and look at the charcuterie and salad ingredients, and then find a seat and look at the menu for breakfast paninis.

We, chef Michael Fiddler and I, shared two paninis. The caprese — fresh fior di latte mozzarella, ripe tomatoes, pesto and fresh basil — has a drizzle of extra-virgin olive oil.

The Goloso was a meaty surprise with pistachio stracciatella, mortadella and dried tomato.

We both agreed that the bread was delicious and easy to eat. It is made here, and the aroma of freshly baked bread wafted through the dining room.

We had another latte and a pastry and made a promise to come back for the pizza.

**Of note:** metered street parking, outdoor seating, private room available on second floor (no elevator), beer and wine

**Find it:** 822 N. Michigan Ave. (entrance is a half-block west, on Pearson), 312-285-2449, [www.mozzarellastores.com](http://www.mozzarellastores.com)

**Hours:** 7 a.m.-10 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 7 a.m.-11 p.m., Friday; 9 a.m.-11 p.m., Saturday; and 9 a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday

### Tous Les Jours

I usually don't go to a restaurant that's part of a cookie-cutter chain with mediocre food. When I do



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Travelle is located in The Langham, which transformed Ludwig Mies van der Rohe's IBM Building into a hotel.



The quality and presentation of Travelle's smoked salmon bowl takes the breakfast bagel to a whole new level.

make an exception, it has to have style and serve great food. I found a delightful one to share with you.

There are now several locations of this national chain in the Chicago area — in Naperville, Schaumburg, Vernon Hills, Glenview, Chinatown and Wicker Park. I went to the one in Wicker Park.

When you walk in, banquet seating is on the right with white hexagonal tables that join up to make a lovely pattern if your party is more than two. Down the center is a display of packaged cookies and assorted treats.

But the real fun is on your left. Take a tray, put a piece of paper on it, and grab tongs that are hanging on a rack. Right in front are trays with samples of what you'll find in the bakery case. Lots of samples. Now go to the case and try, just try, to pick just one thing. I dare you.

There were four of us, so the selection just kept growing. I asked about savory items and ordered

an egg, bacon and tomato sandwich along with a turkey and cheese offering that was rolled in a flaky pastry and served warm.

We cut and shared little rolls with sausage, pain au chocolat and more buttery baked goodness. Because the selection, made in-house, changes, you're on your own!

I should add that it calls itself a Korean-French bakery cafe. Some of the items have a definite Asian influence, but they have the French part down solid!

**Of note:** outdoor seating, fast casual, metered parking

**Find it:** 1726 W. Division St., 773-697-8227, [www.tljus.com](http://www.tljus.com)

**Hours:** 7 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 7 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday-Saturday; 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Sunday

*Ina Pinkney, aka The Breakfast Queen, owned iconic West Loop breakfast spot Ina's for more than 30 years and now writes "Breakfast with Ina" monthly for Food & Dining.*

# Chefs throw brunch for Pinkney event

By ADAM LUKACH

Ina Pinkney has been serving diners for years: first at Ina's, her famous brunch spot on Randolph Street, then, for the past five years, through her Breakfast with Ina column for the Chicago Tribune, giving diners the dish on where to enjoy a morning meal.

Early next month, Chicago chefs will be the ones serving Pinkney during the Breakfast For Ina fundraising event, led by Cleetus Friedman (Lakefront Restaurant) and Phillip Foss (EL Ideas). All proceeds from the event will go toward improving wheelchair accessibility in Pinkney's home following an accident this winter.

Pinkney was affected by polio at 18 months old, leaving her with diminished mobility for most of her life. Beginning in the 1980s, she said, the polio-affected leg started weakening, and, as moving became more difficult, she eventually closed Ina's in 2013.

"Three years ago, I had to get an electric scooter for farmers markets, because the long walks were just impossible," she said.

Then, last December, Pinkney fell as she was leaving a crowded theater and broke the thigh bone in her affected leg.

"I had this little confrontation with gravity, and, as my father used to say to me, 'Even in a tie, you lose,'" she said. "So I lost."

The break has dramatically affected her daily life.

She spent a month in the hospital following the accident, then needed three months of rehab before she could bend her knee again. Since being back at home, Pinkney said, she has been attending physical therapy and received a lot of help from friends, but her home still requires modifications to

make it more accessible for a person who uses a wheelchair.

"I can't really see the top of my stove or the bottom of my sink," she said. "I just need some things like converting the tub to a shower, putting railings up — things that make it more user-friendly for a wheelchair user."

Friedman, Foss and other chef friends started bringing Pinkney regular, easy-to-make meals, but they wanted to help more. One day, Friedman called Pinkney, she said, and told her about their plans to throw a breakfast charity event to help her transform her space.

The lineup of chefs is nothing to sneeze at, including names like Jimmy Bannos Jr. (Purple Pig), Lee Wolen (Somerset), Brian Jupiter (Ina Mae's), Debbie Gold (Tied House), Carrie Nahabedian (Brindille) and many more.

"I was and am overwhelmed at that kindness and outreach of love," Pinkney said. "There's nothing else to call it."

The event will feature "breakfast bites, bubbly, bloodys and beer," per its tagline, and that includes Ina-inspired breakfast items like her famous Heavenly Hots, which Pinkney said Tony Priolo (Piccolo Sogno, Maillard Tavern) requested permission to prepare for the event.

"That's brunch (time), you know? These chefs are either giving up time in their restaurant or time with their families to come and do this for me," she said. "I think I'm going to just be a mess. I think I will have to wear a lot of waterproof mascara."

*Breakfast For Ina, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 8, Theater on the Lake, 2401 N. Lake Shore Drive, \$95; [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)*

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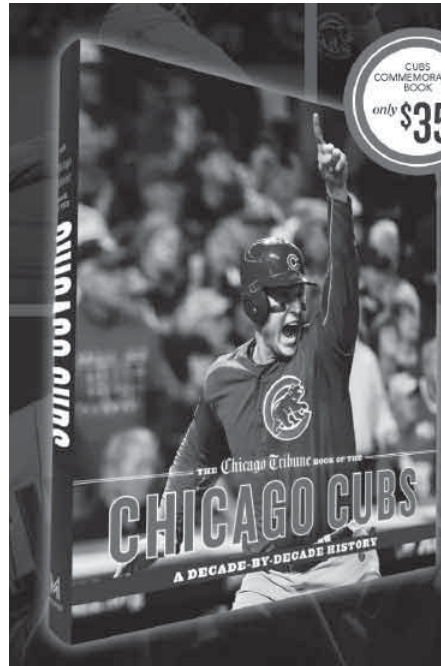


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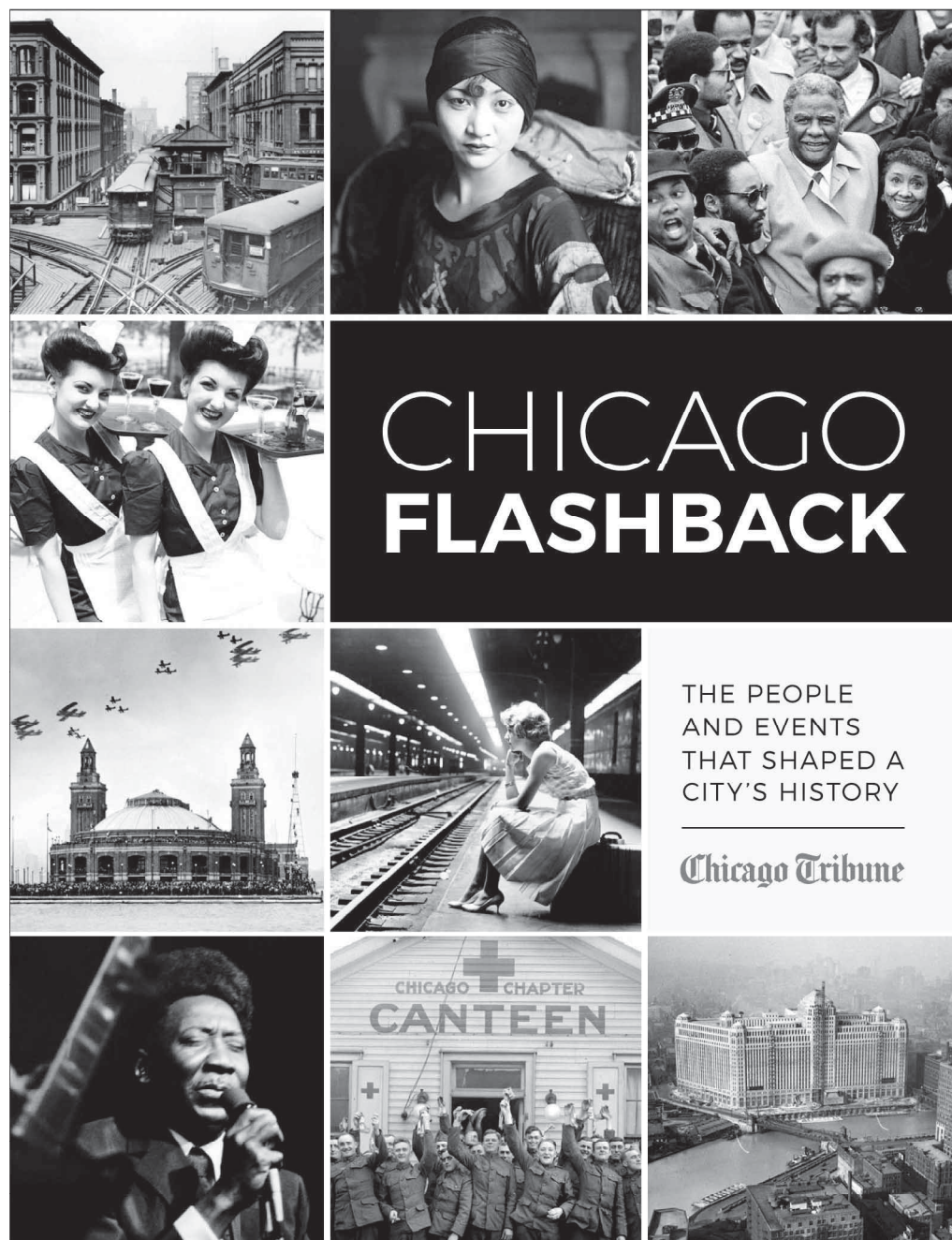
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