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“Have we done everything in 100 days? Of course not. Is there a lot more that needs to be done? Yes. But I feel very good about where we are and also setting the right tone for city government.”

— Lori Lightfoot, mayor of Chicago



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Elected on a promise to clean up City Hall, Mayor Lori Lightfoot marks her 100th day in office as Chicago’s leader on Wednesday.

100 days in, Lightfoot sees ‘positive steps’ toward reform

Mayor cites progress fixing City Hall, but ‘we haven’t declared victory’

BY GREGORY PRATT

On her way to becoming Chicago’s 56th mayor, long-shot Lori Lightfoot trounced a historic number of candidates by brandishing her experience as a former federal prosecutor and her promise to clean up City Hall.

Just days after her inauguration this spring, Lightfoot presided over her first City Council meeting and shut down Ald. Edward Burke, who had become the most recent face of alleged

public corruption in a body that’s seen dozens of aldermen go to prison over the years.

“Alderman, I will call you when I’m ready to hear from you,” she told Burke, the longest-

serving City Council member — and then did not for the rest of the meeting.

Publicly, the new mayor got her share of props, but behind the scenes one unnamed alderman came to her office and told her that “a number of members of City Council felt like I was a little too harsh ... and that I was a little too prosecutorial in the way I responded to his challenge about the new City Council rules.”

That private conversation, as the mayor recounted, happened the same day Burke was indicted on wide-ranging federal public corruption charges, to which he’s pleaded not guilty.

“So that’s the environment in which we’ll work, but I’m not daunted by that,” Lightfoot said. “Change has to come.”

As Lightfoot marks her 100th day in office on Wednesday, she

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County to help weed out pot convictions

Foxx: Cook prosecutors, nonprofit righting past wrongs in war on drugs

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

Tens of thousands of cannabis convictions will be automatically expunged under a partnership between a tech nonprofit and Cook County prosecutors, part of an effort State’s Attorney Kim Foxx characterized as “righting the wrongs of the past.”

Foxx said the collaboration with Code for America would help atone for prosecutors’ role in an overzealous “war on drugs.”

“It is prosecutors who were part of the war on drugs, we were part of a larger ecosystem that believed that in the interest of public safety, that these were convictions that were necessary to gain,” Foxx said at a news conference Tuesday. “In the benefit of hindsight and looking at the impact of the war on drugs, it is also prosecutors who have to be at the table to ensure that we are righting the wrongs of the past.”

Illinois’ marijuana legalization bill, which takes effect Jan. 1, allows residents 21 and over to possess up to 30 grams of cannabis. Those convicted for larger amounts, from 30 to 500 grams,

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Accusers get day in court after Epstein’s suicide in jail

Women, denied a trial, call dead financier a coward at NY hearing

BY TOM HAYS AND LARRY NEUMEISTER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — One by one, 16 women who say they were sexually abused by Jeffrey Epstein poured out their anger Tuesday, lashing out at him as a coward and a manipulator, after a judge gave them the day in court they were denied when he killed himself behind bars.

“He robbed me of my dreams, of my chance to pursue a career I adored,” said Jennifer Araoz, who has accused Epstein of raping her in his New York mansion when she was a 15-year-old aspiring actress.

The hearing was convened by U.S. District Judge Richard Berman, who presided over the case after federal prosecutors had Epstein, 66, arrested last month.

The question before the judge was whether to throw out the indictment because of the defendant’s death, a usually pro forma step undertaken without a hear-

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Man who trafficked gun that killed boy jailed

4-year term levied in ‘trail of carnage’ that led to child’s execution

BY JASON MEISNER

Anthony Morgan didn’t mince words when federal agents asked him last year why he’d been paying someone in New Mexico to ship firearms to Chicago’s violence-torn South Side. “We a gang,” Morgan allegedly said in a videotaped statement after his arrest on gun trafficking charges. “We were gangbanging. I provided the guns for the neighborhood because (I had) the connect.”

On Tuesday, Morgan was sen-

DAHLEEN GLANTON: What we learned from the execution of Tyshawn Lee: Chicago’s cycle of violence may be unstoppable. **Chicagoland, Page 6**

tenced to four years in prison for the “trail of carnage” left by the weapons he brought to the city’s streets, including the gun that was used to kill 9-year-old Tyshawn Lee in a gang-related ambush in 2015.

In handing down the sentence, which was just below the statutory maximum five-year term, U.S. District Judge Charles Norgle blasted Morgan for con-

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Anthony Morgan, 32, center, was sentenced to four years in prison for illegally trafficking the gun used in the slaying of Tyshawn Lee.

McDonald’s Plaza demolition

Part of Oak Brook’s history will soon be gone, as the McDonald’s Plaza office building is being demolished to make way for a multi-use development. **Business**

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President Jair Bolsonaro retreated from his country’s initial rejection of a \$22.2 million package to help fight fires in the Amazon. **Nation & World, Page 13**

NU alumna brings the funny

Ashley Nicole Black’s sketch chops and improvisation prowess has come to light this summer thanks to HBO’s “A Black Lady Sketch Show.” **A+E**

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Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx arrives at a news conference in Chicago on Tuesday.



JOHN KASS

Will Foxx plead the Fifth in her Smollett mess?

Will Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx — the key player in the Jussie Smollett hate crime hoax fiasco — invoke the Fifth Amendment when questioned by special prosecutor Dan Webb?

"You think she'll take the Fifth?" retired Judge Sheila O'Brien asked on my podcast, "The Chicago Way."

Stunning questions are often the simplest. I was stunned to the soles of my shoes.

"That's my question. Does she take the Fifth? Think of it," O'Brien said. "You're Kim Foxx now, and you're thinking, 'I've got to hire a lawyer.' The county can't pay for that, I don't think. Hope not. You're her lawyer now. What do you do? She has that right. Do you have her take the Fifth?"

According to other lawyers and judges I interviewed, Foxx's defense attorneys would be sorely tempted to have her take the Fifth, even before a grand jury.

But could a Cook County prosecutor seeking reelection find refuge in the constitutional protection against self-incrimination? To perhaps shield those above her in the political food chain who sought protection for Smollett, the former "Empire" TV show star with many celebrity friends?

Though a Cook County grand jury indicted Smollett on 16 counts for allegedly faking a hate crime, Foxx's office inexplicably dropped the charges. Her chief ethics officer, former assistant U.S. Attorney April Perry, later resigned.

What would happen to a prosecutor who takes the Fifth after she's been accused of playing games with justice?

"I don't know," O'Brien said on the podcast. "We've never had it happen before, have we? Film at 10, right?"

It was O'Brien, as a private citizen, who pressed the courts for a special prosecutor after Foxx had compromised herself and her office. She's a hero here.

All Foxx had to do was tell them, simply, "I can't have this conversation."

But witlessly, she didn't. She's a star chaser climbing the political ladder

and needs friends. Foxx left a text trail, like breadcrumbs, all over her ambitions.

Smollett created a media firestorm when he told police — and national TV news audiences — that he'd been the victim of a racial and homophobic hate crime in Chicago by supporters of President Donald Trump.

What should be of key interest to Dan Webb are those phone calls, texts and emails Foxx had with outsiders who sought mercy for Smollett.

Among them is prominent lawyer Tina Tchen, the former chief of staff of former first lady Michelle Obama.

I'm told that those who know Tchen say she's cautious, and that it is unthinkable she would reach out to Foxx on her own.

Foxx, a protegee of Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, had been angling to one day replace Illinois' Democratic U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin. Foxx has cozied up to Hollywood stars and to Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Kamala Harris of California.

Webb, now a private lawyer and former U.S. attorney in Chicago, was given the job of special prosecutor by Cook County Judge Michael Toomin to investigate "the actions of any person or office involved in all aspects of the case"

That means Foxx, and her staff.

Smollett isn't all that important. I don't care whether he goes to jail. He's a show pony, a pimple in this drama. The critical thing is what is left of the integrity of the justice system in corrupt Cook County.

What is important is finding who Foxx talked to, and why, and why she said she'd recused herself from the case, even though she had not.

If Webb only focuses on Smollett's cheesy dramatics, it would be a moral crime and a whitewash. If the great lawyer nearing the end of his career cares about his own legacy, he must focus on Foxx and tell the public exactly what happened.

If she were special prosecutor, O'Brien said she'd question former ethics officer Perry "in a heartbeat" and career assistant state's attorney Joseph Magats.

She'd depose them first under oath, then take them to a grand jury.

"I'm thinking there are some easy ducks sitting on the water," O'Brien said. "The hate crime case is done. It's the unpeeling of what happened around it that will take time. There's so much out there. April Perry, come to lunch. You get Magats, and say, 'Come on down.'"

O'Brien did not criticize Webb, but I'm not a big fan. Webb built a wall around the Daley family and their law enforcement handmaidens in the death of David Koschman.

Koschman, a short, slight 21-year-old out for his first legal drinks on Division Street, died after being punched in the head by Daley's nephew, Richard "R.J." Vanecko, then a hulking weightlifter who ran off.

Koschman lingered on life support for 11 days, time enough for everyone to get their stories straight. Detectives didn't interview key witnesses until after the plug had been pulled.

Toomin named Webb as special prosecutor. Daley was protected. Vanecko got 60 days in jail. Files had been destroyed. Interviews were skipped. Police weren't charged with misconduct or obstructing justice.

Webb said the statute of limitations had run out.

I remember Koschman's mother, weeping.

Foxx's political ambitions are in the mix. But so, too, is Webb's reputation.

"This thing could get really interesting," O'Brien said on "The Chicago Way."

"For me as a lawyer, that's the \$64,000 question," she said. "You might have the world's greatest prosecutors, but if your witnesses decide they're taking the Fifth, where do you go?"

"We're going to find out, aren't we?" O'Brien said. "It's going to be a wild ride."

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At point of no return key, paragraph love returns



MARY SCHMICH

Life is a daily obstacle course. (Hang on, dear reader, I have to figure out how to make a paragraph here.)

You wake up, brush your teeth, do whatever else you do to prepare for the adventure of another day, hoping, in defiance of experience, to make it through without trouble.

(Hang on, I have to figure out how to make another paragraph.)

Then it happens. The thing you never expected. Occasionally it's a big, life-changing thing. More often, it's something small, a flea of a problem in the great zoo of existential pests, something you'll hardly remember the day after. And yet that little thing may send you into a panic.

(Do I really need to paragraph here? Unfortunately, yes.)

Panic. Panic! Panic is never a useful response to a problem. We all know that. But it is the essence of panic to override knowledge, and in case it's not obvious yet, the problem facing me today is one that could face any of us at any moment in our techno-dependent age:

My return key broke.

You know, the return key, aka the enter key, on the computer keyboard. The one your baby finger reaches for as reflexively as you blink. A key without which modern life, or at least the paragraph, is so much harder.

Has it has ever occurred to you how much you rely on the return key? No. But let me tell you: You need it. Without it, you would have trouble making that clever comment on someone's Facebook post. Without it, answering email would be an even steeper slog. Without it, if you write for a living, you may as well file for unemployment, because prose without paragraphs is just slop.

My return key stopped working Monday while I was taking notes on my laptop during a phone interview. Suddenly, boom. I couldn't make paragraphs. By the time the interview was done, my notes were as legible as a giant block of hieroglyphics. Never before had I been forced to so



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Has it has ever occurred to you how much you rely on the return key? No. But let me tell you: You need it.

fully appreciate the lowly paragraph.

The paragraph is a writing convention designed to make ideas clear and words easier to read. Reasonable people can argue over how long paragraphs should be, but reasonable people do not dispute their value.

(I'm going to switch thoughts so I need to paragraph again. I think

I'm getting the hang of doing this without the return key.)

The loss of my return key also made me think about habits. Good habits are the grease that makes everyday life run smoothly. Being able to make a paragraph without thinking about how to do it frees the mind to think about higher things, like: What am I trying to say here?

But when useful things become incorporated into habit, we take those things for granted. We stop appreciating how they make life easier. To crib a line from Joni Mitchell: You don't know what you've got 'til it's gone.

When I finally had to concede that my return key was gone, I stopped by an Apple store for a diagnosis. I was told there was at least a two-hour wait and that I should call Apple instead. I called.

I was told I needed to go to a store. I tried to make an in-store appointment online. None available until Friday. So I did what all modern people do in a crisis. I posted my lament on Facebook.

I must have spilled crumbs on my keyboard, several people suggested, and that is not entirely implausible.

(Hang on while I grab my doughnut.)

Nevertheless, I was reluctant to follow the recommendation to remove the return key's cap and find the crumb that might or might not be there. I tried a couple of the other proposed solutions, but, alas, they didn't work.

To make things worse? I couldn't reply to the suggestions because my return key was kaput.

On Tuesday, with my column deadline clock ticking, I went to

an Apple store and waited for some help. I was told I needed a new keyboard. I said I couldn't relinquish my laptop because I had a deadline, and it was now. So as a temporary measure, the Apple guy showed me a trick:

Go to the little square icon near the battery meter. Click. Find the keyboard viewer. Click. A functional keyboard, return key included, appears on the screen.

And it was thanks to that unexpected miracle that I was able to solve an unexpected problem, meeting a deadline with a new appreciation for return keys and paragraphs and the small, solvable challenges of the everyday.

May your return key be with you.

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Nurse sentenced in 'evil' plot to kill romantic rival

Former Des Plaines woman turned to dark web in bid

BY CLIFFORD WARD

A former Des Plaines woman was sentenced to 12 years in prison Tuesday after she pleaded guilty to trying to arrange the killing of her former lover's wife through the dark web.

Tina Jones, 33, pleaded guilty to attempted first-degree murder in a plea with DuPage County prosecutors.

Jones, who worked as a nurse at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, paid more than \$12,000 in bitcoin to have

the woman killed. The intended victim was the wife of a man with whom Jones had had an affair, authorities said.

Police later determined that the website turned out to be a scam operation that had no ability to carry out a contract murder, State's Attorney Robert Berlin said. Jones, though, had forwarded the victim's address and photo to the website, as well as instructions that her former lover not be injured.

"It shows how sinister, evil and premeditated" Jones was, Berlin said.

"This type of premeditated criminal scheming is an incredibly serious offense that warrants a serious punishment, as the de-

pendant learned today," Berlin said.

The communication between Jones and the website carried on for several months, and Jones paid the site \$12,000 over a three-month period, Berlin said.

Authorities learned of the murder-for-hire plot via the CBS-TV news program "48 Hours," which was producing a segment on the dark web and tipped police. Jones was identified as a suspect after police learned she was a co-worker of the intended victim's husband and may have been motivated to plan such a crime, Assistant State's Attorney Demetri Demopoulos said at the plea hearing before Judge George Bakalis.

The dark web is a part of the internet that requires a special browser to access and offers services and products from hidden or untraceable sources.

In testimony at an October pretrial hearing, a police detective testified that Jones had told the website operator she wanted the intended target's death to be staged to appear as if the victim had been engaged in an extramarital affair.

Jones told police she had never met the intended victim. At the time of Jones' arrest, prosecutors said the woman who was targeted worked in Naperville.

According to the terms of the sentence, Jones must serve 85% of the 12-year



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Tina Jones is handcuffed after pleading to attempted first-degree murder at the DuPage County courthouse.

term. She only had credit for two days in custody. She had been out on bond and living with her parents in Georgia. She did not have any previous criminal history, Berlin said.

As part of the plea, Jones

also will pay \$7,700 to the intended victim. Jones' attorney, Stephen Hall, declined to comment after the hearing.

Clifford Ward is a freelance reporter.

In her final days, she put kids first

In Peoria, tearful farewells said to Chalise Scholl

BY DEANESE WILLIAMS-HARRIS

In the last weeks of her life, Chalise Scholl would go to carnivals around her home in Peoria and play all the games, giving whatever prizes she won to children.

"She certainly went to plenty of carnivals and won prizes," said her best friend, Paris Green. "But as she lost the ability to walk, she isolated herself and would only respond through text and phone to close friends."

Scholl died last week of cervical cancer, two months after she launched a campaign on Facebook selling "Krazii Strong" wristbands — a nod to her nickname — to cover her funeral expenses. She was 37.

Scholl ended up raising nearly \$30,000 once people learned of her story. After paying for her arrangements, she helped whomever needed help, an aunt said.

"My vehicle broke down while I was here from Tennessee taking care of her, my mother and a sister who just had surgery, and Chalise purchased me another vehicle" for \$800, said the aunt, Meri Baucom. "I was against it, but Chalise would not accept no for an answer."

On Tuesday, dozens of friends and family members gathered at a funeral home chapel in Peoria to say their last goodbyes and remember someone who showed grace and strength as her cancer grew worse and worse.

Many of them wore red and black, Scholl's favorite color combination. Some bent down to kiss her fore-



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS
Amber Randle, center, mourns while leaning on the casket of Chalise Scholl at Swan Lake Memory Gardens on Tuesday in Peoria.



After her cancer diagnosis following her mom's death, Chalise Scholl started a campaign that clicked with many.

head, while others hugged her and cried. To the right of the open casket was a ring of red roses, the name Krazii in the center.

"Chalise is what the world needs," said Ebony White, 33, a friend from

childhood who reconnected with Scholl in 2012. "She'd rather go through things without asking for help. But when people needed things, she'd go help even if she had to go without. She was that sweet of a

person."

Charlitha Foster, 35, told the gathering that she met Scholl in March while undergoing chemotherapy. "Check on your strong friends, and she was that for me," Foster said. "She was there every step of the way. She told me to keep fighting — the marathon continues."

Scholl was buried next to her mother.

Scholl was diagnosed with stage four cervical cancer about a year and a half ago, not long after the death of her mother, Gail, who had heart disease and breast cancer.

Scholl cashed in her life insurance policy to bury her mother. So as her disease progressed, Scholl decided to raise money for her own funeral, selling wristbands for \$4 apiece. A friend set up

a GoFundMe page. A restaurant near her home held a benefit.

In June, a scan showed her treatment had not stopped the cancer, so she decided to stop chemotherapy and agreed to hospice care at an aunt's home. She died last Wednesday, 18 days after her grandmother died.

"She died peacefully surrounded by friends and family," said one of Scholl's aunts. "When her grandmother died Aug. 3, I asked her to just give me a couple of weeks to get over my mom's death. She held on 18 days."

The death of her grandmother, Eleanor Hall, was too much stress on her frail body, said Green, her best friend.

"We tried to make her

comfortable and it was difficult, and every time we asked her how was she feeling she said OK. But it was too much for her body."

Many spoke of her kindness toward others, even during her final days. Scholl was an avid lover of hip-hop music and created her own raps.

"She was like a best friend to all who knew her," said Jeannie Rondaia.

Scholl was the godmother of Rondaia's 3-year-old children, Addison and Ayden.

"She loved my twins even before they were born, and always made time for them," Rondaia said. "Now she is watching over all of us from above."

Chicago Tribune's John J. Kim contributed.

After 44 years, Bridgeview's Dukes Drive-in set to pack it in

BY FRANK VAISVILAS

Brothers Mike and Pat Grogen recently sat outside Dukes Drive-in reminiscing about their fun times at the summer hot spot.

Mike Grogen, 67, said back in the day hot rods and classic cars used to line up outside the Bridgeview eatery on Friday and Saturday nights waiting for a spot to pull in.

"It was always a good time," said Pat Grogen, 71. "You would look forward all week long to come here."

He said he now wants to hang onto one last memory of Dukes. Grogen, who now lives in Indiana, said he simply was visiting his old favorite spot before it closes.

Earlier this month, the restaurant's owner on Facebook announced that the

44-year-old eatery at 8115 S. Harlem Ave. will close Saturday. The post garnered about 900 reactions, 500 comments and 1,000 shares.

An operator of the eatery plans to open at a nearby undisclosed location.

"We have been family owned and operated the last 44 years and we plan to keep going strong," the Dukes Facebook post read. "We have been known for our car shows and would like to keep it going upon our reopening."

Bill Humphrey, the current owner of Dukes, is selling the old site to a land developer.

"They kind of gave me an offer I couldn't refuse," he said.

A Panera Bread restaurant is apparently being planned to be built on the



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Dukes Drive-in at 8115 S. Harlem Ave. will go to a new site.

site, according to village officials at a recent village board meeting.

Humphrey said his nephew Greg "Bud" Mazak has been running Dukes the past 10 months and hopes to reopen on Harlem at an undisclosed location. Humphrey said a building is

already there but they would have to make some modifications.

He said if all goes well, the new Dukes could open sometime in November.

Mike Grogen said he knew the original owner, the late Duke Ziegler, who opened Dukes in 1975.

Humphrey is Ziegler's son-law.

Grogen said Ziegler was a truck driver and he opened the restaurant to serve the kind of food truck drivers enjoyed.

"They've always had good food here," Grogen said.

The restaurant, known for its hand-trimmed Italian beef, also sells hot dogs, hamburgers and Italian sausages delivered fresh every day from the same family for more than 25 years, according to its website.

"I hope they do relocate, but it won't be the same," said customer Joe Eppolito, 43.

He said he's been coming to Dukes since he was a child and was sad to see it go.

"It's been a piece of

history of this place," Eppolito said.

Margaret Mroczko, 52, said she'll be sad when Dukes closes because it's close to her home and she always enjoyed the beefs.

Humphrey said he thanks all Dukes' loyal customers.

"It's been bittersweet without a doubt," he added.

Humphrey said he hopes customers continue to support the business when it reopens.

On Friday and Saturday, one last "blow out" car show is promised at the Harlem site.

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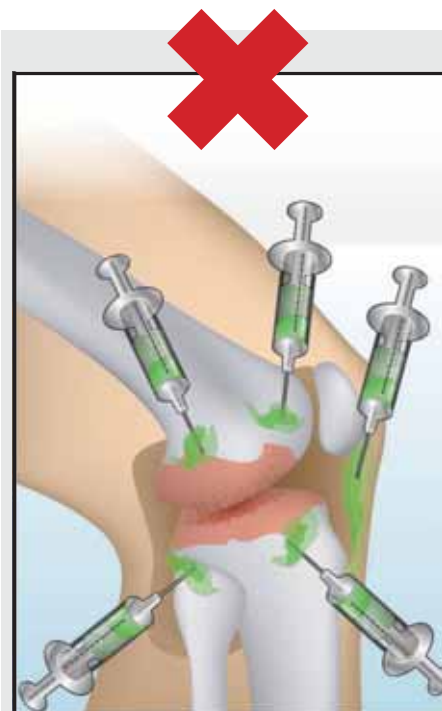
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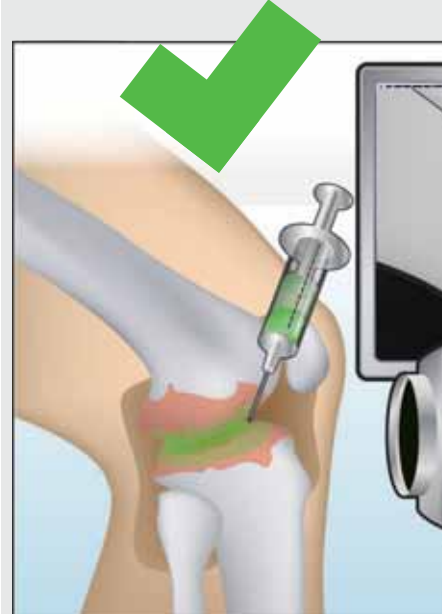
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A memorial in an alley in the 8000 block of South Damen Avenue in 2015 marks where Tyshawn Lee, 9, was fatally shot.

Boy's execution a revolution in Chicago's cycle of violence



DAHLEEN GLANTON

Do you remember what happened to 9-year-old Tyshawn Lee? He was walking to his grandmother's house, dribbling his basketball along the way, when someone lured him into an alley and executed him.

The gunman shot Tyshawn in the head at close range, partially severing the boy's thumb as he tried to block the bullet with his hand.

It is difficult, even four years later, to think of this tragedy. Nothing about it makes sense. In 2015, this was one of the most heinous killings Chicago had ever seen. It still is.

But the child's death has opened a rare window into the cycle of violence that permeates neighborhoods where splintered gangs rule the streets, implementing their own system of justice for crimes committed against each other.

The trial for the man accused of killing Tyshawn, 25-year-old Dwight Doty, will be the final chapter in this disturbing saga of murder and retaliation that may have

begun with the shooting death of a 29-year-old mother two years before Tyshawn's death.

On Monday, Cook County Judge Thaddeus Wilson denied Doty's request to defend himself in court, calling it a "ploy for delay." Thank you, Judge Wilson. Tyshawn's death deserves to be treated with more dignity than the circus a defendant defending himself would have created in the courtroom.

It is time we got this sordid episode over with, though we can never put it entirely behind us. The move kept the trial on schedule to begin in mid-September.

The facts of this case are chilling. What we know is that Tyshawn stopped at a park on the way to his grandmother's house that November afternoon, set down the basketball he carried with him everywhere and took a seat on the swing set.

Before long, according to authorities, three men drove up in an SUV. Prosecutors claim that one of the men, Corey Morgan, had been on a mission to kill "grandmas, mamas, kids and all" to avenge the shooting death of his brother, Tracey Morgan, and the wounding of their mother the month before. Tyshawn's father was a

member of a rival gang, according to authorities. His gang activities allegedly made his son a target.

Doty is the one who allegedly approached Tyshawn in the park, lured him away with the promise of candy, and executed him point-blank in a nearby alley. Morgan and the third suspect, Kevin Edwards, also are scheduled to go on trial next month in Tyshawn's slaying.

All of them are believed to have been among the many cowards hiding behind a shield of street gangs with names like Terror Dome, Killa Ward and Bang Bang Gang that were responsible for a series of shootings that terrorized the Auburn-Gresham neighborhood over several months.

Authorities said the gang war between the factions involved as many as 15 shootings, including at least five homicides.

The murderous spree may have begun in 2013 with the death of Shawntina Burpo, a 29-year-old mother of three who was killed in a drive-by shooting. Burpo, who was not the intended target, was hanging on the block with several people at the time.



Tyshawn

Two years later, Tracey Morgan was fatally shot on Oct. 13, 2015, after leaving a mandatory anti-gang program for parolees. His mother, who was driving

the car, was wounded in the gunfire.

Five days later, 19-year-old Brianna Jenkins was shot to death while sitting in a car with a reputed gang member who was wounded. She was not the intended victim either.

The next month, Tyshawn was executed. And the following spring, Tyshawn's father, Pierre Stokes, was charged with three counts of aggravated battery with a firearm and other offenses for allegedly shooting Corey Morgan's girlfriend. Stokes allegedly shot the woman and two other men on the same day prosecutors revealed that the gunman had considered torturing Tyshawn by cutting off his fingers and ears.

Police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi issued this statement at the time:

"Mr. Stokes, who was involved in a gang lifestyle, ultimately suffered an unspeakable loss with the calculated execution of his son. Despite this, he continued to engage in the same gang activity that started this initial cycle of

violence."

The statement raised a disturbing possibility. Perhaps we are helpless in stopping the senseless cycle of murders that have become ingrained in many of our poor and most vulnerable neighborhoods.

Even as arrests may have slowed the cycle of revenge murders that led to Tyshawn's death, others murderous cycles continue to turn viciously on blocks not far away.

Maybe what was once was considered to be a policing issue has now become a societal problem that is much deeper than anything we are prepared to deal with as a city. It is quite possible that no one — not the police, the mayor, the aldermen, or the law-abiding people of Chicago — have the answers or the ability to stop these senseless killings.

Perhaps we have already lost this war to the streets. But even if that is true, we cannot, in fact we must not, concede. Even though we don't have a clue, we have to keep on fighting as though we have a strategy that we are confident will lead to victory. And perhaps, in time, we will.

We owe that to Tyshawn and every other child.

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Sentence

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tinuing to bring firearms into the city even though he was "no stranger" to the havoc illegal weapons wreak.

Morgan's own brother, Tracey, was murdered by rivals in a 2015 attack that also wounded his mother, the judge noted. And his other brother, Corey, is awaiting trial for his role in Tyshawn's killing, which was allegedly orchestrated by Morgan's gang as payback.

Morgan, dressed in all black with his long, braided hair pulled back in a ponytail, stood at the lectern before he was sentenced and apologized for his actions, saying he was "deeply ashamed" and knew what he did was illegal.

When Norgle pressed Morgan on who exactly he

believed the guns were going to, Morgan replied haltingly, "friends, brothers," before trailing off.

After a long silence, Norgle shot back, "Have you completed that sentence?" Later, the judge said Morgan's statement was "a total failure to accept the reality of the situation, especially in light of the collateral consequences in this case."

Morgan, 32, admitted in a plea agreement with prosecutors that he bought at least seven firearms from a straw purchaser in New Mexico — identified in the charges only as Individual A — and gave them to his brother and other members of their Black P Stones gang faction.

One of the those guns — a .40-caliber Smith & Wesson — was allegedly used by an accomplice of Morgan's brother Corey to kill Tyshawn, a shooting described by federal prosecutors as one of the most "heinous" crimes in Chicago in recent memory.

Another weapon bought by Morgan was used in a homicide in January 2016 on West Belle Plaine Avenue, while ballistics evidence showed that a third was used in an April 2015 shooting less than a mile from Morgan's home that wounded three people, prosecutors said.

Yet another gun was found in Morgan's car on the Fourth of July 2017



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Before his sentencing, Anthony Morgan said he was deeply ashamed and knew he had done wrong.

after police responded to a call of shots fired, according to prosecutors.

In asking for the maximum five-year sentence, Assistant U.S. Attorney James Durkin said Morgan's actions helped fuel a rash of gun violence that was among the worst the city had seen in decades.

"Our city is awash in illegal guns," Durkin said.

Morgan's attorney, Susan Pavlow, asked for leniency, saying Morgan had no felony record and a steady job with the U.S. Postal Service at the time of his arrest. He also helps support his four children, she said.

In a recent court filing, Pavlow detailed the difficult circumstances of Morgan's upbringing in Chi-

cago's Auburn Gresham neighborhood, where from a young age he "recalled seeing people carry guns and getting shot just walking to the store."

"While Anthony never meant to harm anyone, it deeply troubles him to know that his conduct may have caused anguish to other families affected by firearm-related crimes, particularly in light of his family's tragedy," Pavlow wrote.

Morgan, who has been on home confinement since his arrest in March 2018, was allowed to remain on bond and self-report to prison later this year. He did not speak to reporters as he left the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse with his mother and other supporters.

Outside the courtroom, the lead investigator on the case, Special Agent Craig Fries of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said cases like Morgan's show how firearms trafficking leads to "tragic stories that happen every day in Chicago."

Fries is expected to testify against Morgan's brother and two others charged with first-degree murder trial in Tyshawn's slaying, a trial scheduled to get underway next month at the Leighton Criminal Court Building.

The killing of Tyshawn resulted from a gang feud stretching back years, au-

thorities have said. It reached a critical point in mid-October 2015 when the Morgans' other brother, Tracey, 25, was shot and killed shortly after leaving a mandatory parolee meeting with Chicago police on the South Side.

The Morgans' mother, who was in the car with her son, was wounded in the attack, authorities have said. A few weeks later, Corey Morgan and two other gang members were out looking for revenge when they spotted Tyshawn, a fourth grader at Joplin Elementary School, walking to his grandmother's house after playing basketball in the park, police and prosecutors have said.

Tyshawn was the son of Pierre Stokes, who was suspected in the shooting that killed Tracey Morgan. The alleged gunman, Dwight Boone-Doty, chatted with the boy, bouncing his basketball for a time, authorities alleged. He lured him into the alley in the 8000 block of South Damen Avenue, telling the boy he would take him to the store and buy him anything he wanted, prosecutors said.

At the T in the alley, Boone-Doty turned and faced Tyshawn before he shot him repeatedly, the charges alleged.

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Suburban rep joins call to impeach

Krishnamoorthi is 10th Dem in Ill. delegation to do so

By Rick Pearson

U.S. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi, who represents the west and northwest suburbs, on Monday became the 10th Democrat in Illinois' congressional delegation to back impeachment proceedings against Republican President Donald Trump.

"We have now come to a point where we must engage in an investigation to not only expose wrongdoing and prevent it from happening again, but also to determine whether the current president engaged in behavior meriting the beginning of impeachment proceedings," Krishnamoorthi, the 8th Congressional District representative from Schaumburg, said in a statement.

"I come to this conclusion with a heavy heart, and it is not a conclusion I relish or desire, but if the 'rule of law' is to have any meaning in this country, it is the only appropriate course of action," he said.

Krishnamoorthi sits on two House investigatory committees, oversight and intelligence, but had previously supported having the House committee process play out before backing impeachment proceedings.

But House Judiciary Chairman Jerrold Nadler of New York has said his panel has essentially begun an impeachment proceeding as it seeks documents and testimony from the Trump administration, citing in court documents the legislative branch's constitutional role in impeachment.

Krishnamoorthi said he has reviewed both classified and unclassified documents as part of former special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election and possible involvement with Trump's campaign.

"Despite the Trump administration's refusal to provide requested witnesses and documents in our ongoing investigations, we have still uncovered serious, troubling evidence of unethical and illegal behavior by the president," Krishnamoorthi said.

Krishnamoorthi becomes the 131st member of the House to back at least impeachment proceedings against Trump, with all but one of the members coming from the Democratic majority in House.

He's also the 10th Democrat among the state delegation's 13-5 Democratic majority to urge pursuing impeachment. In addition to Krishnamoorthi, an inquiry is backed by Reps. Brad Schneider of Deerfield, Lauren Underwood of Naperville, Sean Casten of Downers Grove, Robin Kelly of Matteson, Jan Schakowsky of Evanston and Chicago Reps. Mike Quigley, Bobby Rush, Danny Davis and Jesus "Chuy" Garcia.

The other three Democratic members of the delegation have taken a wait-and-see stance along the lines supported by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. They are: Reps. Bill Foster of Naperville, Dan Lipinski of Western Springs and Cheri Bustos of Moline.

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U.S. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi, D-Schaumburg, said impeachment was the only appropriate course.

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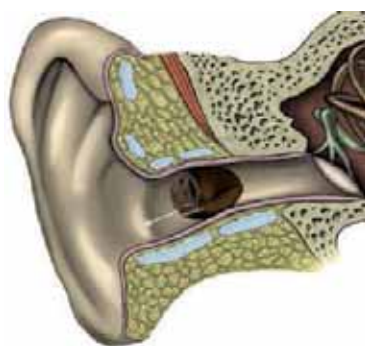
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Mayor

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said she feels good about what her administration has done so far, but knows reform is still very much in progress.

"Changing the culture that aldermanic prerogative is such a part of has not been easy, it's not over, we haven't declared victory," Lightfoot said. "But I think we've taken some very positive steps."

Since taking office on May 20, Lightfoot has signed an executive order aimed at limiting the power aldermen wield in city departments and got the City Council's unanimous approval of her ethics reform package, which includes measures aldermen have long opposed.

But her first 100 days efforts encompassed more than government ethics.

Faced with gun violence that's even garnered national attention from President Donald Trump and his daughter Ivanka, Lightfoot has held weekly "accountability" meetings with police to stress urgency. She also pushed through a fair workweek ordinance requiring businesses give workers more advance notice of schedules — a progressive measure previously quashed by former Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

She's also proposing changes to the city's fines and fees program, which she calls an "addiction" that hurts the working poor.

"Have we done everything in 100 days? Of course not. Is there a lot more that needs to be done? Yes," Lightfoot said. "But I feel very good about where we are and also setting the right tone for city government."

The first-time elected official also said she feels good about her City Hall team.

Despite her early victories, Lightfoot faces challenging days ahead. On Thursday, she's expected to unveil a budget deficit approaching \$1 billion, and several major unions still haven't resolved their contracts. A potential teachers strike looms.

Many aldermen are privately upset with her for not communicating with them enough and for stripping some of their powers.

Lightfoot, who entered office after winning all 50 wards and 74% of the vote, also is grappling with criticism from some progressives that she hasn't been enough of a break with Emanuel.

Ald. Tom Tunney, 44th, whose ward includes Lakeview, said she's done well on ethics reform and the scheduling ordinance. But, he says, "We're going to have a tough budget season."

"I think part of that is bringing in aldermen and trying to figure out how we collectively can settle on a budget and try to make sure that it works for everybody, including, I would hope, lessening the dependence on property taxes," Tunney said. "I think that's going to be a really big challenge, and of course, you know, behind the teachers union contract is police and fire."

Contracts and finances

After Lightfoot's Thursday evening address, she plans to hold neighborhood town halls across the city. The administration also is conducting an online survey asking people to weigh in with their fiscal priorities, as well as which taxes they would increase to offset its expected budget hole.

How Lightfoot fills the shortfall could be politically unpopular, as the city's next budget is certain to include some sort of tax increases.

Southwest side Ald. George Cardenas, 12th, predicted a "robust debate" around the budget.

"I can tell you we're going to look for a solution, and it's not going to be just rubber-stamping a property tax or any notion," Cardenas said. "I think we're going to have robust discussions about what decision we make. We're going to have to tighten our belt."

South Side Ald. David Moore, 17th, said it's long been known that the budget would have a major shortfall and the public will appreciate Lightfoot being "honest about the numbers." But once that's done, devel-



Mayor Lori Lightfoot after being sworn in at an inauguration ceremony at Wintrust Arena in Chicago on May 20.

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Chicago Police 15th District Commander Ernest Cato speaks to Mayor Lori Lightfoot during the National Night Out gathering at Moore Park in the Austin neighborhood this month.

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opment on the city's South and West sides will be important for her to focus on, Moore said.

It's not yet clear how Lightfoot plans to offset the expected budget hole, but she's approached legislators in Springfield for help and floated some ideas that could include a sales tax on professional services, which Illinois lawmakers would need to authorize. In July, Lightfoot also said she might pursue raising the real estate transfer tax on expensive property sales.

Lightfoot was sworn into office shortly before the state legislative session ended and didn't get a bailout from Springfield. The legislature did pass a bill allowing a Chicago casino, though a recent consultant's report said the tax structure lawmakers approved was "very onerous" and could fail to attract an investor.

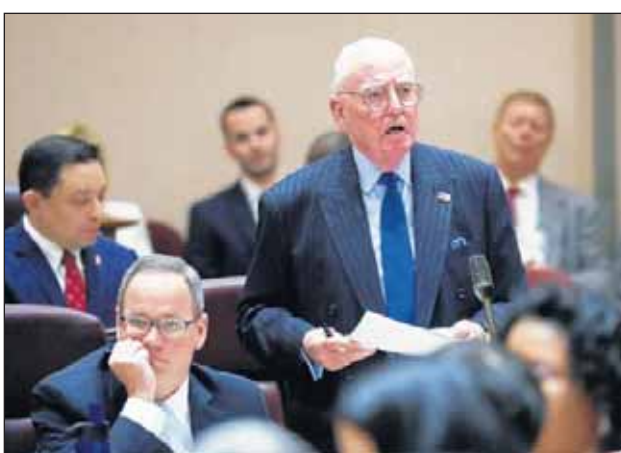
Nevertheless, local officials hope Lightfoot's attempts to build relationships with state lawmakers will pay off down the line for Chicago. Ald. Harry Osterman, 48th, a former state rep whose ward includes parts of Uptown, Edgewater and Andersonville, praised her efforts.

"She spent some quality time in Springfield before the end of session, which I think, as a former state rep, it's needed that there's a good relationship between the governor, the mayor, the legislative leaders but also the rank and file," Osterman said. "I think that was important for her to get down there and spend time and develop relationships."

In addition to pushing through her first spending plan, Lightfoot could spend this fall sparring with the Chicago Teachers Union, which on Monday rejected a fact-finder's report that largely sided with the mayor.

CTU's decision started the clock ticking on a potential teachers strike. The union's leadership wants a shorter contract with more promises on staffing for social workers, librarians and nurses. Lightfoot has stopped short of agreeing to include contract language addressing the school staffing shortages the union has identified as a key facet of any deal, but has said it's in the district's budget.

CTU Vice President



Presiding over her first City Council meeting, the new mayor or shut down the embattled Ald. Edward Burke.

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Stacy Davis Gates, a frequent Lightfoot critic, wouldn't predict whether the teachers union will strike.

But, she said, "What prevents a strike is that the promises that candidate Lightfoot made become commitments that Mayor Lightfoot puts in writing and enshrines in an enforceable contract, that she allocates funds for in the budget, that she taxes wealthy people in order to realize (change)."

Lightfoot told the Tribune she soon may have something "concrete" to say about the police supervisors contract, and she recently met with the firefighters union president to talk through issues.

The contract with the Fraternal Order of Police, the union representing rank-and-file Chicago cops, may be thornier. She's argued with the union for accountability reforms and was caught on a hot mic calling a union vice president "this FOP clown" during a City Council meeting.

Challenging the council

Many aldermen privately bristle at Lightfoot's criticism of the city's political system, and some feel they aren't consulted often enough.

Lightfoot told the story of the unnamed alderman complaining about how she spoke to Burke in June during a Reform for Illinois luncheon.

As the alderman who relayed the complaints left her office, Lightfoot said, her staff rushed in to tell her federal prosecutors had just indicted Burke on sweeping corruption charges.

to vote for the expanded inspector general powers, Lightfoot noted.

Though she hasn't said what her next reforms will be, Lightfoot has vowed to curb the sway aldermen hold over zoning matters in their wards.

"We can't really successfully change aldermanic prerogative but say carte blanche when it comes to zoning," Lightfoot said in May. "We're not going to do that. We're going to drive change there as well."

Behind the scenes, some wonder whether the mayor's actions on aldermanic prerogative and reform rhetoric will lead to aldermen bucking her agenda.

But ousted Ald. Joe Moore, who served as a high-profile foil to Mayor Richard M. Daley before becoming a close Emanuel ally, said he hasn't seen real signs of that happening yet.

"If they're not willing to fight to keep some of the powers that they had before, that helped them manage their wards, it's hard to see whether they're going to object to even a politically unpopular budget," Moore said, adding, "Nobody ever went broke betting against the City Council exerting its authority."

Asked how she feels about her relationship with the City Council, Lightfoot said it'll always "be a work in progress."

"I'm never going to make all of them happy, particularly because I'm disrupting their status quo, I'm pushing them out of their comfort zone. So there's always going to be someone you can run to and stick a microphone in front of and say, 'Tell me terrible things about Mayor Lightfoot,'" she said. "There are going to be people who are going to gleefully do that. Actually, I respect those people more when they put their names on the record than the people who hide in the shadows and carp."

Progressive criticism

Socialist Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, 35th, said he's so far been disappointed in the Lightfoot administration, despite the fair workweek measure.

"It's certainly progressive, but given the past eight years of Rahm Emanuel, given the new council, we really needed an FDR," Ramirez-Rosa said. "Instead here, it seems like we're getting a Jimmy Carter or Gerald Ford."

Several progressive groups appeared at City Hall on Monday to criticize Lightfoot, including United Working Families, a quasi-political party closely aligned with progressive public unions. Standing with advocates for affordable housing, neighborhoods and immigrants, UWF Executive Director Emma Tai said the groups give Lightfoot a "D" for her first 100 days.

"She hasn't failed yet, but it's a far cry from what the people of Chicago were promised when they voted for her in April," Tai said.

The groups are upset Lightfoot so far has not closed loopholes in the city's

Welcoming City ordinance and for reversing her pledge to support an increase in the real estate transfer tax for homeless services. Instead, Lightfoot has suggested she wants that money to fill the budget deficit.

Asked about the groups' criticism, Lightfoot first noted it came from some progressive groups "affiliated with CTU."

"The reality is, you can't please everyone. I'm old enough to know that I have to speak and act based upon my values and what my North Star is, and I think we're doing that," Lightfoot said. "We have laid a foundation for helping low-income and working-class families."

She also pointed out that she's personally handed out "know your rights" flyers against threatened Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids in immigrant-populated neighborhoods like Little Village and rhetorically asked when a Chicago mayor last did that. "Maybe never?" she said. "So I feel pretty good about where I'm at."

Police

Arguably one of the toughest tasks facing Lightfoot is curbing Chicago's violence. The city deals with multiple shootings every weekend.

At the beginning of her administration, Lightfoot launched a weekly meeting with police brass and city officials. From the start, one of Lightfoot's goals has been pushing police to confront the city's crime problem with urgency.

Ald. Walter Burnett, 27th, who represents the booming West Loop and more economically depressed West Side areas, said, "that's just a hard one to tackle," but praised applying pressure on police.

Burnett said he has heard from police commanders in her district that they have tight mandates about not letting big crowds form. Lightfoot has been "getting on their case big-time as far as dealing with the crime situation, which is ... helpful to us," Burnett said.

"But it's still a hard nut to crack," Burnett added. "I think it's a good thing she's pushing the police to do more, to pull more solutions out of it."

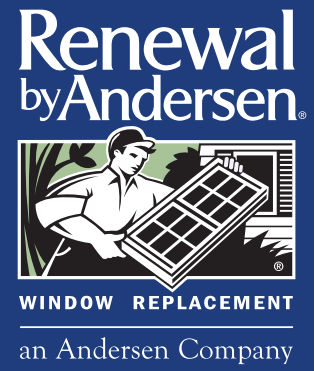
So far, the city's seen some results.

Homicides are down from 360 to 306 through Aug. 18, compared with the year-earlier period, a 15% drop, official CPD statistics show. The number of shootings have dropped from 1,534 to 1,351, a decrease of 12%, the statistics show.

Lightfoot's expressed cautious optimism about crime figures but said there's far more to be done.

"I'm not going to be satisfied until I wake up on a Saturday morning or a Sunday morning and there's no emails showing that somebody's gotten shot," Lightfoot said. "That may seem like pie in the sky, but I think that's a worthy goal for us to try and achieve."

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Expunge

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can petition a court to have the charge expunged.

Under its partnership with the county, the California-based Code for America will automate the process for Cook County convictions involving amounts smaller than 30 grams. Such offenses include misdemeanors as well as Class 4 felonies, the lowest category of felony in Illinois.

Code for America's program will sift through state and county data to identify which records are eligible for the expungement, then complete paperwork for prosecutors to submit to judges, who can formally throw out the convictions.

Code for America is a not-for-profit that will begin the work at no cost to the county, said Jennifer Pahlka, the group's founder and executive director.

The county hopes to begin the automated process as soon as possible, even ahead of Jan. 1 when marijuana legalization takes effect. Foxx wants the automatic expungements to apply to as many convictions as far back as possible, though she acknowledged the process may be difficult for older, nondigitized records.

Foxx said she has been in talks with other county authorities to prepare for the anticipated flood of expungements, including the possibility of setting up a separate court call for judges to formally vacate the convictions en masse.

In the 1960s, possession of even one joint under Illinois law was a felony with a mandatory prison sentence. By 1970, a misdemeanor possession charge of 2.5 grams of marijuana could yield a one-year sentence in county jail and a \$1,000 fine, while a felony conviction was punishable by up to 10 years in prison, according to a Tribune article from that time.

Expunged records will not appear on routine background checks, potentially making it easier for af-



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Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx announces a historic partnership to automatically clear convictions of thousands of eligible cannabis convictions.

affected people to find jobs and housing. The expunged marijuana convictions also will not appear in law enforcement databases.

The automatic expungements will require no work on the part of the affected citizens, who will get a letter from the Circuit Court clerk's office informing them their conviction has been tossed out.

Convictions from 2013 onward will be expunged by 2021, as long as at least a

year has passed since the offense took place, according to Foxx's office.

Marijuana cases that were charged along with other offenses will not be eligible for the automated program. Anyone hoping to expunge those convictions would have to go through the normal process.

Code for America has previously worked with prosecutors in San Francisco, where a pilot program helped them "clear" thousands of convictions

dating back to 1974, San Francisco District Attorney George Gascón told the Tribune in a phone interview Tuesday.

More than 9,000 convictions were affected, with Code for America handling about 8,000. Misdemeanors were thrown out and felonies were reduced to misdemeanors, Gascón said.

The biggest hurdle for Cook County will likely be getting conviction data in a form that Code for America



Code for America, under Jennifer Pahlka, will sift data to identify those eligible for expungement.

can use, Gascón said. But once that is done, "literally, you will be clearing out hundreds and hundreds of records per minute."

Expunging convictions frees people from what Gascón called a "paper prison" that affects people's lives after they have fulfilled their sentences. "That marginalizes people in so many different ways," he said. "Going through this process will begin to repair the harm that we as a society have been doing to people for so long."

Foxx came out in favor of marijuana legalization earlier this year. While it will remain illegal to get caught with more than 30 grams of marijuana, Foxx on Tuesday said her office would address those charges on an individual basis and will prioritize prosecuting violent crime instead.

"We're going to take a long-term approach for this," she said. "We don't have a simple answer for what happens above the 30 grams, we'll look at it on a case-by-case basis in line with our philosophy that we should be dealing with issues of violence."

Foxx's endorsement of legalization earlier this year was a major symbolic swing after decades of stern local adherence to drug laws, though previous state's attorneys had championed lower penalties for cannabis possession.

Chicago lawmakers decriminalized possession of small amounts of marijuana in 2012. Illinois lawmakers followed suit in 2016.

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Schedule changes on UP West canceled

Union Pacific put stop to plan due to freight conflicts

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

Planned schedule changes for midday trains on Metra's Union Pacific West Line have been canceled, after the freight railroad determined that they would result in conflicts between commuter and freight traffic.

Union Pacific, which owns three lines on the Metra system and operates them with their own employees, had wanted the schedule changes to start Sept. 3 on 11 trains on the UP West Line between Elburn and the Ogilvie Transportation Center, according to Metra.

Union Pacific wanted the changes to accommodate the federally mandated positive train control safety system, which requires more time before each departure.

But Union Pacific canceled the changes because of freight conflicts on the busy corridor, so the timetable for the off-peak trains will remain the same, according to Metra.

Union Pacific is installing a software update on Tuesday that will eliminate the need for a schedule change, said spokeswoman Kristen South.

Other minor schedule changes on the BNSF, UP Northwest, Rock Island and Heritage Corridor will take place as planned on Sept. 3. This includes the addition of more weekend trains, which were tried during a summer pilot program and will now be made permanent.

Details about the changes can be found at metrail.com.

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State takes 1st step toward selling Thompson Center

BY DAN PETRELLA

Gov. J.B. Pritzker's administration is taking the first real step toward the long-discussed sale of the James R. Thompson Center in the Loop.

The state's Department of Central Management Services announced Tuesday that it will put out a request for proposals this week for "an array of technical and project management expertise" for the sale of the state's controversial Chicago headquarters.

"The Thompson Center is an inefficient work environment for the current demands of state business," Pritzker said in a statement. "Today we are moving forward with the process of selling the facility and using the proceeds to help stabilize the pension system."

Pritzker's predecessor, Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, pushed for years to sell the 17-story, 1.2 million-square-foot building to help balance the state's finances. Lawmakers even counted on \$300 million in revenue from selling the Helmut Jahn-designed building in last year's budget, though Pritzker didn't sign into law the legislation authorizing the sale until April.

The request for proposals, which will be due Oct. 4, is the first step in a two-year process laid out in the legislation. The Pritzker administration says it makes sense for the state to sell the building because it needs more than \$300 million worth of repairs and costs more than \$17 million a year to operate.

Unlike Rauner, Pritzker isn't counting on revenue from the sale to fund day-to-day state operations. A surprise windfall of tax revenue in April helped plug the budget hole that resulted from the transaction not transpiring. Instead, the new Democratic governor wants to use the proceeds from the eventual sale to infuse cash into the state's severely underfunded pen-



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Chicago's Thompson Center, shown in April.

sion systems. The administration hasn't said how much it expects to bring in.

The eventual buyer will have to enter into an agreement with the city of Chicago and the CTA to maintain operation of the Clark/Lake CTA station that occupies part of the building.

If the building is sold, state employees will be moved across LaSalle Street to the Michael A. Bilandic Building and to other state-owned or -rented offices, according to the governor's office.

Rauner and former Mayor Rahm Emanuel wrangled over the issue for years, with Emanuel attempting to use zoning changes as leverage to gain Rauner's support for a bill that would have allowed the city to restructure some pension payments. However, the city and state did agree to include the building as part of one of the proposed sites in their failed joint bid for Amazon's planned second headquarters.

Pritzker spokeswoman Emily Bittner said the governor's office has "had a number of productive conversations with the city about the transaction, including zoning."

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot's office confirmed in a statement that the governor's office had been in touch.

"We look forward to working with the state to

review future plans for this site through our planned development process," the statement said.

Aside from zoning and the transit station, there are several other issues that could complicate the sale process.

For one, the retail space in the building's glass-enclosed atrium and lower-level food court is controlled by Boston's Winthrop Realty Trust and Chicago's Marc Realty through a master lease that doesn't expire until 2034. The state likely would have to buy out the lease before the space could be redeveloped, and it's unclear what that would mean for existing tenants.

"As we move forward, addressing the master lease will be part of the final plan," Bittner said.

After Pritzker signed the legislation authorizing the sale, the National Trust for Historic Preservation added the Thompson Center to its list of the nation's most endangered historic places. The Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit organization called the building "Chicago's foremost example of grandly scaled post-modernism."

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Village shut off 2 schools' fountains amid lead fears

University Park grappling with contamination

By ZAK KOESKE

Two schools in University Park imposed a number of water use restrictions, including shutting down drinking fountains, in response to ongoing lead contamination issues in the village, officials said.

Crete-Monee School District 201-U Superintendent Kara Coglianesi informed parents prior to the start of school last week that the district was taking steps to ensure students at Crete-Monee Middle School and Coretta Scott King Magnet School — both located in University Park — had a safe learning environment.

In a letter posted on the district's website, Coglianesi said she had met with the president of Aqua Illinois, the village's water supplier, and requested that the Illinois Department of Public Health conduct lead testing and risk assessments at both schools.

While any lead in a person's blood is not considered safe, the Environmental Protection Agency's "action level" for lead is 15 parts per billion, officials said.

Because the effects of lead exposure are more severe for young children, school districts in Illinois have since 2017 been required to inform parents if water sampling at schools find lead concentrations greater than or equal to 5 parts per billion.

The water samples drawn Aug. 8 at Crete-Monee Middle School found numerous school drinking fountains that tested well above the EPA action level, including one that was 90 times above the level on first draw and 30 times above the level after a 30-second flush, according to district-supplied data.

None of the samples drawn earlier this month

from sinks or drinking fountains at Coretta Scott King Magnet School exceeded the EPA action limit for lead, but two mop sinks and a drinking fountain tested above the more stringent 5 parts per billion standard, results showed.

As a precautionary measure, District 201-U enacted a plan at both schools that involved, among other things, turning off all drinking fountains and using supplied water dispensers in their stead, district officials said.

They said workers also installed hand sanitizer dispensers in each classroom, switched to a new chemical for cleaning tables and desks that does not need to be mixed with water, altered its food preparation process so as to use fewer pans and started flushing the water system daily.

Kenneth Surma, District 201-U's assistant superintendent for business, said the district also proactively shut off the sinks in each bathroom and installed portable hand-washing stations for students. He said the district was awaiting the results of lead testing by a private company before deciding whether to maintain the portable hand-washing stations or remove them if they're deemed unnecessary.

Many of the district's precautions go above and beyond what the EPA and Department of Public Health recommend, but Surma said it was important to show parents and staff that the district was taking the matter seriously and that all water sources — even those from which water was not typically consumed, such as bathroom sinks — were safe.

The cost of implementing the district's plan is expected to run between \$15,000 and \$25,000, Surma said. At this point the district has not requested that Aqua reimburse the costs, but the school board may make such a request in

the future, he said.

Surma said Aqua had not billed the district for water usage in June and July. It's not known yet whether Aqua will bill the district for water in August, he said.

Water testing at the district's seven schools that are not located in University Park is scheduled for Sept. 19. Afterward, the district will assess the results and put together a mitigation plan to deal with any lead-related concerns, Surma said.

In addition to likely swapping out old drinking fountains for newer models that were not made with lead solder, he said the district also plans to perform annual lead testing each spring to ensure the district's water system is safe.

Aqua Illinois did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the lead found in water at University Park schools.

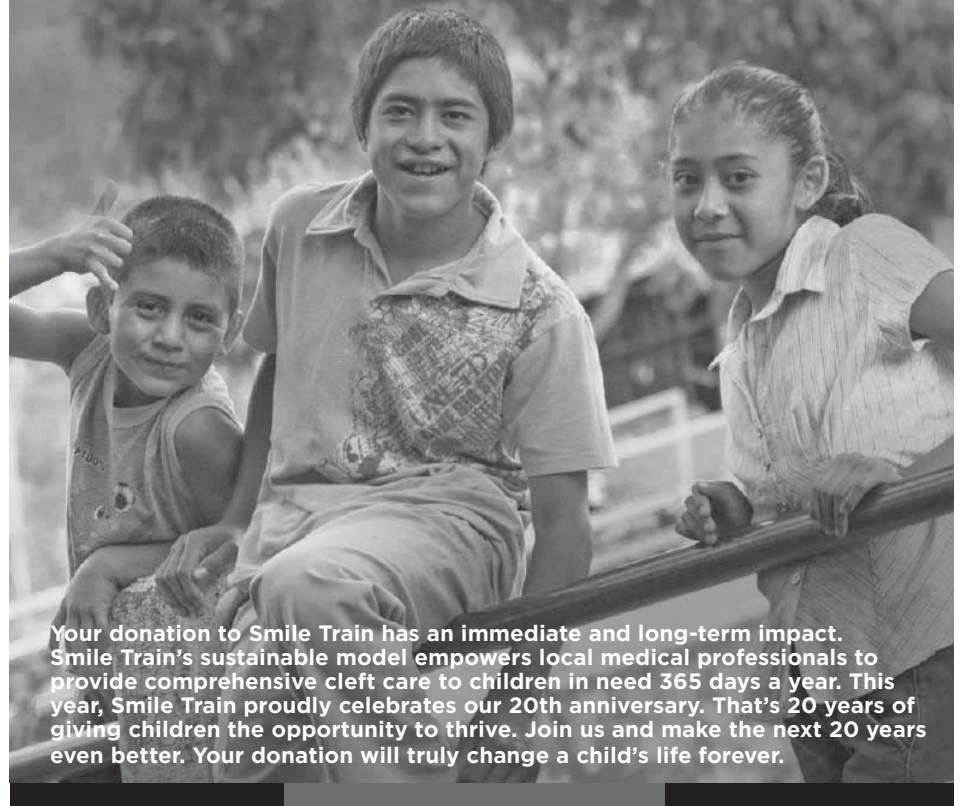
About 1,500 Aqua customers in University Park remain unable to consume water normally following the company's detection of elevated lead levels in 15 village properties on June 14, officials said.

The company has told affected customers they can safely drink tap water if they run their faucet two to three minutes before each use and use a pitcher or faucet filter certified by the National Sanitation Foundation to reduce lead.

Aqua, which was cited by the Illinois EPA and recently sued by the Illinois Attorney General and Will County state's attorney over the ongoing water crisis in University Park, continues to operate an information center at 90 Towncenter Drive where residents can get their own water containers filled and pick up bottled water, filters and apply for water sampling.

The company's president has said it could be several months before residents are able to drink tap water without restrictions.

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NEW YORK — When Donald Trump assumed the presidency, conservative religious leaders drew up “wish lists” of steps they hoped he’d take to oppose abortion and rein in the LGBTQ-rights movement. With a flurry of recent actions, Trump’s administration is now winning their praise for aggressively fulfilling many of their goals.

Mat Staver, president of the legal advocacy organization Liberty Counsel, said Trump has fulfilled about 90% of the goals on a list that Staver and other conservative leaders compiled.

“In the first two years of his administration, he’s achieved more than all of the presidents combined since Ronald Reagan,” Staver said. “He’s been the most pro-religious freedom and pro-life president in modern history.”

One of the most dramatic steps — hailed by conservatives and decied by liberals — came this month when the Department of Health and Human Services implemented a new rule for the federal family planning program known as Title X.

Planned Parenthood, long a target of religious conservatives because of its role as the leading U.S. abortion provider, quit the program — walking away from tens of millions of dollars in grants — rather than comply with a new rule prohibiting clinics from referring women for abortions.

The Labor Department recently proposed a rule that is expected to shield federal contractors from discrimination complaints regarding hiring and firing decisions motivated by religious beliefs. Critics say the rule, if implemented, would enable employers to dis-



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The Rev. Robert Jeffress, center, left, predicts President Trump will win more evangelical votes thanks to promises kept.

criminate against LGBTQ people.

This summer, the Justice Department filed a brief telling the Supreme Court that federal law allows firing workers for being transgender. The brief is related to three cases that the high court will hear in its upcoming term related to LGBTQ discrimination in the workplace.

Earlier this year, Health and Human Services issued a waiver allowing a state-contracted foster care agency in South Carolina to deny services to same-sex and non-Christian families. HHS also moved to revoke newly won health care discrimination protections for transgender people.

These and other actions aimed at curtailing abortion rights and LGBTQ rights have helped many conservative Christians overlook other aspects of Trump’s

presidency, such as his often-divisive rhetoric on Twitter and at rallies.

The Rev. Robert Jeffress, pastor of the Southern Baptist megachurch First Baptist Dallas and a frequent guest at the White House, predicted Trump would win more evangelical votes in 2020 than he did in 2016, when they helped provide his margin of victory.

“When he ran in 2016 and promised pro-life, pro-religious freedom policies, most evangelicals who voted for him didn’t know whether he would or could fulfill those promises,” Jeffress said. “When they look back now, they see he checked off all of those goals. He’ll win by an even larger margin on basis of promises kept.”

The same phenomenon being celebrated by religious conservatives is viewed with alarm by libe-

ral activists.

For the religious right, “Every day is Christmas,” said Rachel Laser, president & CEO of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. She worries that the mantra of “religious freedom” is being used to protect some Americans while hurting others.

“It can’t be religious freedom just for white evangelical Christians — it has to be religious freedom for all of us,” she said. “We’re witnessing divisiveness as Trump and his cronies and religious extremists across the country continue to chip away at church-state separation.”

The American Civil Liberties Union is among several organizations seeking to block some of the administration’s moves in court.

“This is essentially the wish list of groups that have a very extreme and dis-

crimatory perspective on what religious liberty means,” said Ian Thompson, the ACLU’s senior legislative representative in Washington.

“It’s important not to see any one of these policies in isolation but to see them as part of a coordinated effort by the administration across agencies,” Thompson said.

He urged the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives to go on record against the policies, and investigate those which seem problematic.

From both the right and left, activists noted that Trump’s numerous appointments of federal judges have been welcomed by the religious right as a potential long-term boost to its causes.

“We are heartened by the appointment of constitutionalist judges, including

two excellent Supreme Court justices (Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh), and look forward to more such appointments throughout the federal court system,” said Bruce Hausknecht, judicial analyst for Focus on the Family.

Peter Montgomery of People for the American Way, often critical of religious conservative groups, said their Trump-supported agenda “is bad news for women in the U.S. and around the world, for LGBTQ people, and for the principle that taxpayer money should not be used to fund discrimination.”

“Trump is advancing religious right priorities in the short term through administrative actions and in the long term through his appointment of young, right-wing ideologues to lifetime positions on the federal judiciary,” Montgomery said in an email.

The Trump administration actions represent a sharp turnaround from the presidency of Barack Obama, who supported abortion rights and same-sex marriage, mandated that contraception be covered by the Affordable Care Act, enabled transgender people to serve openly in the military, and issued guidance to school districts that they should let transgender students use the bathrooms of their choice.

Alliance Defending Freedom is among the conservative legal groups that has litigated against numerous Obama-era initiatives and has welcomed Trump’s moves to reverse them.

“The defense of life, free speech, and religious liberty should never be subject to political and cultural whims,” said Kristen Waggoner, an ADF senior vice president. “They are constitutional guarantees, and we are grateful that this administration recognizes that reality and is taking serious steps to correct injustice and protect all Americans.”

Brazil’s leader walks back rejection of Amazon aid

By MARINA LOPES
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The Washington Post

SAO PAULO, Brazil — Brazil’s president Tuesday retreated from his country’s initial rejection of a \$22.2 million package from the Group of Seven nations to help fight fires sweeping through the Amazon rainforest.

But President Jair Bolsonaro said any consideration of the aid remained tied up in his dispute with French President Emmanuel Macron — even as officials in the fire-stricken regions spoke of negotiating directly with other countries for help if needed.

Bolsonaro said he wouldn’t make a final decision until Macron apologized for remarks that Bolsonaro considered a challenge to his credibility and an attack on Brazil’s sovereignty.

“Before speaking or accepting anything from France, even if it comes from the best possible intentions, he must retract his words. Then we can talk,”

he told journalists.

His comments were the latest escalation of the feud between the two presidents while the world’s most precious rainforests burn.

Macron threatened last week to block a free-trade agreement between the European Union and South America, saying Bolsonaro had lied to him about his commitment to the environment. Over the weekend, Bolsonaro appeared to mock the appearance of Macron’s wife.

Brazil’s ambassador to France told national television early Tuesday that the country would reject the G-7 offer because it was not involved in the decision-making process.

Bolsonaro — a climate change skeptic — has questioned the donors’ “colonial mentality.”

“We cannot accept that a President, Macron, issues inappropriate and gratuitous attacks against the Amazon,” he tweeted. “Nor that he disguises his intentions behind an ‘alliance’ of the G-7 countries to ‘save’ the Amazon, as if it were a

colony or no man’s land.”

Macron said Monday that an international statute protecting the forest would be “a real possibility if a sovereign state took concrete actions that clearly went against the interest of the planet.”

Brazil has long been wary of foreigners’ interest in the Amazon.

Bolsonaro’s administration appeared split on whether to accept the money. His environmental minister said Monday he welcomed the aid.

“I think we need to aggregate as many tools as possible to resolve this,” Environment Minister Ricardo Salles said on Brazilian television.

Governors in the Amazon said they were willing to bypass Brazil’s federal government and negotiate directly with Europe.

“We cannot be without these resources,” Wilson Lima, the Amazonas state governor, told the newspaper Folha de Sao Paulo Monday.

Brazilian Foreign Minister Ernesto Araujo urged

European countries to channel aid through the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change instead of creating new initiatives.

“It is very clear that some political channels are trying to extrapolate real environmental concerns and use them in a fabricated ‘crisis’ as a pretext to introduce mechanisms for foreign control of the Amazon,” he tweeted.

Brazil has been open to support from some countries. Bolsonaro said Sunday he had accepted an offer from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to send Israeli airplanes and pilots experienced in fighting fires. President Donald Trump has said the United States is ready to help but has not offered specifics.

“I have gotten to know President @jairbolsonaro well in our dealings with Brazil,” Trump tweeted Tuesday. “He is working very hard on the Amazon fires and in all respects doing a great job for the people of Brazil — Not easy. He and his country have the



NASA

A satellite image released by NASA on Tuesday shows the fires in Brazil. The G-7 on Monday pledged tens of millions of dollars to help Amazon countries fight raging wildfires.

full and complete support of the USA!”

Bolsonaro thanked Trump.

“We’re fighting the wildfires with great success,” he tweeted in response to the U.S. president. “Brazil is and will always be an international reference in sustainable development. The fake news campaign built against our sovereignty will not work.”

Several of Brazil’s South American neighbors have also offered help. Bolsonaro said Tuesday he planned to meet with Colombian Pres-

ident Iván Duque to discuss the fires and “develop a joint plan that respects our sovereignty and development.”

Bolsonaro campaigned on promises to open the Amazon up for business and development. Since his inauguration in January, deforestation and fires — many of them started by farmers and loggers to clear land — have surged.

The number of blazes in the Amazon states has risen by more than 75% this year, and the rate at which they’re scorching the earth has doubled.

Obama takes on partisan gerrymandering with new initiative

By ALEXA DIAZ
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Former President Barack Obama announced a new initiative this week aimed at ending partisan gerrymandering.

In one of his first public political actions since he left the White House, Obama on Monday unveiled Redistricting U on Twitter as an in-person training arm of the All on the Line project, a grassroots advocacy campaign fighting for fair elec-

toral maps ahead of the 2020 census count and redistricting in 2021.

“Training is at the heart of organizing. It’s why I’ve always made it a priority — from my 2008 campaign until now. And it’s why I’m proud to announce @allontheline’s in-person training initiative,” Obama tweeted.

Redistricting U says it will train volunteers in U.S. cities about the redistricting process in their states and how they can counter unfair redistricting practices. The campaign says “rigged elec-

toral maps” create a system in which elected officials

“feel more accountable to the most radical parts of their base rather than to the rational, reasonable solutions that most Americans support.”

When legislative maps are drawn, partisan gerrymandering is a way politicians can manipulate boundaries to ensure as many seats as possible can

be won by a given party’s candidates to preserve that party’s power. The project argues that when politicians are focused on manipulating maps to preserve their party’s political power, the legislative progress is slowed on behalf of voters.

“Republicans in the House of Representatives refused to vote on common-sense gun laws, blocked meaningful action

on climate change, and tried again and again to repeal the Affordable Care Act and strip down the security it offers to millions of Americans,” Obama wrote in May as part of a series of Medium posts he wrote for All on the Line. “Progress on so many of the issues we care about was hurt or hindered by gerrymandering — by politicians who knew their seats were safe from any real challenge.”

One of Obama’s priorities since he left office has been supporting the work of the



Obama

Afghan schools targets of attacks

Their role as polling places brings on Taliban violence

By JON GERBERG
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The Washington Post

SPIN BOLDAK, Afghanistan — The headmaster knew violence could strike his all-boys high school at any moment. It was why he spent three nights camped out in a first-floor classroom before last fall's parliamentary elections.

But his anticipation didn't dull the surprise of the dinner-time blast from a Taliban bomb.

"It was so strong we thought that the building would collapse," Noor Mohammad recalled. Windows were shattered. Smoke hung in the air. "I was dizzy. It was like falling off a roof."

No one was injured, but it wasn't the first time the Ali Nika school was struck. Nor would it be the last.

Schools in Afghanistan sit at the nexus of education, politics and violence. Their openings are heralded by many as signs of progress in a country stunted by conflict; their students are stewards of Afghanistan's future who might one day lift it out of poverty. But schools here, as in many countries, also serve as traditional polling places — and so become targets of Taliban violence, especially during election years.

The number of attacks on schools almost doubled in the first three months of this year compared to a year before, according to the United Nations. The spike followed 192 such attacks in 2018, triple the number from 2017. Almost half of the incidents in 2018 were at schools hosting polling places for October.

Now many worry the presidential election slated for late September will bring another surge of violence. The Taliban this month promised to disrupt



Noor Mohammad, headmaster of the Ali Nika boys high school in Spin Boldak, Afghanistan, stands with his 7-year-old daughter, Bibi Roqia. His school, no stranger to threats, was hit by a Taliban bomb in last fall's parliamentary elections.

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the elections, warning civilians to stay away from campaign rallies, and has stepped up its attacks on government targets to gain leverage in peace talks with the U.S.

"It is unfair, because children have a right to education, and of course they are losing this opportunity," Afghan Education Minister Mirwais Balkhi said in an interview last month. "Schools are for the common good, and no one should harm them — not the government, not the Taliban."

Sometimes schools are directly targeted. Other times, they're collateral damage in attacks on nearby government buildings.

In the weeks following the October attack on the Ali Nika school, small donations from teachers and students helped fix the shattered windows and keep out the cold. Mohammad, the

headmaster, said not a single day of classes was missed.

"As Afghans, we are accustomed to such incidents," he said.

The school has faced threats for years. It is also a short drive from the border with Pakistan, and fighting border guards have occasionally sent stray bullets into the school's walls. Its proximity to the police station next door puts it at risk of frequent bombardments.

"We'd be safer if we were farther away," Mohammad said.

The school's windows are still shattered from a bombing in July on the street outside. No one took credit for the attack.

Mohammad now stands watch twice a day as his students file home after the final bell. He makes sure that they all turn right, toward the mud-walled huts and dusty auto parts dealers, rather than left,

toward the police station.

In June, Balkhi, the education minister, sent a letter to Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, chief executive Abdullah Abdullah and the country's election commission, demanding that no schools be used for polling in the election.

"We have many other options," he said in a recent interview, arguing that mosques and community centers should be used instead.

"Without elections we can survive, but without education we cannot," he said. "If you do not educate the young people of Afghanistan, there will be no democracy, no development, no proper state, no proper government."

He said his letter went unanswered.

The election commission says it has no choice. Schools are often the only public spaces available with

a known permanent address and reliable supplies, structures and security, commission officials said, and the use of mosques and private homes in the past has led to corruption and mismanagement. (There are no classes in Afghan schools on election days.)

The commission plans to have 5,388 polling sites around the country this year, "70 to 80 percent of which will be schools," according to Abdul Aziz Ibrahimi, a commission spokesman.

"The lives of the students are valuable to us, but elections are a national process," Ibrahimi said. "We have no other options."

Some critics have called for the Sept. 28 election to be postponed because of the threat of violence, reports of poor preparation, or possible disruption of the peace talks. Ghani and his running mate have insisted that the

vote go ahead as planned.

In a statement posted online on Aug. 6, the Taliban denounced the election as an illegitimate "ploy" put on by foreigners and "sham politicians." They warned "fellow compatriots" to "stay away from gatherings and rallies that could become potential targets."

"Our goal is to prevent the fake election process," Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said by WhatsApp voice message in response to questions about attacks on schools. "If a school or any other place is used in the election process, it will not be our fault."

Previous Afghan elections have been marred by allegations of irregularities. This year, some Afghan leaders and foreign observers are concerned that a contested election, along with ensuing violence, could complicate negotiations with the Taliban.

U.S. negotiators have made significant advances in recent talks with the Taliban, and the two sides are close to announcing agreement on an initial U.S. troop withdrawal, along with plans to start direct discussions between the militants and the Afghan government, according to U.S. and foreign officials on Friday. The Taliban have so far steadfastly refused direct talks with Kabul.

Experts say the Taliban's stepped-up attacks on schools will bode poorly for Afghanistan's future. School attendance dropped by 50% in most provinces during last year's parliamentary elections, said Balkhi, the education minister.

"Students are already under so much stress in Afghanistan," said Michael Kugelman, a South Asia expert at the Wilson Center, "but if you now have this cascading threat about getting physically harmed when you're at school, I think that will just make the educational system all the more perilous and vulnerable."

College Board ditches plan to add SAT 'adversity score'

By NICK ANDERSON
The Washington Post

The College Board is dropping a controversial plan to send colleges a single numeric rating of the adversity students faced in their communities as they took an SAT admission test, opting instead to provide separate measures to describe their high schools and neighborhoods.

Last spring, the revealing of plans to develop an "overall disadvantage level" for each SAT taker, on a scale of 1 to 100, prompted an uproar. Many dubbed it an "adversity score."

Critics said it would be vulnerable to manipulation and could unfairly taint how an actual SAT score is perceived. The test itself gauges math and evidence-based reading and writing, with a widely recognized maximum score of 1600. That scoring scale remains the same.

The College Board, a nonprofit organization that owns the test, said the new figures were meant only to provide more demographic context for admission officers to understand where students are coming from.

On Tuesday, the testing organization rolled out an admissions tool called Landscape that appeared intended to assuage critics.

Gone was the lightning-rod "overall disadvantage" number.

"It caused a lot of unnecessary confusion and also wasn't productive," David Coleman, the College Board chief executive, said in a telephone interview.

In its place will be two socio-economic ratings — one for the high school and the other for the neighborhood where the student lives. These numbers also will be on a scale of 1 to 100. Criteria in the ratings will include college attendance patterns, median household income, housing and crime data, educational attainment and the number of single-parent families.



ERIC GAY/AP 2014

The College Board's David Coleman said the plan "caused a lot of unnecessary confusion and ... wasn't productive."

Lower ratings are meant to signify relative privilege within a school or neighborhood, and higher ratings signal that a student faces relative challenges. No personal data or test scores are included in the formula.

The College Board said it plans to make the neighborhood and high school information visible to students and families next year. It had considered that step but had not committed to it.

Unlike the previous proposal, the College Board will not distill the ratings to a single number.

But nothing would prevent a college from doing that arithmetic. "Sure, you can combine any information in an application however you see fit," Coleman acknowledged.

The Landscape tool will also show average Advanced Placement test participation and results at the high school and how the individual student's SAT score compares to other scores from the high school. The tool will be audited in as many as 150 colleges this year and then made widely available in 2020, the College Board said, at no charge to colleges.

"Colleges do not use Landscape to decide who gets in and who doesn't," the College Board said. "It simply helps admissions officers give more students

from more places a fair look."

Nearly 2 million U.S. students in the high school Class of 2018 took the SAT, slightly more than the roughly 1.9 million who took the rival ACT. The ACT has no plans to use any kind of adversity rating.

One college admissions consultant who had criticized the College Board's previous adversity rating proposal applauded the change.

"This is a significant improvement that eases concerns about the transparency of the process," said Venkates Swaminathan, who is based in San Francisco. At first glance, he said, it appeared that the information "will provide another useful data point for colleges to understand a student's performance in context."

Anthony Carnevale, a research professor at Georgetown University, said the episode showed anew the tensions underlying admission tests.

"The College Board is discovering who they are and where they are," Carnevale said in an email. "They are the personnel director for America's race and class elites and their elite colleges. When they step out of that role, they make people and institutions very nervous."

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Accusers

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ing. But the judge offered Epstein's accusers an extraordinary opportunity to speak in court.

In addition to the women who spoke, statements from more than a dozen others were read in court by their lawyers.

Repeatedly, the women described themselves as survivors and said they hoped coming forward would help other women. They vented their fury over Epstein's alleged crimes and his suicide in his jail cell Aug. 10 while awaiting trial on sex-trafficking charges involving dozens of teenage girls.

"He is a coward," said Courtney Wild, who has said she was sexually abused by Epstein in Florida at 14. "Justice has never been served in this case."

Virginia Roberts Giuffre, who has said she was 15 working at President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago club when she was recruited to perform sex acts on Epstein, told the court: "My hopes were quickly dashed and my dreams were stolen."

Sarah Ransome, who said Epstein pressured her into sex when she was in her early 20s, encouraged federal prosecutors in their effort to go after those who helped the financier in his pursuit of victims, saying, "Finish what you started.



Jennifer Araoz, who accused Jeffrey Epstein of raping her when she was 15, speaks to the media outside court Tuesday.

We are survivors, and the pursuit of justice should not abate."

Among those under scrutiny: Epstein's girlfriend, Ghislaine Maxwell, who has been accused of recruiting girls and young women for his sexual pleasure and taking part in the abuse. She has denied any wrongdoing.

In opening the session, the judge called Epstein's suicide a "rather stunning turn of events."

He defended his decision to let the women speak, saying, "Public hearings

promote transparency and provide the court with insights and information that the court might otherwise not be aware of."

During the 2 1/2-hour proceeding, the women sometimes clutched one another to lend support. Most remained composed, but several cried as they described falling into Epstein's web. His suicide left some of them angry, others sad. One said she was relieved that he was gone and could abuse no others.

Some women described

their shame and embarrassment, saying Epstein manipulated them, dangling his wealth and power and connection to celebrities and political figures, while seizing on their vulnerabilities.

Several of the women chose to testify anonymously, including one who said she was 15 when she was flown to Epstein's New Mexico ranch. While molesting her, he was also "explaining to me how beneficial the experience was for me and how he was

helping me grow," she said.

She said that as he abused her, she could see framed pictures of him on a dresser, smiling with celebrities.

Teala Davies, taking deep breaths to steady her voice, said she was 17 when she was victimized. She said she thought Epstein was the most powerful person in the world.

"But the end is here, and here I stand, feeling more powerful than he will ever be," she said.

A New York City coroner ruled that Epstein hanged

himself. But one of Epstein's lawyers, Martin Weinberg, challenged that finding during Tuesday's hearing, saying an expert hired by the defense determined that broken bones in his neck were "more consistent with pressure with homicide" than suicide.

"Find out what happened to our client," the lawyer told the judge. "We're quite angry."

The judge took no immediate action on the request, and prosecutors noted that a grand jury is investigating the death.

At his death, Epstein was being held without bail, accused of abusing girls in the early 2000s at his mansions in New York and Palm Beach, Florida.

In the wake of his suicide, the warden of the federal jail and the acting director of the Bureau of Prisons were removed, and two guards who were supposed to be watching Epstein were placed on leave.

Epstein's lawyers contended he could not be prosecuted because he signed a non-prosecution deal with federal authorities over a decade ago in Florida that resulted in a 13-month stint in jail on state prostitution-related charges. Federal prosecutors in New York said that deal did not prevent the new charges.

The AP does not identify alleged victims of sex crimes unless they give their consent, which several Epstein accusers have done.



JOHN LOCHER/AP

Democratic presidential candidate Michael Bennet says he won't make the September debate stage in Texas and plans to campaign in early voting states instead.

Some Dems scramble to beat deadline, make Sept. debate

BY BRIAN SLODYNSKO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Montana Gov. Steve Bullock was told how he could qualify for the next presidential debate, but it didn't make much sense: Spend \$60. Attract a \$1 donor. And repeat, maybe thousands of times.

"You spend \$60 on Facebook right now to get a \$1 donor," Bullock said last week while campaigning in Iowa, referring to the 130,000 donor threshold that is one of the requirements to reach the debate stage in Houston next month. "I don't know if I'll make the threshold."

He's not alone. Facing a Wednesday deadline, a handful of Democratic White House hopefuls are racing against time — and odds — to qualify, trying desperately to meet the donor targets as well as reaching 2% in four approved public opinion polls.

New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand is pumping millions into online and TV advertising.

Billionaire climate change activist Tom Steyer, a late entry to the race, has also spent \$3.8 million on

Facebook ads trying to boost his name recognition and rapidly add donors.

Others simply gave up — or dropped out.

In a still-crowded Democratic field, with time increasingly running out to break into the top tier of candidates, not qualifying for the debate could doom several candidacies.

Still, many have vowed to forge on, hoping that they can reach the requirements before the following debate in October.

"We're getting to the cutoff point for a lot of lower-tier candidates," said Tim Lim, a digital strategist and fundraiser who worked on Hillary Clinton's 2016 campaign. "Folks who are in the bottom half right now, unless they start deficit spending I don't know how they are going to do it."

Though earlier debates had lower floors, the Democratic National Committee upped the stakes for the coming two. As of now, 10 candidates have reached the qualifying thresholds on donors and polling. If that holds, the mid-September debate in Houston would be the first of the cycle held on a single night. The DNC designed the

requirements to bring order to an unwieldy field of more than 20 White House hopefuls, while elevating the role of online grassroots donors who are among the party's most fervent supporters.

And in some ways they've succeeded. But for those candidates who have fallen short, there is an emerging sense of bitterness.

"It forces campaigns to (hand) over millions of dollars to Facebook — the same platform that let the Russians interfere in 2016," said Colorado Sen. Michael Bennet, who won't make the September stage and plans to campaign in early voting states instead. "If we wanted to be the party that excluded people, we'd be Republicans."

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, former Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper and Massachusetts Rep. Seth Moulton all recently ended their campaigns as they struggled to qualify.

Last quarter, Inslee spent more than the \$3 million he raised, much of it funneled into Facebook ads, pleading for donors. He hit the donor mark, but lagged in polling and dropped out last week.

AG Barr books holiday party at hotel that benefits Trump

BY JONATHAN O'CONNELL AND DAVID A. FAHRENTHOLD
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Last month, U.S. Attorney General William Barr booked President Donald Trump's D.C. hotel for a 200-person holiday party in December that is likely to deliver Trump's business more than \$30,000 in revenue.

Barr signed a contract, a copy of which was obtained by The Washington Post, for a "Family Holiday Party" in the hotel's Presidential Ballroom Dec. 8.

The party will feature a buffet and four-hour open bar for about 200 people, according to the contract.

Barr is paying for the event himself and chose the venue only after other hotels, including the Willard and the Mayflower were booked, according to a Department of Justice official.

Barr holds the bash annually, and it combines holiday festivities and a "ceilidh," a party featuring Irish or Scottish music.

"Career ethics officials were consulted and they determined that ethics rules did not prohibit him from hosting his annual party at the Trump hotel," said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Barr's decision to book the hotel marks the latest collision between Trump's administration and his business, which the president no longer operates but from which he still benefits financially.

Trump said Monday that he was likely to hold next year's Group of Seven international summit at his golf resort in Doral, Florida. Already the federal government and GOP campaigns have spent at least \$1.6 million at his properties since he entered office, according to a Post analysis, though the actual figure is likely to be higher because of the difficulty of obtain-



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Attorney General William Barr has booked a party Dec. 8 at the hotel. A critic called the booking "really troubling."

ing up-to-date records.

Barr, the nation's top law enforcement official, has previously made misleading statements regarding special counsel Robert Mueller's report that echoed those of Trump, leading experts to question Barr's independence from the president.

"It creates the appearance that high-level political appointees or allies of the president may feel like they need to spend money at the president's businesses as a show of loyalty, and that is something that makes me deeply uncomfortable and should make taxpayers deeply uncomfortable," said Liz Hempowicz, director of public policy at the non-profit Project on Government Oversight.

The Trump Organization declined to comment.

Barr's decision to book the Trump hotel is noteworthy because Justice Department attorneys are defending the president's business in court. Trump's D.C. hotel has hosted a number of foreign governments as clients, business that has generated two lawsuits, one from the attorneys general of Maryland and D.C. and the other from about 200 Democratic members of Congress.

Both cases are being considered in federal court, and the Justice Department is defending the pres-

ident's position that he has not run afoul of the anti-corruption provisions in the Constitution called the domestic and foreign emoluments clauses.

D.C. Attorney General Karl Racine, a Democrat, a plaintiff in one of the emoluments cases against Trump, said Barr's plans make him fear "that all this does is it normalizes conduct of presidential supporters or would-be supporters, who clearly know a clear avenue to curry favor with the president and that is to do business with the president's business."

White House aides, including inside the White House Counsel's Office, have warned Trump and Cabinet officials against making official visits to his properties.

Barr's event falls into a different category.

It isn't an official event — it's a party.

Walter Shaub, a former director of the Office of Government Ethics who has been a critic of Barr's ethics record, called Barr's decision to book Trump's hotel "one of those things that doesn't violate the rules, but it's really troubling."

"He keeps sending signals that his loyalty is to a politician and not to the country," Shaub said. "And it's part of an ongoing erosion of credibility at the Department of Justice."

Tropical Storm Dorian drenches Caribbean

BY DANICA COTO
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Tropical Storm Dorian dumped rain on the Windward Islands of the eastern Caribbean on Tuesday, gathering power on a path to brush past Puerto Rico's southwest coast and hit the eastern Dominican Republic on Wednesday at near hurricane strength.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center issued a hurricane watch and a tropical storm warning for Puerto

Rico and for the Dominican Republic from Isla Saona to Samana. Tropical storm watches were in force for Saba, St. Eustatius and parts of the Dominican Republic from Isla Saona to Punta Palenque and from Samaná to Puerto Plata.

Dorian was located about 370 miles east-southeast of Ponce, Puerto Rico, on Tuesday.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center said it had maximum sustained winds of 50 mph and was forecast to strengthen during the

next 48 hours before passing near or south of the U.S. territory Wednesday as it moves west-northwest at 13 mph.

"The biggest problem will be the rain," said Roberto García, a forecaster with the National Meteorological Service in Puerto Rico.

The storm was expected to dump 3 to 6 inches of rain in the Windward islands, with isolated amounts of 10 inches.

President Donald Trump reacted to the storm on

Twitter: "Wow! Yet another big storm heading to Puerto Rico. Will it ever end?"

In Puerto Rico, some grocery stores ran out of bottled water as people rushed to buy supplies including generators and filled their cars with gasoline.

Government officials on the island warned of possible landslides, flash flooding and power outages. Gov. Wanda Vázquez urged those living under a tarp to stay in one of the island's 360 shelters if needed.



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Jorge Ortiz works to tie down his roof Tuesday in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as he prepares for Tropical Storm Dorian.

Making donations proves the right ticket

Police allow paying fines in pet food, school supplies

By **MARISA IATI**
The Washington Post

There were too many kittens in the animal shelter, just as there had been last year and the year before that. Like other shelters that swell to capacity during cats' annual breeding season, Muncie Animal Shelter in Indiana was struggling this summer to meet the need.

"One day I was standing by the counter and somebody brought in six kittens," said Officer Chase Winkle, a spokesman for the Muncie Police Department. "And before they could get those checked in, somebody came in with another four."

To ease the pressure, police created a trade-off: For five days in July, people could pay for their parking tickets by donating to the shelter the equivalent value of cat food or litter. Residents who brought their donations to the police chief's office with a receipt proving the value got their tickets wiped away.

A police officer's daughter works at the shelter and had made the department aware of the organization's need.

Muncie is among cities across the country that are opting temporarily to accept charitable donations in lieu of monetary payments for parking infractions. From Anchorage, Alaska, to Woodstock, Virginia, municipalities are writing off tickets in exchange for school supplies or cat litter — a way to fill a community need while lessening the sting of getting a ticket.

Some cities offer a discount to people who pay with a donation, while choosing the donation option in other municipalities simply allows the payer to feel good.

In Muncie, about a dozen made donations to pay



ELLEN O'NAN/AP

For five days in Muncie, Ind., people could pay parking tickets by donating equivalent value of cat food or litter.

for \$600 in parking tickets, Winkle said. Only offenses that didn't pose a safety hazard counted: Donations couldn't resolve a moving violation or a ticket for parking in a handicap spot.

Most tickets that people paid with donations were worth about \$25 each and had been issued for parking too long in a certain zone, Winkle said.

The initiative generated buzz beyond people who used the program to pay for their tickets, Winkle said, and it inspired residents without parking infractions to donate. If someone couldn't get to the police department or the shelter, the department sent a uniformed car to pick up their contribution.

People across the country sent supplies, Winkle said, and other cities called Muncie police to ask how they had run their program.

The city's animal shelter has recently been housing about 350 cats and kittens, which causes them to use 50 bags of litter in a week, said Ashley Honeycutt, the shelter's office manager. Female cats and their litters are still coming through the doors, although the shelter usually starts to get fewer kittens by June.

Donations from the

parking ticket program alleviated some of the burden, Honeycutt said.

"Your resources really just dwindle pretty quickly. ... It was a strain off of our back to not have to worry about it," she said.

Pencils and Post-it notes are now parking-ticket currency in Las Vegas, where drivers can donate new, unwrapped school supplies that will go to a nonprofit group associated with the city's education foundation. Drivers have to bring their receipts and make the donations within 30 days of receiving their citations, dated June 19 through July 19.

Although a small percentage of people who got parking tickets in that time frame have chosen to donate, Las Vegas so far has collected \$1,707 in school supplies, city spokesman Jace Radke said.

"Nobody likes to get a parking ticket," Radke said. "But if you can pay it forward and give a donation of school supplies that will help somebody, it kind of makes it less bad."

As in Muncie, the option to pay a Las Vegas ticket with a donation applies to only citations that do not involve safety threats. A donation can resolve a meter violation, for example, but not a ticket for parking

in a fire lane.

People in Las Vegas still have a few days to pay for tickets they received in mid-July, but Radke said so far about 50 people have participated in the donation exchange. One man who had \$100 in tickets brought \$100 in erasers, Radke said.

Las Vegas has been periodically accepting in-kind donations as payment for parking tickets since 2016, when the city council authorized the occasional programs. The city usually runs one donation initiative each year, Radke said, because the programs cost the municipal government the fines they would otherwise receive.

Inspired by Las Vegas's program, Olathe, Kansas, is running an initiative in which school supplies worth half the cost of a parking ticket will wipe away the citation. The colored pencils, glue sticks and other supplies collected through Friday in exchange for tickets worth up to \$100 per person will go to the city's public schools foundation, city spokeswoman Erin Vader said.

"It's reached people that don't even have a parking ticket to pay," Vader said. "They just want to do good."

A 'racist' dog? Job complaint details talk

Cleaner says she was denied work at priest's Tenn. home

By **MEAGAN FLYNN**
The Washington Post

The home of a Catholic priest was the last place LaShundra Allen ever would have expected to be denied work because of her skin color, she said.

Allen, who is black, arrived with her white co-worker the morning of May 3 for what was supposed to be her first day cleaning the Rev. Jacek Kowal's rectory at the Catholic Church of the Incarnation in Collierville, Tennessee. The co-worker from the cleaning company who accompanied her, Emily Weaver, was quitting and came along to introduce Allen as her replacement.

But the women wouldn't get far. The secretary stopped them, Allen told The Washington Post, and said she would have to go ask Kowal if the new arrangement was OK.

The secretary soon informed them it was actually not OK — because of the priest's "racist" dog.

"I'm sorry," Kowal's secretary said, according to a complaint sent to the Catholic Diocese of Memphis last month. "We are not trying to be rude, but the dog doesn't like black people."

Allen said she "didn't really even have words," baffled at what she just heard. She was ultimately turned away, and the experience haunted her so much that she felt she could not stay silent.

"They came at me like it was supposed to be a joke," she said, "but it was not funny. There was nothing funny about it." Allen and Weaver sent a racial discrimination complaint to the Diocese of Memphis on July 3, seeking a "settlement and compromise."

But on Aug. 16, the Diocese of Memphis said in a

statement that it completed its investigation and found that what happened at the priest's rectory "simply was not a case of racial discrimination" and that Kowal "did nothing wrong."

The investigation came in response to the complaint, which was first reported by the Commercial Appeal.

In the church's version of events, the secretary's words were, "Father Jacek's dog is kinda racist" — although in the eyes of the diocese, the statement did not stem from any racial discrimination. The priest and church staff were concerned that the dog, a German shepherd named Ceaser, could attack Allen or both women, based in part on a past incident the dog had with an African American person, according to the letter from Bishop David Talley.

"Although the parish staff member's choice of words was highly unfortunate and imprecise — they were not motivated by racial animus," Talley wrote. "Rather, the concern by all involved was the safety of these women, one of whom was a stranger to the dog."

Allen's attorney, Maureen Holland, said she was disappointed in the bishop's finding.

Allen said she feared the diocese was not taking her complaint seriously, especially because the church did not respond for weeks to her letter. Blaming a dog for racism, she said, appeared to mask underlying discrimination. And she felt both discipline and training for the priest and staff should have been required.

Talley said the employees' interpretation that Kowal was "motivated by a desire not to have an African American housekeeper" was "simply not true."

He had previously employed an African American housekeeper for five years during his last assignment, Talley noted.

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Federal judge blocks Missouri's eight-week abortion ban

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A new Missouri ban on abortions at or after eight weeks of pregnancy won't take effect Wednesday after a federal judge temporarily blocked it from being implemented.

U.S. District Judge Howard Sachs put a pause on the law as a legal challenge against it plays out in court, which could take months. He added that Planned Parenthood and the American Civil Liberties Union of Mis-

souri likely will succeed in their lawsuit alleging the law is unconstitutional.

Similar laws have been struck down in North Dakota and Iowa.

Sachs' ruling says allowing the eight-week abortion ban would have blocked about half of reported abortions in Missouri. The judge wrote that it would amount to "significant interference with plaintiffs' service and the rights of its prospective patients."

Iranian president to US: First lift sanctions, then let's talk

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's president back-pedaled Tuesday on possible talks with Donald Trump, saying the U.S. president must first lift sanctions imposed on Tehran, otherwise a meeting between the two would be a mere photo op.

Hassan Rouhani's change of heart came a day after Trump said Monday that there's a "really good chance" the two could meet on their nuclear impasse after a

surprise intervention by French President Emmanuel Macron during the G-7 summit to try to bring Washington and Tehran together after decades of conflict.

"Without the U.S.'s withdrawal from sanctions, we will not witness any positive development," Rouhani said in a televised speech Tuesday, adding that Washington "holds the key" as to what happens next.

Trump pushes for new logging in Alaska national forest

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has instructed Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue to exempt Alaska's 16.7 million-acre Tongass National Forest from logging restrictions imposed nearly 20 years ago, according to three people briefed on the issue, after privately discussing the matter with the state's governor.

The move would affect more than half of the

world's largest intact temperate rain forest, opening it up to potential logging, energy and mining projects. It would undercut a sweeping Clinton administration policy known as the "roadless rule" that has survived a decades-long legal assault.

President George W. Bush sought to reverse that policy, holding a handful of timber sales before a federal judge reinstated the Clinton rule.



EBRAHIM HAMID/GETTY-AFP

People wade through the flooded village of Wad Ramli, Sudan, on the eastern banks of the Nile River on Tuesday. Flash floods from the Nile killed more than 60 people and injured nearly 100, the official SUNA news agency reported.

Trump's bank has tax records Congress seeking in subpoenas

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's biggest lender has in its possession tax records Congress is seeking in targeting the president's financial dealings, the bank on Tuesday told a federal appeals court in New York.

The disclosure from Deutsche Bank came in response to a court order as part of a legal battle between Congress and the president over access to Trump's business records.

The bank's public redacted response filed Tuesday did not identify by name whose records it has. The revelation provides

new details about the pool of possible documents Congress might obtain. The House Financial Services and Intelligence committees have subpoenaed the banks for years of financial documents from the president, his three eldest children and the president's companies.

An unredacted letter, with the names of individuals or entities, was also filed under seal and followed a spirited discussion during oral arguments last week. Lawyers for Deutsche Bank and Capital One had refused to answer questions from a three-judge panel

about whether the banks have Trump's tax returns.

At the appeals court in New York last Friday, the president's lawyers said the House subpoenas overstep congressional authority and are designed to embarrass the president for political purposes.

In a separate letter Tuesday, lawyers for the House told the court that the subpoenas for the president's tax records are lawful if the banks obtained the tax returns directly from the president or were provided to the banks by the Internal Revenue Service with Trump's consent.

2 killed, 10 hurt in crash with stolen police SUV

DAYTON, Ohio — A man released on parole from prison two weeks ago stole a police SUV near Dayton, Ohio, and crashed into a minivan filled with children, killing two 6-year-old girls, police said Tuesday.

Ten people were injured in all, including five children and the suspect.

A coroner identified the two who died as Eleanor McBride, of Huber Heights, and Penelope Jasko, of Dayton.

It all started when the father of Raymond Walters, 32, was driving his son to a hospital to undergo a mental health evaluation and when Walters found out, he

stabbed his father and took off in his pickup, police Chief Richard Biehl.

Walters soon crashed in the neighboring suburb of Riverside and then he jumped into a police SUV that had responded to the crash and sped away before colliding into at least two vehicles, police said.

US shifts Coast Guard, FEMA cash to border programs

WASHINGTON — The Department of Homeland Security is moving \$271 million from FEMA, the Coast Guard and other agencies to fund immigration detention beds and support its policy forcing asylum seekers to wait in Mexico.

Homeland Security officials say they will transfer \$155 million for temporary hearing spaces along the U.S.-Mexico border to help hear asylum cases faster. They will also transfer \$116 million to fund Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention bed space, though Congress specifically did not authorize additional ICE funding.

Democratic House lawmakers are objecting. The chair of the Homeland Security Appropriations subcommittee said the change supports "inhumane" programs and takes away necessary funding for other agencies.

Sea disaster: A boat carrying dozens of migrants bound for Europe capsized Tuesday in the Mediterranean Sea off Libya, with at least 40 people missing and presumed drowned, U.N. officials said, as a support group reported it had gotten a call from someone on the vessel "crying and shouting" that passengers had died already.

At least 65 migrants, mostly from Sudan, were rescued, said Ayoub Gassim, a spokesman for Libya's coast guard, with a search halted for those still missing.

Gassim told The Associated Press that five people were confirmed dead, including a woman and a child from Morocco whose bodies were recovered near the western town of Khoms, Libya.

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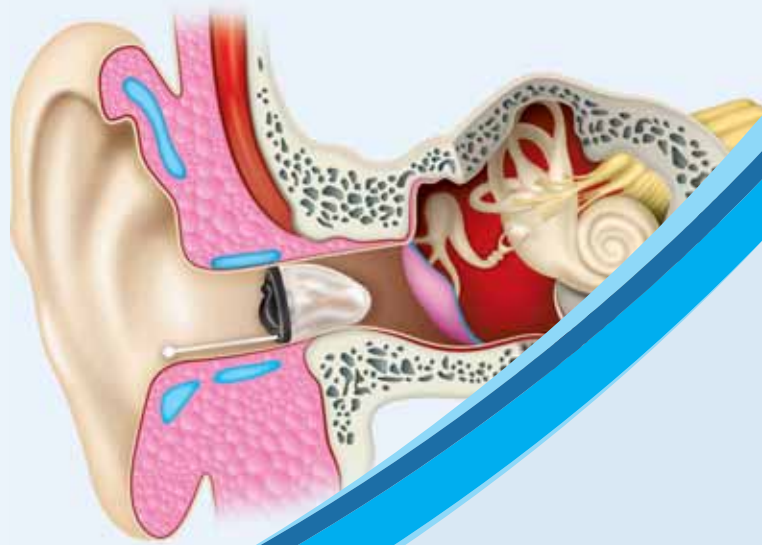
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National Transportation Safety Board investigators check the charred remains of an engine on a United Airlines DC-10 that made an emergency landing and burst into flames in Sioux City, Iowa, on July 19, 1989.

Before Capt. Sully Sullenberger, there was hero UAL pilot Al Haynes

It remains one of the most shocking incidents in aviation history: United Airlines Flight 232, bound for Chicago from Denver, loses its hydraulics when an engine explodes, threatening to send nearly 300 passengers and crew to a frightful and certain death. After 44 minutes of barely controlled flight, the plane lands in Sioux City, Iowa, where it flips onto its back and bursts into flames — all captured in a dramatic video.

There were 112 deaths, but 184 onboard survived. Pilot Al Haynes, who died not that day in 1989 but this past Sunday, at age 87, was celebrated as a hero whose mastery prevented the worst this disaster could have wrought.

The story calls to mind that of Capt. Chesley Sullenberger, who landed a US Airways plane on the Hudson River in 2009 after birds disabled the plane's engines. America watched with its breath held as Sully saved the day and all 155 people onboard survived.

Haynes lived for 30 years after the United crash with a more complicated narrative, one that blended tragedy with triumph. He mourned the 112 in his care that day who died. Survivors were injured or traumatized. Haynes himself was battered, with a concussion and 92 stitches in his scalp. "As captain, I felt I was responsible for each and every one of those people's safety," he said in 1999. "Overcoming that mentally was very hard to deal with."

It's often said that leaders get too much credit when things go right and too much blame when they go wrong. In the most challenging and dramatic circumstances imaginable — at the helm of a passenger plane at 37,000 feet with an engine in shards and control of his DC-10



Al Haynes was the pilot of United Airlines Flight 232 and one of 184 survivors on the plane. One hundred and twelve people were killed.

— failing — Haynes kept his head and saved lives by bringing down the plane at the Sioux City airport. "You want to be particular and make it a runway, huh?" he even joked to air traffic control, dissipating tension for a moment, after a controller cleared all of the airport's concrete ribbons for the inevitable crash landing.

Afterward, Haynes didn't cultivate an image of hero as solo swash-buckler. Like Sully, he credited his training, even for mastering circumstances beyond nightmares. Amid the crisis, Haynes welcomed assistance from his crew and a DC-10 trainer who happened to be on the flight. Haynes was a leader who was willing to listen and integrate the experience of others, as he'd been trained to do. The pilot, he noted, wasn't always the smartest person in the room.

In subsequent years on the speaking circuit, Haynes stressed this need for collaborative leadership. He advocated to improve airplane safety. And he reminded audiences that it was OK to need to work through trauma. "You can't get over any type of trauma or tragedy without talking about it," he told the Sioux City Journal in 2010. "I have given over 1,500 talks, and it has helped me accept what has happened."

His good work didn't end on the runway. Yet given the shock of seeing that plane break apart and burn — and then to learn that, unbelievably, so many passengers walked out of the wreckage — some couldn't help but see it as a miracle, and the pilot as the instrument of that miracle. Like Sully, Haynes became a symbol of human calm and capability beyond most people's imagining. And he's just the kind of hero all of us hope to see every time we peer into the cockpit.

Pension, bond lawsuit should get its day in court

A Sangamon County Circuit Court judge is expected to decide soon whether to allow an unconventional lawsuit that challenges Illinois' borrowing habits to proceed.

We'll cut to the chase: We hope Judge Jack Davis Jr. allows the case to move forward. Why? About 244 billion reasons. That's how many dollars the financial watchdog group Truth in Accounting estimates Illinois taxpayers eventually will owe due to unfunded pension liabilities, health care obligations and unpaid state bills. The debts have piled up over decades but accelerated since the early 2000s, dragging the state's credit rating to near junk status.

So yes, taxpayers deserve a shot at having someone contest Illinois' tradition of overborrowing. The case is considered a Hail Mary attempt, even though it raises legitimate concerns about the manner in which Illinois politicians have borrowed money in the bond market to balance budgets and pay for operations.

At this phase, the judge is merely deciding whether the case is frivolous or malicious, the threshold for tossing taxpayer cases before they can be formally filed in Illinois. This lawsuit is neither.

Brought by New York hedge fund operator Warlander Asset Management and the head of the Illinois Policy Institute, John Tillman, as an Illinois taxpayer, the lawsuit challenges instances in 2003 and 2017 when Illinois lawmakers and governors approved large-scale borrowing. The plaintiffs claim the borrowing through general obligation bonds violated the revenue article of the Illinois Constitution. The article, drafted and debated at the 1970 constitutional convention, includes language that debt can be issued for "specific purposes," such as a road-building project or a new school, not just for any purpose, which is how elected officials have applied it, the plaintiffs say.

Debate during the constitutional convention acknowledged the vagueness of the revenue language and anticipated a future lawsuit might be filed to set perimeters. Well, here it is.

The state borrowed \$10 billion in 2003 to pay down pensions and cover operational expenses. Lawmakers and Gov. Bruce Rauner approved borrowing in 2017 to pay down unpaid bills, which also violated the intent of the clause, the plaintiffs argue. The only exceptions for massive borrowing under the constitution are for emergencies or for short-term debt that can be repaid swiftly. But that's not how general obligation bond debt has been deployed.

In Illinois, government and political leaders have used borrowing to cover over the damage caused by their profligate spending. That's less a specific purpose than it is a desperate scheme.

The state, represented by Attorney General Kwame Raoul, argues the lawsuit is nonsense and should be tossed at the get-go. Raoul's office questions the motives of the plaintiffs. The hedge fund wants to protect its interests in Illinois bonds it holds, and could benefit from a wiping clear of some of the state's debt. Tillman is a long-standing advocate for fiscal discipline in government. The plaintiffs are not secretive about their motives.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker and other Democratic statewide officeholders have mocked the lawsuit and shamed the plaintiffs for pursuing a potentially injurious legal challenge that, if successful, could further destabilize state finances and limit future borrowing.

We would ask: How injurious have previous legislatures and governors been to rank-and-file Illinois citizens who now face a mountain of debt? Piling up irresponsible, unbalanced budgets and imperiling the state's five pension funds seems pretty injurious, doesn't it?

The case deserves closer examination of its merits. Killing it now would reinforce the impression that Illinois public officials are beyond challenge. If it throws a scare into Springfield's big spenders, so be it. We hope the judge, in weighing motives, considers those of all sides — including taxpayers.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

Indianapolis QB Andrew Luck retired last week.

People have imagined the next 10 years of Andrew Luck's football career that will never be, the next 50 years of his life that they can never live, and why such a seemingly fine fellow would undermine all of football by falling out of need with it.

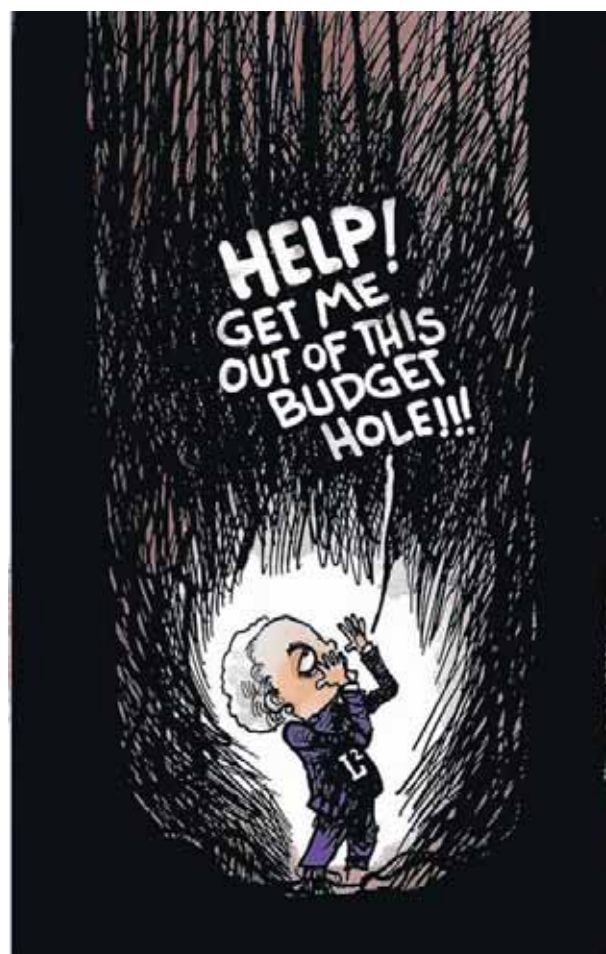
And yes, I meant "falling out of need." He probably still loves the game, but football isn't a love as much as it is an opiate.

Nobody can play the game without needing it at some atomic level, because so much of it is about denying that you actually hate a lot of it but can't give it up. Football is in many ways a penal colony existence: Up until maybe 15 years ago, water was a sign of weakness, and the idea of deriving enjoyment is the tiny core inside a great ball of suffering which few players ever truly get to unwind.

Players have to earn the joys they derive from the sport, and that price is typically the denial of joy. Andrew Luck applied his mighty brain to this equation and decided that for all the game's communal satisfactions, it was still nuts.

Ray Ratto, Deadspin

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PERSPECTIVE



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New York Times political editor Tom Wright-Piersanti was reportedly demoted after Breitbart published offensive tweets he'd posted when he was in his early 20s.

Conservatives have every right to scrooten journalists



ERIC ZORN

If the right-wing sleuths now mining social media and other venues looking for dirt on journalists critical of President Donald Trump find regrettable, offensive or embarrassing statements in my past, allow me in advance to say this:

It was satire. ... I was hacked. ... You're taking my words totally out of context. ... I was young then and those sentiments do not reflect my current thinking. ... Those are just notes for a novel. ... (and for screengrabs or photos) You're looking at digitally-altered deep-fakes!

Might it be necessary for me to pull out one or more of these excuses/explanations/misdirections?

I'm honestly not sure. I've been posting, without a filter and sometimes rashly, on Facebook, Twitter and blog platforms for more than 15 years, tangling with critics and floating notions too half-baked even for a column.

But I'm lucky enough to have come of age well before the era when it was possible to share every fleeting thought with the world. By the time

these platforms opened up I was aware of their power and relative permanence. No digital record was ever made of the stupid stuff I might have said in high school and college.

Tom Wright-Piersanti wasn't so lucky. Wright-Piersanti, a political editor for The New York Times, was reportedly demoted last week after Breitbart published a series of offensive, and in some cases anti-Semitic, tweets he'd posted when he was in his early 20s, long before he began working for the paper, and that he described in his apology as "lame attempts at edgy humor."

The tweets had been unearthed by what a Times news story a few days later described as "a loose network of conservative operatives allied with the White House" that is busily compiling "dossiers of potentially embarrassing social media posts and other public statements by hundreds of people who work at some of the country's most prominent news organizations" in order to "discredit news organizations deemed hostile to President Trump."

This network has already targeted several other media members, and its goal is clear: "To silence critics and undermine the public's faith in independent journalism," as Times Publisher A.G. Sulzberger put it in a message to his staff.

Ominous, yes.

But unfair? Media organizations

will have a serious goose/gander problem if they complain about searches of the public record for "gotcha!" moments and evidence of hypocrisy. Reporters routinely rummage through the pasts of celebrities, star athletes and titans of business as well as political figures looking for information that ostensibly reflects on their present-day character.

They have no persuasive claim to immunity, which is what former Mayor Richard M. Daley had in mind when he told reporters to go scrutinize themselves because he got "scroootened every day."

With luck, this mean-spirited effort will hasten a conversion to a culture of perspective and forgiveness when it comes to certain errors of the past. That conversion is increasingly urgent as oversharing, impetuous children of the internet grow up and assume the roles of responsible adults — and digital archives steal from us the memory-erasing mercies of the sands of time.

With luck, the effort also will help us remember our humanity.

Yes, news flash, Trump's critics are themselves flawed people. So, I suspect, are those in the "loose network of conservative operatives" now sifting through online data streams for vintage nuggets of bigotry, inanity and indecency.

What they find shouldn't and won't

diminish the impact of factual analysis of Trump's contemporary bigotry, inanity and indecency.

To fight back, media organizations seeking to reassure their journalists should establish an informal statute of limitations on what constitutes punishable offenses on social media for all but the most noxious content. And everyone should use stories like this to remind themselves, their friends and their children that today's "edgy" quip intended for a private audience can turn into tomorrow's reputation-shattering scandal.

Meanwhile, our social media platforms should give users the option of automatically deleting or privately archiving posts after a certain length of time, since in most cases they are meant to be ephemeral — and the only people reading them after a certain point are snoops.

For the past year I've used a third-party app — TweetDelete.net — that gets rid of all my tweets and retweets after a month. To date, Dame Posterity has not called to complain.

Whatever mortifying material remains in any venue, just remember it doesn't reflect the person who I am today and was merely intended to be funny if it is indeed genuine, which it probably isn't.

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Without a suitable enemy, Trump is flailing



JONAH GOLDBERG

Last week there was a sharp uptick in speculation that President Donald Trump is a few fries shy of a Happy Meal.

Obviously, this is not the first time the idea has popped up that the commander in chief's cheese might have slid off his cracker. Early in his presidency, and again in 2018, there was a lot of chatter that Trump should be removed via the 25th Amendment. Through it all, the president responded by insisting he was a "very stable genius."

But after what has seemed like a personal best in whackadoodle statements over the last few weeks, cable news networks and prominent Twitterati are ratcheting up the talk that the president's wheel might still be turning but the hamster's dead.

Whether it was his tweet declaring that American compa-

nies "are hereby ordered to immediately start looking for an alternative" to doing business in China, or his decision to cancel a trip to Denmark because the Danish prime minister didn't have a "nice" reaction to his desire to buy Greenland, or his suggestion that Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell might be a greater enemy than China's premier-for-life, it did seem as if the West Wing's nurse might have accidentally switched Trump's meds for M&Ms.

"This is not normal. And I don't mean that as in, 'Trump is violating the shibboleths of the Washington establishment,'" wrote the Washington Post's Megan McArdle. "I mean that as in, 'This is not normal for a functioning adult.'"

CNN media correspondent Brian Stelter (who often seems to define "media" as Fox News) said over the weekend: "He's getting worse. We can see it. It's happening in public but it's still a very hard, very sensitive story to cover. I'm talking of course about President Trump, about his behavior, about his instability."

I've long thought that Trump

was a perfect illustration of the old observation that rich people are never crazy; they're just "eccentric." But I am skeptical that the president's mental state has gotten worse.

Instead, his situation is getting more precarious and that is making Trump's Trumpiness more obvious. Specifically, I think the fizzle of the Mueller probe was a grievous blow to the president, for the simple reason that it removed an extremely useful political and psychological bogeyman.

Robert Mueller's investigation allowed Trump to give voice to his persecution complex. In his mind, at least, the "witch hunt" was an all-purpose excuse to whine about "fake news" and distract from other controversies. But it also served the same function for much of the right-wing media, giving them a ratings-and-clicks-rich topic to focus on.

In a sense, Mueller was a substitute for Hillary Clinton. Trump's 2016 opponent was such a reviled figure on the right, she gave many Trump-skeptical voters the excuse they needed to overlook his shortcomings. After the election, Mueller and his

"angry Dems" of the deep state served as a serviceable alternative to imposing cohesion and message discipline on the right. Just consider all of the books and thousands of hours of TV programming dedicated to the subject.

With Mueller gone, Trump is left scrambling to find a replacement. The "squad" — the four left-wing Democratic first-term congresswomen — are, collectively and individually, candidates. And they certainly have their political uses, given their radicalism, hostility to Israel, etc. His base is happy to go all-in against them. But attacking four women of color has its limits as a political strategy, especially given that Trump's electoral Achilles' heel is suburban moderate women.

Also, they pose no serious threat to Trump's presidency the way Mueller seemed to, so they do not focus Trump's mind the way the special prosecutor did.

Right now, the leading candidate for Trump's Mueller replacement is Powell. And that dog won't hunt. Trump is clearly convinced that the Fed chair is

trying to destroy his reelection chances by not lowering interest rates to goose the economy past the 2020 finish line. Some will think this is bat-guano bonkers, others won't, but the political reality is that this storyline is just too complicated to replace the Mueller narrative. It doesn't attract allies the same way, and the talking points required to sustain it are just too convoluted.

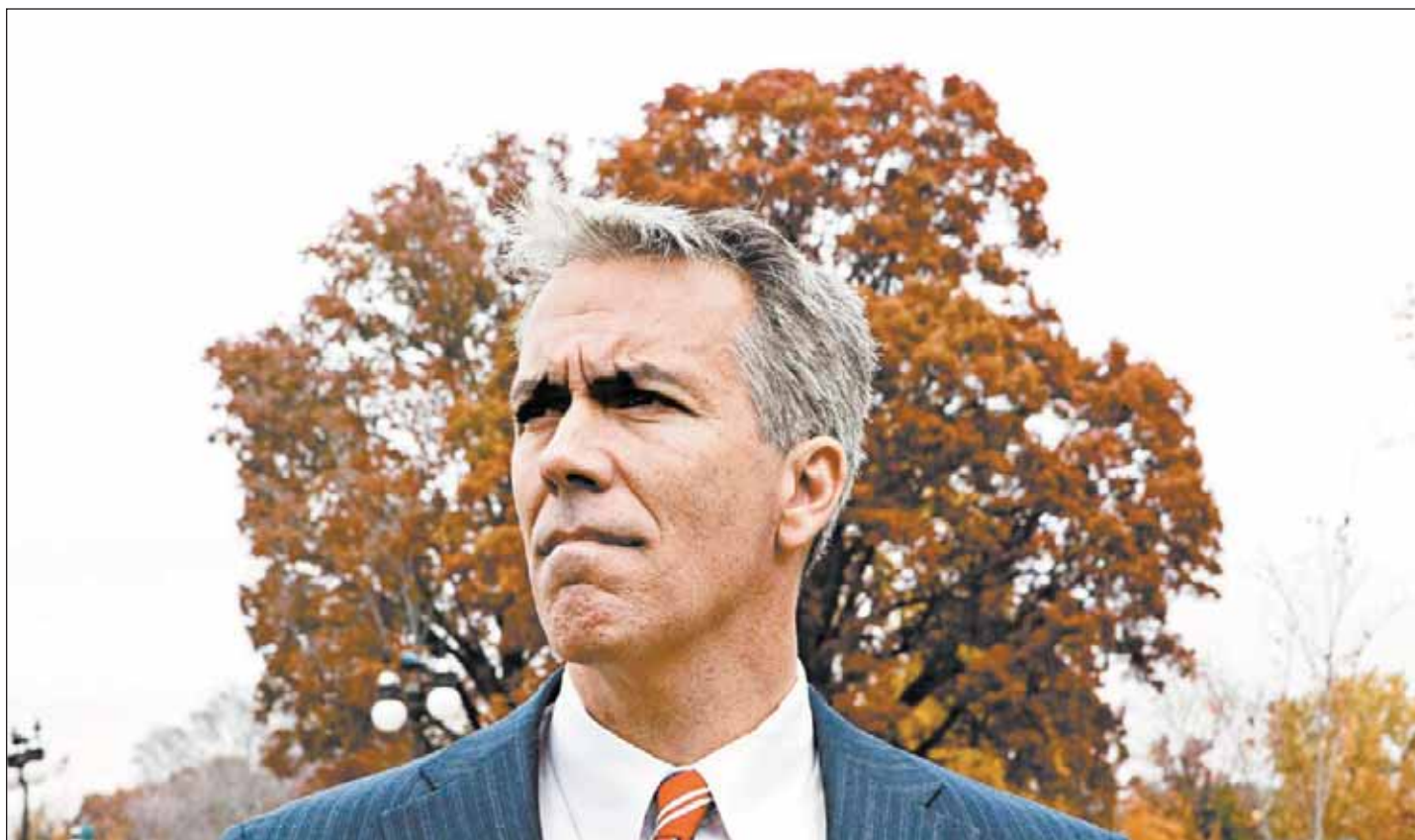
Whether or not he's a stable genius, the Trump on display now is the same one we've always seen. What's changed are the circumstances.

Like an unsteady man long held upright by pushing on a locked door, he's tumbling now that the path is suddenly open. He needs some new enemy to brace against, and he's flailing around in search of one. That makes him appear wobblier than before, but he's exactly as unbalanced as he's always been.

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PERSPECTIVE



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Joe Walsh, shown in 2010 at the U.S. Capitol, in recent days has said he regrets that he “helped create” President Donald Trump.

Why I appreciate presidential candidate Joe Walsh — for now



CLARENCE PAGE

It feels odd to find myself appreciating Joe Walsh for a change. I expect the feeling to pass. Walsh goes through more changes than Lady Gaga's wardrobe on an awards night.

No, I am not talking about the lead guitarist for the Eagles. I'm talking about the Joe Walsh who is less known for his peaceful, easy feelings.

Walsh, the former tea party-backed, one-term congressman from Illinois, announced Sunday that he is returning to the campaign trail, this time in a long-shot challenge to President Donald Trump in the Grand Old Party's primaries next year.

With Trump's overall approval ratings among Republicans at 88% in the latest Gallup Poll, Walsh's chances for success look about as bleak as those of a chicken at KFC.

Yet with Trump's overall approval at 41%, despite the mostly healthy economy, it would be an unnatural act for all of his party's presidential wannabes to pass up this chance to take him on, even when it risks creating more enemies than friends in their own party.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Bill Weld was first to announce his bid. Others known to be considering the GOP race include Mark Sanford, former governor and congressman from South Carolina, and former Ohio Gov. John Kasich.

As a patriotic American, I appreciate all candidates who exercise their civic duty by

running for office, even when I don't necessarily agree with their politics.

In that sense, I appreciate Walsh's entry because, first of all, Republicans who tell me they support Trump because their party hasn't offered much of an alternative yet deserve to have one.

More than the moderate, pragmatic and well-experienced Republican hopefuls I mentioned above, Walsh comes from the same angry firebrand populist right-wing that comprises much of Trump's base.

But I also don't expect my appreciation for Walsh to last. For one thing, he is so full of surprises that he almost makes Trump look like the “stable genius” that Trump claims to be.

For example, Walsh launched his campaign with a welcome apology, of sorts, effectively repudiating much of what he said about former President Barack Obama and others in his years as a congressman and a radio talk show host.

During an interview with ABC News' George Stephanopoulos on Sunday, Walsh expressed regret that he “helped create Trump,” sometimes “went beyond the policy and idea differences, and I got personal and it got hateful.”

Indeed Walsh pushed the same “birther” conspiracy theories that Trump infamously did and falsely called Obama a Muslim as recently as December 2016. He didn't get around to apologizing for a tweet Stephanopoulos brought up that said Democratic Sen. Kamala Harris of California “can say dumb things” and get away with it because she's a black woman.

But to go through all of Walsh's past incendiary remarks about race, urban crime and underdeveloped countries (about which Walsh used the same barnyard language that had been attributed to Trump), would take all day.

Trump's takeover of the Republican Party has been so effective that party leaders are expected to erect further structural safeguards, if necessary, to protect his expected nomination. That's prudent, since every incumbent president, beginning with Gerald Ford in 1976, who has faced a serious primary opponent was weakened enough to lose reelection.

I expect Trump may simply ignore his GOP competitors, however many there may be, and get away with it.

At least, Walsh took Trump's divisive remarks and refusal to apologize to task, which moves the ethical ball in the right direction.

He may not have a prayer of winning the nomination, but Walsh could give his fellow Republicans a place on the ballot to express their dissatisfaction with how their party is being defined by the incumbent at the top of the ballot.

Yet, I am also wary of Walsh's fast whip-around in his espoused beliefs and approach to politics. His reputed soul-searching comes at election time a little too conveniently for comfort. Such is the consequence of the steady creep by show business into our politics and governance, first in the television age and now in the Twitter age.

It is an age in which the most startling and angry voices along the right-left battle lines crowd out such niceties as reason, civility and compromise. Sometimes the noise is enough to make me long for the other Joe Walsh.

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Trump questioned Jews' loyalty to Dems

The column by a Chicago rabbi criticizing President Donald Trump's recent comments about Jewish voters who support the Democratic Party (“Invoking of a Jewish ‘loyalty test’ is a concern for all Americans,” Aug. 26) is so far off the mark as to be deliberately deceptive. As a Jewish American and supporter of the president, I am appalled at how the rabbi has turned the president's remarks and intent on their heads. President Trump was not questioning Jewish loyalty to the United States but rather why these same voters would be supporting a political party that is openly hostile to Jews and even more hostile to America's primary ally in the Middle East, Israel. I am not what one would call an “observant” Jew, but my Jewish identity is a part of me. And like most Jews, I am proud and concerned with the state of Israel as the only Jewish-majority state on this planet.

What the rabbi's column reflects is a commitment to the leftist ideals of the Democratic Party, a commitment so strong that it is willing to ignore and distort the anti-Semitism of today's Democrats. And in an attempt to buttress his argument, the rabbi repeats the lie that President Trump called all Mexicans rapists and murderers and that the travel ban from specific Muslim nations reflected antipathy to Muslims in general. The president has stated, correctly, that among the masses of Mexicans and Central Americans entering our nation illegally, there are rapists and murderers, people who would be stopped from entering if they attempted to legally enter the country. And banning individuals from nations sponsoring or harboring terrorists has nothing to do with racism and everything to do with trying to protect the American people, Jews included.

— David Howard, Rockford

Editorial misleads on economy

As a laid-off copy editor and a job hunter who's over 50, I feel pretty certain one of the Tribune's laid-off copy editors would have questioned the statistic in the editorial from Aug. 22, “The years America went to work.” The editorial board writes that the labor force participation rate is 82% for people 25 to 54 years old. Why cite a statistic that cuts off the population at 54?

For the entire working-age population, the Bureau of Labor Statistics puts the labor participation rate at 63%. If you look closer, there are 4 million “involuntary part-time workers” who've had their hours reduced. Four. Million.

Further, as proof of our booming economy, the editorial lists fast-food job openings in Arkansas. A place where the minimum wage is \$9.25 an hour. Again, I have to say as a marginally employed American, this isn't convincing me that the employment picture is as rosy as the editorial board wants readers to believe it is.

The fact is that many jobs added in the 11 years of growth the editorial describes have been low-wage jobs. The editorial board argues this means people at the bottom have room to grow. Yet, the Tribune often reports on people working minimum wage jobs who can't pay their rent. Or people in mid-paying jobs. Also on Aug. 22, the Tribune's Business section featured a study showing that Gen X and millennials are forced to cut spending on essential items like utilities and food because of college debt and the high cost of child care.

I don't agree with the editorial board's assessment of the economy, and I'm willing to bet the millions of invisible unemployed would agree.

— Lori Barrett, Chicago

How to achieve fiscal restraint

The election of President Donald Trump with a Democrat-controlled House of Representatives has provided a painful and costly lesson as to why government works best when we have a Democratic president and a House controlled by Republicans.

The last time we had this form of divided government was during the Barack Obama administration. During Obama's second term, the budget deficits averaged about \$540 billion. The budget deficit for 2019 under President Trump will exceed \$1 trillion.

The sad truth is that when we have a Republican president, congressional Republicans spend like there is no tomorrow. The only time Republicans exercise fiscal responsibility is when we have a Democratic president.

What can we do? The answer is simple — elect a Democrat in 2020 and enough Republicans so that they have a majority in the House.

— Victor Darst, Huntley

Andrew Luck surrendered to his pain — a daring thing for a man to do

BY MONICA HESSE

Someone else will have to explain what Andrew Luck's retirement means for the world of football — my knowledge of the sport is somewhere between cursory and Wikipedia'd — but on the cultural level, I know this statement is quietly revolutionary:

“I'm in pain,” he said. “I'm still in pain.”

Luck, the 29-year-old Indianapolis Colts quarterback, gave a news conference over the weekend to announce that he will not be returning for the upcoming season. His seven-year career had been marked by repeated cycles of injury and rehab that left him “exhausted and quite tired.” He didn't want to tough it out anymore, he said. His physical and mental health were worth more to him than his contract.

It should be noted that many commentators and teammates were supportive of the news, which Luck delivered through tears. It should be noted that those who weren't supportive apparently viewed the retirement as a capitulation to weakness, an assault on masculinity.

“A lot of guys have gone thru multiple years of rehab after bad luck w injuries,” tweeted retired quarterback Steve Beuerlein. “I had 19 surgeries as a player. 8 over 2 years. It sucks! But he owes it to his team.”

Sports analyst Doug Gottlieb declared, “Retiring cause rehabbing is ‘too hard’ is the most millennial thing ever. ... What does it say about (Washington Redskins player) Alex Smith trying to come back from a leg injury where he nearly lost a limb. Different mentality?”

Gottlieb is right: It is a different mentality. Luck's mentality is that his intrinsic value doesn't depend on offering himself up for beatings in a notoriously dangerous sport. That his dedication to his team could be reflected in his willingness to leave it,

opening up a spot for someone healthier, rather than by a determination to stay at all costs.

Yes, his decision was made easier by his massive fortune; his 2016 extension with the Colts was worth \$140 million. Not every laborer who works a knee-brutalizing job can afford to limp away from their livelihoods. “I have family working in steel mills ... cops ... teachers making far less and this guy is ‘tired’. ... my backside,” tweeted ESPN radio host Dan Dakich.

Anyway, I'm going to stop talking about Andrew Luck for a minute. Partly because I've run out of all the factoids I Googled about him.

But also because the backlash Luck received from a vocal minority of fans reminded me of a speech President Donald Trump gave earlier this month in Pittsburgh. While the ostensible topic was energy policy, the speech quickly became an extemporaneous lecture on jobs — and specifically, what kinds of jobs men should have.

“You don't want to make widgets, right? You don't want to make ... a little tiny piece of stuff,” the president said, as he mimicked dainty hand motions. “You put it with those big, beautiful hands of yours like ... you're going to go home, ‘Alice this is a tough job’ Nah, you want to make steel, and you want to dig coal — that's what you want to do!”

Real men, he was implying, should want jobs that left them dirty and tired at the end of the day. They should want physical jobs, sweaty jobs, jobs with a lot of pain involved.

It was a limiting view of men's work, but it was one that also appears frequently in my inbox, usually after I've written anything about masculinity. To my knowledge, I've never been emailed by a professional football player, but I've heard from multi-

ple cops, factory workers, maybe a steel mill worker or two. Men who are, like Dakich's relatives, also on their feet all day and are in a lot of pain. Back spasms. Sciatica. The kind of pain that thrums in the background, while they shove their feet in ice buckets and just get on with it.

As the pain builds, so too does these men's belief that it all must mean something. The pain is what allows them to feed their families, so they have come to see it as a marker of their self-worth — they are men, they tell me, because they are willing to be in pain every day and not complain about it.

“I'm proud of not being a sissy,” one reader memorably wrote, after sharing a list of maladies he'd gritted his teeth through over the course of a career. “It's what men do.”

There's something terribly troubled about a society that convinces men that this is “what they do.” That puts workers in jobs that break their bodies, and convinces them that the brokenness is a sign that they're doing it right. That sees speaking up as weakness and pushing through as a necessity.

The revolutionary thing about Andrew Luck's retirement is that he said what men are not supposed to say. He said he was in pain. He said the pain was hurting him.

Football is a sport that epitomizes American masculinity, and here was one of its stars saying he didn't want to live like this forever — that he didn't think life should be this way.

He said what should be easier for a lot of men to say. I don't know a dang thing about football, but I know he said something that should be easier for all men to say.

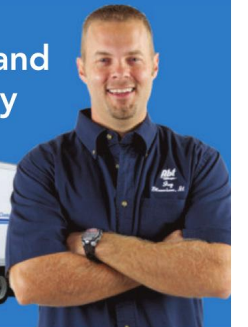
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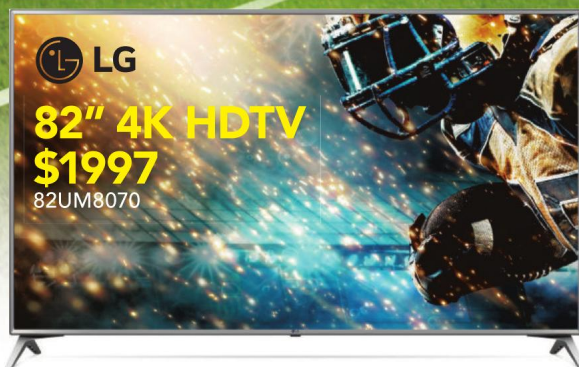
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Ex-Google engineer charged with theft

Pioneer in robotic vehicles accused of taking tech secrets

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE
Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — A former Google engineer was charged Tuesday with stealing self-driving car technology from the company shortly before he joined Uber's efforts to catch up in the high-stakes race to build robotic vehicles.

The indictment filed by the U.S. attorney's office in San Jose is an offshoot of a lawsuit filed in 2017 by Waymo, a self-driving car pioneer spun off from Google. Uber agreed to pay Waymo \$245 million to settle the case last year, but the federal judge overseeing the lawsuit made an unusual recommendation to open a criminal probe after seeing enough evidence to con-



David L. Anderson of the U.S. attorney's office announces charges against Anthony Levandowski, an ex-Google engineer whose attorneys have maintained his innocence.

clude a theft may have occurred.

Uber considered having self-driving technology crucial to survive and counter

potential competitive threats from Waymo and dozens of other companies working on robotic vehicles. Uber wants to build

self-driving cars so it can eliminate the need to have a human behind the wheel, one of the biggest expenses in its still-unprofitable ride-

hailing service.

Anthony Levandowski, a pioneer in robotic vehicles, was charged with 33 counts of trade secrets theft. He could be sentenced up to 10 years and fined \$250,000 per count, \$8.25 million altogether.

Prosecutors say the probe is ongoing, but they wouldn't say whether Uber and former CEO Travis Kalanick are targets. Prosecutors say Google and Uber cooperated in the investigation.

Although Tuesday's indictment didn't charge Uber, it's a stain for a company that has been trying to recover from a series of scandals since jettisoning Kalanick two years ago. Besides trying to reverse perceptions that it's a technological thief, Uber has been dealing with fallout from its own acknowledgment of rampant sexual harassment, its use of software designed to dupe

regulators, and a yearlong cover-up of a hacking attack that stole the personal information of 57 million passengers and 600,000 drivers.

The case seems unlikely to endear Uber with investors already skeptical about the company's ability to make money after piling up billions of dollars of losses. The lack of profits is the main reason the company's stock has fallen about 25% below the price set during its much-ballyhooed initial public offering of stock in May.

Uber's stock closed Tuesday at \$33.10, down less than 1%.

Levandowski was accused of stealing years of top-secret information from Google, which prosecutors called the crown jewels of the company. That included Google's breakthroughs in lidar, a key piece of technology that enables

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Cranes that will be used during the demolition of the McDonald's Plaza office building were on site Aug. 23.

Demolition to start on McDonald's Plaza

Office building to be torn down to make way for \$500M development

By CHUCK FIELDMAN

Part of Oak Brook's history will soon be gone, as the McDonald's Plaza office building on the north side of 22nd Street at Spring Road is being demolished to make way for a \$500 million multi-use development.

Tony Budzikowski, Oak Brook's director of development services, said a demolition permit was issued Aug. 22 to Heneghan Wrecking Company Inc. to take down a building that has been part of the village's landscape since the early 1970s.

The demolition process is scheduled to start Wednesday or Thursday and expected to take about 1 1/2 months, Budzikowski said.

Heneghan Wrecking Company refused to answer any questions about the McDonald's Plaza demolition.

The office building opened in 1971 and was vacated in 2018. It most



This view through the trees, just west of the McDonald's Plaza office building, will change drastically with the demolition of the building and development of a multi-use project.

recently housed the McDonald's USA offices, said Anne Christensen, a McDonald's USA brand reputation manager.

The building was sold to developer Hines for \$24 million by McDonald's, which sold off all of its Oak Brook property after moving in 2018 to

Chicago.

Hines is a privately owned global real estate investment, development and management firm with a presence in more than 200 cities in 24 countries.

The \$500 million Oak Brook Hills development was given the OK for the 16.5-acre site nearby Oakbrook Center in May by the Oak Brook Village Board. The development will include restaurants, retail stores, park space, office space, condominiums and Oak Brook's first rental apartments.

A McDonald's restaurant just west of the McDonald's Plaza office building closed June 30, 2018, and was demolished.

"This is something that has to happen to move forward," said Asif Yusuf, an Oak Brook Village Board member who was first elected in 2003 and has lived in the village since 1979. "Change is inevitable. We were sorry to see McDonald's relocate to Chicago, but we're excited about what this new development will bring to Oak Brook."

Gov. Pritzker signs corporate diversity bill

Stripped-down version of the law starts in 2021

By MARY ELLEN PODMOLIK AND DAN PETRELLA

Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed legislation Tuesday that will lead to an annual report on the gender, racial and ethnic diversity on the corporate boards of Illinois' publicly traded companies.

Beginning in 2021, companies headquartered in the state will submit to the Illinois Secretary of State by Jan. 1 an annual report on their board membership and how they identify and appoint diverse candidates to their boards. The University of Illinois will use the data to establish a rating system for those companies in an effort to boost diversity. The law directs the analysis to be published annually by March 1.

The measure signed Tuesday is dramatically pared down from the version authored by Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch,

D-Hillside, that passed the House in March. H.B. 3394 would have required Illinois companies to have at least one woman, African American and Latino on their boards. The version that passed the Senate in June, however, removed that requirement and substituted the annual report card.

At the time, The Rev. Jesse Jackson, who with his civil rights organization Rainbow/PUSH Coalition has purchased stock in several public companies and attended shareholder meetings to address the issue of corporate diversity, told the Tribune the bill was "gutted." Felicia Davis, President and CEO of Chicago Foundation for Women, said the end result was "significantly watered-down and has no regulatory teeth."

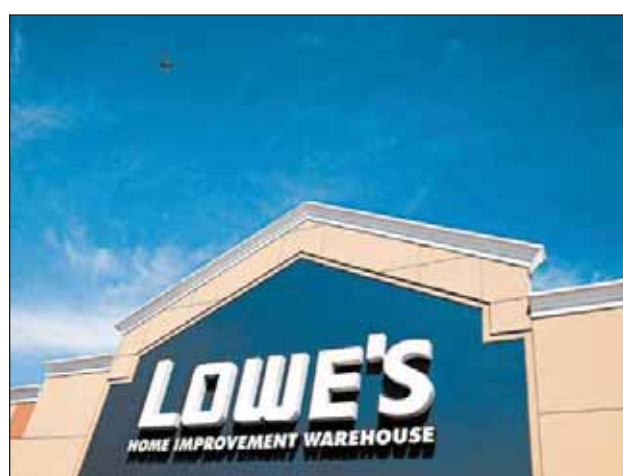
Data collected by the Tribune May 8 showed that, of the 30 most valuable companies according to market capitalization in Illinois, all but one had at least three women on

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"Shining a light on this issue is hugely important," Gov. J.B. Pritzker said in remarks Tuesday in Chicago.



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Lowe's, the second-largest hardware chain in the country with more than 1,700 stores, is based in North Carolina.

Lowe's exec apologizes after Latino remark

The Washington Post

In a corporate video broadcast to store managers nationwide Monday, Joe McFarland, Lowe's executive vice president of stores, pronounced the \$99 DeWalt 12 volt cordless drill the "No. 1 power tool for the pros."

McFarland, wearing a camouflage vest and seated in front of a sign that said "Lowe's LoweDown," went on to tout the features of this week's spotlight item: "The thing is compact. It fits

anywhere."

And a customer profile: "Some of our Hispanic pros with smaller hands, this is perfect for them."

McFarland's comments, made during a prerecorded presentation that ran about 30 minutes, were broadcast in Lowe's conference rooms throughout the country as part of a weekly gathering of managers to discuss corporate priorities, according to employees who saw the presentation.

"Everybody in the room was just like, 'What? Did he

just say that?'" said an assistant manager in the Pacific Northwest who watched the video with more than a half-dozen managers and supervisors at his store. He spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Employees from around the country began airing their concerns about the video in online forums. Another employee said the video episodes normally play all week on the company's internal website but this one has been removed. A clip of it was obtained by

The Washington Post.

Lowe's, based in North Carolina and the second largest hardware chain in the country, issued an apology from McFarland.

"I am sorry for a careless and ignorant comment I made during an associate broadcast yesterday," McFarland said. "Our associates shared how my statement was harmful and inappropriate. This is a key reflection moment for me."

McFarland said he took "full responsibility" for his comment.

For California, a salmon boom

Heavy rain, snow leads to the best harvest in years

BY TERENCE CHEA
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Trolling off the California coast, Sarah Bates leans over the side of her boat and pulls out a long, silvery fish prized by anglers and seafood lovers: wild king salmon.

Reeling in a fish “feels good every time,” but this year has been surprisingly good, said Bates, a commercial troller based in San Francisco.

She and other California fishermen are reporting one of the best salmon fishing seasons in years, thanks to heavy rain and snow that ended the state’s historic drought.

It’s a sharp reversal for chinook salmon, also known as king salmon, an iconic species that helps sustain many Pacific Coast fishing communities.

Commercial salmon catches have surpassed official preseason forecasts by about 50%, said Kandice Morgenstern, a marine scientist with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Harvests have been particularly strong in Morro Bay, Monterey and San Francisco, but weaker along California’s northern coast.

“We’re really surprised to be seeing this many fish being landed so far this season,” Morgenstern said.

The salmon rebound comes after three years of extremely low catches that resulted from poor ocean conditions and California’s five-year drought, which drained the state’s rivers and reservoirs.

Over the past several years, regulators imposed severe fishing restrictions to protect chinook salmon, and officials declared federal fishery disasters in 2018 to assist fishing communi-



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Mike Hudson unloads chinook salmon off his boat at Fisherman’s Wharf in San Francisco. The state’s fishermen are having one of the best harvests in years.

ties in California, Oregon and Washington.

This year’s adult salmon are the first class to benefit from record rainfall that filled California rivers and streams in early 2017, making it easier for juvenile chinook to migrate to the Pacific Ocean, where they grow into full-size fish.

Chinook salmon are also being helped by improved ocean conditions that have produced an abundance of anchovies, krill and other feed. Several years ago, an El Nino event brought unusually warm water to the Pacific Coast and disrupted the marine ecosystem.

“For the salmon fishermen who’ve been dealing with disaster for so long, this is an incredible boon to their livelihoods,” said Noah Oppenheim, who heads the

Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Associations.

Anglers in the Pacific Northwest have not been so fortunate. A dearth of chinook returning to the Columbia River and Puget Sound are a major factor in the plummeting population of the region’s endangered killer whales.

“The forecast of poor chinook returns to western Washington is proving accurate, but it’s still very early in the season,” said Lorraine Loomis, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission chair.

In Alaska, state wildlife officials who oversee salmon are monitoring reports of fish dying in warm rivers. The state in July recorded its warmest month, and heat stress is suspected in the deaths of pink and chum

salmon in rivers that empty into the Bering Sea, including the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers.

California’s strong salmon season, which typically runs from May to October, offers some positive environmental news at a time of growing anxiety about climate change. A United Nations report released this month warns that global warming threatens food supplies worldwide.

Morgenstern says climate change is creating greater fluctuations in ocean and river conditions, making chinook fisheries “less stable, less predictable and more challenging for fishery managers.”

Most of the chinook salmon now being caught in California come from the Sacramento River and its

tributaries, where they spawn. Many were raised in state-run hatcheries then released into rivers to swim to the ocean. Harvests of chinook from rivers farther north have not been strong.

For consumers, the bountiful harvest has driven down wild salmon prices to \$15 to \$20 per pound, compared with \$30 to \$35 per pound in recent years. Fishermen are making up for the difference by catching more fish.

“The market is dictating right now that there’s a lot of salmon, so the customers don’t have to pay as much,” said Gordon Drysdale, culinary director at Scoma’s, a seafood restaurant at Fisherman’s Wharf in San Francisco.

The wharf is one of many California fishing commu-

nities benefiting from the salmon boom. Pier 45, where boats unload their fish, hasn’t been this busy in many years, said Larry Collins, who runs the San Francisco Community Fishing Association.

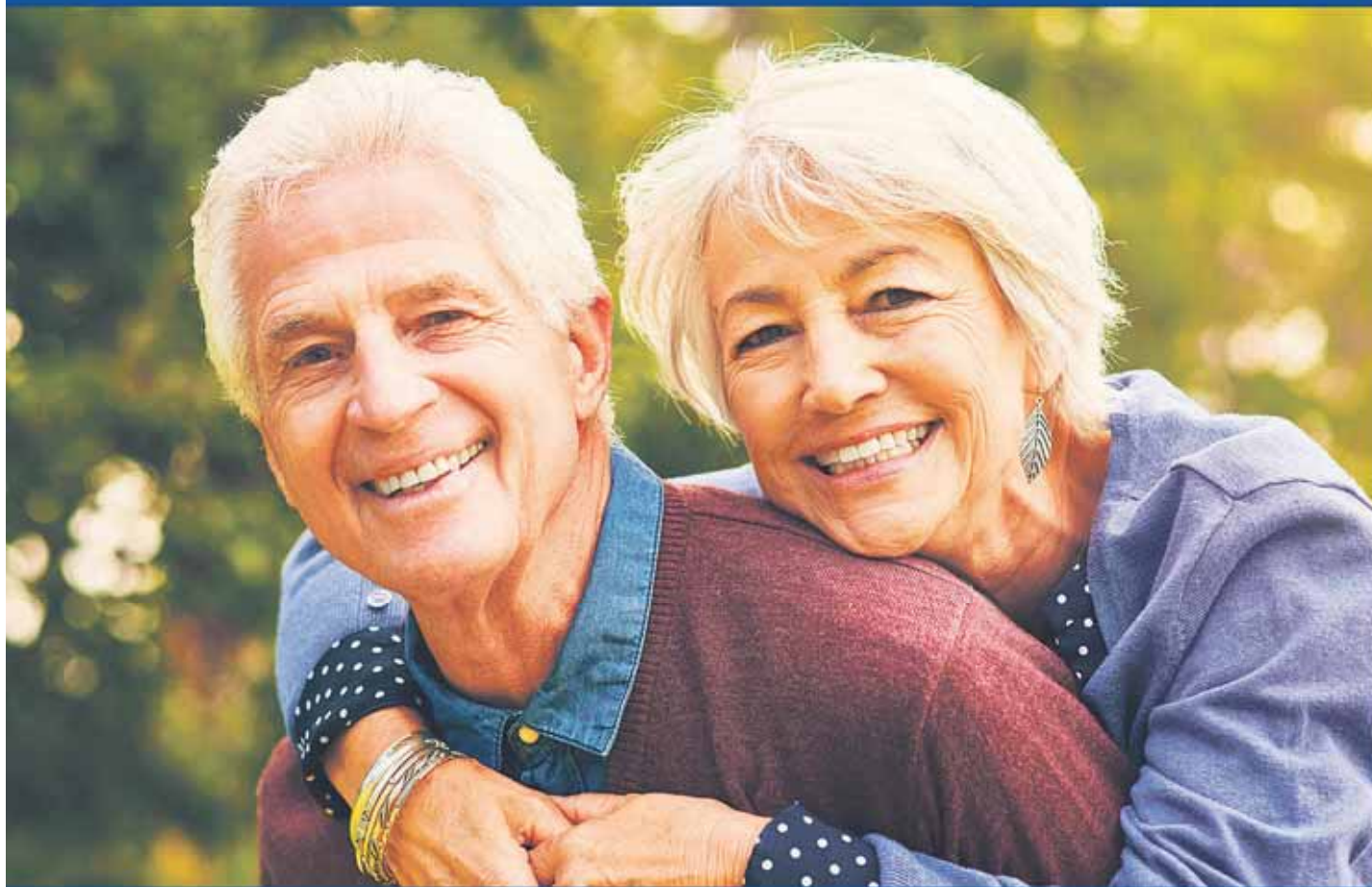
“This year started out with a bang, and it’s just kept banging the whole time,” Collins said. “We’re all really excited and happy the fish showed up.”

The salmon boom is also welcomed by sport fishermen and the boat operators who take them out to the ocean.

“When the fish are biting, it’s always good for business for us,” said Mike Rescino, who runs a charter boat. “When the people see the big reports, they’re going to come out and go fishing with us.”

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10 years later, Marlboro, Altria seek reunion

BY MATTHEW PERRONE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Marlboro men are discussing a reunion as the number of smokers continues to decline worldwide.

Altria confirmed Tuesday that it is in talks to merge with Philip Morris International, more than a decade after splitting itself into two companies.

Altria has exclusively sold Marlboro cigarettes and other tobacco brands in the U.S., while Philip Morris has handled international sales.

The combined company would have a market capitalization of over \$200 billion, making it the largest publicly traded tobacco company worldwide.

Philip Morris said Tues-

day that there is no guarantee of success in what would be an all-stock deal. But analysts said the merger is likely to pass muster with regulators.

Both companies have been investing in alternatives to traditional cigarettes amid declining use.

The companies are already partnering on the U.S. launch of a heat-not-burn cigarette alternative, IQOS, made by Philip Morris. Separately, Altria has taken a roughly \$13 billion-dollar stake in vaping giant Juul, betting on more smokers switching to electronic cigarettes.

If successful, the merger would reunite the two arms of one of the tobacco industry's oldest and biggest brands.

Altria, based in Rich-

mond, Virginia, spun off its international operation in 2008 amid waves of lawsuits and government scrutiny in the U.S. The breakup gave Philip Morris International more leeway to pursue sales growth in emerging markets. Anti-tobacco groups accused the company of maneuvering to unleash its marketing machine on nonsmoking women and children in poor, developing countries.

Since the split, Philip Morris has churned out new Marlboro-branded products catering to local tastes in Asia, Europe, Latin America and other regions, even as both companies invest in alternatives to traditional cigarettes.

Wells Fargo analyst Bonnie Herzog said the combination "would make a lot



GERRY BROOME/AP

Altria has exclusively sold Marlboro cigarettes and other tobacco brands in the U.S.

sense," allowing the companies to cooperate amid the "global arms race" for non-traditional tobacco products.

The merger has the potential to supercharge Juul's

efforts to expand overseas, bolstered by the global marketing power of Philip Morris. The cash infusion from Altria could also help the new company ramp up marketing of the IQOS de-

vice in the U.S. and overseas.

Earlier this year Altria executives estimated annual U.S. cigarette volumes would decline from 4% to 6% through 2023, sending company shares down sharply.

Philip Morris, based in New York, has been rebranding itself with new products and the slogan "Designing a smoke-free future."

The company sells its battery-powered IQOS device in 40 countries. The IQOS heats tobacco without burning it. It will soon be sold in the U.S. under a licensing agreement.

While U.S. regulators permitted the sale of the device, they have not yet ruled on whether IQOS can be marketed as less harmful than cigarettes.

Top publishers sue Audible over planned caption feature

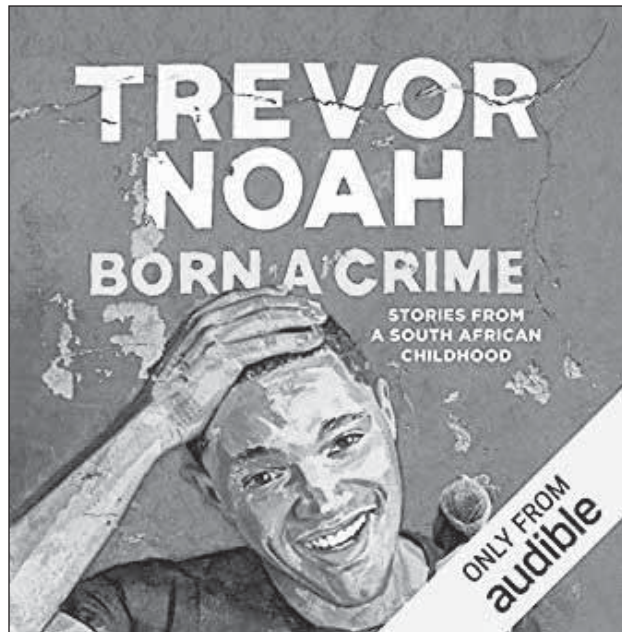
BY HILLEL ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Some of the country's top publishers are suing Audible, citing copyright infringement as they ask a federal judge to enjoin the audiobook producer-distributor's planned use of captions for an education-driven program.

The so-called Big Five of publishing — Penguin Random House, Hachette Book Group, Simon & Schuster, HarperCollins Publishers and Macmillan Publishers — are among the plaintiffs in the suit filed Friday in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. The legal action comes in response to "Audible Captions," which Audible announced in July and indicated would be formally launched as students return this fall, with titles including "Catch-22," "The Hunger Games" and "The Hate U Give."

"Audible Captions takes publishers' proprietary audiobooks, converts the narration into unauthorized text, and distributes the entire text of these 'new' digital books to Audible's customers," the lawsuit reads. "Audible's actions — taking copyrighted works and repurposing them for its own benefit without permission — are the kind of quintessential infringement that the Copyright Act directly forbids."

Other publishers suing are Scholastic and Chroni-



Audible is the top producer in the audiobook market.

cle Books.

Audible, owned by Amazon.com, said in a statement that it was disappointed by the lawsuit and "any implication that we have not been speaking and working with publishers about this feature, which has not yet launched."

The company said the captions are to help children who are not reading be able to engage with books through listening.

"This feature would allow such listeners to follow along with a few lines of machine-generated text as they listen to the audio performance," the statement said. "It is not and was never intended to be a

book."

Maria Pallante, who heads the Association of American Publishers, told The Associated Press in a recent interview that repeated efforts to address its concerns with Audible — including cease-and-desist letters — had failed to produce any changes.

"They said something along the lines of 'We've received your communications and considered them and don't agree with them and do not intend to stop,'" said Pallante, the trade group's president and CEO.

Audible, the dominant producer in the audiobook market, said it still wants to work with publishers and

others "to help them better understand the education and accessibility benefits of this innovation."

Audible Captions would be available for free to students and also could be used by Audible members who already pay a monthly fee. A video demonstration of the program uses Dickens' "David Copperfield" as an example and shows computer-generated words appearing on the screen of a smartphone as the narrator reads from the text. In announcing Audible Captions, company founder Don Katz said the program would help young people who struggle to read books.

"We know from years and years of work, that parents and educators, in particular, understand that an audio experience of well-composed words is really important in developing learners," Katz told USA Today in July.

In Friday's lawsuit, publishers contend that Audible has acknowledged that up to 6 percent of a given book's captions would be erroneous, with mistakes including transcribing the Yiddish expression "mazel tov" as "mazel tough."

In addition to enjoining Audible Captions, publishers in Friday's lawsuit are seeking an undetermined amount of damages "they have sustained and will sustain, and any gains, profits and advantages obtained by Audible" through the new program.

United to fly Boeing Dreamliners from Chicago and Europe

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

United Airlines will start flying the Boeing 787 Dreamliner flat Chicago's O'Hare International Airport next summer.

The aircraft, known for its larger windows and more comfortable cabin experience, initially will be used on service between Chicago and Brussels; Munich; and Frankfurt, Germany, with plans to add more routes over the course of the year, said Patrick Quayle, vice president of United's international network.

The Dreamliners will replace Boeing 777-200 jets.

Other airlines have already been using the aircraft in Chicago, but United, which has had a version of the Dreamliner in its fleet since 2012, initially used it on the longest routes, where the aircraft's fuel efficiency has the biggest impact.

"Now we've got those covered, so we can bring it into the shorter missions," like eight- to nine-hour flights to Europe, Quayle said.

Cabin pressure and hu-

midity can be adjusted to more comfortable levels on the Dreamliner, which helps passengers feel less tired or dehydrated on arrival, Quayle said.

Two of the initial Dreamliner routes in Chicago will use the largest version of that aircraft, the 787-10. It has 318 seats, including 44 with the new Polaris business class seat and 21 with the airline's Premium Plus seat, a step in between premium economy and business class. The third Chicago route will use a smaller version, the 787-9, with 248 seats, including 48 in business class.

The smaller Dreamliner gives passengers in economy an extra inch of space between rows of seats, called the pitch, compared with the 777-200s the Dreamliners are replacing.

Seat width in coach is harder to compare. On some aircraft, it can vary from one seat to the next. But Quayle said the Dreamliner feels more spacious and has larger windows than other aircraft.

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Auditorium Theatre in Chicago finally hires new CEO

BY CHRIS JONES

After a lengthy national search, the Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University has hired a new chief executive officer: Rich Regan.

Regan will replace Tania Castroverde Moskalenko who resigned as Auditorium CEO in late July 2018 to take a job with the Miami City Ballet after less than two years in Chicago.

Regan, 50, currently is vice president and general manager of events at the Lyric Opera of Chicago. But he is not new to the Auditorium: he served as the historic venue's general manager from 1999 through 2006.

In a statement Tuesday, Regan said he was delighted to return to the theater "that ignited my

interest in historic preservation." Ann Nash, the chair of the Auditorium's board of directors, said that she expected Regan "to expand our programming, increase our community engagement and fulfill our vision of serving the City of Chicago and beyond as a 'theater for the people.'"

The search process resulted in 13 board members resigning from the theater's board of directors following a dispute with Roosevelt over present and future funding of the theater. Thereafter, the board was reconstituted and the search restarted, resulting in Regan's appointment.

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Aircraft industry fuels durable goods gain

BY MATT OTT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Orders to U.S. factories for large manufactured goods rose for the second straight month, but the strength again came from a big increase in the volatile aircraft category. A category that tracks business investment also rose for the second straight month, though last month's reading was revised down significantly.

Orders for durable goods — items meant to last at least three years — rose 2.1%, the Commerce Department said Monday. That follows a 1.8% gain in June, which helped to off-

set significant declines in May and April.

A category that serves as a proxy for business investment rose 0.4%, but last month's gain of 1.9% was revised down to 0.9%. Economists are concerned about a slowdown in business investment orders because it could imply that companies are getting hit by an escalation in trade disputes, particularly with China.

U.S. manufacturers are facing numerous challenges, most significantly the trade showdown begun by President Donald Trump.

In a report two weeks ago, the Federal Reserve



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

U.S. orders for items such as lawnmowers that are meant to last at least three years rose 2.1% in July.

said U.S. industrial production fell 0.2% in July, another troubling sign for the economy.

The Fed said that the overall decline was caused primarily by a 0.4% drop last month in manufacturing production. Output decreased for autos, fabricated metals, wood products, textiles and plastics and rubber products.

Orders for transportation equipment powered the overall gain, rising 7%, its strongest month in almost a year. Orders for motor vehicles and parts rose 0.5%.

Excluding transportation, orders fell 0.4%, its biggest decline since March.

Order in the notoriously volatile commercial aircraft category rose 47.8%.

Theft

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self-driving cars to detect what's around them.

In a statement, Levandowski's attorneys maintained his innocence. "He didn't steal anything, from anyone," the statement said.

Prosecutors say

Levandowski turned himself Tuesday.

During the Waymo trial, Kalanick conceded that Uber needed to develop self-driving cars to survive. But he denied that he ever resorted to stealing technology from Google, whom he believed was an ally until he began to suspect the company intended to launch its own ride-hailing service consisting entirely of its

robotic vehicles.

But Kalanick also testified that his push to build a fleet of self-driving cars for Uber led him to court Levandowski. The two men began talking in 2015 before Levandowski left Google. After he left, Uber paid \$680 million in 2016 to acquire Otto, a self-driving truck startup founded by Levandowski and another former Google employee,

Lior Ron.

Waymo, which spun off from Google in 2016, alleged that Levandowski downloaded 14,000 documents containing its trade secrets before he left the company to found Otto. Uber denied knowing anything about those files, but fired him after he repeatedly asserted his constitutional right against self-incrimination leading up to the trial.

Bill

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their boards. Half had only one African American and six of them had no African Americans as of that date.

Half of the boards had no Latinos at all, and the rest had only one Latino board member or declined to comment.

Asked by a Tribune reporter Tuesday to address criticism of the revamped measure, Pritzker called the

law a "big first step."

"Shining a light on this issue is hugely important, and you can't shine a light on it without the data, without showing people what the public companies that are based here in Illinois are doing on their

corporate boards," Pritzker said. "And then we intend to hold it up and show people who the good actors are, who's doing the right thing, and who needs help — and how we can provide them help to diversify their boards."

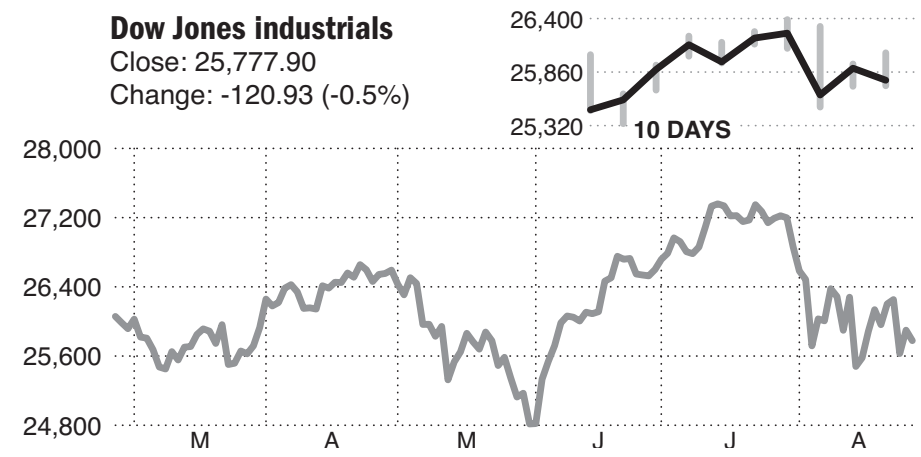
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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 26,054.02 Low: 25,721.85 Previous: 25,898.83



Nasdaq -26.79 (-.34%)	S&P 500 -9.22 (-.32%)	Russell 2000 -19.96 (-1.35%)
Close: 7,826.95	Close: 2,869.16	Close: 1,456.04
High: 7,916.83	High: 2,898.79	High: 1,485.67
Low: 7,795.18	Low: 2,860.59	Low: 1,454.91
Previous: 7,853.74	Previous: 2,878.38	Previous: 1,476.00

10-yr T-note -0.05 to 1.49%	Gold futures +14.70 to \$1,541.00	Yen -0.41 to 105.78/\$1	Euro +0.0004 to .9015/\$1	Crude Oil +1.29 to \$54.93
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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
-0.71	-1.53	-1.08	-5.22	-5.40	-4.78	-1.10	-2.53	-0.98

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 19	472.75	477.50	470.75	473.75	+0.75
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 19	359	360	356.75	357	-1.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Sep 19	851.50	852	843	846.25	-7.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Sep 19	28.40	28.40	27.96	28.01	-0.32
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Sep 19	293.40	294.60	291.20	293.60	-1.40
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Oct 19	53.76	55.59	53.69	54.93	+1.29
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Sep 19	2.231	2.233	2.175	2.202	-0.028
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Sep 19	1.6260	1.6598	1.6189	1.6499	+0.0334

LOCAL STOCKS

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	83.65	+0.53	Equity Commonwith	N	33.42	-0.45
AbbVie Inc	N	65.67	-0.79	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	134.89	-0.19
Allstate Corp	N	102.63	+0.51	Equity Residential	N	83.78	+0.17

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	7.93	-0.12
Altria Group	45.25	-1.87
Chesapeake Energy	1.39	-0.10

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	34.72	-0.21
Alibaba Group Hldg	166.20	+0.30
Alphabet Inc C	1167.84	-1.05

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	31.09	-0.08	-0.8
American Funds AmnrbalA m	27.13	-0.05	+3.0
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	m47.06	-0.01	-2.1

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Adv Micro Dev	30.20	-0.08
Apple Inc	204.16	-2.33
Naked Brand Group	.05	-0.00

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.93	1.95
6-month disc	1.82	1.84
2-year	1.52	1.53

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1541.00	\$1526.30
Silver	\$18.139	\$17.624
Platinum	\$868.20	\$857.80

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.25
Discount Rate Primary	2.75
Fed Funds Target	2.00-2.25
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.71

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2902.19	+38.6/+1.4
Stoxx600	373.62	+2.3/+0.6
Nikkei	20456.08	+195.0/+0.9

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OBITUARIES

ROB MARCOCCHIO 1943-2019

Master networker's skills fueled work in insurance, horse racing

BY NEIL MILBERT
Chicago Tribune

Rob Marcocchio was a master networker and storyteller whose acumen with names and numbers was key to his career as a principal in a large insurance agency and his work as a bloodstock agent, which involves evaluating thoroughbreds for potential buyers.

"Rob struggled with reading but he had a gift for numbers," said his partner in horse racing pursuits, former Channel 7 news anchor Ron Magers. "He had an almost photographic memory for things he had seen or had to do with numbers. His recall in those areas was just amazing."

Marcocchio, 73, died Aug. 18 in Alexian Brothers Hospice in Elk Grove Village. A resident of Rolling Meadows, he had been diagnosed with cancer six years ago, said his daughter, Cara Morikes.

Marcocchio was born Oct. 21, 1943, in Toronto, where he grew up.

"Rob was not a very good student but he had incredible street smarts," said his sister, Sandra Belvedere. "His memory for detail was incredible and his brain never rested. He was a captivating and gifted storyteller."

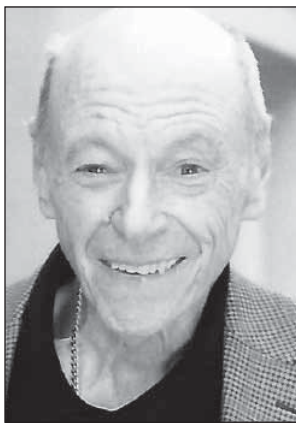
He moved to the Northwest suburbs in the 1970s, taking a job as a sales representative for Miracle Span, a company that made Quonset huts for farmers to store implements and crops.

He went on to become a principal at the Assurance Agency in Schaumburg, where he worked for 35 years. He met the founder of Assurance Agency, Jim Blackburn, through connections at Arlington International Racecourse, said Jeff Blackburn, the founder's son and the firm's chairman emeritus.

"Dad was very interested in breeding and racing horses and betting on horses and so was Rob. We were going to set up a mortality program for horses, writing life insurance for horses who were racing, and he hired Rob.

"It took off for a while before the market changed but by then Rob had gotten involved in a lot more than that. His network of relationships was remarkable and he rarely would forget anyone he met. He knew what you did, where you lived and where you worked. He maintained his relationships and he maintained his office. It took him leaving the planet for him to leave Assurance."

Marcocchio was on the board of the Better Business Bureau for 11 years, and in 2018 the BBB of Chicago and Northern Illinois selected



FAMILY PHOTO

Rob Marcocchio became a principal at the Assurance Agency in Schaumburg, where he worked for 35 years.

Marcocchio as Torchbearer of the Year, the highest award the organization confers annually for service to the community. Former honorees include former Gov. Jim Thompson, former Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan and the late Bob Abt, founder of Abt Electronics.

"When they honored him they gave him three minutes to speak and he spoke for 22 minutes," his daughter said. "He was not a man of a few words. He was loud, he was expressive and he was opinionated."

"My father taught me to have a dream, to have a goal. He took what little money he had and came to Chicago from Toronto (because) he had a dream."

Marcocchio struck up friendships at Arlington and on the golf course by day and in Northwest suburban bars and restaurants by night, hanging out with fellow fun-lovers such as the late horse owners Bill Walsh and Pat Flavin (once a member of Maywood Park's hierarchy) and Matt Baines and Dick Roggeveen.

"He was the world's greatest networker. He'd meet people at the racetrack and he'd end up insuring them," Baines said. "He insured everything and anything — cars, boats, companies. If he didn't do it, he'd put a team together and they'd go in and make a presentation."

Roggeveen described Marcocchio as "the best roaster ... his endearing attribute I will remember was his ability to make life fun, to make us laugh, particularly at ourselves."

As a bloodstock agent, one who evaluates thoroughbreds based on their pedigree and conformation and makes recommendations to owner clients, he won the respect of the racing community at Chicago tracks and thoroughbred insiders at the major auctions in Lexington, Kentucky, and Ocala, Florida.

"In 1992, I was getting ready to sell Lehmi Go, a mare I had great success with (as a racehorse)," said Magers. "I sought consultation from Rob and he hooked me up with Bill Betz (owner-operator of Betz Thoroughbreds breeding farm) in Kentucky. Rob and I became partners and friends. He has essentially been part of every horse deal I've done since then, which involves dozens and dozens of horses. This year we own shares in 35-38 horses."

Betz met Marcocchio through Jim Blackburn.

"Rob boarded a few horses at the farm and then started breeding horses and consigning them," Betz said. "Our relationship evolved. What I remember most about him was his enthusiasm, his loyalty and his ability to take the bad news with the good. You come to appreciate someone like Rob who not only understood but never second-guessed. He was 100% supportive."

During the past decade Magers and Marcocchio were owner-breeders of two Illinois-bred state champions, Third Chance and Banner Bill.

"He sometimes called me his best friend," Magers said. "I know there are many others he called his best friend and he meant it every time he said it about them. A life is not a given number of years; it's a number of years you are given. We all would agree he used them very well."

Marcocchio's future wife, Lynn, brought him to her parents' home for Thanksgiving dinner after they started dating, according to her brother, Dr. Peter Galdoni.

"He was very nervous and my parents were a little suspicious because he was about 10 years older. But they really liked him. He fit in well with the family," Galdoni said. "He never went to college but on his LinkedIn page he said he went to the college of hard knocks and graduated with honors."

According to Baines, Marcocchio took great pride in becoming an American citizen during the past decade.

"I have a picture of him that day waving an American flag," Baines said. "This was a guy who came from Toronto with very little money and knowing no one and who ended up with 600 friends in church for his funeral Mass."

In addition to his wife, daughter and sister, he is survived by a son, Jonas; two grandchildren; and another sister, Kathy Citrullo.

Services were held.

Neil Milbert is a freelance writer.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON AUGUST 28 ...

In 1609, English navigator Henry Hudson discovered Delaware Bay.

In 1833, England's Parliament banned slavery in the British empire.

In 1922, radio station WEAF in New York City aired the first radio commercial, a 10-minute ad for a real estate company. The station charged \$100.

In 1955, Emmett Till, an

African-American teenager from Chicago, was abducted from his uncle's home in Money, Miss., by white men after he supposedly had whistled at a white woman.

In 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech to 200,000 people at a peaceful civil rights rally in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington.

In 1979, Judge Louis Garippo ruled that John Wayne Gacy would face

charges in a single trial that he murdered 33 boys and young men in Chicago.

In 1981, John Hinckley Jr. pleaded not guilty to charges he had tried to assassinate President Ronald Reagan five months earlier.

In 1992, the federal government launched two massive relief operations, rushing food and drinking water to hurricane-ravaged Florida while cargo planes landed in Somalia with tons of food for African famine victims.

In 1995, as the Balkans war raged on, a Serbian rocket struck a crowded market in downtown Sarajevo, killing 37 civilians.

In 2005, New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin ordered everyone in the city to evacuate after Hurricane Katrina grew into a monster storm.

In 2013, President Barack Obama and former Presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton marked the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech and 1963 march at the Lincoln Memorial. Tens of thousands attended events on the National Mall in Washington.

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Aug. 27	
Mega Millions	08 12 23 39 43 / 6
Mega Millions jackpot: \$103M	
Pick 3 midday	033 / 3
Pick 4 midday	6484 / 6
Lucky Day Lotto midday	09 20 27 38 40
Pick 3 evening	439 / 5
Pick 4 evening	3993 / 7
Lucky Day Lotto evening	21 25 30 31 43
Aug. 28 Powerball: \$60M	
Aug. 29 Lotto: \$2.75M	
WISCONSIN	
Aug. 27	
Pick 3	849
Pick 4	1981
Badger 5	04 07 10 13 14
SuperCash	01 22 23 35 38 39

INDIANA	
Aug. 27	
Daily 3 midday	122 / 9
Daily 4 midday	6648 / 9
Daily 3 evening	557 / 8
Daily 4 evening	4430 / 8
Cash 5	06 20 27 33 45
MICHIGAN	
Aug. 27	
Daily 3 midday	618
Daily 4 midday	9615
Daily 3 evening	234
Daily 4 evening	0704
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Castner, Donna J.
Donna J. Castner (nee Leino), age 75, of Orland Park, formerly Chicago.



Beloved wife and best friend to Ron for 45 yrs. Devoted Daughter of the late Eino Leino and Genevieve Michalski Sarnik. Loving Sister of Robert (Beth) Leino, Charles (Jo) Leino, Pat (George) Pappas and Liz Sarnik. Cherished cousin of many and loving aunt of many nieces and nephews. Donna's successful career in Retail Management spanned decades beginning with Montgomery Ward where she quickly rose through the ranks and was named the first female manager in the store's history. Always professional and caring she was admired by staff as she possessed true leadership qualities. Donna was an avid gardener and when she wasn't working could be found tending to her flowers and vegetables. Visitation for Donna will be held Friday, August 30 from 1 pm until time of service 6 pm at Richard J. Modell Funeral Home & Cremation Services 12641 W. 143rd St, Homer Glen, IL. To leave a condolence or for more information visit www.rjmodellfh.com or call 708-301-3595

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Conley, Patrick R.
Patrick R. Conley, age 74, Retired CPD Homicide Detective, Old Area 4; Graduate of UIC, BS, MS, PhD in Psychology; longtime Professor of Psychology at UIC; former Limo Driver, and UIC Director of Medical Testing; beloved husband of Dorothy, nee Delaney; loving father of Shannon, Matthew (Burcak), Mark (Sandra), Kevin Loren (Kiko) and Ryan (Claudia) Conley; proud grandmother of Isabella Janet, Demir Patrick, Ayla, Hiro, Miyuki and Yoshi; dear brother of Delores (the late Dan) Leftakes and the late Louis DeGrande, Gloria Charles and Larry Conley; Visitation Thursday, 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. until time of funeral 9:00 a.m. at Gibbons Funeral Home, 134 South York Road, (1/2 mile North of Saint Charles Road), Elmhurst. Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Tree House Humane Society, 7225 N Western Ave, Chicago, IL 60645. For funeral information please call 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com

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Cooper, Marian M.
Marian M. Cooper nee Huston age 58. Beloved wife of Daniel. Loving sister of John (Rhonda) Huston, Craig Huston. Many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Visitation Friday 3 P.M. until time of service, 7 P.M. at the Brust Funeral Home 415 N. Gary Ave Carol Stream, IL 60188. Interment private. Donations to the Animal Charity of your choice. For information call 630-510-0044.

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Day, Dennis M.

Dennis M. Day, U.S. Army Veteran. Beloved husband of Jean nee Curran Day. Loving father of Jennifer (Daryn) Lowman Day & Patrick (Anne) Day. Cherished grandfather of Lucy, James & Maureen. Dear brother of David (Debbie) Day & the late Donald Day. Fond uncle of many nieces & nephews. Retired after 36 years of service to Little Company of Mary Hospital. Family will meet friends & neighbors Friday at St Bernadette Church, 9343 S. Francisco Ave, Evergreen Park for mass at 10 am. Inurnment private. Visitation Thursday from 3 pm until 9 pm, at Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, 5570 W. 95th St in Oak Lawn. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Little Company of Mary Hospice, 9800 Southwest Highway, Oak Lawn, IL 60453, are appreciated. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500
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Donati, Edith M.

Edith Donati nee Cartocci, age 91, beloved wife of the late Frank. Loving mother of Frank (Doris) Donati and Joseph (Lori) Donati. Cherished grandmother of Frank (Elise) Donati, Lauren (Kevin) Sanchez, Hannah, Jenna and Lily Donati. Fond Sister of the late Angeline (late Angelo) Santoni and late Lena (late Joseph) Berns. Aunt and great aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 3:00 - 9:00 PM at Modell Funeral Home 7710 S. Cass Avenue, Darien. Funeral Saturday lying in state at St. Cyprian Church 2601 Clinton Street, River Grove from 9:00 AM until time of Funeral Mass at 10:00 AM. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to Alvernia Manor Retirement Home, Lemont, IL. For info: 630-852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Heffernan, Esther

Esther Heffernan (nee Theisen), age 82, was called home on August 24, 2019. Born May 26, 1937 in Rockville, Minnesota, she was one of nine children born to the late Joseph and Anna Theisen. She is survived by her daughters, Michele (Timothy Metz), Laure and Kara Heffernan; and siblings, Joseph (the late Geraldine) Theisen, Audrey (the late Al) Maselter, Anna Mae (the late Elmer) Schaefer and her twin, Lester (Lorraine) Theisen. She was preceded in death by her brother, Virgil (the late Delores) Theisen and sisters Dolores (the late Raymond) Braun, Arlene Theisen and Beatrice Theisen. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. At Esther's request there will not be a traditional wake....instead please say a prayer, watch a sunset, pet a dog or enjoy a glass of wine. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, August 31 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Juliana Church, 7201 N. Oketo, Chicago, IL 60631. In lieu of flowers, donations to Young At Heart Senior Pet Adoptions, P.O. Box 1293, Palatine, IL 60078, adoptaseniorpet.com, would be appreciated.

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Klima, Elmer W.

Elmer W. Klima, age 94, World War II U.S. Army veteran, a resident of Naperville, IL since 1996, formerly of Berwyn, IL and Clarendon Hills, IL 1954-1996, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 27, 2019. He was born November 10, 1924 in Chicago, IL. Arrangements by Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL. For service times and a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630)355-0213 for more information.



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Kolb, Betty Hahneman

Nov 6, 1927- July 23, 2019
Betty Marion Hahneman was born November 6, 1927 to Verne Hahneman and Marion Loomis Hahneman in Joliet, Illinois. They moved to Wilmette, IL where she attended New Trier High School, class of 1944. She graduated from Michigan University in 1948 and Northwestern University Medical School in 1952. She completed her residency in internal medicine at Northwestern and a fellowship in hematology at Washington University in St. Louis. She served as Chairman of Family Medicine at the Chicago Medical School and practiced medicine at Northwestern and Mount Sinai hospitals. In 1974 she married Leonard H Kolb, MD and they retired together to South Carolina in 1983. Betty completed a Masters in Public Health at the University of South Carolina in 1989. She returned to Chicago soon after Leonard's death in 1991 where she had a second voluntary career as a member of the Northwestern University Medical School admissions committee. She died peacefully at home on July 23, 2019. She is survived by Stepson Todd A. Kolb, MD, stepdaughter Susan Wilson, 3 Step grandchildren, and 7 Step great grandchildren. Gifts and memorials to Mount Sinai Health System, c/o Office of Development, Suite F125, 1500 S. Fairfield Ave, Chicago IL 60608.
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Kowalsky, Jamie G.

Jamie G. Kowalsky. Loving son of the Late Lorelei nee Lavery & Henry Charles Kowalsky. Fond brother of Michael G.(Patrick Robinson) Kowalsky. Funeral Friday, 9:15 am from Thompson & Kuenster Funeral, 5570 W. 95th St. in Oak Lawn, to Our Lady of Loretto, 8925 s. Kostner in Hometown for mass at 10:00 am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 3:00pm to 9:00pm. Thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500
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Leveton, Howard Ira

Howard Ira Leveton, 67, beloved son of the late Clarice and Leonard; loving brother of Sam; treasured nephew, cousin and friend of many. Howie was known as "Tio" to his cherished friends in Mexico that have become his family over the past 40 years. Graveside service Friday 2:00 PM at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. For information and condolences, Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com



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McGehee, Marianne Frances

Marianne Frances McGehee, age 86, a full-time wife, mother and grandmother died Monday, August 26, 2019. She was born on April 14, 1933, in Chicago. Marianne spent her life dedicated to her family. She married her childhood sweetheart; the late Daniel McGehee on November 11, 1951 at St. Philip Benizi Church in Chicago. Mrs. McGehee has lived in Bensenville since 1959. She enjoyed Marriotti plays with her daughters, Cubs games with her children and yearly trips to Michigan with the entire family. Marianne cherished her family and is now resting peacefully with her loved ones that have gone before her; grandparents Paul (Mary DeVona) Martino, parents Carl (Frances Rutke) Martino, oldest daughter Caryn and husband Daniel. Left to cherish her memories include a son Douglas (Judi Jones) McGehee of Addison, three daughters Cynthia (Nickolas) Filip of Bloomingdale; Lori (Fred) Friedl of Gurnee, and Cheryl (Rich) Dabrava Jr. of Bloomington; ten grandchildren; Wayne (Kim Wise) Schulatz of Las Vegas, NV, Dan McGehee of Addison, Dave McGehee of Glendale Heights, Danielle (Travis) Augst of Lake Villa, Stephanie Friedl of Round Lake Beach, Scott Filip of Houston, TX, Nicholas Friedl of Bloomington, Christopher Filip of Bloomingdale, Riccardo and Vinnie Dabrava of Bloomington, two great grandchildren Alicia and Rebel, along with many beloved aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Funeral Service Thursday 9:00am from Geils Funeral Home 260 W. Irving Park Road, Wood Dale, IL proceeding to Holy Ghost Church 254 N. Wood Dale Road, Wood Dale, IL, for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery, Palatine, IL. Visitation Wednesday 3-9 p.m. at the funeral home. For funeral info call 630-766-3232 or www.geilsfuneralhome.com.
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Metz, William C. 'Bill'

William (Bill) C. Metz passed onto eternal life on Tuesday, August 13th in Chicago, IL. Bill lived a life of love and service to his country, to his community, and to his family. Raised in Kingston, RI by his parents, William and Clarice, Bill learned the values of education and community service. In 1966, Bill extended the list of family Bates College Alma Maters by earning a degree in History. Bill then took an interesting path by opting to enroll in the African Studies program at Makerere University College in Kampala, Uganda. He spent an adventurous ten days in the Virunga Mountains on the Rwanda/Congo border as part of a mountain gorilla census expedition with Dian Fossey. Next came enrollment in the University of Rhode Island's (URI) Master's program in geography after months of touring the Middle East and Europe. But his academics were cut short and career path changed when the U.S. Army drafted him and, on October 7, 1968, he arrived at Fort Dix, New Jersey, as a private. While stationed at Phouc Vinh, on the Cambodian border, with the First Air Cavalry Division, he was involved in logistics planning for Operation Toan Thang 43, a May 1, 1969 incursion into the Fishhook area of Cambodia to destroy North Vietnamese safe havens and supplies. The success led to a meritorious Bronze Star along with an Air Medal for on-scene coordination by helicopter. Forty years later he began dealing with the pulmonary effects from exposure to Agent Orange which was the catalyst for his death. Following graduation with a Master's degree in geography from URI he enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh for a Ph.D. in geography. Meanwhile, he met Carol, a Salve Regina College graduate, who had taught school at Fort Buchanan in Puerto Rico and returned to teach in Rhode Island and they were married on July 4, 1973. With a Ph.D. in hand in 1974, he conducted socio-economic studies for planned coal and uranium mines, nuclear power plants and transmission lines while employed by Westinghouse in Pittsburgh. In 1978 he accepted a research position at Brookhaven National Laboratory on Long Island performing national energy policy studies for the Department of Energy; concurrently earning an MBA from Dowling College. In 1983 he was recruited by Argonne National Laboratory outside Chicago. For 33 years, he was involved in an exciting diversity of research activities including assessing socioeconomic effects of the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste storage facility, land use around nuclear power plants, emergency operations plans for communities in the vicinity of seven U.S. Army chemical weapons storage facilities, emergency preparedness capabilities of special populations in Alabama, and effectiveness of city disaster plans. To help keep his edge, he later earned a MIS degree from Aurora University. During his years living near Chicago he and Carol raised their two children, Christopher and Jennifer. Bill graciously volunteered for activities such as swim team president, Boy Scout troop leader, coaching and more. As a father, Bill supported his children in every way imaginable. As a Grandfather, he showered his five young grandchildren with love and always looked forward to reading with them. To quote Bill directly from his college reunion profile, "My family keeps me happier than I ever believed possible."

As in life, his wife of 46 years, Carol (Giles) Metz was by his bedside for his passing along with his two children, Chris and Jennifer. Bill is survived by Carol, Chris (wife Laura Merritt), Jennifer (husband John Hyland); his five beautiful grandchildren, Liam, Dylan, Hazel, Charlotte and Jack; and his loving siblings Elizabeth (husband David) McNab and Margaret (husband Kevin) Munroe. We will all continue to live out your daily mantra, "Life is Good". In lieu of flowers or gifts, please make a donation to either: Vietnam Veterans of America (vva.org), Honor Flight Chicago (honorflightchicago.org), or South County Museum (SouthCountyMuseum.org). There will be a memorial service on October 5th, 2019 at 10AM at First Congregational Church of Naperville (UCC) located at 25 E Benton Ave, Naperville, IL 60540. For guest book and condolences, averystortifuneralhome.com.

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Mulligan, Patrick D.

Patrick D. Mulligan; Devoted son of the late Arthur and Mary; Loving brother of the late Joyce (late Daniel) Thompson, and the late Marge (late Jack) Smith; Loving companion of the late Sandra Harynek; Beloved step-father of Kevin (Kristi) Harynek, Erin, Kelsey, Connor, Olivia and Michael; Dear uncle of Danny Thompson, Debbie (Parry) Katsafanas, Peggy (Bob) Raggio, David Thompson, Kathy (David) Lynn, Patrick (Mary Ann) Smith, Donna (Ed) Hozzian, Michael (Mary Fran) Smith and Maureen Smith; Great-uncle and friend of many; Longtime employee of the Chicago Park District, and former 19th Ward Precinct Captain; Visitation Thursday, August 29, 2019 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Funeral Friday, August 30, 2019 10:00 a.m. from Curley Funeral Home, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to St. Christina Church, 111th & Homan Ave., Chicago; Mass 11:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com



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Newhall, Johnathan Havens 'Jack'

Johnathan "Jack" Havens Newhall, 17, of Chicago, IL, passed away in Concord, NH on August 22, 2019 following an ATV accident. Born in Chicago on November 2, 2001, Jack attended Chicago City Day School K-8th and was about to start his senior year at Northside College Preparatory High School. Jack leaves behind his loving parents, Scott and Dr. Kelly Newhall, his adoring brothers, Luke Jeffrey Newhall and Charles Beckett Newhall, his grandparents Gerald and Gwenn Klingler of Orlando, FL and Helen Newhall of Naples, FL, his aunt and uncles Reed and Tara Newhall and Dr. Lance Klingler, cousins Yell and Mackenzie Newhall and Lilia, Jonah and Malcolm Klingler, and countless other loving family and friends. Jack was a proud member of the Chicago Rowing Foundation Varsity Boys team and was being courted by a number of Ivy League schools for his rowing prowess and academic achievements. Jack had a special place in everyone's hearts and will be deeply missed. Services will be held Thursday August 29th at St.Chrysostom's Episcopal Church at 1:00 pm. A celebration of Jack's life will follow at the WMS Boathouse at Clark Park, 3400 N Rockwell St. from 3:30pm to 7:30 pm.
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Pechar, Loretta Mae

Loving wife of Alexander Pechar; cherished mother of Mark (Elaina) Pechar, Robert J. Pechar, and Steven (Catherine) Pechar; proud grandmother of Hannah Pechar and Brianna Pechar; beloved sister-in-law of Gloria M. (the late Norbert) Shaner; loving friend of many. Preceded in death by her parents, the late Joseph and Lillian Vogel. Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 30th, at 9:45am from Ridge Funeral Home, 6620 West Archer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60638, to St. Pius X Catholic Church for a funeral mass at 10:30am. Interment private. Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 29th, from 3:00pm to 8:00pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Helping Hand Center at 9649 West 55th Street, Countryside, Illinois 60525-3632 or www.hhcenter.org. For more information, please call (773) 586-7900 or visit www.ridgeft.com.
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Pesole, Joseph M.

Joseph M. Pesole, beloved husband of Lorene (nee Rizkallah). Loving brother of Andrew Farrington, Phil (Cathy) Timothy (Karen), and the late Richard Farrington. Joe was a great friend to many. Visitation Friday 9:00AM until the time of prayers at 10:30AM at the Jaeger Funeral Home 3526 N. Cicero Ave to St. Bartholomew Church 11:00AM mass. Committal service St. Joseph Cemetery. Info. (773) 545-1320.
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Roth, Manuel

MANUEL "MANNY" ROTH, 84
Fond uncle of Holly (Robert) Baer and Bill Fink. Cherished great uncle of Sari and Zoe Baer. Service Sunday September 1, 12 noon at Skokie Masonic Center, 5405 Lincoln Ave., Skokie, IL 60077. Interment will be at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his memory to the Illinois Masonic Medical Center for Autism treatment program c/o Advocate Charitable Foundation 3075 Highland Pkwy #600, Downers Grove, IL 60515, www.advocatecaring.org. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjfnfo.com



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Rusthoven, Chase Tucker

Chase Tucker Rusthoven; beloved son of Brian and Leigh Rusthoven; loving brother of Taylor and Ian Rusthoven; cherished grandson of Bob and Marilyn Rusthoven and Betty Jean Tucker and Paul (Jean) Tucker; fond nephew, cousin and friend to many. Visitation Saturday from 10:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. Chapel Service at Modell Funeral Home, 7710 S. Cass Avenue, Darien, IL. For funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com



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Ryan, Sr., Eugene E. 'Gene'

Eugene E. Ryan, Sr., 87, was born into Eternal Life on August 25, 2019. Beloved son of the late Jeremiah, Sr. and Ann (Finley). Proud father of Gene, Jr. (Gloria), Patrice, Mary-Frances, Lisa and Gregory. Proud grandfather of Dana Lange (Dr. Michael) Padilla and Dr. Joel Lange and great-grandfather to Mary Elise Padilla. Dear brother of Joanne (the late Ron) Mroz and four deceased siblings: Jerry (the late Laverne), Jack (the late Doris), Joe and Janice. Survived by several Gleeson and Finley cousins and numerous nieces and nephews. Gene served in the Air Force during the Korean War, was a proud 62-year member of Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Local 130 and served on the St. Patrick Day's Parade Committee for more than 50 years. A lifelong South Sider, Gene loved the White Sox, Notre Dame, Irish music and Frank Sinatra and he was especially proud of his Catholic faith and education. Family and friends will meet at St. Gerald Catholic Church, 93rd St. & Central Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453 on Saturday, August 31, 2019 for Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Private Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Illinois Veterans Home, 1 Veterans Dr., Manteno, IL 60950 are most appreciated. Funeral Info: Heeney-Laughlin Funeral Directors 708-636-5500 or heeneyfh.com



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Zable, Mary L

Mary L. Zable, nee Umberger, age 74, of Hoffman Estates. Beloved wife of Robert E. Zable for 53 years. Loving mother of Gregory Zable and Karen (Keith) Falk. Devoted grandmother of Ryan and Katelyn. Caring daughter of the late Forrest and Caroline Umberger. Cherished sister of John (Liz) Umberger and Barbara Umberger. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Dear great niece of Marie Yost. Mary loved to cook, bake and never missed an opportunity to shop. She attended church several times a week. Her loves of her life were her grandchildren and never missing a chance to show it. Visitation Friday from 5 to 8 PM at Ahlgrim & Sons Funeral and Cremation Services, 330 W. Golf Road, Schaumburg. Funeral prayers Saturday 9:15 AM at the funeral home to St. Hubert Catholic Church, 729 Grand Canyon Street, Hoffman Estates. Funeral Mass 10 AM. Interment St. Michael the Archangel, Palatine. Funeral information or online condolences, www.ahlgrimfuneral.com or 847-882-5580.



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Date: August 23, 2019
Under the Assumed Name of: EDELEO
with the business located at:
5718 N MAPLEWOOD
CHICAGO, IL, 60659
The true name and residence Address of
the owner is: MERITA MILA
5718 N MAPLEWOOD
CHICAGO, IL, 60659

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act
in relation to the use of an Assumed Business
Name in the conduct or transaction of
Business in the State" as amended, that a
Certification was filed by the Undersigned
with the County Clerk of Cook County
File No.
Y19001987 on the
Date: 8/13/2019
Under the Assumed Name of: Nullife Auto
Accessories
with the business located at:
2629 N Meade Ave
Chicago, Illinois, 60639
The true name and residence Address of
the owner is: Juan E Rios
2629 N Meade Ave
Chicago, Illinois, 60639

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK
COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND
CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD
PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Anyia Bouquet
MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Francesca
Bouquet (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00089

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Derrick Richardson
(Father), respondents, and to All Whom It
May Concern, that on February 1, 2019, a
petition was filed under the Juvenile Court
Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in
the courtroom of Judge John Huff in the
Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100
So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON
09/18/2019, at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 14
COURTROOM N, or as soon thereafter as this
case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing
will be held upon the petition to have the
minor declared to be a ward of the court
and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS
CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY
AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO
TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND
TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO
CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL
PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE
PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF
YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT
OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT
TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL
RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled
to further written notices or publication
notices of the proceedings in this case,
including the filing of an amended petition
or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and
show cause against the petition, the
allegations of the petition may stand
admitted as against you and each of you,
and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
August 28, 2019

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK
COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND
CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD
PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Darren Hart

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Megham Justice
(Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00849

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Mark Hart (Father),
respondents, and to All Whom It May
Concern, that on August 05, 2019, a
petition was filed under the Juvenile Court
Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in
the courtroom of Judge Andrew Buford in
the Cook County Juvenile Court Building,
1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois,
ON 09/18/2019, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR
10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as
this case may be heard, an adjudicatory
hearing will be held upon the petition to
have the minor declared to be a ward of the
court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS
CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY
AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO
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CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL
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PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF
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TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL
RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled
to further written notices or publication
notices of the proceedings in this case,
including the filing of an amended petition
or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and
show cause against the petition, the
allegations of the petition may stand
admitted as against you and each of you,
and an order of judgment entered.

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COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
August 14, 2019

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK
COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND
CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD
PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Kendrick Selmon

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Kimberly Selmon

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01083

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, James Ogden
(Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers,
respondents, and to All Whom It May
Concern, that on November 9, 2018, a
petition was filed under the Juvenile Court
Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in
the courtroom of Judge Andrew Buford in
the Cook County Juvenile Court Building,
1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois,
ON 09/18/2019, at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 4
COURTROOM D, or as soon thereafter as this
case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing
will be held upon the petition to have the
minor declared to be a ward of the court
and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS
CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY
AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO
TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND
TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO
CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL
PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE
PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF
YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT
OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT
TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL
RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled
to further written notices or publication
notices of the proceedings in this case,
including the filing of an amended petition
or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and
show cause against the petition, the
allegations of the petition may stand
admitted as against you and each of you,
and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
August 12, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK
COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND
CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT
JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF
Taranika Allen

A MINOR
NO. 2019JD00645

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Rodney Allen (Father),
respondents, and to ALL WHOM IT MAY
CONCERN, that on June 04, 2019, a
petition was filed under the Juvenile Court
Act by KIM FOX, STATE'S ATTORNEY
OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant
State's Attorney in this court, and that in
the courtroom of Judge Peter Wilkells in
the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago Illinois
on 09/11/2019 at 9:00 AM in CALENDAR 58
COURTROOM 11 ,

or as soon thereafter as this case may be
heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held
upon the petition to have the minor declared
to be a ward of the court and for other relief
under the Act. The court has authority in
this case to take from you the custody and
guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show
cause to the contrary, an order of judgment
by default may be entered against you for
the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
August 22, 2019

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:
Z. Peasall, R. Sachs
ATTORNEY FOR
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
ADDRESS: 1100 South Hamilton
CITY/STATE: Chicago, Illinois
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312)433-7000
ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR MERGER
OF A BANK

Hinsdale Bank & Trust Company, 25 East
First Street, Hinsdale, IL 60521, intends
to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for
permission to merge with Countryside Bank,
6734 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL 60525, and
to operate the locations of Countryside
Bank as branches of Hinsdale Bank & Trust
Company. The Federal Reserve considers a
number of factors in deciding whether to
approve the application, including Hinsdale's
record of performance in helping to meet
local credit needs.

You are invited to submit comments in
writing on this application/notice to Colette
A. Fried, Assistant Vice President, Federal
Reserve Bank of Chicago, 230 South LaSalle
Street, Chicago, Illinois 60604. The comment
period will not end before September
20, 2019, and may be somewhat longer.
The Board's procedures for processing
applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part
262. Procedures for processing protested
applications may be found at 12 C.F.R.
262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal
Reserve Board's procedures, or if you need
more information about how to submit
your comments on the application/notice,
contact Alicia Williams, Vice President and
Community Affairs Officer at (312) 322-
5910; to request a copy of an application,
contact Colette A. Fried at (312) 322-
6846. The Federal Reserve will consider
your comments and any request for a
public meeting or formal hearing on the
application/notice if they are received in
writing by the Federal Reserve Bank on or
before the last day of the comment period.
6414252 8/21, 8/28, 9/18/2019

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All City of Naperville solicitations will be
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NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

TO

THE METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO
FOR

PUBLIC TENDER OF BIDS A 99-YEAR LEASE ON 44.61 ACRES OF DISTRICT REAL ESTATE
LOCATED SOUTH OF THE CAL-SAG CHANNEL BETWEEN CICERO AVENUE AND KOSTNER AVENUE IN CRESTWOOD,
ILLINOIS; CAL-SAG CHANNEL PARCELS 12.05, 12.07 AND 12.08

LEASE NUMBER: 19-365-11

PROPOSALS ARE DUE: September 17, 2019

Sealed proposals, endorsed as above, must be deposited in the sealed bid depository located in the lobby of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Administration Building, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611 from the date of the Invitation to Bid, up to 11:00 a.m. on the bid opening date, and will be opened publicly by the Director of Procurement & Materials Management or her designee at 11:00 a.m. on September 17, 2019.

NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 11:00 A.M. ON THE ABOVE SCHEDULED BID DATE. ALL BIDS FAXED OR ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITTED TO THE METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO WILL BE RETURNED TO THE BIDDER. PROPOSALS TRANSMITTED BY U.S. MAIL OR OTHER DELIVERY WILL BE CONSIDERED ONLY WHEN SAID PROPOSALS ARE IN THE DEPOSITORY AT THE TIME FIXED FOR OPENING THEREOF. THE METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT THE PROPOSAL RECEIVED BY MAIL OR OTHER DELIVERY WILL BE DEPOSITED IN THE DEPOSITORY IN TIME FOR SUCH OPENING.

The land to be leased is 44.61 acres of District real estate located south of the Cal-Sag Channel between Cicero Avenue and Kostner Avenue in Crestwood, Illinois; Cal-Sag Channel Parcels 12.05, 12.07 and 12.08. Access to the site is obtained through Cicero Avenue. The site currently contains approximately 200,000 cubic yards of spoil material. The lease is subject to existing pipeline, utility and other easements, including, but not limited to, easements granted to: 1) Chicag Pipe Line Company to operate and maintain a 14-inch subterranean pipeline and cathodic protection unit at the eastern end of Parcel 12.05 (the easement expires May 27, 2044); 2) the Village of Crestwood to operate and maintain a 60-inch subterranean storm sewer on Parcel 12.05 (the easement expires May 17, 2042); and 3) the Village of Crestwood to operate and maintain a 16-inch subterranean water main on Parcel 12.05, 12.07 and 12.08 (the easement expires April 19, 2043). The lease is also subject to a permit issued to the Village of Crestwood to remove the existing spoil pile and to bring the site to grade level (the permit expires December 31, 2020). The District makes no representations or warranties that the spoil will be removed or the ultimate timing of any such removal. These easements and permit may be renewed throughout the term of any lease subject to the District's Board of Commissioners' approval.

The District's Board of Commissioners has established the fair market value of the property at \$12,625,000.00 and the minimum initial annual rental bid at \$820,625.00. In the event gaming or gambling operations are conducted on the leased premises, the District will share in the revenues derived from such operations based on a percentage of such revenues to be determined. The amount of such revenues shall not be considered in determining the highest responsible bidder for lease award purposes. A form lease to be used in this transaction is attached hereto. The District reserves the right to make any changes or modifications to the lease as it deems necessary prior to award of any lease.

The lease shall be awarded to the highest responsible bidder in accordance with bid procedures set forth by state law 70 ILCS 2605/8c et seq. and subject to the acceptance and approval of the bid by the Board of Commissioners of the District. The highest bidder will be required to provide financial statements and/or other information to establish its financial responsibility.

Specifications, proposal forms and/or plans may be obtained from the Department of Procurement & Materials Management, Room 508, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, Monday - Friday, between 8:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Documents will be mailed in response to a fax request (312/751-3042). Specifications, proposal forms and/or plans may also be downloaded online from the District's website, www.mwrdd.org. The path is as follows: Doing Business -> Procurement and Materials Management -> Contract Announcements. No fee is required for the contract documents.

The District assumes no responsibility for documents sent through the mail. Further, the District assumes no liability or responsibility for the failure or inability of any Bidder to successfully download any and all contract documents, including, but not limited to, specifications, proposal forms and/or plans, as a result of any type of technological computer and/or software system failure or breakdown that restricts, prohibits or prevents successful downloading of any and all District contract documents by the Bidder, whether caused by the District or other parties, directly or indirectly.

Proposals must be submitted on proposal forms. Proposal forms are to be placed in the special envelope furnished by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. If proposal forms are downloaded online, the Bidder is responsible to submit the complete set of contract documents. This volume is to remain intact. The Bidder shall place the complete set of contract documents in a sealed envelope clearly marked as follows:

Sealed Bid Depository, MOB Lobby
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
100 E Erie Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611
Proposal For: Lease Number 19-365-11

Failure to submit the complete set of contract documents as specified may render the bid non-responsive and the bid may be rejected.

Bidders are to include with their proposal signed copies of any addenda, or acknowledgment receipt of any addenda, if the District issued any addenda to this contract. Failure to do so may be cause for the rejection of any bid. If bidding documents are available online, any addenda issued for this contract will be available online at the District's website, www.mwrdd.org. The path is as follows: Doing Business -> Procurement and Materials Management -> Contract Announcements. Addenda will also be mailed, delivered, or faxed to each person receiving a set of such contract documents and to such other prospective bidders as shall have requested that they be furnished with a copy of the addenda.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of cash (U.S. currency only), cashier's check, or certified check payable to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago in an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the initial annual rental based on bidder's Proposal. Such checks will be acceptable only if drawn on a bank or savings and loan association. If the check is not stamped as a "certified" or "cashier's check" on its face, such check must be accompanied by a letter on letterhead of the financial institution and signed by an officer of the financial institution stating that the check is a guaranteed obligation of the financial institution. Any proposal submitted without being accompanied by such bid deposit will not be considered and will not be read after it is publicly opened. Any portion of the bid deposit not applied to the rent will be applied to the security deposit.

The required bid deposit will be forfeited in the event the successful bidder fails to execute a lease agreement within 13 days of its tender. All other deposits will be returned to the respective depositors. The form of the lease currently used for this transaction is available for inspection at the District office identified below.

The successful bidder, if other than the initial applicant, will pay to the District the cost for obtaining the applicant's two (2) appraisal reports, the cost of which will be documented upon execution of the lease. In order for the initial applicant to be reimbursed for its costs in obtaining 2 appraisal reports, said initial applicant must submit a qualifying bid in this matter. In addition, the successful bidder will obtain at its cost a plat of survey and legal description of the subject premises and submit same to the District within 21 days of the award.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

The District offers all prospective tenants that are awarded leases through competitive bidding the opportunity to participate in the District's **Green Infrastructure Program**. Participation is voluntary for all private non-governmental entities. Under the program, private entities can receive a credit equal to \$0.50 on the \$1.00, up to 10% of the annual rent owed to the District, capped at the first 10 years of the lease, for expenditures related to pre-approved green infrastructure. If interested, see the *Green Infrastructure Program Information Sheet* included with this Bid Package.

Any potential bidder with questions regarding the meaning of any part of the specifications or other bidding documents should submit such inquiries online at the District's website, www.mwrdd.org. The path is as follows: Doing Business -> Procurement and Materials Management -> Contract Announcements. The District will provide an online response to such inquiries, as the District deems appropriate. Strings of appropriate questions and answers regarding the bidding documents will be available online on the District's website until the bid opening date of the bidding documents. No questions will be accepted by telephone, fax, email, mail or any other such form of delivery.

The District does not guarantee the timeliness of responses provided online, nor does the District guarantee that such responses will be provided in adequate time to affect the submission of bids. The District shall provide responses online ONLY if the responses do not intercept or otherwise change the bidding documents.

The District's responses online are NOT official responses and, therefore, are not binding to the bidding documents. Any official interpretation or change to the bidding documents will be made only by addenda duly issued to all plan holders on record by the Director of Procurement & Materials Management. The District will only respond to questions received online up to ONE WEEK prior to the bid opening date of the bidding documents. The District will not respond to questions received after this date.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals.

The contact person for this contract is Christopher Murray. This contact person will provide online responses to online inquiries.

By: _____
Darlene A. LoCascio
Director of Procurement & Materials Management

(Newspapers and dates of advertisement)

Chicago Tribune: August 28, 2019, September 4, 2019, and September 11, 2019

NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
TO

METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

Sealed proposals, endorsed as below, will be deposited in the sealed bid depository safe located in the lobby of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Administration Building, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, from the date of the Notice for Request for Proposal, up to 11:00 A.M. on the proposal due date, for:

CONTRACT 19-RFP-10
MOBILE DATA & CELLULAR COMMUNICATIONS, FOR 36 MONTHS WITH
AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR TWO (2) TWELVE-MONTH EXTENSIONS

Estimated Cost: \$1,026,000.00 Bid Deposit: None
Pre-proposal meeting, not mandatory: Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 2 PM, MWRD,
100 E. Erie St., Chicago

Bid Opening: September 27, 2019

The above is an abbreviated version of the Notice - Invitation to Bid. A full version which includes a brief description of the project and/or service can be found on the District's website, www.mwrdd.org; the path is as follows: Doing Business -> Procurement and Materials Management -> Contract Announcements.

Specifications, proposal forms and/or plans may be obtained from the Department of Procurement & Materials Management, Room 508, 100 East Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, Monday - Friday, between

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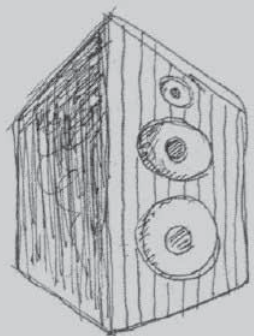
TO: Dwayne White Winnie D. Lewis Arnella M. Little County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD001987 FILED: July 10, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 4, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0002626 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 312 Wayne Street, Park Forest, IL 60466 Legal Description or Property Index No. 31-26-207-011-0000, Volume 180 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on December 6, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before December 6, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, IL 60602 on January 6, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before December 6, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street - Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5654 NEWLINE HOLDINGS LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated July 10, 2019 Pub: 8/27, 28, 29/2019 6417541

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TO: Rachel S. Lyons Tammy Faye Griffin County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD001998 FILED: July 10, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 4, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0002739 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 79 Chery Street, Park Forest, IL 60466 Legal Description or Property Index No. 31-36-201-002-0000, Volume 180 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on December 6, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before December 6, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, IL 60602 on January 6, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before December 6, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street - Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5654 NEWLINE HOLDING LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated July 10, 2019 Pub: 8/27, 28, 29/2019 6417575

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TO: Eric S. Dean Shannon Jalea Janea Jones Annie Thomas Eric J. Dean County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants; spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or parties interested in said land or lots. NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD002000 FILED: July 10, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold April 4, 2017 Certificate No. 15-0002754 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 3806 Western Avenue, Park Forest, IL 60466 Legal Description or Property Index No. 31-36-411-046-0000, Volume 180 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on December 6, 2019. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before December 6, 2019. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Courtroom 1704, Chicago, IL 60602 on January 6, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before December 6, 2019 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street - Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5654 NEWLINE HOLDINGS LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated July 10, 2019 Pub: 8/27, 28, 29/2019 6417600



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CUBS 5, METS 2

Epstein calls on Cubs to turn it on

'It has to happen really soon for us to get where we want to go'

BY MARK GONZALES

NEW YORK — Assessing the status of manager Joe Maddon and the course of the franchise are distant matters to Cubs President Theo Epstein.

With the Cubs entering play Tuesday night three games behind the Cardinals in the NL Central and clinging to a wild-card berth, Epstein cast a sense of urgency over his team with 32 games left.

"We've been waiting to put it all together and be the best version of ourselves, and I think we all know in this clubhouse it has to happen really soon for us to get to where we want to go," Epstein said before the Cubs beat the Mets 3-2 in the opener of a three-game series to remain three games behind the Cardinals.

"It's that time of year. It's on us to make that happen."

And they might have to play this three-game series without slugger Anthony Rizzo.

Rizzo missed his second consecutive start because of mid-back tightness. Maddon said he's prepared for the possibility that Rizzo will be sidelined for the entire series.

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TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On Northwestern

'Certain memories you don't forget'

Ten reasons why 2018 was the wildest season in Northwestern history

It's possible, at least in theory, for Northwestern to have a better 2019 than 2018. But there is no chance the Wildcats will have a wilder season.

Show me the last time a team gave up 36 points in the second half to a Mid-American Conference team and went on to play in a conference title game. Or the last time a 5-foot-6 walk-on running back gained meaningful yards in a Big Ten road game and later had everyone in stitches by throwing unintentional shade at the head coach.

Before we look ahead to Northwestern's opener Saturday at Stanford, we look back at the 10 craziest and most memorable things from 2018:

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Rock solid



Dan Hampton, our pick at No. 9, was the "thumping bass that made everything rock" for the legendary 1985 Bears defense. Hampton was named to four Pro Bowl teams and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2002. **Back Page**

Dan Hampton sets up a Bears TD by deflecting a Danny White pass in a 44-0 win over the Cowboys in '85. **CHICAGO TRIBUNE**



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Bears free safety Eddie Jackson intercepts an Aaron Rodgers pass late in the fourth quarter against the Packers on Dec. 16 at Soldier Field.

BEARS

Time to renew hunt for more takeaways

Jackson: 'I feel like I need a few more' vs. Pack

BY COLLEEN KANE

MORE COVERAGE

■ Announcers weigh in on infamous double-doink call. **Page 5**
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The last play Eddie Jackson made for the Bears broke Aaron Rodgers' record streak of 402 pass attempts without an interception.

Late in the fourth quarter in the Dec. 16 game against the Packers, Jackson snared a tipped pass from Rodgers in the end zone. He weaved his way to the 8-yard line, eventually bending awkwardly to the ground with a sprained ankle.

The play represented an extreme of highs and lows for Jackson. His sixth pick — and one of the Bears' 27 for the season — helped seal the NFC North championship. But the injury kept him out of the Bears' final two regular-season games and their playoff loss to the Eagles.

Jackson hasn't played in a

preseason game this month, so his return to the field will come in fitting fashion against the Packers and Rodgers in the Sept. 5 opener.

"I don't really think about it anymore," Jackson said. "When it happened, I thought about it, ending his streak. I feel like I need a few more. That's the goal, to get a few more off him, at least get a touchdown. That's the goal."

What Jackson and the Bears defense have in store as a follow-up to 2018 is a major curiosity as preparations kick into high gear

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TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL ROSENTHAL

NBC crew bullish on Bears

One of the historic National Football League franchises? Check. Major TV market? Check. Great expectations? Check.

Veteran play-by-play announcer Al Michaels and the rest of NBC's prime-time NFL crew, set to televise the season opener between the Packers and the Bears on Sept. 5, remain delighted by the Bears' return to the league's elite last season and what that portends for this year.

"There's very little question that the iconic franchises — the Bears, the Packers, the Steelers, the Cowboys — the better they do, the better it is," Michaels said Tuesday in a call with reporters.

Here are three takeaways from the conversation.

1. Maybe Sports Illustrated should stick to swimsuits. NBC's prime-time NFL crew certainly doesn't subscribe to SI's prediction the 2019 Bears are headed for a 7-9 finish and last place in the NFC North.

"This is why predictions are a dime a dozen," Michaels said. "I've read other analysis where the Bears are expected to win 11 or 12 games."

Said analyst Cris Collinsworth: "This is a rock-solid football team. I would never say never. I certainly wouldn't. But if they're under 10 wins, I'm going to be really surprised."

Sports Illustrated predicted the Vikings would win the division at 11-5, with the Packers going 10-6 to pick up a wild-card spot. SI even had the Lions at 9-7, two games ahead of the defending division champion Bears, who finished the regular season 12-4 last year before dropping their playoff opener to the Eagles.

"I live in Minnesota, so I hear about the Vikings all the time and what they're going to do in this division," NBC sideline reporter Michele Tafoya said. "To me it's hard to look beyond the Bears. I thought what we saw from the Bears last year was really impressive and I think the Vikings offense still has to convince us that they are capable of putting up enough points on a consistent basis."

Barring NBC and the NFL opting to make a change, the Bears are looking at two NBC "Sunday Night Football" appearances after their Sept. 5 league curtain-raiser at Soldier Field. They're also supposed to be showcased Nov. 17 at the Rams



MARK ZALESKI/AP

and Dec. 22 vs. the Chiefs.

"I do agree with the assessment that anything can come out of (the NFC North)," Collinsworth said. "This is a first-class division, there is no question about it and one that, a kick or two either way — as you well know in Chicago — can change the course of it."

"The thing that I know is most people spend all their time thinking and talking about quarterbacks and wide receivers and running backs. I tend to spend a good deal of my time watching defense and offensive lines, and that defense isn't going anywhere. So, I understand there are some moving parts. You can't lose Vic Fangio (the former Bears defensive coordinator who's now the Broncos head coach) without it having some impact on the team, but this is a rock-solid defensive team and a quarterback who is now going to be in the system another year."

Michaels was dismissive of predictions, in general.

"Last year, I don't think anybody predicted that the Bears would win 12 games, but they did. ... So, right now if I was going down to Las Vegas — and I don't bet, as you know," Michaels said, getting a chuckle from Collinsworth. "But if I bet and I saw the number seven on the over-under for wins and losses, I think you know which way I'd go."

Al Michaels (right) and Cris Collinsworth (second from left) during the Titans-Colts game on Dec. 30.

2. That, obviously, would be the Bears. Collinsworth was asked whether the Packers, with a rookie head coach in Matt LaFleur, should consider themselves a Super Bowl contender.

"I don't care who the coach is, if you have Aaron Rodgers as your quarterback, your expectation is to win the Super Bowl," he said, putting them in the same class that includes the Patriots, Rams and Steelers despite a lackluster 2018 finish.

"The Green Bay Packers certainly are expected to play for the Super Bowl," Collinsworth said. "Their opponent on opening night is supposed to be there too."

3. Not even Goldilocks was more at home with the Bears than NBC. Fred Gaudelli, executive producer for "Sunday Night Football," seemed particularly pleased by the Bears matchups NBC got.

"The NFL is as invested as NBC is in having marquee matchups on 'Sunday Night Football,'" he said. "Not only were the Bears good last year, they were pretty exciting. They definitely have an innovative young coach. They have a young team. They have a great defense and they have games that sound like big games."

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LYNX 93, SKY 85

Vandersloot breaks her record for assists in loss

MINNEAPOLIS — Sky guard Courtney Vandersloot broke her single-season assists record Tuesday night in her team's 93-85 loss to the Lynx. Vandersloot had five assists in the first quarter to tie her mark of 258. She finished with 10 to raise her season total to 263.

Cheyenne Parker scored 22 points to lead the Sky (18-12).

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CUBS RECAP

The pressure was on and Yu Darvish and Javier Baez delivered. They powered the Cubs to a 5-2 victory over the Mets on Tuesday night in New York as they snapped a three-game losing streak. Darvish scattered five hits while walking one and striking out seven. Darvish has struck out 72 and walked three in nine starts since the All-Star break. His 26.0 strikeout-to-walk ratio (78-3) since the start of July is tops in the majors. Baez went 3-for-3, including a two-run homer in the sixth — his first home run since Aug. 5. Addison Russell went 3-for-4 with a two-run homer in the fifth. For more coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

Cubs

Continued from Page 1

"I want to believe it's not going to be true, but it's possible," Maddon said. "He's doing better. But backs are a cranky thing. You just don't know."

The timing could not be worse for a Cubs offense that had scored only 11 runs in its last four games and for Rizzo, who is batting .290 with 25 home runs and 82 RBIs. Rizzo has had a history of back problems, but the discomfort is in a different spot this time.

"He's really frustrated by it," Epstein said. "But you have to be smart for a couple days to avoid a more serious injury."

In the meantime, the Cubs will hope to recapture the offensive groove they had in late April through mid-May when they posted a 13-2 mark to vault to first place with a 2 1/2-game lead.

"It wasn't just the production, but we were an on-base-driven offense and did a good job with our contact and using the whole field," Epstein said. "It was a pretty dynamic offense."

But Epstein hasn't given up hope that the offense can rekindle that style.

"We have it in us to be multi-dimensional, locked in and really grind our at-bats and get on base," Epstein said. "But using last year as a guide, we were susceptible to these long stretches where we lose our identity and

were a little more one-dimensional, more vulnerable to certain kinds of pitching.

"It's hard to explain, but we have to be the best version of ourselves. It's within us. It's not as if it's not. I don't think April and May were a mirage. At the same time, we just can't show up and assume that's who we are. Because you are what you do. And the last couple months haven't been (what) we're looking for."

Compounding matters is that the Cubs offense hasn't warmed up in the warm summer weather that is more conducive to hitting.

"And on the heels of last year in the second half, we have to kind of be honest with ourselves with how it's been to find a way to get back to a more dynamic offense," Epstein said.

With each loss, the microscope zooms on Maddon, who is in the final year of his five-year contract.

But Epstein told a New York writer that nothing has changed regarding a pause on contract talks.

"We got together in the winter and talked about how our approach should be it all we're done playing and we'll address it at that time," Epstein said. "That's what we've been sticking with all year, and he's done a great job of not letting it be a distraction, not letting it be an issue."

"We're all working together trying to finish strong this season and get to where we want to go."

CUBS

Can't shake that haunting feeling

Return to New York brings back memories of 1969

NEW YORK — It was just an odd coincidence that the Cubs ventured into New York on Tuesday for an important series against the Mets with 69 wins.

And it's only a little bit strange the Mets' turnaround coincided with the hiring of 82-year-old pitching Phil Regan, the last member of the 1969 Cubs still wearing a major-league uniform.

And surely no one can blame the Cubs marketing department for choosing Tuesday as the perfect day to launch an interactive web documentary on the '69 Cubs, waiting until the 50th anniversary of the start of the infamous collapse to remind their aging fans what it felt like to have your dreams crushed like so many empty pop cups on the Wrigley Field concourse.

But here we are again.

The 2019 Cubs, trying to avoid a similar heartbreak with a beloved team, were facing the hated Mets in the heart of Queens with their engine sputtering and September looming.

It seemed as though there was no way to avoid the past, even if this season is nothing like '69. Citi Field isn't Shea Stadium, and the Cubs' season-long free fall on the road hasn't been nearly as depressing as their famous late-summer fade of '69.

But pain is still pain, whether you're a baby boomer or a millennial. And if the Cubs blow it down the stretch and miss the postseason, rest assured there will be no fond memories of 2019 on a Cubs-produced video released in 2069.

Here's what's so hateable about the Mets — thousands of fans arriving at Citi Field on Tuesday strode past a plaque embedded in the sidewalk outside the park commemorating the so-called "Black Cat game" of Sept. 9, 1969.

"With the Mets one and a half games behind first-place Chicago for the division lead, a black cat ran onto the field at Shea Stadium, scampering by the Cubs on-deck batter and across the visitor's dugout," the plaque read. "The Cubs lost the game 7-1, and eventually the division to the Mets."

What the plaque doesn't mention is that batter in the on-deck circle was third baseman Ron Santo, whose hatred of all things New York became such a part of his persona he wanted to push the button to implode Shea Stadium.

Billy Williams, the Hall of Fame outfielder from that '69 team, can still recall Santo's face turning various shades of red whenever fans asked him to autograph black-and-white photos of him and the black cat.

"Yeah, they made a big deal when that happened," Williams said. "Took pictures and had stuff about it all over the (newspapers). They have a plaque there now, but they should have a plaque of (Tom) Seaver, (Jerry) Koosman, (Jon) Matlack and those kind of guys. They played some good baseball. It wasn't the black cat."

Sept. 9, 1969, was the last day the '69 Cubs were in first after spending 156 days, including off days, atop the National League East. The most recent day the 2019 Cubs were in first was Thursday. They spent 96 days atop the National League Central, including off days, but began Tuesday's game three



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

games behind the Cardinals. Now that the Cubs are no longer in the NL East, their rivalry with the Mets has been more subdued.

Even though the Mets beat the Cubs in the 2015 National League Championship Series, you don't hear young Cubs fans hating on the them like their grandparents, who have held on to this strange grudge so long they probably don't remember anything about '69 other than Don Young's dropped fly ball in Shea and the Black Cat game.

Williams said certainly none of the current Cubs knows anything about that '69 season. He believes the Black Cat game was eclipsed in Cubs metaphysical lore by the Bartman game in Game 6 of the 2003 NLCS and then the heavenly rain delay in Game 7 of the 2016 World Series.

"Unless this stuff is in the paper, these guys don't know nothing about that," he said. "Only the guys that played in the era do ... and the media. The Mets believed in that because they played over .700 after that game, and that contributed to (the legend)."

"They just played great baseball. People look at it as bad luck for us, the black cat being on the field. But most of the players I know didn't think that. I know I don't."

In the '60s, the Mets took eight years to evolve from laughing-stocks to lovable contenders. This year's version has done the same in less than eight weeks. They were 40-51 and talking about dealing Noah Syndergaard on July 13 but came into Tuesday's game with a .692 winning percentage since (27-12), the best record in the majors.

They not only kept Syndergaard but added Blue Jays ace Marcus Stroman, who started Tuesday's series opener. The Mets have the best pitching in the majors (3.11 ERA) since the All-Star break and would be very dangerous in a short playoff series.

But their best chance of getting in appears to be passing the Cubs and Phillies for the second wild-card spot, making this an important series for both teams.

"Everybody kind of feels this is the team we need to beat," third baseman Todd Frazier said.

"These three games are going to be huge. We've got to win every one of these games. ... It starts here because this is the last time we'll face this team, the Cubs."

"You never know what can happen. Going to be a lot of fun, a lot of drama, a lot of intensity."

Most of the Cubs starters were nowhere to be found before the game, leaving manager Joe Maddon and President Theo Epstein to address the series' importance.

"These are all big games the rest of the way," Epstein said. "The standings have changed quite a bit the last 2½ weeks. We're not on the side of it we want to be at any more, so they all become big games. It's been fits and starts. We've played really good baseball at home for the most part and it's been not quite as inspired on the road."

"We've been waiting to put it all together and be the best version of ourselves. I think we all know in this clubhouse that has to happen really soon for us to get where we want to go. It's that time of year."

'Zo' may share leadoff duties when he returns

BY MARK GONZALES

NEW YORK — Ben Zobrist will complete the rest of his prep work at home and could rejoin the Cubs by Sunday with a share of the leadoff duties.

The Cubs sent a few minor-league pitchers — currently not active or rehabbing from injuries — to throw to Zobrist in a simulated-game setting near his home in the Nashville, Tenn., area at his request.

Zobrist, 38, who is on the restricted list, will continue the same routine for the next few days before rejoining the Cubs.

Zobrist hasn't played since May 6, two days before going on the restricted list to deal with family issues after he and his wife, Julianna, filed for divorce. President Theo Epstein said Zobrist is not scheduled to play in any more minor-league games.

"His at-bats have been pretty good, and he's driven the ball," manager Joe Maddon said of Zobrist, who went 7-for-37 (.189) with eight walks and eight strike-

outs for four minor-league affiliates this month. "The batting average is not where he'd want it to be. But we have to look beyond that. It's such a small sample."

And in the wake of Jason Heyward's struggles in the leadoff spot, Maddon intimated that Zobrist could return to the top of the order at least on a part-time basis.

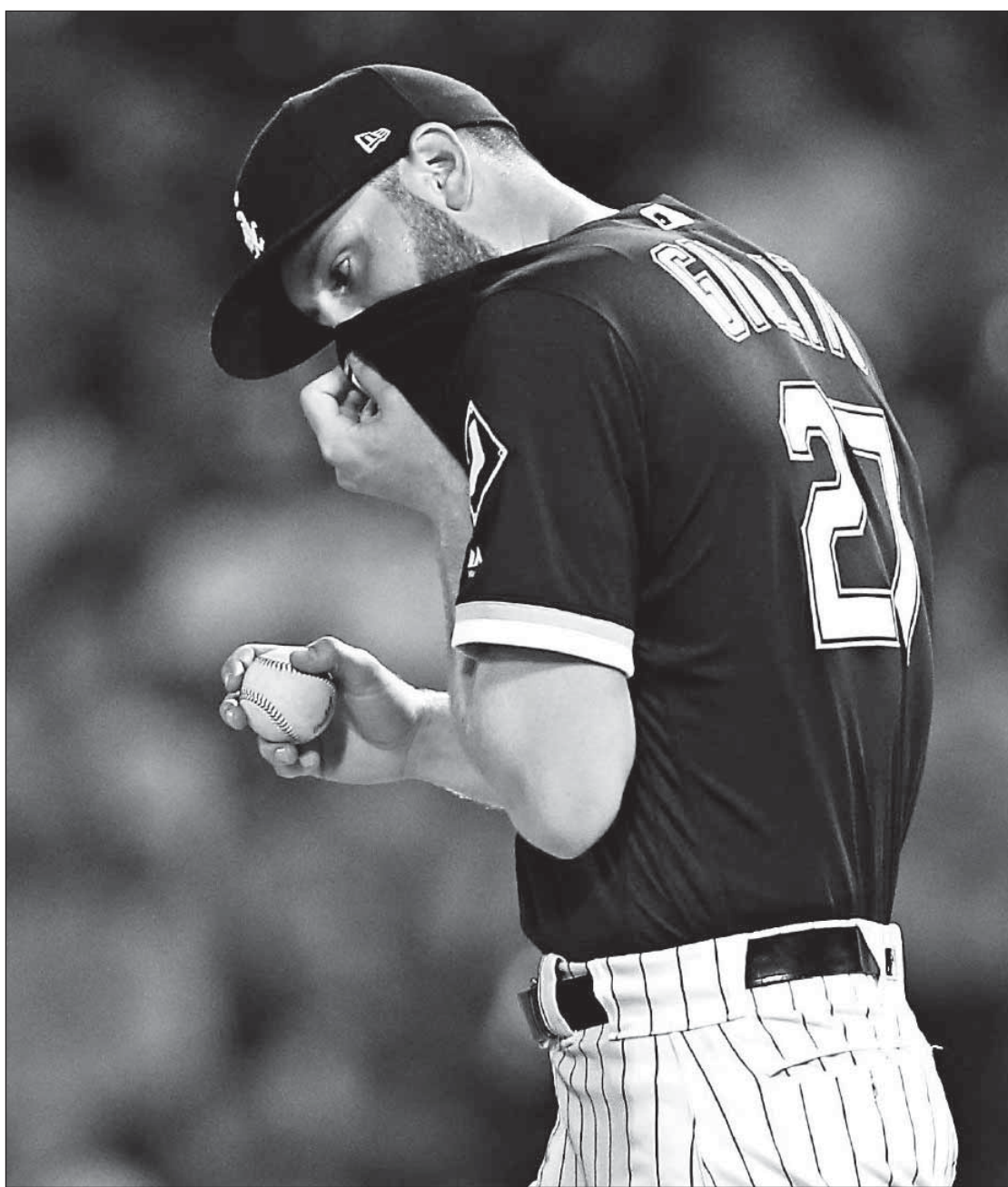
"(Heyward) leads in that particular spot," Maddon said. "It doesn't have to stay that way. When Zo comes back, it will give me something else to think about. There are not a lot of options."

"I can really help us," Epstein said. "We're still expecting to have him active by the end of the month."

Catcher Willson Contreras accelerated his recovery from a strained right hamstring by catching Jon Lester's bullpen session before Tuesday night's game.

Before the game, left-hander Cole Hamels was placed on the paternity list, and reliever James Norwood was recalled from Iowa. Hamels remains on schedule to make his next start Saturday against the Brewers.

WHITE SOX



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WHITE SOX RECAP

Lucas Giolito pitched six solid innings, but Marwin Gonzalez and Jonathan Schoop hit solo home runs in the second inning as the Twins defeated the White Sox 3-1 Tuesday at Guaranteed Rate Field. The Twins tacked on one run against the Sox bullpen in the eighth on the way to winning the opener of the three-game series. Giolito allowed two runs on four hits with nine strikeouts and three walks in his second start against the Twins in less than a week. Giolito allowed a solo homer to Gonzalez to lead off the second. He struck out the next two batters and then gave up a solo home run to Schoop. Giolito recorded his 200th strikeout of the season, fanning Eddie Rosario in the third. Tim Anderson hit a solo home run leading off the fourth to make it 2-1. For more coverage, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

It's 'a nice feat'

Four timely hits helped Abreu earn major milestones

BY LAMOND POPE

Jose Abreu called his mother and said thank you after a weekend to remember.

Saturday, the White Sox first baseman recorded the 1,000 hit of his career. Sunday, Abreu collected his 100th RBI of the season.

"The consistency is being out there, playing, keeping yourself available," Sox manager Rick Renteria said. "Certainly, that plays a huge part in the outcome in terms of numbers. But he's held himself accountable to so many things in terms of trying to stay in shape, working hard to make sure he gets an opportunity to play as much as he possibly can. It's a tribute to him."

"That's a nice feat. And for him to do it as a White Sox, I think he's really, really happy about doing that."

Abreu's five 100-RBI seasons rank third in franchise history behind Frank Thomas (10) and Paul Konerko (six).

Abreu credited some off-the-field factors for contributing to his success.

"First, I enjoy life, I live in peace with life (and) second, my parents, mom and dad, they have been outstanding with me," Abreu said through an interpreter. "They raised me the way that I am right now."

Teammate Matt Skole marveled at Abreu's accomplish-

ment.

"I hope I'm lucky enough to get 1,000 at-bats," Skole said with a laugh. "We all know he's been chasing (1,000 hits) here for the last week or so. It was pretty cool to see someone and to be able to play with someone who is the type of hitter he is. It's fun to watch every day."

"Seeing that moment, I got goosebumps."

The path to the milestones included several timely hits. Here are four big run-scoring hits by Abreu this season.

June 26 at Red Sox: The White Sox were on the verge of being swept after the Red Sox scored twice in the eighth to take a one-run lead.

Abreu put the White Sox back on top with a two-run homer to left off Matt Barnes with one out in the ninth.

Abreu went 3-for-5 with four RBIs in the 8-7 victory.

"(Abreu's) at-bat was fantastic," Renteria said while recounting the win two days later, "and he's able to get a pitch he can drive and put us ahead and everybody's lifted again."

July 3 vs. Tigers: Abreu received his Silver Slugger Award before the first game of a double-header.

He finished the long day at the park in dramatic fashion, hitting a three-run homer in the 12th inning of the second game to propel the Sox to a 9-6 win.

The hit, on a 3-2 pitch by Nick Ramirez, completed the double-header sweep.

It was the second game-end-

ing homer of his career. The other came April 25, 2014, against the Rays.

Abreu went 2-for-6 with three RBIs and called the home run "very special."

July 20 at Rays: Yoan Moncada took off for second on a 2-1 pitch by Chaz Roe in the 11th inning of a tie game.

Abreu hit a dribbler through the vacated hole at second to execute a perfect hit-and-run.

Moncada kept running and scored the go-ahead run in an eventual 2-1 victory.

Abreu went 2-for-5 with the one RBI.

Rays reliever Emilio Pagan called the sequence "crazy."

"(Moncada) scored from first on a ball that bounced five times in the infield," Pagan said. "I don't know if I've ever seen that, not even in Little League."

Aug. 2 at Phillies: Abreu was thrown out at the plate by Phillies pitcher Vince Velasquez, who was playing left field, in the 14th inning of a tie game.

Abreu came through an inning later, knocking in Leury Garcia with a single to left. Garcia scored just ahead of a throw by Velasquez, and the Sox held on for the wild 4-3 victory.

Abreu went 2-for-6 with three RBIs.

The hits and RBIs have kept on coming.

"He's one of the guys you want in your lineup every day," Sox shortstop Tim Anderson said. "Just the way he goes about his business. He plays the game hard."

Catcher Collins finds success at Triple-A

BY LAMOND POPE

Catcher Zack Collins is among the possible White Sox options for a September call-up.

Manager Rick Renteria wasn't ready to disclose if Collins, or anyone else, would be rejoining the team.

"I'm not going to speak to anybody who's going to be here or not be here," Renteria said Tuesday.

Renteria did address Collins' success with Triple-A Charlotte.

Collins, the No. 10 pick in the 2016 draft, entered Tuesday hitting .291 with 18 home runs and 70 RBIs in 82 games. He has a .406 on-base percentage. Collins hit his 19th homer of the season in the fourth inning Tuesday against Durham.

Collins is the No. 10 prospect

in the organization, according to MLB.com.

He appeared in nine games with the Sox after being called up June 18 and hit .077 (2-for-26) with one home run and three RBIs.

He returned to Charlotte on July 16 and is hitting .351 with nine homers, 31 RBIs and a .456 on-base percentage in 32 games entering Tuesday.

"He understood that the approach that he was taking when he got here wasn't going to work," Renteria said. "It was kind of similar to that with (Yoan) Moncada in that you go from a ball-to-strike approach to a strike-to-ball approach, in which you check your swing as opposed to get it started. When guys realize that maybe you're holding off a little bit, they're going to

attack the strike zone. You've got to show the opponent that you're able to swing the bat for them to make the distinction and deviate from coming right down the middle.

"If you're a guy that might be considered an out, I'm coming right after you. You prove to me you can hit it' He took that approach that he understood what was going on here over the course of the month that he was here. He learned a lot."

Collins has a .353/.458/.809 slash line in August.

"He's gone down, he's taken it to heart and it's noticeable in terms of his numbers," Renteria said. "You've got to give him credit for having taken to understanding what it was that was going to be happening to him as he moves forward in this league."

BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	87	47	.649	—	—	5-5	W-3	49-20	38-27
Tampa Bay	76	57	.571	10½	1	5-5	L-3	34-31	42-26
Boston	71	62	.534	15½	6	7-3	W-1	34-34	37-28
Toronto	54	80	.403	33	23½	3-7	W-1	26-39	28-41
Baltimore	44	88	.333	42	32½	5-5	W-3	22-46	22-42
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	80	51	.611	—	—	7-3	W-3	39-29	41-22
Cleveland	77	55	.583	3½	—	4-6	W-1	41-27	36-28
Chicago	60	71	.458	20	16	5-5	L-1	33-33	27-38
Kansas City	46	87	.346	35	31	2-8	L-2	24-41	22-46
Detroit	39	90	.302	40	36	2-8	L-3	17-44	22-46
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	86	47	.647	—	—	8-2	W-5	50-16	36-31
Oakland	76	55	.580	9	—	7-3	W-2	43-26	33-29
Texas	64	69	.481	22	13	4-6	L-2	38-27	26-42
Los Angeles	64	70	.478	22½	13½	4-6	W-1	34-31	30-39
Seattle	56	77	.421	30	21	6-4	L-2	29-39	27-38

Late games noted below

WEDNESDAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE	2019	2019 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
STL Flaherty (R)	8-6 3.22 13-13	1-1 13.0 9.00	3-0 18.0 0.50
MIL Lyles (R)	1:10p 8-8 4.69 12-10	1-1 7.2 7.04	1-1 17.0 3.18
Pit Keller (R)	1-2 7.24 2-4	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-1 15.1 4.70
Phi Velasquez (R)	5:05p 5-7 4.93 8-9	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-1 12.2 9.24
Cin DeSclafani (R)	8-7 4.27 12-13	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-1 15.0 4.80
Mia Alcántara (R)	6:10p 4-11 4.15 8-17	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-1 21.2 4.08
Chi Hendricks (R)	9-9 3.20 11-13	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-1 16.2 4.32
NY Syndergaard (R)	6:10p 9-6 3.71 15-10	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-1 19.0 1.89
LA Maeda (R)	8-8 4.13 14-11	1-1 23.0 4.70	1-0 17.2 2.55
SD TBD	8:10p		
AMERICAN LEAGUE	2019	2019 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
NY Paxton (L)	10-6 4.42 14-9	0-0 0.0 0.00	3-0 17.2 4.58
Sea Sheffield (L)	3:10p 0-0 6.43 1-0	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-0 4.0 6.75
Cle Civalle (R)	1-3 1.82 2-3	1-0 6.0 0.00	0-2 17.2 2.55
Det Zimmermann (R)	6:10p 1-9 6.48 4-13	0-1 4.1 8.31	0-1 16.0 3.38
TB Yarbrough (L)	11-3 3.29 5-3	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 19.1 4.07
Hou Cole (R)	7:10p 15-5 2.75 19-7	0-1 6.0 1.50	3-0 20.0 1.35
Min Odorizzi (R)	13-6 3.57 17-8	1-1 10.1 2.61	1-1 16.1 3.31
Chi Doty (L)	7:10p 2-3 5.51 4-3	1-0 10.0 4.50	1-1 16.0 3.94
Oak Roark (R)	8-8 3.95 13-12	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-1 19.0 2.84
KC Junis (R)	7:15p 8-12 4.89 11-16	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-2 16.1 4.96
Tex Jurado (L)	6-10 5.48 5-12	0-1 12.1 5.84	0-3 13.2 10.54
LA Sandoval (R)	9:07p 0-1 6.75 1-2	0-0 3.1 10.80	0-1 12.1 8.03
INTERLEAGUE	2019	2019 VS. OPP.	LAST 3 STARTS
TEAM PITCHER	TIME W-L ERA TR	W-L IP ERA	W-L IP ERA
Bal Wojciechowski (R)	2-6 4.67 3-7	0-1 5.1 5.06	0-1 15.1 4.11
Was Scherzer (R)	6:05p 9-5 2.41 10-11	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 16.0 2.25
Atl Foltynewicz (R)	4-5 5.68 8-7	0-0 0.0 0.00	1-0 17.2 3.57
Tor Waguespack (R)	6:07p 4-1 3.63 4-3	0-0 0.0 0.00	2-0 18.1 0.98
Bos Rodriguez (L)	15-5 3.92 20-7	0-0 6.0 7.50	2-0 19.1 0.93
Col Lambert (R)	7:40p 2-4 6.40 4-10	0-0 0.0 0.00	0-1 15.1 4.70

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
 Baltimore 2, Washington 0
 Toronto 3, Atlanta 1
 Cleveland 10, Detroit 1
 Oakland 2, Kansas City 1
 Houston 15, Tampa Bay 1
 Minnesota 3, Chi White Sox 1
 Boston 10, Colorado 6
 L.A. Angels 5, Texas 2
 N.Y. Yankees 7, Seattle 0

THURSDAY'S GAMES
 Cleveland at Detroit, 12:10 p.m.
 Oakland at Kansas City, 12:15 p.m.
 Minnesota at Chi. White Sox, 1:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Houston, 1:10 p.m.
 Seattle at Texas, 7:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
 Baltimore 2, Washington 0
 Toronto 3, Atlanta 1
 Chi. Cubs 5, N.Y. Mets 2
 Cincinnati 8, Miami 5
 Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 4
 St. Louis 6, Milwaukee 3
 Boston 10, Colorado 6
 Arizona 3, San Francisco 2
 L.A. Dodgers 9, San Diego 0

THURSDAY'S GAMES
 Chi. Cubs at N.Y. Mets, 6:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Miami, 6:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Colorado, 7:40 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, 8:40 p.m.
 San Diego at San Francisco, 8:45 p.m.

Saturday: Last day to be contracted to an organization and be eligible for postseason roster.
Sunday: Active rosters expand to 40 players.
Oct. 1-2: Wild-card games.

BOX SCORES

BALTIMORE 2, WASHINGTON 0	CHICAGO CUBS 5, N.Y. METS 2
AB R H BI SO AVG	AB R H BI SO AVG
Alberto 3b	Heyward cf
Mancini rf	Castellanos rf
Santander lf	Bryant 3b
Nunez 1b	Baez ss
Villar 2b	Schwarber lf
Severino c	Wilcox cf
Wilkinson cf	Caratini c
Martin ss	Russell 2b
Brooks p	Darvish p
a-Stewart ph	b-Kemp ph
Davis 1b	Kintzler p
TOTALS	TOTALS
30 2 5 2 10	35 5 11 5 10
WASHINGTON	NEW YORK
AB R H BI SO AVG	AB R H BI SO AVG
Turner ss	Rosario ss
Eaton rf	McNeil rf
Rendon 3b	Alonso 1b
Soto lf	Conforto cf
Cabrera 2b	Ramos c
Adams 1b	J.Davis lf
Robles cf	Panik 2b
Gomes c	Frazier 3b
a-Hendrick ph	Stroman p
Corbin p	Familia p
Suero p	a-R.Davis ph
b-Parra ph	Mazza p
TOTALS	TOTALS
31 0 4 0 11	32 2 6 2 7

ST. LOUIS 6, MILWAUKEE 3	BOSTON 10, COLORADO 6
AB R H BI SO AVG	AB R H BI SO AVG
Fowler rf	Betts rf
Edman 2b	Devers 3b
Thomas lf	Bogaerts ss
Goldschmidt 1b	Martinez lf
DeJong lf	Moreland 1b
Martinez p	Holt 2b
Olson ss	Vazquez c
Molina c	Bradley Jr. cf
Carpenter 3b	Porcello p
Bader cf	Owings ph
Mikolas p	Hernandez ph
a-Wong ph-2b	Brasier p
TOTALS	TOTALS
34 6 11 6 5	35 10 9 4
MILWAUKEE	COLORADO
AB R H BI SO AVG	AB R H BI SO AVG
Grisham lf	Blackmon rf
b-Braun ph-1f	Story ss
Grandal c	Arenado 3b
Yelich rf	Murphy 1b
Hirua 2b	McMahon 2b
Thames 1b	Desmond lf
c-Pina ph	Hilliard cf
Cain cf	Walters c
Spangenberg 3b	Garcia p
Archia ss	Daza ph
Houser p	Almonte p
Guerra p	Hampson ph
Prevez 1b	Smith p
TOTALS	TOTALS
34 3 7 3 12	41 6 15 6 9

N.Y. YANKEES 7, SEATTLE 0	PHILADELPHIA 4
AB R H BI SO AVG	AB R H BI SO AVG
LeMahieu 2b	Hoskins 1b
Judge rf	Realuto c
Torres ss	Harper rf
Sanchez dh	Segura ss
Gardner cf	Haseley cf
Lopes lf	Smyly p
Gordon 2b	Morrison ph
Moore rf	Suarez p
TOTALS	TOTALS
30 0 4 0 8	37 4 11 4 4

MINNESOTA 3, CHICAGO WHITE SOX 1	PITTSBURGH 5, PHILADELPHIA 4
AB R H BI SO AVG	AB R H BI SO AVG
Garver c	Newman ss
Panico ss	Reynolds lf
Cruz dh	Bell 1b
Rosario lf	Osuna rf
Sano 3b	Moran 3b
Gonzalez rf	Izaz c
b-Kepner ph-cf	Frazier 2b
Cron 1b	Braut p
Cave cf-rf	Reyes ph
Schoop 2b	Liriano p
TOTALS	TOTALS
33 3 8 3 10	35 5 11 4 5
CHICAGO	PHILADELPHIA
AB R H BI SO AVG	AB R H BI SO AVG
Garcia rf-cf	Hoskins 1b
Anderson ss	Realuto c
Abreu 1b	Harper rf
Moncada 3b	Segura ss
McCann c	Haseley cf
Jimenez lf	Smyly p
Goins dh	Morrison ph
Sanchez 2b	Suarez p
Engel cf	Kintzler p
a-Skotte ph	TOTALS
Jay rf	TOTALS
TOTALS	TOTALS
32 1 6 1 13	37 4 11 4 4

MINNESOTA 3, CHICAGO WHITE SOX 1
 Garver c 4 0 0 0 0 260
 Panico ss 2 1 1 0 0 294
 Cruz dh 4 0 2 0 1 299
 Rosario lf 4 0 1 1 1 282
 Sano 3b 4 0 1 0 0 247
 Gonzalez rf 3 1 1 1 0 263
 b-Kepner ph-cf 1 0 0 0 0 254
 Cron 1b 4 0 1 0 0 257
 Cave cf-rf 3 0 0 0 0 271
 Schoop 2b 4 0 1 0 0 254
TOTALS 33 3 8 3 10

CHICAGO AB R H BI SO AVG
 Garcia rf-cf 4 0 1 0 0 327
 Anderson ss 4 1 1 1 3 280
 Abreu 1b 3 0 0 0 0 277
 Moncada 3b 4 0 0 0 0 299
 McCann c 4 0 1 0 0 282
 Jimenez lf 4 0 1 0 0 239
 Goins dh 4 0 1 0 0 274
 Sanchez 2b 3 0 2 0 0 254
 Engel cf 1 0 0 0 0 217
 a-Skotte ph 1 0 0 0 0 267
 Jay rf 1 0 0 0 0 267
TOTALS 32 1 6 1 13

MINNESOTA IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Pineda, W, 10-5 5 4 1 1 1 8 4.16
 Dyson, H, 5 1 0 0 0 0 7.56
 Duffey, H, 9 1 2 0 0 1 4.80
 Romero, H, 1 0 0 0 0 3 3.86
 Rogers, S, 21-7 1 0 0 0 0 1 2.47

CHICAGO IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Gioiello, L 14-7 6 4 2 2 3 9 3.20
 Marshall 1½ 1 0 0 0 1 2.84
 Osich 1½ 1 1 0 0 5 4.44
 Herrera 1½ 2 0 0 0 7 5.45
 Osich pitched to 1 batters in the 8th. **Inherited runners-scored:** Herrera 1-1, HBP: Pineda (1). **HBP:** McCann (1). **Time:** 3:16.

PHILADELPHIA 4
 Newnam ss 5 1 1 0 0 301
 Reynolds lf 5 1 3 2 1 332
 Marte cf 5 0 2 0 1 290
 Bell 1b 4 0 1 0 1 274
 Osuna rf 3 1 1 0 1 297
 Moran 3b 4 0 1 1 2 286
 Iaz c 4 0 1 0 1 247
 Frazier 2b 3 1 0 0 0 266
 Braut p 1 0 0 0 0 290
 Reyes ph 1 0 0 1 0 273
 Liriano p 4 0 1 0 0 1,900
 Cabrera rf 0 0 0 0 0 277
TOTALS 35 5 11 4 5

PHILADELPHIA AB R H BI SO AVG
 Hoskins 1b 5 0 1 0 1 233
 Realuto c 5 0 2 0 0 277
 Harper rf 5 1 1 0 1 253
 Segura ss 3 0 0 0 0 285
 Haseley cf 4 0 1 0 1 246
 Hernandez 2b 4 0 1 0 0 281
 S.Rodriguez 3b 1 1 1 0 0 224
 Miller ph-3b 2 0 0 0 1 213
 a-Castro ph 4 0 1 0 1 286
 Noesis p 2 0 0 0 0 400
 c-Prado ph 1 1 1 1 0 286
 Smith p 0 0 0 0 0 333
 Kingery ph 1 0 0 0 1 272
TOTALS 37 4 11 4 4

Pittsburgh 002 002 001 - 5 11 0
Philadelphia 011 001 000 - 4 11 1

a-struck out for Brault in the 6th. b-pinch hit for S.Rodriguez in the 6th. c-homered for Parker in the 6th. d-struck out for Hughes in the 8th. **E:** Hoskins (8). **LOB:** Pittsburgh 7, Philadelphia 8. **B:** Marte (2), Rodriguez (6), S.Rodriguez (4), Realuto (3), Hernandez (2), Br. Newman (4). **HR:** Reynolds (14), off Smily; Moran (13), off Smily; Morrison (1), off Crick. **RBI:** Reynolds (2), Morrison (2), Haseley (1), (6), Dickerson (22), Morrison (1), S.B. Haseley (3). **CS:** Reyes (1); S: Braut.

PITTSBURGH IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Braut 5 8 3 3 1 1 4.96
 Kelsa, B, 0-7 1 1 1 1 1 4.75
 Kela 1 1 0 0 0 1 2.01
 Rogers, H, 1 0 0 0 0 3 3.86
 Vazquez, W, 5-1 ½ 0 0 0 2 1.71

PHILADELPHIA IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Smily 5½ 9 4 4 0 4 4.97
 Parker ½ 1 0 0 0 0 3.27
 Suarez ½ 0 0 0 0 1 4.00
 Hughes ½ 0 0 0 1 0 7.50
 Neris, L, 2-5 1 1 1 0 2 3.23

Inherited runners-scored: Vazquez 1-0. **HBP:** Braut (S.Rodriguez). **Time:** 3:19.

ST. LOUIS 6, MILWAUKEE 3
 Fowler rf 3 0 0 0 0 1 247
 Edman 2b 4 0 0 0 0 280
 Thomas lf 0 0 0 0 0 316
 Goldschmidt 1b 5 0 0 0 2 258
 DeJong lf 4 0 2 0 0 273
 Martinez p 4 0 0 0 1 211
 Olson ss 3 1 0 0 0 246
 Molina c 3 3 3 3 0 268
 Carpenter 3b 3 1 1 0 0 217
 Bader cf 4 1 3 1 0 211
 Mikolas p 2 0 0 0 0 1,143
 a-Wong ph-2b 2 0 2 2 0 276
TOTALS 34 6 11 6 5

MILWAUKEE AB R H BI SO AVG
 Grisham lf 3 0 0 0 2 226
 b-Braun ph-1f 1 0 0 0 0 287
 Grandal c 4 1 1 2 2 253
 Yelich rf 4 0 0 0 1 330
 Hirua 2b 4 1 1 0 0 301
 Thames 1b 3 0 1 0 1 258
 c-Pina ph 1 0 0 0 1 221
 Cain cf 4 0 0 0 0 252
 Spangenberg 3b 4 0 1 0 2 308
 Archia ss 3 0 1 1 1 227
 Houser p 2 0 0 0 2 056
 Guerra p 0 0 0 0 0 333
 Prevez 1b 2 1 1 0 0 244
TOTALS 34 3 7 3 12

St. Louis 000 010 302 - 6 11 0
Milwaukee 010 000 020 - 3 7 1

a-doubled for Mikolas in the 7th. b-flied out for Grisham in the 8th. c-struck out for Jackson in the 9th. **E:** Archia (12). **LOB:** St. Louis 7, Milwaukee 6. **HR:** Molina (7), off Houser; Molina (7), off Albers; Grandal (2), off Miller. **RBI:** Molina (3), (4), Wong (2), Bader (2), Archia (2), Grandal (2). **CS:** Bradley Jr. (5), Bogaerts (45), Blackmon (35), McMahon (20), Arenado (26), Hr: Bradley Jr. (17); Vazquez (19); Bogaerts (28); Hilliard (1); Arenado (34). **B:** Martinez (2), (5), Bradley Jr. (5), Vazquez (2), (57), Bogaerts (97), Holt (2), (26), Moreland (46), Blackmon (74), Arenado 3 (103), Hilliard (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** (Holt, Vazquez, Hernandez). **Colorado 5:** (Murphy 2, Desmond, Hampson). **BOSTON** IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Porcello, W, 12-10 5 8 2 2 0 5 5.42
 Hernandez 1 1 0 0 1 2 333
 Brasier 1 1 0 0 0 0 4.05
 Smith 1½ 4 4 4 7 5.61
 Taylor 9 1 0 0 0 1 2.82

COLORADO IP H R ER BB SO ERA
 Garcia, L, 0-1 5 7 6 6 5 2 10.80
 Almonte 4 0 1 0 1 0 4.50
 McGee 0 3 4 2 1 0 4.11
 Shaw 2 0 0 0 0 1 5.46
 Davis 1 0 0 0 1 1 7.32
TOTALS 39 7 11 7 7

N.Y. YANKEES 7, SEATTLE 0
NEW YORK AB R H BI SO AVG
 LeMahieu 2b 4 1 2 0 0 333
 Judge rf 5 1 2 2 2 272
 Torres ss 5 1 2 0 1 288
 Sanchez dh 3 1 1 0 1 232
 Gardner cf 4 1 1 3 1 254
 Usher (c) 5 0 1 0 0 280
 Tauchman

BEARS

“Taking away the ball and playing great defense, that’s just the culture that’s been instilled here in Chicago.”

— Prince Amukamara



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Cornerback Prince Amukamara speaks to the media after the team’s first practice of training camp at Olivet Nazarene on July 26.

Bears

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for the opener at Soldier Field.

The Bears led the NFL with 36 takeaways last season, fueled by Jackson’s six interceptions and Kyle Fuller’s NFL-leading seven. They return all but two starters on defense, bringing back All-Pro Jackson, Fuller and Khalil Mack, who leads a formidable pass rush that helped pressure quarterbacks into those errant throws.

But there’s still some uncertainty about how the unit will fare without Vic Fangio, who left his defensive coordinator post to become the Broncos head coach. At least one national publication, Sports Illustrated, predicts a regression for the Bears defense under new coordinator Chuck Pagano — and a 7-9 record.

Most of the defensive starters sat out the preseason games, so Pagano’s defense will be unveiled against Rodgers and the Packers. But even before that test, Bears players believe they can keep pace with their takeaways from last year.

“There’s a saying that goes around: This game doesn’t make the players; players make this game,” cornerback Prince

Amukamara said. “So even though we might have a new defensive coordinator, I don’t think it changes the makeup of this team. Taking away the ball and playing great defense, that’s just the culture that’s been instilled here in Chicago from guys before us, and we’re going to try to keep it going.”

Of the 11 players who accounted for the Bears’ 27 interceptions, two are gone this season. Adrian Amos and Bryce Callahan, who had two picks apiece, have moved on — Amos to the Packers and Callahan to the Broncos.

Safety Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, who replaces Amos, has had at least three interceptions each of the last three seasons, with a career high of five in 2016 with the Packers. Nickelback Buster Skrine, who replaces Callahan, didn’t have any picks in 2018 with the Jets.

So Pagano has the tools for another big year in the takeaway column. It’s just a matter of whether he can get the best out of his inherited players.

“Even though we haven’t been in a game with him yet, just seeing in practice and just seeing in the (preseason) game, we’re taking the ball away there,” Amukamara said. “His defense puts us in great positions, and he knows when to dial up a blitz

and knows when to play coverage. We’re excited to be out there and play under him.”

Amukamara was third on the team with three interceptions in 2018 — a credit, he said, to work catching balls with former Bears defensive backs coach Ed Donatell.

While Donatell joined Fangio in Denver, Amukamara is trying to carry over those lessons, and he had a strong training camp showing, at one point intercepting quarterback Mitch Trubisky in four straight practices.

Bears coach Matt Nagy said practices have shown a fast, confident group, and his biggest concern was making sure the players have gotten enough mental reps under Pagano since they haven’t seen real game action.

Rodgers certainly is a good first test. He threw only one other interception besides the one to Jackson last season, to Bills safety Jordan Poyer in Week 4.

Jackson is confident he and his teammates are ready.

“We are real anxious right now,” Jackson said. “We want to play so bad. Just sitting out for preseason is just getting us. You know you’ve got that feeling in your stomach and want to get back to it. So we are definitely all in.”

Announcers on play that ruined 2018

Fans would like to, but who can forget ‘double doink’ call?

BY RICH CAMPBELL

Cris Collinsworth’s son, Jac, broke the news to him. It was so soon after the Bears’ 16-15 loss to the Eagles in the wild-card-round game in January that father, son and NBC play-by-play man Al Michaels were still in the broadcast booth at stunned Soldier Field.

“You’re trending on Twitter,” Jac told his dad.

Cris has been in broadcasting long enough to know that’s rarely a good thing. The Bears-Packers game Sept. 5 begins his 11th season paired with Michaels on NBC’s “Sunday Night Football.” Collinsworth figured he’d be hearing from his boss in the coming days, maybe even at an in-person meeting.

But this trending moment was different. Jac asked him: “How did you do come up with that?”

“What are you talking about?” Cris wondered.

Cris had coined the phrase “double doink” in describing Cody Parkey’s decisive 43-yard field-goal attempt, which hit left upright, then the crossbar before dropping into the end zone and ending the Bears’ season.

“Oh, my goodness,” he said on the telecast as the replay drove daggers into Bears fans’ hearts. “The Bears’ season is going to end on a double doink. How many times can they hit the upright? Unbelievable!”

Nearly eight months after Collinsworth’s call, the phrase has stuck and is how that game and play are known in Chicago and Philadelphia. In Philly, they made T-shirts. Chicagoans, meanwhile, would rather forget the whole thing happened.

“I was really just thinking out loud,” Collinsworth recalled Tuesday on a teleconference. “It was just one of those things. When I go to Philadelphia now, when they’re not mad about something else with me, I hear about that. I hear it a lot of places now. It’s kind of funny.”

Collinsworth believes the seed for that phrase was planted in his subconscious during years of watching John Madden analyze games. Madden, the Hall of Fame coach who coincidentally preceded Collinsworth as Michaels’ partner on “Sunday Night Football,” is widely credited with coming up with “doink” as onomatopoeia for the sound of pigskin hitting a hollow steel upright.

From Collinsworth’s preparation for calling the Bears-Eagles playoff game, he knew Parkey had hit the upright with five kicks during the season, including four times in a November win over the Lions at Soldier Field. In fact, NBC had a montage of Parkey doinks cued up just minutes after the decisive kick.

Maybe that’s how the phrase went from Collinsworth’s brain to tongue in that intense playoff moment.

“When John Madden was doing it, and every time (a kicker) hit the upright, it was like you just waited for him to say ‘doink,’” Collinsworth said. “It became part of watching the game of football.”

“Sometimes ... there are some games that you just get lost in. And you almost forget you’re talking to 30 million people. As I listened back to it, I really didn’t think anything of it.”

The football world, meanwhile, ran with it. For example, the headline on the Tribune’s sports cover the next morning read “POST MORTEM” and included a reference to Parkey’s “double-doink miss” in the secondary headline.

As a testament to the phrase’s staying power, NBC recently filmed a promo for the season opener reprising Bill Swerski’s Super Fans, of “Saturday Night Live” fame. Two of them are commiserating in the Soldier Field parking lot. They have a stuffed bear that when squeezed says “double doink” in the thickest Chicago accent. Bob, the character George Wendt plays, says: “They sell them in Green Bay.”

Collinsworth’s broadcast partner, of course, knows a something about having a call become synonymous with an event.

Michaels reflected Tuesday on the factors and circumstances that lend themselves to such an attachment. He had some fun connecting the double doink to his famous “Do you believe in miracles?” call in the U.S. Olympic hockey team’s semifinal victory over the Soviet Union in 1980.

At the 1984 Olympics in Sarajevo, Michaels recalled, the U.S. team was widely expected to contend for another gold medal. But they lost their opening match to Canada and didn’t make it out of group play. On Tuesday’s teleconference, Michaels cited how Chicago Tribune sports columnist Bob Verdi led his U.S.-Canada story the next day with: “Do you believe in debacles?”

“If I was doing last year’s (Bears wild-card) game on local radio — let’s say I was the Bears announcer — I might have said what Verdi put into his (lead) in 1984,” Michaels cracked. “So you come up with certain things that pop into your head. The great thing about sports is you don’t know what’s going to happen. If you go into a situation preordained with something you thought of beforehand and you say it, it just sounds rehearsed and trite and manufactured.”

“The great thing about what happens in sports and just seeing it with your mind’s eye is, hey, the words just come. Fortunately, they come, and ‘double doink’ — there was no better way to describe what took place last January in Chicago.”



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The Hot Bob sandwich, a slow-roasting prime rib and a souvenir nacho bowl are among the new items coming to Soldier Field.

Bears unveil new food items for 100th season

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

At first glance, the Hot Bob sandwich — one of the new food offerings available to Bears fans at Soldier Field concession stands this season, unveiled by the team Monday — appears to be just an ordinary school-cafeteria sloppy Joe.

But take a bite and you’ll soon realize there’s just enough ghost chile in the seasoned beef with fried onion to take it to

the head of the class of 2019 additions to the stadium menu.

Hot dogs, pizza and chicken tenders are sure to remain the big sellers at Bears games, as always. But every year concessionaire Aramark attempts to jazz things up with new items.

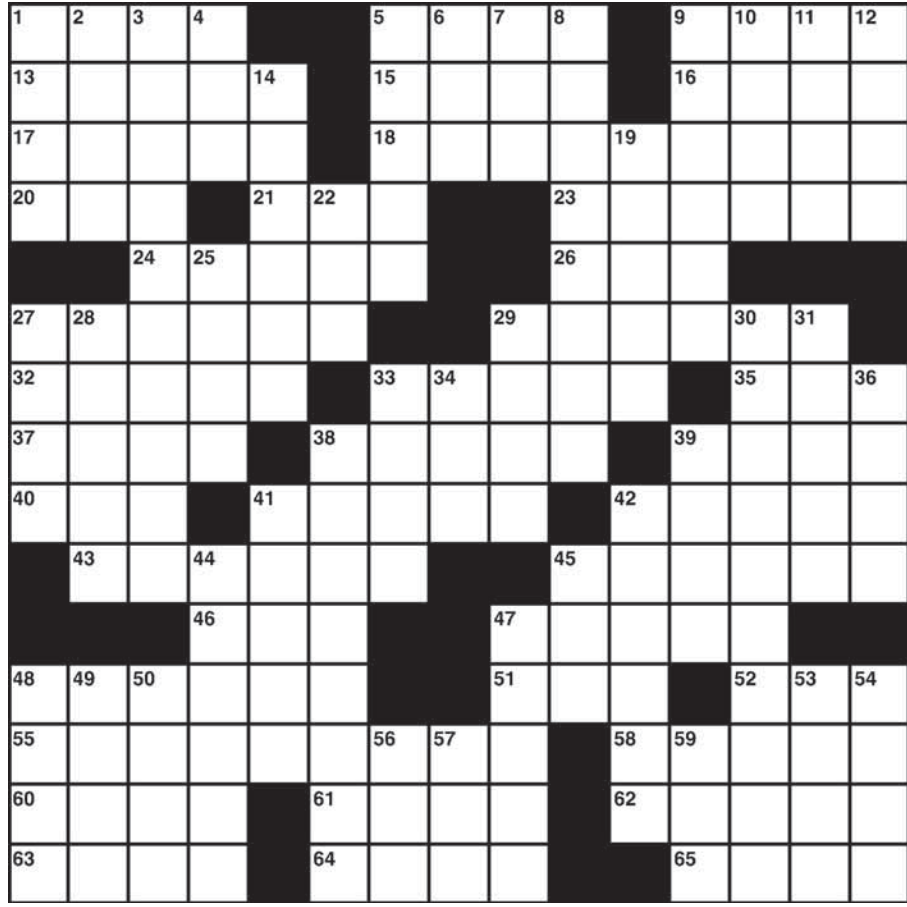
In addition to the Hot Bob, new items include the Lightlife’s plant-based burger and what’s touted as the Lake Shore Drive Hoagie, which is based on a South Side favorite, combining gyro meat, Italian Beef

and corned beef with Tzatziki sauce, giardiniera and tomato.

Like some Bears games, not everything turns out as hoped.

A Nashville-style fried chicken sandwich introduced to great fanfare last year enjoyed an initial surge in interest, but appetite for it dropped off by season’s end. It’s not available this year, supplanted by a crispy chicken sandwich with bacon that will have to prove it can fly.

Crossword



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- ACROSS**
- 1 Middle of simile
 - 5 Julia Child, for one
 - 9 One of the Maverick brothers
 - 13 Deadbeat
 - 15 Make well
 - 16 In concert
 - 17 Tomato ___; marinara ingredient
 - 18 Cures
 - 20 ___ lift; slope transport
 - 21 Sever
 - 23 Sellers and Fonda
 - 24 Spinnaker & jib
 - 26 Tap gently
 - 27 Felt sorry for
 - 29 Awning
 - 32 2nd U.S. president
 - 33 Has nothing to do with
 - 35 Ruby or maroon
 - 37 Elected officials: abbr.
 - 38 Square one
 - 39 Lunch spot
 - 40 Tic ___; breath mint
 - 41 Remains
 - 42 Soldier's gun

- 43 Envelope contents
 - 45 Most certain
 - 46 Battery size
 - 47 Money hoarder
 - 48 Like a piercing scream
 - 51 "___ a Wonderful Life"
 - 52 Napoleon's title: abbr.
 - 55 Car's rear illumination
 - 58 "Sesame Street" fellow
 - 60 Likewise
 - 61 ___ as a pin
 - 62 ___ on; attaches
 - 63 Thirst quencher
 - 64 Birthstones
 - 65 Bump into
- DOWN**
- 1 European range
 - 2 Marinate
 - 3 Help
 - 4 Profit
 - 5 British fellows
 - 6 Kind of party
 - 7 Chow down
 - 8 Disrespectful
 - 9 Very drunk
 - 10 Formality
 - 11 At any time
 - 12 Actress Harper

Solutions



- 14 ___ on; has confidence in
- 19 ___ list
- 22 As ___ as the hills
- 25 Targets
- 27 History
- 28 Just right
- 29 Mongrels
- 30 First choice
- 31 Shrieks
- 33 Celebrity
- 34 Alfalfa, for one
- 36 Try to lose
- 38 Shoplifting
- 39 Crucial; urgent
- 41 Drag one's feet
- 42 Baking potato
- 44 Suit alterer
- 45 Take a load off others
- 47 Romney & others
- 48 Rough guess
- 49 Robust
- 50 Stand up
- 53 Wallace of TV
- 54 Pain in the neck
- 56 Seventh letter
- 57 Pork cut
- 59 Bash

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Greenstein

Continued from Page 1

1. The plan is ... what? Less than eight months after getting his right knee reconstructed, quarterback Clayton Thorson got cleared for the Thursday night opener at Purdue. He immediately led the Wildcats on two touchdown drives and then got benched. Wait, what? Turns out, Thorson was on a super-secret "pitch count." Doctors would greenlight him to play based on, as NU coach Pat Fitzgerald cryptically put it, "different factors and things."

2. Karl Marx, an option read. The home loss to Duke was completely predictable (letdown after Purdue, dead home crowd with school not in session), but no one saw this rant coming: Run-pass options, Fitzgerald said, are the "purest form of communism."

3. Rock, meet bottom. You know things are going bad when the *second*-worst thing to happen is blowing a 21-3 halftime lead at home to an Akron team that finished 2-6 in the MAC. Jeremy Larkin, who had 346 of Northwestern's 351 net rushing yards through three games, had to medically retire nine days later because of cervical stenosis, a narrowing of the spinal canal in the neck area. When Larkin called former NU running back Justin Jackson to share the devastating news, he told Jackson: "Hey, man, you're lucky. Your records are still intact."

4. Slowest all-time Band-Aid removal. Michigan entered Ryan Field with all the hype. Northwestern was 1-2 and without its best offensive player in Larkin. Yet the Wildcats scored the first 17 points and still led with five minutes to play. The Wolverines ultimately rallied for the victory, but in defeat the Wildcats proved they had some heart. The season wasn't over.

5. The impossible burger. What if I told you (narrated in the "30 for 30" voice) that Northwestern would trail Nebraska 31-21 with less than four minutes to go? That the Wildcats were down to their second-string kicker and needed to convert two fourth-and-10s to have a chance to cut the lead to seven? That Nebraska had a win probability of 98.7% in the fourth quarter? That after a three-and-out by the Cornhuskers, the Wildcats had to go 99 yards without a timeout to force overtime? This was an absurd (no translation needed), once-in-a-generation comeback.

6. The catch. Thorson lofted a ball down the sideline at Iowa that looked like an overthrow. The 6-4 Bennett Skowronek extended his arms as far as possible and

withstood an end-zone landing to reel in perhaps the greatest catch in program history. Fitzgerald called it his top memory from 2018, and Skowronek on Monday reminisced: "It was like being a kid — diving in the backyard with my brother and my dad."

7. The 'video guy' steals the show. Hawaiian Chad Hanaoka enrolled at Northwestern with no football status. He took a position on the video staff while studying to become a doctor and hoping for a spot as a walk-on. Did we mention he is 5-foot-6? With Larkin retired, Hanaoka climbed the depth chart. He rushed twice at Iowa, and one was huge — a 13-yard gain on third-and-9. One play later, Thorson fired the pass to Skowronek that essentially crowned the Wildcats champions of the Big Ten West.

Fitzgerald said of Hanaoka: "When I get older, he's going to be my doctor."

Asked about that, Hanaoka replied: "I don't know if I would be Fitz's doctor, although I have considered geriatrics ... don't tell him I said that."

8. Stats are for losers. Northwestern entered the Iowa game as a 10½-point underdog with one of the nation's worst offenses. But after eking out a 14-10 win, Fitzgerald gathered his players on the field and hollered: "Wisconsin lost! Purdue lost!" Players mobbed Fitzgerald before he could finish delivering the stunning news: The program was headed to its first Big Ten title game.

9. Out of nowhere. John Moten IV carried the ball 46 times last season. He averaged 2.8 yards on 45 of those rushes. The other was a Bob Beamon moment. Moten broke free for a 77-yard touchdown at Lucas Oil Stadium, dusting two Ohio State defensive backs. As Gus Johnson called it for Fox Sports: "Moten first down. Moten still running. MOTEN DOWN THE SIDELINE!"

10. Rabbit removed from hat. Northwestern trailed Utah 20-3 on a chilly, rainy New Year's Eve in San Diego. The offense was going nowhere. The Wildcats were down five starters. Thorson was taking enough shots that some people, ahem, thought it might be wise to rest him and protect his draft status.

And then weird things started happening. Jared McGee returned a fumble 82 yards. A 296-pound offensive lineman-turned-superback named Trey Klock caught a touchdown pass. Northwestern somehow beat a Utah team that loses bowl games as often as Joe Maddon loses his cool.

"That celebration in San Diego on New Year's Eve," Fitzgerald said Monday, "there are certain memories you don't forget."

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ODDS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL		
AMERICAN LEAGUE WEDNESDAY		
NY Yankees	-205	at Seattle +185
Cleveland	-180	at Detroit +165
Minnesota	-171	at Chi White Sox +159
at Houston	-197	Tampa Bay +182
Oakland	-152	at Kansas City +142
at LA Angels	-160	Texas +150
NATIONAL LEAGUE WEDNESDAY		
St. Louis	-123	at Milwaukee +113
at Philadelphia	-137	Pittsburgh +127
Cincinnati	-138	at Miami +128
at NY Mets	-127	Chi Cubs +117
LA Dodgers	-173	at San Diego +161
INTERLEAGUE WEDNESDAY		
at Washington	-390	Baltimore +360
at Toronto	Off	Atlanta Off
Boston	-171	at Colorado +159

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Alabama	33½	Duke
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Virginia Tech	4½	at Boston Coll.
Syracuse	18	at Liberty
Florida St	4½	Boise St
at Arkansas St	3	SMU
at Michigan	34	Mid. Tenn.
at Iowa	21½	Miami (Ohio)
at LSU	27½	Ga. Southern
Georgia	21	at Vanderbilt
Virginia	2½	at Pittsburgh
Missouri	17½	at Wyoming
Auburn	3½	Oregon
at Texas	20½	Louisiana Tech
at Wash. St	31	New Mexico St
at USC	13½	Fresno St
SUNDAY		
at Oklahoma	23½	Houston
MONDAY		
Notre Dame	20	at Louisville

NFL PRESEASON

WEEK 4		
Pittsburgh	3½	at Carolina
Minnesota	3	at Buffalo
at Cincinnati	3	Indianapolis
at NY Jets	4	Philadelphia
at Jacksonville	4	Atlanta
Baltimore	6	at Washington
at New England	2½	NY Giants
at Cleveland	4½	Detroit
at Green Bay	2	Kansas City
at Dallas	5	Tampa Bay
at Chicago	2½	Tennessee
at Houston	2½	LA Rams
at New Orleans	3½	Miami
at Denver	2	Arizona
at San Fran.	4	LA Chargers
at Seattle	2½	Oakland

NFL PRESEASON

AFC EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
New England	3	0	0	1.000	63	23
Buffalo	3	0	0	1.000	75	50
Miami	2	1	0	.667	70	50
N.Y. Jets	1	2	0	.333	57	69
AFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Baltimore	3	0	0	1.000	81	28
Pittsburgh	3	0	0	1.000	65	41
Cleveland	2	1	0	.667	63	41
Cincinnati	1	2	0	.333	63	76
AFC SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Tennessee	1	2	0	.333	50	50
Houston	1	2	0	.333	56	85
Indianapolis	0	3	0	.000	51	72
Jacksonville	0	3	0	.000	17	75
AFC WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Oakland	3	0	0	1.000	69	50
Kansas City	1	2	0	.333	62	61
Denver	1	3	0	.250	49	66
L.A. Chargers	0	3	0	.000	45	59
NFC EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	3	0	0	1.000	88	58
Dallas	2	1	0	.667	57	27
Washington	1	2	0	.333	42	60
Philadelphia	1	2	0	.333	49	63
NFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Minnesota	3	0	0	1.000	79	53
Green Bay	1	2	0	.333	62	74
Chicago	1	2	0	.333	53	72
Detroit	0	3	0	.000	46	85
NFC SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.667	57	56
New Orleans	2	1	0	.667	72	64
Carolina	1	2	0	.333	40	50
Atlanta	0	4	0	.000	54	89
NFC WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
San Francisco	3	0	0	1.000	68	41
Seattle	2	1	0	.667	64	54
L.A. Rams	1	2	0	.333	23	34
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	52	66

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Jacksonville, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at New England, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Baltimore at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Miami at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Houston, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Tennessee at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Kansas City at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
Arizona at Denver, 8 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at San Francisco, 9 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 9 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Atlanta	15	9	3	48	46	30
Philadelphia	14	8	6	48	51	41
N.Y. City FC	13	5	8	47	48	33
N.Y. Red Bulls	12	11	5	41	47	42
D.C. United	10	9	9	39	36	38
New England	10	9	8	38	40	46
Toronto FC	10	7	7	37	43	44
Montreal	9	11	7	34	40	45
Orlando City	9	12	7	34	35	36
Chicago	8	12	9	33	43	42
Columbus	8	15	6	30	32	43
Cincinnati	5	19	3	18	27	64
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	19	3	5	62	74	28
Real Salt Lake	13	10	4	43	40	34
Seattle	12	8	7	43	42	40
Minnesota	12	9	6	42	44	37
LA Galaxy	13	11	3	42	38	41
San Jose	12	10	5	41	45	43
FC Dallas	11	10	7	40	44	37
Portland	11	11	4	37	42	40
Sporting KC	9	11	7	34	40	45
Houston	9	14	4	31	38	48
Colorado	7	14	6	27	43	54
Vancouver	6	13	9	27	28	48

WEDNESDAY'S MATCH

Vancouver at Montreal, 7 p.m.

U.S. OPEN CUP

TUESDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP

at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta
Atlanta United FC 2, Minnesota United 1

NWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Portland	10	3	6	36	39	22
North Carolina	9	4	4	31	37	17
Chicago	8	6	2	29	29	26
Utah	8	6	2	29	29	25
Reign FC	7	5	6	27	16	20
Washington	7	7	4	25	22	19
Houston	6	8	4	22	18	25
Sky Blue FC	4	11	4	16	15	28
Orlando	4	12	2	14	19	37

SATURDAY'S MATCH

Washington at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.

TENNIS

139TH U.S. OPEN

New York City; outdoors-hard
MEN'S FIRST ROUND SINGLES
 #2 Rafael Nadal d. J. Millman, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2
 Thomas Fabbiano d. #4 Dominic Thiem, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2
 #6 Alexander Zverev d. Radu Albot, 6-1, 6-3, 3-6, 4-6, 6-2
 Andrey Rublev d. #8 Stefanos Tsitsipas, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (7), 7-5
 Vasek Pospisil d. #9 Karen Khacharov, 4-6, 7-6, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3
 Mikhail Kukushkin d. #10 Roberto Bautista-Agut, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
 #13 Gael Monfils d. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, 7-6 (2), 6-4, 6-3
 #14 John Isner d. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
 Denis Shapovalov d. #18 Felix Auger-Aliassime, 6-1, 6-1, 6-4
 #20 Diego Schwartzmann d. Robin Haase, 6-3, 7-6 (6), 6-0
 #22 Marin Cilic d. Martin Klizan, 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 (6).
 #24 Matteo Berrettini d. Richard Gasquet, 6-4, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.
 #28 Nick Kyrgios d. Steve Johnson, 6-3, 7-6 (1), 6-4
 #29 Benoit Paire d. Brayden Schnur, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4
 Pablo Andujar d. #30 Kyle Edmund, 3-6, 7-6 (1), 7-5, 5-7, 6-2.
 #32 Fernando Verdasco d. Tobias Kamke, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.
 G. Simon d. B. Fratangelo, 5-7, 7-5, 7-5, 7-5
 Jan-Lennard Struff d. C. Ruud, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.
 Jordan Thompson d. J. Sousa, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.
 Tennyis Sandgren d. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 1-6, 6-7 (2), 6-4, 7-6 (5), 7-5
 Alexei Popyrin d. Federico Delbonis, 6-1, 7-5, 7-6 (5).
 Lorenzo Sonego d. Marcel Granollers, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
 Alexander Bublik d. Santiago Giraldo, 2-6, 6-0, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4.
 Cedrik-Marcel Stebe d. Filip Krajinovic, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (6).
 Hyeon Chung d. Ernesto Escobedo, 3-6, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-2
 Frances Tiafoe d. Ivo Karlovic, 6-2, 6-3, 1-2, ret.
 Aljaz Bedene d. J. Kovalik, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5
 Marius Copil d. Ugo Humbert, 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (11), 4-6, 6-1
 Egor Gerasimov d. Lloyd Harris, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (6)
 Thanasi Kokkinakis d. Ilya Ivashka, 6-3, 7-6 (8), 6-7 (4), 6-2
 Antoine Hoang d. Leonardo Mayer, 3-6, 6-2, 6-7 (6), 6-1, 6-3
 Henri Laaksonen d. Marco Cecchinto, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (6), 2-6, 3-6, 7-6 (2)

WOMEN'S FIRST ROUND SINGLES

#1 Naomi Osaka d. Anna Blinkova, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-2.
 #4 Simona Halep d. Nicole Gibbs, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.
 #6 Petra Kvitova d. D. Allertova, 6-2, 6-4.
 #7 Kiki Bertens d. Paula Gilbert, 6-4, 6-2
 #9 Aryna Sabalenka d. Victoria Azarenka, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4
 Anna Kalinskaya d. #11 Sloane Stephens, 6-3, 6-4
 #13 Belinda Bencic d. M. Minella, 6-3, 6-2
 #15 Bianca Andreescu d. Katie Volynets, 6-2, 6-4.
 #19 Caroline Wozniacki d. Yafan Wang, 1-6, 7-5, 6-3
 #21 Anett Kontaveit d. Sara Sorribes Tormo, 6-1, 6-1.
 #23 Donna Vekic d. Rachel Hogenkamp, 7-6 (4), 6-3
 Alison Riske, d. #24 Garbine Muguruza, 2-6, 6-1, 6-3.
 #25 Elise Mertens d. J. Teichmann, 6-2, 6-2.
 #26 Julia Goerges d. Natalia Vikhlyantseva, 1-6, 6-1, 7-6 (1).
 Timea Babos d. #28 Carla Suarez Navarro, 6-2, retired.
 Ali Bolsova d. #31 B. Strycova, 6-3, 6-0, 6-1
 Cori Gauff d. A. Potapova, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4
 Magda Linette d. A. Sharma, 6-3, 6-4.
 Alize Cornet d. Jessica Pegula, 6-2, 6-3
 Taylor Townsend d. K. Kozlova, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.
 Kaia Kanepi d. Tat. Maria, 5-7, 7-6 (4), 6-3
 Francesca Di Lorenzo d. Veronika Kudermetova, 7-6 (4), 6-2.
 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova d. Pauline Parmentier, 6-1, 7-6 (2).
 Dani Collins d. P. Herczeg, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4
 Kirsten Flipkens d. Xiyu Wang, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2
 Jelena Ostapenko d. Aleksandra Krunic, 6-3, 7-6 (7).
 Andrea Petkovic d. Mihaela Buzarnescu, 6-3, 6-4.
 Jelena Ostapenko d. Aleksandra Krunic, 6-3, 7-6 (7)
 Ajla Tomljanovic d. Marie Bouzkova, 1-6, 7-5, 6-1
 Kristie Ahn d. S. Kuznetsova, 7-5, 6-2
 Yulia Putintseva d. M. Brengle, 6-3, 6-3
 Kristyna Pliskova d. Diane Parry, 6-4, 6-3
 Sorana Cirstea d. K. Siniakova, 7-5, 6-2

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Georgia	21	



RANKING THE BEST BEARS PLAYERS EVER

#9 Dan Hampton

Hall of Fame defender played through pain, put the hurt on opponents

BY WILL LARKIN

Dan and Matt Hampton were playing in the yard of their family's farm one 1960s afternoon in Cabot, Ark.

Shooting bottle rockets at each other was among the rambunctious brothers' favorite pastimes, so that day's activity was not out of the ordinary.

Dan climbed above the boys' treehouse and began to cut with a knife a rope tied to one of the branches. Matt was swinging back and forth on the rope about 45 feet below, shooting up at Dan with a BB gun.

Dan grabbed a rotted branch for support. It snapped, and he broke both legs and an arm in the fall.

He said his injuries would have been much worse had he not drank so much fresh milk from his family's dairy cows. "None of that pasteurized stuff."

That was the first of Dan Hampton's many injuries. He came back from that sixth-grade setback and many more to become one of the greatest NFL players of the 1980s, a Super Bowl champion with the Bears and a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

In the Oct. 9, 1989, issue of Sports Illustrated, former Bears defensive coordinator Buddy Ryan, then head coach of the Eagles, told Jill Lieber: "Nobody has played (defensive) tackle better than Hampton. And surely no one has played it with more heart. Dan's my hero."

After his fall from the tree, Hampton's doctor advised him to give up sports. He did and became immersed in the world of music. He learned to play six instruments — the bass guitar, classical guitar, drums, saxophone, piano and organ — and in high school played bass for a rock band and saxophone in the marching band.

In his 2013 book, "Monsters: The 1985 Chicago Bears and the Wild Heart of Football," Rich Cohen said the 6-foot-5, 264-pound Hampton was the Bears' "thumping bass that made everything rock." Years earlier Hampton was known for his long hair, thick glasses and distinction as by far the largest member of the horn section.

"Until the 11th grade, I was walking around with a saxophone," Hampton told the Tribune's Fred Mitchell on Feb. 3, 2002. "The football coaches were looking at me like I was from Mars."

Bill Reed, his coach in Jacksonville, Ark., convinced Hampton to join the football team, and as Hampton dominated, Reed ensured his new star's next stop would be the University of Arkansas. A huge Razorbacks fan, Reed threw recruiting letters to Hampton from Texas and Oklahoma in the trash.

As the Bears scouted Hampton before the 1979 draft, they flew him to Chicago for interviews with the staff. The highlight for him was a film session with Ryan.

In Richard Whittingham's 1991 book, "What Bears They Were," Hampton remembered: "They brought me to this room, which was dark, and film was running. Buddy never turned the light on or anything. He just said, 'Sit down, big boy.' So I sat down by the desk, and he didn't say another thing for about 10 minutes.

"Finally he said, 'See that guy, No. 82? That's Alan Page. He's one of the greatest who ever played the game. Boy, I'd sure like to have you. I betcha I could get you to play like that someday.'"

The Bears took Hampton with the No. 4 overall pick, and he got to learn from Page every day for three years as the former Viking finished his Hall of Fame career with the Bears. Hampton supplemented the lessons by watching film of Buccaneers defensive end Lee Roy Selmon, studying how he used balance and leverage just as much as speed and power to disrupt blockers.

Most defensive players had a rough time for a few years under Ryan, who despised rookies and in most cases put them on the field only in an emergency. Not so with Hampton, who started all 16 games his first season and was one of the few players Ryan consistently singled out for praise.

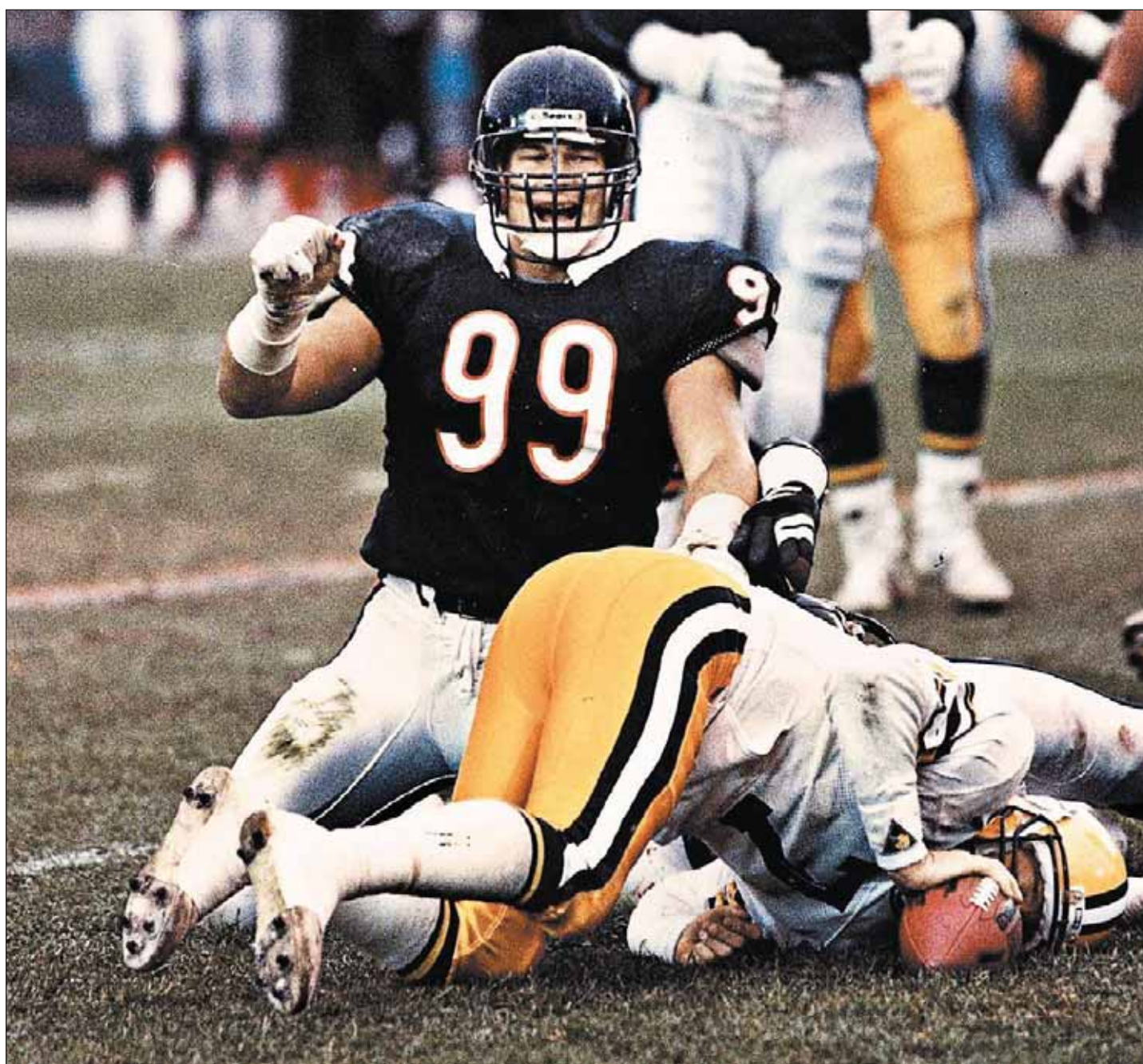
Hampton was named to his first Pro Bowl in 1980 after his second season, an honor he would gain three more times. Individual accolades proved hard to come by for Hampton, mostly because of his willingness to switch between defensive end and tackle as needed and the roster full of stars the Bears assembled by the mid-1980s.

In his 11 full seasons, Hampton played seven mostly at end and four mostly at tackle. He started out at left end with tackle occupied by Page and Jim Osborne, moved inside after Page retired in 1982, went back outside when William Perry joined the starting lineup in the middle of the 1985 championship season, returned inside when Perry was demoted from the starting lineup in 1988 and stayed there after the Bears drafted defensive end Trace Armstrong in 1989.

It's hard to say which position suited Hampton better. His strength and quickness made him an ideal defensive tackle, while his speed, ability to keep outside containment and array of pass-rush techniques allowed him to excel at end.

Jim Hanifan, the St. Louis Cardinals' head coach in 1980-85 who was an offensive line coach in the NFL for 23 years, rejoiced when Hampton moved from end to tackle.

"I thought he was such a great end that the move would take away his playing



CHARLES CHERNEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears legend Dan Hampton is fired up after lowering the boom on Packers quarterback Don Majkowski at Soldier Field on Nov. 27, 1988.

HAMPTON AS A BEAR

1979-90 | 12 seasons | 157 games

Bears record: 113-71 (.614).

Playoff appearances: 7. Super Bowl champion in 1985.

Acquired: First round (fourth overall), 1979 draft from Arkansas.

skills," Hanifan told the Tribune's Don Pierson on July 30, 2002. "Well, it didn't. He was even more dominating inside."

John Michels, Vikings offensive line coach from 1985-93, offered the opposite opinion.

"We felt he was more dangerous at end because we had a tougher time doubling him out there," Michels told Pierson. "We felt we could never single him constantly or he'd beat us."

Larry McCarren, the Packers' center from 1973-84 and a two-time Pro Bowl selection, said Hampton presented unique problems at both positions because of his well-rounded skill set.

"Hampton made the 46 defense because he was such a unique player," McCarren told Pierson. "They would line him up on the nose, and here was a guy with defensive end-type dimensions who would present totally different blocking problems. ... He collapsed the pocket, and that's where the best defense of all time started."

No matter where he played, Hampton was awesome. So were the Bears, as long as he was on the field. In the 27 games he missed while recovering from 10 knee surgeries and an assortment of broken bones, the Bears went 10-17. In the 157 games he played, the Bears went 103-54.

In the seven years Hampton spent on the Hall of Fame ballot before he was elected, Pierson, a member of the selection committee, collected stats that proved Hampton's worth.

Many were sent to him by John Turney, an amateur statistician and gift-shop owner from New Mexico.

The Bears allowed 23.1 points without Hampton and 14.7 with him. Without Hampton, the Bears averaged 4.02 yards allowed per rush while sacking the quarterback 2.3 times. With "Danimal," those numbers were 3.7 and 3.6. During Hampton's career, from 1979-90, the Bears allowed the fewest points, total yards, rushing yards and rushing touchdowns while totaling the most sacks in the NFL.

As Pierson pointed out: "Second in rushing yards over those years were the Steelers with Jack Lambert and Mel Blount. Second in rushing touchdowns and points were the 49ers with Ronnie Lott. Second in sacks were the Raiders with Howie Long. Second in total yards were the Giants with Lawrence Taylor. But in each category, the Bears were first."

Lieber, in Sports Illustrated, wrote: "Hampton is the one Chicago player on whom opposing offensive coordinators focus their game plans. No offensive lineman can block him alone. He has tremendous reflexes and quickness and the unusual ability to move with equal effectiveness to the right or left. Most pass rushers have a favorite move to get to the quarterback, but Hampton's package of tricks includes almost every technique — among them the rip, the swim and the slap."

Hampton finally was elected to the Hall of Fame in 2002. He was first-team All-Pro once, in 1984, and second-team four times. In 2014, Pierson ranked him the second-best defensive lineman in Bears history

THE LIST

1. Dan Hampton
2. Brian Urlacher
3. Mike Ditka
4. Mike Singletary
5. Danny Fortmann
6. Richard Dent
7. Joe Stydahar
8. George Connor
9. Stan Jones
10. Steve McMichael
11. Devin Hester
12. Red Grange
13. Jimbo Covert
14. George McAffee
15. Jay Hilgenberg
16. Bill Hewitt
17. George Halas
18. Olin Kreutz
19. Joe Fortunato
20. George Trafton
21. Lance Briggs
22. Ed Healey
23. Link Lyman
24. George Musso
25. Ed Sprinkle
26. Paddy Driscoll
27. Harlon Hill
28. Rick Casares
29. Ken Kavanaugh
30. Charles Tillman
31. Gary Fencik
32. Luke Johnsos
33. Richie Petitbon
34. Ray Bray
35. Rosey Taylor
36. Johnny Morris
37. Joe Kopcha
38. Fred Williams
39. Matt Forte
40. Doug Buffone
41. Dave Duerson
42. Larry Morris
43. Dick Barwegen
44. Wally Chambers
45. Otis Wilson
46. Wilber Marshall
47. Dick Gordon
48. Jim McMahon
49. Neal Anderson
50. Mike Brown
51. Jim Osborne
52. Willie Galimore
53. Mark Carrier
54. Mark Bortz
55. Julius Peppers
56. J.C. Caroline
57. Ed O'Bradovich
58. Mike Pyle
59. Mike Hartenstein
60. Keith Van Horne
61. Tommie Harris
62. George Wilson
63. Jack Manders
64. James Williams
65. Jim Dooley
66. Robbie Gould
67. Bennie McRae
68. Johnny Lujack
69. Bill Osmanski
70. Jack Cutler
71. Jim McMillen
72. Khalil Mack
73. Eddie Jackson
74. Doug Plank
75. Zuck Carlson
76. Bill Wade
77. Kyle Long
78. Brandon Marshall
79. Lee Artoe
80. Alshon Jeffery
81. Beattie Feathers
82. Kevin Butler
83. Bill Karr
84. Matt Suhey
85. Ed Brown
86. Gary Famiiglietti
87. Akiem Hicks
88. Joey Sternaman
89. Hugh Gallarneau
90. Tom Thayer
91. William Perry
92. Patrick Mannely

behind only Doug Atkins. Four defensive linemen were named to the 1980s All-Decade first team: Reggie White, Randy White, Long and Hampton.

"Dan is a definite Hall of Famer," Ditka told Lieber in 1989, when the Bears started 4-0 before Hampton missed the rest of the season with another knee injury and won two of their final 12 games. "He rates up there with the very best. Dan reminds me a lot of Bob Lilly, although he'll never get the recognition Bob got."

Hampton was the second piece the Bears added while constructing what would become by acclimation the best defense in NFL history. Gary Fencik was the first, in 1976. Personnel men Jim Finks, Jerry Vainisi and Bill Tobin added Otis Wilson in 1980, Mike Singletary, Steve McMichael and Leslie Frazier in 1981, Richard Dent, Dave Duerson and Mike Richardson in 1983, Wilber Marshall in 1984 and Perry in 1985.

"In the beginning," Ditka told the Tribune's Fred Mitchell on Jan. 25, 2001, "when people look at our defense, they said, 'We have to handle (Hampton) on the line. Then we have to handle that linebacker (Singletary), No. 50.' Then we started putting Otis next to him and Wilber, then they had to handle a lot of people they couldn't handle. That's what made us really good."

The debate in Chicago was whether Hampton or Singletary was the indispensable member of the defense. With Hamp-

ton, McMichael and Perry clogging the paths of opposing centers and guards, Singletary was free to make plays all over the field. He was named the league's Defensive Player of the Year in 1985 and 1988; in the latter year, Hampton gained the highest grades from the Bears coaching staff.

The two butted heads often as both tried to be the vocal leader of the unit. Singletary especially would become annoyed when Hampton would interrupt the linebacker's signal calls to yell instructions at McMichael or Dent.

"Dan and I argued most of the time," Singletary told Pierson. "I was so focused on Dan running his mouth. ... Every one of us thought at the time, 'I'm the reason this thing is working.'"

When Hampton joined Singletary, who was voted into the Hall of Fame in 1998, in Canton, Ohio, Singletary called to congratulate him and "let him know how much I appreciated what he did for our defense and for me."

While Hampton preached humility, he was not above a little trash talking, especially after wins such as the 44-0 pasting of the Cowboys on Nov. 17, 1985, in Irving, Texas. Before the game, Cowboys defensive back Everson Walls said he wasn't impressed with the 10-0 Bears because of their soft schedule.

Hampton told Whittingham: "All week, Walls is saying crap like, 'The Bears haven't played anybody.' After we finish up with them ... a bunch of writers are around the locker, and I said, 'I have to give Everson Walls credit. He was right. We're 11-0 and still haven't played anybody.'"

Hampton's final game was the 31-3 loss to the eventual champion Giants in the NFC divisional round on Jan. 13, 1991, in East Rutherford, N.J. He has been a fixture on local media ever since, and he hosts a postgame show after Bears games on WGN-AM 720. Hampton, 61, still scratches his musical itch playing bass with the Chicago 6, his band with McMichael, Wilson and professional musicians John McFarland, Matt Kammerer and Ed Kammerer. He likes to joke that if he never quit the high school band he might have become president like fellow sax-playing Arkansan Bill Clinton.

Hampton's knees have deteriorated to the point that, as he said to the Tribune's Steve Rosenbloom on Dec. 5, 2005, "I couldn't run out of the house if it was on fire, but at the end of the day, I'm glad I was able to do what I was supposed to do."

"Every time the surgeons go in that joint, they change it and it gets worse," Hampton told Whittingham. "And every rehab you have gets harder and harder. It was no big deal; don't pin a Purple Heart on me. All I knew was that I had no choice in the matter — it was either fish or cut bait. And I decided to fish as long as I could."

As far as Hampton's role on the great Bears defenses of the 1980s, the Tribune's Bernie Lincicome wrote on Jan. 30, 1998, that "Singletary would not have been the great linebacker he was without Hampton in front of him. Richard Dent would not have been the pass rusher he was without Hampton inside of him. William Perry would not have become rich and celebrated if Hampton had not moved to end."

"Hampton was the focus of all defensive game plans, not Singletary, not Otis Wilson, not Wilber Marshall. First, teams figured out how to handle Hampton. Then they figured out the rest."

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BRYAN ANSELM/FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Coach Drew Gibbs didn't allow tackling to the ground at all Ramapo practices last season. He said only two players suffered concussions and the team went on to win a state title.

Tackling takes back seat for champs, rest of state

New Jersey limits amount in practice — it worked just fine for Ramapo HS in '18

BY ROMAN STUBBS
The Washington Post

FRANKLIN LAKES, N.J. — The gruff veteran coach stood at midfield and studied his stop-watch closely.

"Eyes up!" Drew Gibbs screamed as the seconds ticked away.

It was a preseason football practice at Ramapo High School earlier this month, and the coach was allowing himself just 15 minutes to teach his team how to tackle. Only they weren't actually tackling.

The players scurried off to four stations on the corners of the field. At one, players tackled each other into a giant red pad on the ground. At another, they hit a padded sled. At two others, they simply wrapped each other up, trying carefully to avoid what on this team is considered a cardinal sin.

"Stay off the ground!" Gibbs yelled over and over, before the 15-minute period ended.

It was a test run for how Ramapo, the defending state champions, will practice during the regular season in adherence to New Jersey's sweeping new rule, considered the most aggressive statewide player-safety measure ever instituted for high school football. The rule, implemented at a time of dwindling participation numbers and amid continuing concerns over head injuries that can be sustained while playing the sport, restricts teams to 15 minutes of full contact drills during the regular season, down from 90 minutes in 2018.

The New Jersey State Interscholastic Association trumpeted the rule change as "historic" in a February news release, adding that full contact in the state "has been reduced to the lowest level in the history of football." Ramapo didn't tackle to the ground at all during practices last season.

The change has reverberated across the country, where some longtime stakeholders believe the move is a breakthrough that will permeate the game at all levels in the years to come.

"What I think has happened, in pro football, in college football and in high school football, is this is for us to have a safer game," said Archie Manning, the former NFL quarterback and father of two more who now serves as the National Football Foundation's chairman. "You get a group of high school coaches together ... it's really just hard for them to object to it. They want what's best for

their kids. They want what's best for the game. It's going to help the game."

While the move has been praised by many coaches across New Jersey, some have voiced displeasure, wondering how their younger and inexperienced players will learn how to effectively tackle. Others have questioned how the mandate will be enforced, and if it will be effective enough to inspire change across the country. A similar resolution was adopted in Michigan in May, but many states still have lax regulations on tackling during practices.

A 2015 study conducted by the Datalys Center for Sports Injury found that 58% of high school football concussions occur in practices, not games.

The state's mandate comes as participation in the sport declines both locally and nationally. New Jersey was one of 44 states to see the number of players in 11-man football decrease for the 2018 season, according to a study released by the National Federation of State High School Associations. Nationwide participation in the sport reached its lowest mark since the 1999-2000 school year.

While analysts have attributed the decline to a multitude of factors — including demographic shifts, single sport specialization and cost — injury risk, particularly head injuries, has been at the forefront of the discussion. The move in New Jersey is intended to cut down on those injuries and help bolster numbers in a state that has a rich high school football history.

The 57-year-old Gibbs, who has coached 18 years at Ramapo, was a catalyst for the move. Members of the New Jersey Football Coaches Association all gathered inside the defensive linemen room at Rutgers' football facility last December, arguing the merits of the proposed change and whether the new limit should be 15 or 30 minutes. Gibbs, who just two weeks earlier had led Ramapo to a 13-0 record — the first in state history — cut through the commotion.

"We didn't tackle players to the ground once in practice all last season," he said as he stood before the men. "It worked out pretty well for us."

Ramapo had only two players suffer concussions last season, according to Gibbs. He considered that as much of a success as the 13 wins. His thinking on the issue changed back in the mid-2000s, when one of the the best players



Ramapo players use padded mats and sleds or wrapping up without tackling during practice.

he ever coached suffered a nasty concussion in a rivalry game. Chris Hogan, who now is a wide receiver for the Carolina Panthers, was coached by Gibbs to keep his head in front and tackle chest-to-chest. Gibbs blamed himself as Hogan took a knee to the head and exited the game. Ramapo blew a 19-point lead and lost that night.

"It was an aha moment," Gibbs said. "We totally went away from tackling like that."

Gibbs rewrote practice plans and started teaching his team rugby-style tackling. No longer would they use the archaic tackling terminology that he learned as a player in New Jersey — phrases like "bite the ball" and "head in front" had to go. They were going to become a shoulder tackling team.

The primary rule of practice now is to stay off the ground, because Gibbs is convinced that most injuries happen while players are laying on the turf.

"I think the way we practice is smart. I've never had any trouble getting through a season," said Ramapo senior offensive lineman Sam Basa, who said he has not dealt with concussions during his football career. "Our coaches are smart and they care about us."

Gibbs said he believes, despite the declining numbers in New Jersey youth football, that coaches are teaching tackling better and safer than ever before. He also said that he believes some concerns are overblown among high school players and parents when it comes to chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), a neurodegenerative disease that results from blows to the head and has been

found in cases of former football players, but he nonetheless takes the risk of head injuries very seriously.

"I think the benefits a young man gets from playing high school football, they outweigh the risk and certainly balance the risks off," Gibbs said. "We've made the game even safer than it's ever been."

Gibbs puts his freshman players through extensive tackling instruction as they're indoctrinated into the team, firmly believing that they will adopt the right technique as they ease into game situations. They study detailed power-point presentations on how to hit.

Some coaches are less convinced of this methodology, and have called the 15-minute restriction a safety issue itself because it won't allow coaches to teach players how to correctly tackle in game situations.

"That's a joke," St. Joseph coach Augie Hoffmann told NJ.com in April. "Fifteen minutes of contact per week? You have to learn how to tackle on game days. This is an intricate part of the game and I'm not saying we need to hit or tackle every day. I just think 15 minutes is a little extreme."

As for who will police the new regulations, there is no firm answer. The schools and coaches will have to operate on an "honor system," according to Terry O'Neill, who spearheaded the mandate in New Jersey behind his football advocacy group Practice Like the Pros.

O'Neill introduced the idea to about 400 coaches at a clinic in April 2017 by arguing that of the

nearly 250 concussions suffered in the NFL that previous season, only six had occurred in practice because most teams were adopting a no tackle-to-the-ground policy.

There has been a breakthrough in New Jersey, according to O'Neill, where for the first time teams are scrimmaging by "thudding" — where players are not allowed to finish contact by bringing their opponent to the ground — and almost eliminating tackling in practice all together. O'Neill has recently focused his efforts on changing rules in North Carolina, South Carolina and Louisiana, which according to O'Neill is currently is one of four states — along with New Hampshire, Delaware and South Dakota — that has no existing limits on tackling to the ground in practice.

Gibbs would invite anyone to Ramapo to learn his philosophy. While he watched closely during the tackling drills in August, his assistants mimicked his approach. One kid displayed bad technique during thudding, by looking at the ground instead of looking up. That's when "awful things can happen," an assistant coach told the player, as Gibbs nodded along.

This is part of the balance Gibbs wants his players to strike each practice. Somehow, they must toe the line between safety and the aggression required to succeed in a physical and often violent sport. It conforms with state law now, and it's part of Gibbs' plan to get the most out of his players during games.

"If you don't feed the dog all week," Gibbs said, "he's hungry on Friday nights."

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Quarterback Andrew Luck leaves the podium after speaking during an impromptu news conference Saturday night to announce he was retiring from football at age 29.

COMMENTARY

Luck made brave decision — he might inspire others

BY ADAM KILGORE | The Washington Post

The game he loved broke Andrew Luck, and escaping that torment required an uncommon and surpassing courage. Football holds a vice grip on those who play it at the highest level, even as it devours their bodies, their minds and their souls. Players who want to leave it behind play on, ensnared by a complex pull. It is easier to conform and suffer than to do what Luck did, which was not only to decide he would be happier without the NFL, but also to act on that conclusion. At 29, still at the peak of his considerable talent, Luck retired.

You would not have picked Luck — a Stanford-educated, neckbeard-wearing, book club-attending, Settlers Of Catan-playing quarterback — to be the NFL's latest radical. But that is what he became Saturday night. He showed a path forward for NFL players stuck in a velvet trap, for the players who don't walk away, who can't quit, no matter how badly they want to.

Luck's announcement left fans and observers feeling shock and confusion and, in a handful of deluded cases, anger. Among those who have played, the emotions more likely to circulate were respect, awe and, in more than a handful of conflicted minds, envy.

"I think most people don't have the (guts)," former defensive end Chris Long, who retired this year after 11 seasons, said in a text message. "Lots of players fantasize about walking away. Most get walked away."

Luck is not the first player, or even the first star, to retire early because of the NFL's ravages. Jim Brown, Barry Sanders, Calvin Johnson and, just this past winter, Rob Gronkowski exited around age 30, still among the best at their positions. Chris Borland, a budding linebacker, quit the sport in 2015 at

age 24, fearful of what it could do to him.

Luck's retirement still sets him apart because of the position he plays. Quarterbacks in the current era don't retire early. They play forever, like 40-somethings Tom Brady and Drew Brees. When even a quarterback leaves at 29, it opens more minds and perhaps grants a certain kind of permission.

The undertone of how his peers reacted to Luck's retirement suggests Long is on to something about how many latent, wannabe retirees reside in NFL locker rooms. No active players accused Luck of anything but making a sound decision. Luck, it seems certain, will not be the last surprise retirement.

"Thank you Andrew Luck for having the courage to do what's best for you and your family," seven-year NFL wide receiver Cecil Shorts III wrote on Twitter. "Football is a game, it's not who you are. Nobody knows what you personally battle better than you. You gave the game and teammates your all. It was a pleasure watching you, much love!"

"Football doesn't care about players," former NFL tight end Martellus Bennett tweeted. "Players are starting to realize that more and more. The game gets

what it needs from you then moves on. Now that players are getting what they need from the game and moving on it's (messing) up the ecosystem."

The reaction to Luck's retirement — "It's mostly been very positive by anyone with a brain," as Long put it — may also convince others to follow suit. Luck made a selfish decision, but that is no longer a pejorative. The way athletes' selfish decisions are perceived, of course, but fans and commentators have evolved to the point where athletes are now permitted, if not encouraged, to prioritize their own health, career or personal well-being rather than the good of a team.

In the last four years, Luck suffered a macabre collection of physical trauma: lacerated kidney, torn rotator cuff, shredded rib cartilage, torn abdomen, concussion. This summer, he and his doctors could not identify the precise nature of an injury in his calf and ankle area. His life had become, as he said, a cycle of injury and rehabilitation that had robbed him of his joy for football.

Who would want a job or life like that? Luck wasn't positive he didn't. Retiring, he said, was the hardest decision of his life.

Players who believe life might be better without football must cross a mental gantlet. They have to defy expectations set for them, by themselves and others, for most of their lives. Most NFL players have been the biggest, fastest, most talented people since they were little boys. They dream about playing in the NFL, they have to sacrifice and work like madmen to make it there, and pretty much everybody they know and don't know cheers them for it.

Players who walk away must forgo enormous sums of money. Even a player drafted in the late rounds stands to make \$480,000 per year. The Colts, in a show of good faith, are letting Luck keep tens of millions in bonuses, but he still rejected a \$12 million salary this year.

They must face scorn from the distressingly sizable portion of the fan base that, like the Hoosiers who booed Luck late Saturday night, may allow themselves to become dumb-loud in a moment they will likely regret by the time they're driving home.

They must bid farewell to a sport, despite its hazards, they probably still love. Luck broke down Saturday night, and he made clear he felt no resentment toward the sport. Those fortunate enough to experience a harmonious locker room will be hard-pressed to find that camaraderie outside football. The experience of competing against the world's best athletes in the cauldron of an NFL field makes an athlete feel alive in a fashion unlikely to be duplicated elsewhere. Intoxication masks pain.

They must grapple with a change of self-identity. The NFL forces them, or at least wants them, to narrowly define themselves. Many have done it since high school: Football players play football. Before an NFL player retires, he faces a question. Are you a football player or not?

Years of pain behind him, more years of pain ahead, Luck arrived at that point this summer. Football had made him rich, and for a while it made him happy. In some corners, his choice was viewed as the easy way out. But first he had to decide he was no longer a football player, and that is anything but easy. Andrew Luck took the hard way out.

NU alumna Black brings the funny

Comedy chops evident on 'A Black Lady Sketch Show'

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

Ashley Nicole Black hit the national stage when she became a writer and correspondent for "Full Frontal with Samantha Bee" a few years back, but her sketch chops and improvisation prowess is something that came to light this summer thanks to HBO's "A Black Lady Sketch Show."

The half-hour, weekly show featured guest stars such as Angela Bassett, Marla Gibbs, Jackée Harry, Patti LaBelle, Gina Torres, Loretta Devine and Issa Rae among others to help comedians and Northwestern alumni Robin Thede (show creator, writer and executive producer) and Black (also a Second City alumna), Quinta Brunson (another Second City alumna) and Gabrielle Dennis keep it moving and keep viewers laughing.

The show has everything a black, pop culture fan likes: skits about women going through a job orientation to join a gang; Rome and Julissa (a parody of Romeo and Juliet — if Rome's family likes Nicki Minaj and Julissa's likes Cardi B.); what "227," the 1985 NBC show, would look like today if it was rebooted; an ongoing skit about four best friends surviving the apocalypse; and an "invisible spy" called "Trinity," whose skill



Gabrielle Dennis, left, Quinta Brunson, Ashley Nicole Black and Robin Thede go hiking in Thede's new HBO series, "A Black Lady Sketch Show."

at her job stems from people often mistaking her for someone else or being completely ignored.

We chatted with Black about her life pre- and post-sketch success in hopes of finding out what makes her funny bone sing. The interview has been condensed and edited.

Q: What's your favorite skit so far?

Ashley Nicole Black: I feel like every week I have a different favorite, but my favorite overall is

"The Basic Ball" (a ball for the rest of the LGBT cuties) just because I always want to represent people who aren't represented on television. Just the idea that I want to represent for basic people, I was very happy that we were able to get it done and make people feel seen on such a personal level that's not necessarily about a big issue (like gender or race).

Q: I heard you studied Thai dance, opera and ballet, true?

ANB: I did do traditional Thai dance in college. I was a theater major, so we did have to learn a lot of different things, which ended up being very useful in sketch. I had always done ballet since I was a little kid. I took opera classes in high school and in college and I was in show choir in high school.

I knew that I wanted to be in that performance arena somehow, but I didn't know what I wanted to do and I kind of tried everything. I was a B+ at every-

thing I tried. I'm a B+ singer, I'm a B+ dramatic actor, but I wasn't great at anything until I found sketch comedy. Black women don't get to be B+ at anything; for us, you have to be an A+ to even get in the door.

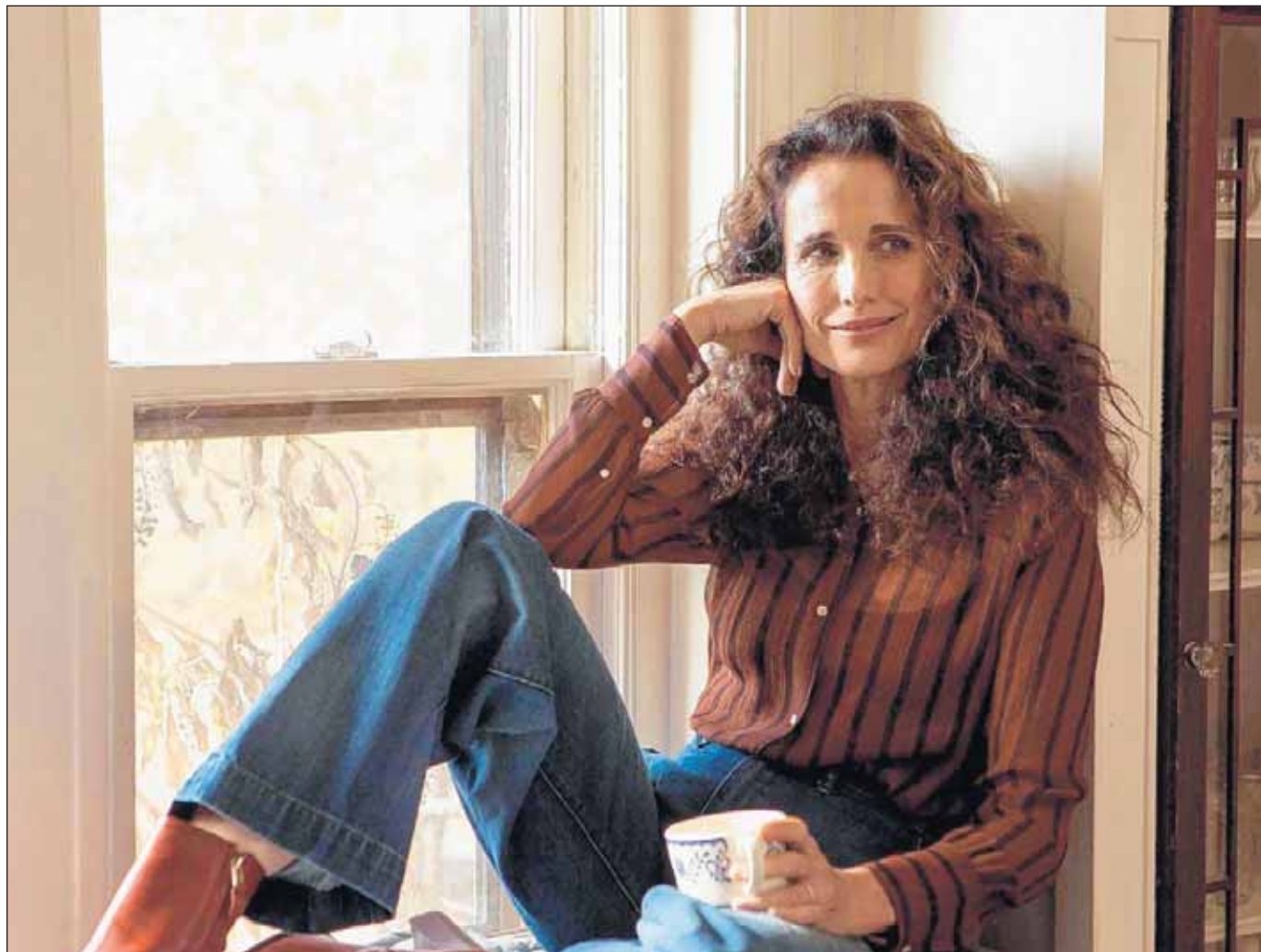
Q: Was there a moment when you realized getting your PhD at Northwestern wasn't your path?

ANB: The first time I wrote and performed a sketch. I was like this is it. I love this. This is what I want to do and then I stayed in grad school for like three more years, so it was both a slow and an immediate decision.

I was in a PhD program and there was just this social pressure, like there's so few black people, black women who get PhDs and you can do this, so you have to do it. So I just felt pressure to stay in it. It took me three years to sort of work through that pressure and work up my courage, and for a while I had this weird double life: I was teaching classes in the morning and doing sketch comedy at night.

"I was always a good teacher, but I was also the same age of my students, so it was a weird thing where Northwestern students would come into class and come up to me and ask: Do you know who the professor is? And I would be like: It's me baby! But I'm also in my early 20s, wearing sweatpants and still trying to

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Andie MacDowell in the 2017 film "Love After Love." The former model's big breakthrough came in 1989's "Sex, Lies and Videotape."

MY WORST MOMENT

MacDowell winds up losing her voice

Actress' 1st appearance in a film features her lines dubbed by Close

BY NINA METZ

"I've never really been a horror movie person until now," Andie MacDowell said of her new movie "Ready or Not," wherein a bride named Grace marries into a wealthy family that subsequently attempts to murder her on her wedding night in a fatal game of hide-and-seek. MacDowell plays the new mother-in-law.

"She's an interesting, complex character for a horror movie because she has a lot of empathy," MacDowell said of her role. "She loves Grace. She immediately,

in some vain way, looks at Grace as someone that's suitable and appropriate to take her place, down to the fact that they're both not from blue blood. She really loves her" — despite being committed to seeing her task through.

MacDowell's career kicked into high gear with the 1989 indie drama "Sex, Lies and Videotape" and she hasn't looked back since, with a resume that includes iconic films such as "Four Weddings and a Funeral" and "Groundhog Day."

When asked to share a worst moment in her career, she replied: "I would say going through your 40s and having people say to you — and journalists said it to me; it was a common question — 'How does it feel to turn 40 and know you're not going to work anymore?'"

"People actually asked me that. It was

an acceptable question. And only in the last couple of years would people even start to go, OK, we can't treat women like that."

Ultimately the story MacDowell decided to share was about a worst moment earlier in her career. She had been working as a model and then was cast in her first movie role.

My worst moment ...

"I was 23 when I did 'Greystoke' ('The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes' from 1984, playing Jane opposite a Tarzan who relocates to the UK and attempts to assimilate). I showed up and there were no complaints about my performance. I felt like I did a good job.

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Patrick Stump of Fall Out Boy performs on NBC's "Today" show at Rockefeller Plaza in New York on June 12, 2015.

Fall Out Boy star scores big with musical

Patrick Stump gets creative with 'The Banana Splits Movie'

BY RICK BENTLEY
 Tribune News Service

The quirky children's program "The Banana Splits Adventure Hour" launched in 1968, 16 years before Patrick Stump, lead singer and guitarist for Fall Out Boy, was born. That wasn't a problem when he was hired to write the score for "The Banana Splits Movie," a new horror film featuring Fleegee, Bingo, Drooper and Snorky now on DVD and Blu-ray.

"I come from a giant Catholic family so I have plenty of aunts and uncles who are the right age to have grown up with the show," Stump says. "I was this weird little island of a mid-'80s, '90s kid and so I inherited a lot of '70s culture."

"I experienced a lot of the '70s, but secondhand."

What was passed down to Stump was "The Banana Splits Adventure Hour," an hourlong, variety-style children's show that followed the antics of a fictional rock band composed of four animal characters. There were 31 episodes produced by Hanna-Barbera (a company better known for their animated work)

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Missy Elliott with her Video Vanguard award at the 2019 MTV Video Music Awards on Monday.

Elliott honored at VMAs; Swift wins big

NEWARK, N.J. — The incomparable career of Missy Elliott, the rapper-singer-songwriter-producer-dancer whose music videos have moved the needle over the last two decades, was honored at the 2019 MTV Video Music Awards, where Taylor Swift also took center stage with her gay pride anthem, “You Need to Calm Down.”

Elliott earned the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award, and brought her eccentric music videos to life, from “Work It” to “Lose Control,” on Monday at Newark’s Prudential Center.

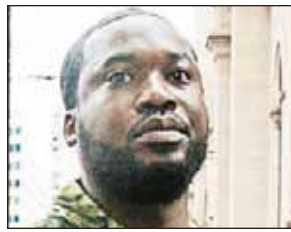
Other performers Monday included former Fifth Harmony member Normani, who won best R&B video, and Spanish singer Rosalia, who won best Latin and best choreography awards.

Swift kicked off the VMAs, giving a colorful performance of “You Need to Calm Down” — which won video of the year — and later grabbed her guitar to sing “Lover.”

Swift won three honors, tying with Ariana Grande and Billie Eilish for most wins of the night. Grande, named artist of the year, and Eilish, who won best new artist, didn’t attend the VMAs. BTS won two

honors: best group and best K-pop. Other winners included Cardi B, who took home best hip-hop for “Money”; Jonas Brothers’ “Sucker” won best pop; and “Senorita,” which Shawn Mendes and Camila Cabello performed, won best collaboration and best cinematography. Lil Nas X and Billy Ray Cyrus’ “Old Town Road” won song of the year and best direction.

— Associated Press



JESSICA GRIFFIN/AP

Meek Mill reaches plea deal: Rapper Meek Mill pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor gun charge on Tuesday and won’t serve additional time in prison after reaching a plea agreement in a case that’s kept him on probation for most of his adult life. The negotiated plea comes after an appeals court threw out his 2007 conviction. He’d already served about two years in prison in the case.

Davis to play Michelle Obama: Viola Davis is set to portray Michelle Obama in a Showtime series under development about America’s first ladies. Davis also is an executive producer on the project, which Showtime said Monday will “peel back the curtain” on the lives of presidential spouses. The first season will focus on Eleanor Roosevelt, Betty Ford and Obama. There is no air date since the series has yet to be ordered.

Kimono no more: Kim Kardashian West’s shapewear line has a new name, changed amid outcry over cultural appropriation: SKIMS Solutionwear. The reality star said on Instagram that she changed the name after much “thought and consideration.” Kardashian West said in July her intentions to play off her name with Kimono were “innocent” and she had not anticipated the backlash.

Aug. 28 birthdays: Actress Debra Mooney is 72. Actor Daniel Stern is 62. Actress Jennifer Coolidge is 58. Country singer Shania Twain is 54. Actor-singer Jack Black is 50. Actor Jason Priestley is 50. Country singer Leann Rimes is 37. Actor Kyle Massey is 28. Actress Quvenzhané Wallis is 16.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Mom’s hurt when son skips big days

Dear Amy: I am a divorced mom. I raised my four kids pretty much on my own. We are a close-knit family. We get along well.

The kids are all in their 20s now and doing well, but I have a dilemma about my birthday. I recently turned 58. Two of my kids spent the evening helping me celebrate. It was wonderful. One child recently moved a few states away for grad school, but he checked in with a phone call. It was great.

However, my youngest, who is doing a college internship in another city, made no contact with me at all. I know that his siblings reminded him of my birthday. This is now two birthdays in a row (as well as Mother’s Day) that he has blown off.

I feel hurt, and I called him out on it. Amy, I am not looking for fancy parties, gifts or travel to celebrate my day. A phone call is all I ask. He responded that he didn’t call because he was having a bad day and that he doesn’t need me to pile a guilt trip on top of it. He said the same thing regarding Mother’s Day.

Should I continue with life and pretend it doesn’t matter? Should I blow off his birthday and show him how it feels?

Advice appreciated.
— Sad Mom

Dear Sad: When he neglects to celebrate you on special days, your son is not necessarily and exclusively expressing his feelings about you — he’s actually showing you how he feels about himself.

It would be easy to dismiss this as the immature

act of a spoiled youngest child, but I believe it is more complicated than that. Your son is rebelling in a way that looks, and feels, like rejection.

You have done a good job of being honest in expressing how this deliberate neglect makes you feel. His siblings have likely delivered a message along the lines of, “Dude, really?” You should assume that he got the memo.

Immature people don’t apologize and work to make things right; instead they double down on their transgressions and make things worse. Your son might be depressed, and/or angry about things he can’t articulate. His guilt trip started long before you called him out.

More pressure won’t help. Don’t pretend it doesn’t matter to you, but do accept that he has messed up. Tell him, “I want you to know that a call or a text on these special days makes me happy in a unique way. I don’t want to box you in, but it’s just one of those little things that nice young men do for their mothers to make them feel good.”

And then make your own choice — to forgive him. When he finally knows better, he will do better. I do not think you should blow off his birthday, because I don’t believe it would make either of you feel better.

Dear Amy: I am a mother of two young kids and am buying a house. I’m worried about work, because I exaggerated my credentials and put myself in a precarious situation.

I’ve been a teacher for 12 years and claimed I had a

certification that I don’t actually have. The certification doesn’t have an impact on the subjects I teach, but I am worried that all my exaggerations may come to light soon because my position is changing. Coming clean could be detrimental to my family and our future.

My boss became aware of my exaggeration and I admitted it, and my boss was very understanding about it. I’m not sure what to do and have no one to talk to without outing myself. I’m very worried my co-workers will find out. What should I do?

— Worried

Dear Worried: You should get your certification. If you can’t, you should work with your institution to make sure your false claim is removed from your personnel file. You spread a falsehood. You’ve been lucky, because your boss has given you a pass. Now you should make it right.

Dear Amy: You published my question (“Obligated ex-Boyfriend”) about my former girlfriend who kept asking me for big favors, and I was agreeing out of guilt.

You basically told me that I would have to break up with her again.

Thank you so much for the advice. I believe it will help me through this.
— Not So Obligated

Dear Obligated: Respectfully delivered clarity will help both of you.

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“I was a little scared (during) the first scene I did with Sir Ralph Richardson, but I think that’s normal. But nobody ever told me there was a problem.

“(After filming was done) they had me come out to do some looping and I showed up in London by myself. I was doing publicity for the film. And that’s when they told me: They were looping in Glenn Close’s voice (and dubbing it over MacDowell’s Southern lilt throughout the entire movie). They just said, ‘We didn’t use your voice. We used Glenn Close’s voice. Your voice is not in the movie.’

“And then Hugh (Hudson, the director) asked me to do the sound of Tarzan’s mother having the baby in the jungle, so I did that for him. It was like an out-of-

body experience.

“You know when you want to cry and you have that feeling in your throat? I had that. I could barely speak. It was devastating.

“How I found out — I think that was the most disturbing part. I wouldn’t do that to a person. I was alone, by myself. There was no real support system. It wasn’t even my managers that told me; I had to call my managers to tell them. It was bizarre.

“It’s hard to explain to anybody how difficult it really was. I just had a dark feeling about how it transpired. And there were a lot of mean-spirited articles.

“There’s a type of writer out there that uses that cynical, dark — what they find amusing — that sarcastic approach. It was a cruel time. And I think there’s a certain kind of energy that can happen in the world — when someone is down, people will kick you. And I think that happened.

“There was also a really



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Samara Weaving, left, and Andie MacDowell appear in a scene from “Ready or Not.”

big need to prove myself. There was a tendency in the modeling business to talk about models who tried to act — I don’t know

that people really wanted to see them succeed. At least that’s how I felt, and I did see that (sentiment expressed) in print.

“I was in this tangle of psychological darkness, so I more or less quit modeling and made a decision that I was going to be taken seriously. And in order to do that, I knew I was going to have to fight really hard. So I just took a lot of classes and worked on every aspect of myself.

“And then I got ‘St. Elmo’s Fire’ (1985) and I still didn’t believe in myself. I was very shy. It took until ‘Sex, Lies and Videotape’ — so it took until I was 30, really — to get a role that I could prove to everybody what I was capable of. That’s five years (after ‘Greystoke’), which feels like a long time when you’re that young and you’re trying to get your career to move. It took that long just to get the opportunity to even change things.

“Well, I did do ‘St. Elmo’s Fire,’ so that did help. And I did some other silly little job in between, an episode of ‘Spenser: For Hire,’ and I don’t think she talked. She was deaf. I shouldn’t have done that. And then I did a miniseries called ‘Secret of the Saha-

ra,’ and that was fun and gave me good experience. Ben Kingsley and Michael York were in it, so I was opposite good people and I think that’s almost better than going to school.

“But really, it was a decision of I was either going to give up or — it was an odd thing, but I thought about my grandchildren saying, ‘Oh, my grandmother was in this movie and she was dubbed.’ Was that going to be it? Was that the way I was going to leave it? Or was I going to do something that I felt good about and that I was proud of?

“That was basically what it came down to.”

“Greystoke” was MacDowell’s first movie. The stakes must have felt so high.

“People in general were cruel, except for (film critic) Pauline Kael. That was huge; she saved me. I got a great review from her and I still have it somewhere. She didn’t like the movie, but she loved my performance.

“I don’t think my performance is bad, honestly. I think my performance is fine. And I think, had I had enough confidence in myself or worked with a vocal coach, my voice would be in the movie.

“Life is an opportunity to keep reinventing yourself.”

— Andie MacDowell

“If I had known all I had to do was clean it up a little bit and maybe deepen my voice or whatever, I think I could have done whatever it was that they wanted me to do if I had known. If I was given the opportunity to succeed and they gave me the information I needed and the time to work with someone and prepare.”

Has MacDowell ever crossed paths with Close and talked about this?

“I’ve seen her and I’ve always felt awkward. Usually she’s been with people and she seemed very happy and comfortable and I didn’t know how to approach her. I probably should have, but what do you say?

“I don’t know how she feels. It’s not like she did anything wrong. She took a job and they paid her, but it’s just a little awkward.”

The takeaway ...

“I learned a lot about preparation, I think. Even Steven (Soderbergh), when he wrote a book about ‘Sex, Lies and Videotape,’ about what is luck? And it’s preparation plus opportunity equals luck. I’ve said that a lot to my kids.

“So for me, it’s always about preparation. I over-prepare now for everything and I think that’s not a bad gift to be given, learning to be over-prepared.

“I don’t think it left me scarred. If anything, it gave me the feeling that you can overcome difficulties, that life is an opportunity to keep reinventing yourself. You can change how you feel about yourself and you can change how other people feel about you. It just sometimes takes time.”

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Bypassing the health care system

Crowdsourced medical shows gain popularity

BY MEREDITH BLAKE
Los Angeles Times

If one thing remains true in the rapidly changing world of television, it's that viewers love a medical mystery. The Patient With the Obscure Ailment That Baffles Physicians has been a fixture on hospital dramas for as long as they've existed. Unexplained illnesses fueled eight seasons of the Fox series "House," which starred Hugh Laurie as a brilliant but misanthropic diagnostician, not to mention countless daytime talk show segments and sensational reality series on cable.

Two new shows, "Diagnosis" on Netflix and "Chasing the Cure" on TNT/TBS, put a new spin on the age-old question "What's ailing me, doc?" by using crowdsourcing to diagnose people suffering from unexplained illnesses.

While the shows differ dramatically in tone, style and format, both operate from the same basic assumption: that finding an answer for these patients means bucking standard medical practice and presenting their cases to a mass audience. Premiering within weeks of each other, the shows arrive at a moment when mistrust of the medical establishment, negative views of the American health care system and the use of crowdfunding sites such as GoFundMe to pay for health care are increasing.

But leveraging the perceived wisdom of the crowd — most of whom are not medical professionals — and sharing sensitive medical information with potentially millions of strangers also raise a number of ethical and practical questions, starting with the obvious: Does the crowd really know that much?

The answer, say those involved, is an emphatic yes.

"The assumption is that the crowd doesn't know anything," says Ann Curry, anchor and executive producer of "Chasing the Cure." "The truth is, the crowd knows a lot. When you're dealing with unsolved cases of people suffering, there's a chance that someone out there has experienced similar symptoms, or (there's a) medical professional who has dealt with a similar case."

"Chasing the Cure" combines a live broadcast with preaped segments, giving it the look and feel of daytime television. Led by the former "Today" host, each hourlong episode zips through three or four cases, introduced in brief videos. A panel of specialists convenes to review the files, then meets live on air with



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Ann Curry anchors "Chasing the Cure" on TNT/TBS. "I am not going to put anything on television that's irresponsible or does not help people," she said.

the patients to discuss possible diagnoses. Some even undergo treatments that are broadcast on the show.

It also leans heavily on social media: Viewers are urged to call or text a toll-free number, tweet using a designated hashtag and visit an elaborate website to review individual case files, provide tips or share their own experiences. The goal, Curry says, is "to democratize data."

While the live element of the program means that not every patient receives a firm diagnosis, they all leave with a recommended path forward. "Each patient should walk away feeling like 'I got some information that I needed, some support that I needed, and I was pointed in the right direction,'" says executive producer and showrunner Kim Bondy.

The idea for "Chasing the Cure" emerged after a colleague of Curry's saw a post on Facebook seeking donations for someone with an undiagnosed illness; she realized that live television could amplify this kind of appeal. So far, it seems to be doing just that: The premiere episode of "Chasing the Cure" drew 1 million viewers. More than 10,000 people have registered to use the website and are active in the case files, according to TNT and TBS.

Crowdsourcing "acknowledges that there are different ways of knowing," says Dr. Lisa Sanders, author of the popular New York Times Magazine column that inspired "Diagnosis." "Doctors know things because we read books and have shelves filled with medical journals and medical books. And so

there's that kind of learning. There's my experiences as a doctor. And there's also my experiences as a human being who has friends and relatives who are sick, and there are my own illnesses."

Each episode of "Diagnosis" follows a single subject and his or her family on their quest for answers, providing thorough and often moving portraits of the emotional and financial cost of living with debilitating, unexplained ailments. Shot in a photo-journalistic style, "Diagnosis" has a restrained true crime sensibility, with Sanders, an internist and professor at the Yale School of Medicine, playing the role of lead detective. Sanders narrates the investigation, following clues submitted by readers via video chat, and consults with patients who range in age, affliction and location.

"As a doctor, you know that when you see something you don't know, the first thing you do is you go to your friend who has a different set of knowledge than you," says Sanders, who was also a technical adviser on "House." "For me, crowdsourcing was just taking that to the furthest limits imaginable."

Netflix doesn't release viewing statistics, but it says that Sanders received thousands of tips through her column. About half the feedback came from medical professionals — doctors, nurses, pharmacists, even some veterinarians. The rest came from laypeople.

Sanders notes that informal crowdsourcing is commonplace in the medical community. For example, Sermo.com is a private social network where doctors often turn for advice with difficult cases.

Interest in these stories is nothing new, says Nancy Berlinger, a scholar at the Hastings Center, a bioethics research institute in Garrison, N.Y. "This is tapping into something that for a long time we have found to be really interesting. There is a lot of history in medicine of the clinical tale, of 'Let me tell you about an interesting case. Let's solve the mystery.'" She points to Sherlock Holmes, who was based on diagnostician Joseph Bell, and the bygone practice of public autopsies.

People are fascinated by the human body, and "there is educational value in showing readers or viewers how actual doctors approach diagnoses. There isn't just this aha moment," she adds.

However, Berlinger believes that crowdsourcing presents a number of ethical concerns. "Sometimes people come up with things that are wrong," she says, that could potentially delay the resolution of a case. Withholding a diagnosis to accommodate a production schedule is also problematic, and disclosing a genetic condition on television "means family members are getting information they may or may not want in a public forum."

Both shows open with carefully worded legal disclaimers, and producers say they have taken care to protect patient privacy (last names are never used, for instance). "People would much rather wear their entire medical record on their clothes than, say, the PIN number to their savings account. But as it turns out, medical information is much more tightly held. So the most important thing is to make sure the patients know what they're getting

into," Sanders says.

"Chasing the Cure" has an ethics team, including an ethicist, a social worker, a psychologist and a lawyer. "I am not going to put anything on television that's irresponsible or does not help people," Curry says.

Television and social media have empowered armchair diagnosticians — who, it turns out, are sometimes right. Tarek El Moussa, host of the HGTV renovation show "Flip or Flop," found out he had Stage 3 thyroid cancer thanks to an eagle-eyed viewer who noticed a lump on his neck. "Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" star Denise Richards recently said a fan tipped her off to a similar condition after watching her on TV.

Curry believes crowdsourcing can break down crucial barriers. "We are in a system today where people are siloed by their medical insurance, by where they live, by who they're recommended to go to for specialists. What we're doing is punching a hole in the silo and saying, 'What if you take really sick people and you expose them to top-drawer doctors, some of the brightest minds in the profession directly, and to the world?'"

Nearly every patient in "Chasing the Cure" and "Diagnosis" is dealing with some sort of financial nightmare on top of his or her medical condition — fighting with an insurer over coverage, struggling with medical debt, losing jobs, struggling to navigate government bureaucracies or all of the above.

While neither show is framed as an overt critique of our health care system, both highlight the addi-

tional financial stress created by chronic health problems and illustrate how inadequate coverage can prolong the quest for answers.

Featured in "Diagnosis," Willie is a 46-year-old Gulf War veteran suffering from unexplained seizures, mood swings and memory loss. He has lost his job, been rejected for disability and is fighting to obtain benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs — all while racking up thousands of dollars in medical bills. Although the production pays for travel in some cases, it does not cover the cost of care — an intervention that would cross an ethical line by the standards of traditional journalism.

Most of the specialists in "Chasing the Cure" provided their care pro bono, according to TBS/TNT. As Curry announced in the premiere episode, the show also chipped in to pay for DNA sequencing for Rori, a 51-year-old schoolteacher who is unable to walk or speak. Her insurance wouldn't pay for the procedure, which could help narrow her diagnosis.

It would not be financially feasible for the production to fund the ongoing treatment of every patient who appears on air. For these people, getting a diagnosis — or something close to it — is a relief, but it also introduces a new anxiety: how to pay for treatment.

And that's something we haven't quite figured out yet.

Says Berlinger, "It would be ironic indeed if a person diagnosed via crowdsourcing would then have to turn to crowdsourcing to fund their medical bills."

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figure my life out.

Q: What was your reaction when you heard you got the "Full Frontal" gig vs. "A Black Lady Sketch Show?"

ANB: With "Full Frontal" it was complete disbelief. When I read the description of what that show was going to be, I did know that I could do it, but I hadn't been sort of let in the door of the business yet, so I didn't know if they would hire someone who didn't have television experience, but creatively I knew I could do it. So I was fully shocked when I got the job and was like: OK, I really got to get in here and prove that I can do this.

And then with "A Black Lady Sketch Show," I guess the difference was a little more like: I know I can do this and I know they know I can do this because I had already proven myself on "Full Frontal" and a lot of what we're doing on "Black Lady Sketch Show" is what we were doing at Second City. There I went in more like: I know I can do it, they



BRIAN FEINZIMER/HBO

Actress, Second City alumna and Northwestern graduate Ashley Nicole Black is part of the funny ensemble that is "A Black Lady Sketch Show."

know that I know I can do it and now I have to show how great it can be. What can I do on a different level that people didn't get to see on "Full Frontal" because we were so tied to politics?

Q: The intro to the show has some great puppetry. Was that Robin Thede's idea?

ANB: Robin is the puppet girl for sure. The people

who made the puppets are amazing. And they came and took pictures of us and I remember they took like 15 pictures of my hair. They wanted to get the natural hair on the puppet perfect and it is.

This is the thing that's so exciting to me about this show: With it being all black women there was like if you're going to work with all black women in any

capacity, you're going to have to step your game up to match ours. And they did and it's amazing.

Q: Can you reveal any spoilers on how "The Event" ends? Do we get a conclusion after the six episodes?

ANB: I can't reveal any spoilers. All I can say is you haven't seen anything yet. The show only gets bigger

and crazier and funnier.

Q: You've done one season of your advice column podcast "Sip on This," where you talked with (Amber) Ruffin, Thede and Samantha Bee among others. When will season two come around?

ANB: We intend to do more. It's just about finding the time to do it. It's really important to me that we get people who I actually want to get advice from and that can give really good advice.

I wanted to have an advice column that acknowledged the political realities we live in. I feel like I saw people asking advice questions like: My boyfriend and I disagree on politics. Is that a good reason to break up? And a columnist is like: No, politics is a stupid reason to break up. And it's like, oh no ... not in the world that we live in now. Are you an immigrant and your boyfriend thinks that immigrants should be detained? In that case, it is a good reason to break up.

Q: Will we see an all-female late-night show soon that sticks?

ANB: Robin had her late-night show that was

fantastic. The Michelle Wolf show, same thing. I loved Busy Philipps' show: "Busy Tonight" was so good. All of those women's shows were very quickly canceled but they were all really, really good.

I think we're in a space where audiences are hungry to see more women in late night and they're ready for it. And we're waiting for the industry to realize that.

Q: What's on your vision board?

ANB: I really want my own show that I write and star in. So far I've been lucky that I've ever only worked for women. I want to continue to work for women. And all of those voices that have been ignored, I just want to be a part of bringing them to the screen, not only because that's a noble thing to want to do but also selfishly people love those things and they're going to do very well because people are really hungry to hear from all these other voices we haven't been hearing from.

"A Black Lady Sketch Show" airs on HBO Fridays at 10 p.m.

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Everything you need to know about Disney+

An array of content will begin to stream in November

BY TRACY BROWN
Los Angeles Times

The arrival of Disney+ will kick off a new era in streaming when it crashes into a field of established stand-alone services such as Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime Video and HBO Now. Also entering this ever-expanding arena are brand-new services from Apple (Apple TV+) and WarnerMedia (HBO Max).

With family-friendly films and TV shows from Disney, Marvel, Lucasfilm ("Star Wars"), Pixar and National Geographic slated for its expansive library, Disney+ is expected to be a formidable player in the streaming wars.

Here's everything we know about Walt Disney Co.'s direct-to-consumer streaming service so far.

What is Disney+?

Disney+ is Disney's ad-free streaming service, launching Nov. 12 in the U.S. as well as Canada and the Netherlands. (The service will launch in Australia and New Zealand on Nov. 19.)

It will be the streaming home for movies and TV shows from Disney, Marvel, "Star Wars," Pixar, National Geographic and more. The library will include animated classics, recent releases and original content.

How much is it?

Disney+ will cost \$6.99 a month or \$69.99 a year. Disney also will offer the service in a bundle along with Hulu (with ad support) and ESPN+ for \$12.99 a month. (International pricing will differ.)

How can you watch it?

The Disney+ app will be available on a variety of smart TVs and connected TV devices, such as Apple TV, Google Chromecast and Roku. It also will be accessible via iOS devices, Android phones and gaming consoles such as Xbox One and PlayStation 4.

Notably absent from the list of devices that will support Disney+ at launch are Amazon Fire and Fire TVs.

What can you watch it on?

Disney has said the service will host more than 7,500 television episodes, 400 older films and 100 recent theatrical releases in its first year. Also during this first year, Disney+ is slated to release more than 25 original series and 10 original films, documentaries and specials.

What original TV series have been announced?

Marvel (live-action):

- "The Falcon and The Winter Soldier" (fall 2020): An MCU series, set after the events of "Avengers: Endgame," following Anthony Mackie as Sam Wilson (aka Falcon) and Sebastian Stan as Bucky Barnes (aka Winter Soldier). They are two of Steve Rogers' (aka Captain America) closest friends.
- "WandaVision" (spring 2021): A show about Wanda Maximoff (aka Scarlet Witch), played by Elizabeth Olsen, and Vision, played by Paul Bettany. The show also will introduce MCU fans to the grown-up Monica Rambeau, played by Teyonah Parris. A much younger Monica made her MCU debut in 2019's "Captain Marvel."
- "Loki" (spring 2021): The god of mischief will be the focus of this series, with Tom Hiddleston reprising his role as the fan-favorite villain Loki.
- "Hawkeye" (fall 2021): The show that will introduce Kate Bishop (whom comic book fans also know as Hawkeye) to the MCU. Jeremy Renner's Clint Barton also will be there.

"Star Wars" (live-action):

- "The Mandalorian" (available at launch): Set somewhere in the outer reaches of the galaxy, some time between the fall of the Empire and the rise of the First Order — meaning between the events of "Return of the Jedi" and "The Force Awakens" — "The Mandalorian" is a space western starring "Game of Thrones" alum Pedro Pascal as the titular blaster-slinger. Written and executive produced by Jon Favreau, the show is the first live-action "Star Wars" spinoff series. The cast also includes Gina Carano, Carl Weathers, Giancarlo Esposito, Emily Swallow, Omid Abtahi, Werner Herzog and Nick Nolte. Dave Filoni, known for his work in "Star Wars" animation, is the director of the first episode.

- "Untitled Cassian Andor Series" (to debut during Year 2): Diego Luna will be back as Cassian Andor in this spy thriller set in the early years of the Rebellion, before the events of "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story." Alan Tudyk also returns as K-2SO. Stephen Schiff ("The Americans") will serve as showrunner and executive producer.

Other scripted live-action series:

- "High School Musical: The Musical: The Series" (available at launch): A 10-episode scripted series (in the mockumentary style) following a group of students preparing to put on East High's first-ever production of "High School Musical."
- "Diary of a Female President" (to debut during Year 1): A series following a 12-year-old Cuban American girl navigating the highs and lows of middle school as she journeys to become the future president of the United States. Gina Rodriguez ("Jane the Virgin") and Emily Gipson ("I Can and I Will") will serve as executive producers with Ilana Pena ("Crazy Ex-Girlfriend").
- "Love, Simon" (release TBA): Set in the world of the 2018 film "Love, Simon," the half-hour series will follow Victor, a new student at Creekwood High School who has to adjust to living in a new city while dealing with family issues and struggling with his sexual orientation. He reaches out to Simon for help.

Animated series:

- "Forky Asks a Question" (available at launch): "Toy Story 4" breakout Forky has important questions about how the world works. All of these questions and more will be explored in a series of 10 shorts.
- "SparkShorts" (available at launch): A series of experimental shorts from Pixar's program designed to discover new talent and explore new storytelling techniques from artists across the studio.
- "Monsters at Work" (2020): Set six months after the events of the original "Monsters, Inc.," this new series will follow Tylor Tuskmon (voiced by Ben Feldman), who works as a young mechanic on the Monsters Inc. facilities team. His dream is to work his way up to the Laugh Floor, to make kids laugh along with his idols Mike and Sully. The series cast includes "Monsters, Inc." vets Billy Crystal, John Goodman, John Ratzenberger, Bob Peterson and Jennifer Tilly as well as newcomers Kelly Marie Tran, Henry Winkler, Lucas Neff, Alanna Ubach and Stephen Stanton.
- "Marvel's What If...?" (summer 2021): The MCU's first animated series will introduce the Watcher, voiced by Jeffrey Wright, and feature stories set in alternate realities spun from pivotal moments in the MCU. The voice cast will include established MCU actors reprising their characters.
- "Chip 'n' Dale" (to debut during Year 1): Classic chipmunk characters Chip and Dale are in for a modern makeover in a new comedy series that will see them living in a small park in a busy city. The series, comprised of 39 seven-minute episodes, will be produced by the award-winning French production studio Xilam Animation.



Provided by Disney, this is a product image of Disney+ on a tablet. The video steaming service will launch in November.

- "Star Wars: The Clone Wars" (to debut during Year 1): Anakin Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi, Padme Amidala, Ahsoka Tano and Captain Rex will be back in 12 brand-new episodes of the Emmy Award-winning animated series, set between the events of the prequel films "Attack of the Clones" and "Revenge of the Sith." (The series originally launched on Cartoon Network in 2008, with the unaired sixth season debuting on Netflix in 2014.)
- "Lamp Life" (to debut during Year 1): What was Bo Peep up to between "Toy Story 2" and "Toy Story 4"? This all-new animated short film explains.
- "Short Circuit" (to debut during Year 1): A series of shorts from Walt Disney Animation's experimental program created to encourage new approaches to visual style and story and to find new voices.

Documentary/nonfiction series:

- "Encore!" (available at launch): Executive producer Kristen Bell is organizing a high school reunion like no other: Former castmates of a high school musical are challenged to re-create their original performance.
- "Marvel's Hero Project" (available at launch): A series spotlighting the real-life heroics of kids making positive changes in their communities.
- "Untitled Walt Disney Imagineering Documentary Series" (available at launch): A documentary series about the 65-year-plus history of Walt Disney Imagineering (the creatives behind the Disney theme parks), spotlighting the people, the craft and the business itself.
- "The World According to Jeff Goldblum" (available at launch): A series in which the actor explains everyday stuff. Need we say more?
- "Be Our Chef" (to debut during Year 1): A Disney-inspired cooking competition for the chance to create a dish for Disney Parks. Each episode will see two families taking part in challenges involving their family traditions and Disney themes. The finalists will be tasked with creating a dish that represents their family in a Disney way.
- "Dolphin Reef" (to debut during Year 1): Natalie Portman narrates Disney-nature's "Dolphin Reef," which will follow a young bottlenose dolphin named "Echo." Echo is at a dolphin crossroads, unable to decide if he's ready to grow up and take on new responsibilities or if he'll remain silly and just have fun with all the other sea creatures that keep him distracted.
- "Into the Unknown: Making 'Frozen 2'" (to debut during Year 1): A documentary series giving a behind-the-scenes look at the creation of "Frozen 2."
- "Magic of Animal Kingdom" (to debut during Year 1): A documentary series following the animal-care experts, veterinarians and biologists at work at Disney's Animal Kingdom and Epcot's SeaBase aquarium.
- "Marvel's 616" (to debut during Year 1): An anthology documentary series examining the historical, cultural and societal context of Marvel's stories, characters and creators.
- "Prop Culture" (to debut

- during Year 1): An anthology series that examine films through the props and costumes that made them unique. The movies discussed in the first eight episodes include "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl," "Mary Poppins," "The Muppet Movie," "Tron" and "Who Framed Roger Rabbit."
- "(Re)Connect" (to debut during Year 1): Each episode will see a family unplug from their lives in order to face whatever is driving a wedge among them and overcome it with the help of a specialized expert.
- "Rogue Trip" (to debut during Year 1): Journalist Bob Woodruff and his 27-year-old son, Mack, will travel the world to visit places that are often misunderstood or overlooked by tourists.
- "Shop Class" (working title; to debut during Year 1): A competition series in which teams of students will be tasked with designing, building and testing new gadgets. A panel of experts will whittle down the field until one team is named Shop Class Champs.
- "Earthkeepers" (working title; to debut during Year 2): A documentary series following conservationists and the animals they have devoted their careers to as well as everything that goes into their efforts to protect the planet's most endangered species.
- "Ink & Paint" (to debut during Year 2): A documentary series about the unsung women who worked to create some of Disney's greatest animated films. It's based on the book of the same name.

What about original movies?

- "Lady and the Tramp" (available at launch): A live-action retelling of the 1955 animated classic about the romantic adventures of a prim and proper house dog named "Lady" and a scrappy stray named "Tramp." The cast includes Tessa Thompson (voice of Lady), Justin Theroux (voice of Tramp), Kiersey Clemons (Darling), Thomas Mann (Jim Dear), Janelle Monae (voice of Peg), Yvette Nicole Brown (Aunt Sarah), Sam Elliott (voice of Trusty) and more.
- "Noelle" (available at launch): Anna Kendrick stars as Noelle, the carefree younger sister of Nick Kringle, played by Bill Hader, who is the first in line to be Santa Claus. When the stress of being Santa becomes overwhelming, Nick disappears just weeks before Christmas. It's up to Noelle to find Nick and save the holiday.
- "The Phineas and Ferb Movie" (working title; to debut during Year 1): Phineas, Ferb, Candace and the whole blended Flynn family are back for a new movie based on the fan-favorite animated series that followed the siblings' summer vacation antics. This time, Phineas and Ferb head to space to order to rescue Candace, who has found utopia on a faraway planet after being abducted by aliens.
- "Secret Society of Second-Born Royals" (to debut during Year 1): The movie centers on Sam, a princess with no real interest in the

- royal way of life. The second in line to the throne of Illyria, Sam one day discovers she has superpowers and that a secret society of second-born royals has long been tasked with keeping peace in the kingdom.

- She's in for some adventures as she joins a top-secret training program to prepare for saving the world.
- "Stargirl" (to debut during Year 1): A coming-of-age movie based on the YA novel of the same name, "Stargirl" follows 16-year-old Leo Borlock, who is happy to fly under the radar until a new girl shows up at his high school. Stargirl is quirky and different and not at all like any of the other kids at Leo's school, and she changes everyone's perceptions about themselves and each other.
- "Timmy Failure" (to debut during Year 1): Directed by Academy Award winner Tom McCarthy, "Timmy Failure" follows a young boy who believes he's the best detective in town. Timmy runs Total Failure Inc., along with his partner, a 1,500-pound polar bear.

- The movie is based on the book "Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made" from the "Timmy Failure" illustrated series. McCarthy and the book's author, Stephan Pastis, co-wrote the screenplay.
- "Togo" (to debut during Year 1): Based on a true story, "Togo" will follow Leonhard Seppala (Willem Dafoe) and his lead sled dog Togo, known for their role in the Nome Serum Run to deliver medicine to children during the 1925 outbreak of diphtheria in Alaska. (The real-life Balto — the inspiration behind the 1995 non-Disney animated movie "Balto" — also was a part of this run, which involved traveling more than 700 miles in harsh conditions.)

- "Flora & Ulysses" (release TBA): Based on the children's book "Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures," the movie will follow a 10-year-old named Flora. A comic book fan and a self-proclaimed cynic, Flora's life is forever changed when she saves a squirrel that ends up developing superpowers.

What else will be included in the Disney+ catalog?

Disney+ will be the exclusive streaming home for all of Disney's theatrical releases beginning in 2019, starting with "Captain Marvel," which will be available at launch.

Other recent releases headed to the platform include "Dumbo," "Avengers: Endgame," "Aladdin," "Toy Story 4" and "The Lion King," as well as the upcoming "Maleficent: Mistress of Evil," "Frozen 2" and "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker."

Below are titles that Disney has confirmed will be available at launch (including 30 seasons of "The Simpsons").

TV SHOWS

- "Disney Planes"
- "Andi Mack"
- "Boy Meets World"
- "Brain Games"
- "Dog Whisperer With Cesar Milan"
- "Dr. K's Exotic Animals"
- "Dr. Oakley Yukon Vet"

- "Drain the Ocean"
- "DuckTales" (1987)
- "DuckTales" (2016, Season 1)
- "Earth Live"
- "Goof Troop"
- "Great Migrations"
- "Howie Mandel's Animals Doing Things"
- "Kim Possible"
- "Marvel's Guardians of the Galaxy"
- "Marvel's Ultimate Spider-Man"
- "Mickey and the Roadster Racers" (Season 1-2)
- "Mickey Mouse Clubhouse"
- "Mickey Mouse Shorts"
- "One Strange Rock"
- "Raven's Home"
- "Rocky Mountain Animal Rescue"
- "Star Wars Rebels"
- "Star Wars: The Clone Wars"
- "That's So Raven"
- "The Incredibly Dr. Pol"
- "The Simpsons"
- "Unlikely Animal Friends"
- "Wicked Tuna"

MOVIES

- "101 Dalmatians"
- "A Bug's Life"
- "A Goofy Movie"
- "An Extremely Goofy Movie"
- "Bambi"
- "Bao"
- "Big Hero 6"
- "Born in China"
- "Cars"
- "Fantasia"
- "Finding Dory"
- "Finding Nemo"
- "Free Solo"
- "Frozen"
- "Fun and Fancy Free"
- "Hercules"
- "High School Musical"
- "Honey, I Shrank the Kids"
- "Inside Out"
- "Iron Man"
- "Lady and the Tramp"
- "Lilo & Stitch"
- "Mary Poppins"
- "Mickey, Donald, Goofy: The Three Musketeers"
- "Mickey's Once Upon a Christmas"
- "Moana"
- "Monsters University"
- "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl"
- "Pixar Short Films Collection Vol. 1"
- "Ratatouille"
- "Remember the Titans"
- "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story"
- "Sleeping Beauty"
- "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs"
- "Star Wars: Episode I: The Phantom Menace"
- "Star Wars: Episode II: Attack of the Clones"
- "Star Wars: Episode III: Revenge of the Sith"
- "Star Wars: Episode IV: A New Hope"
- "Star Wars: Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back"
- "Star Wars: Episode VI: Return of the Jedi"
- "Star Wars: Episode VII: The Force Awakens"
- "Star Wars: The Clone Wars"
- "Steamboat Willie"
- "The Good Dinosaur"
- "The Incredibles"
- "The Little Mermaid"
- "The Parent Trap" (1961)
- "The Prince & the Pauper" (1990)
- "The Princess Diaries"
- "The Rocketeer"
- "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" (short)
- "The Sword in the Stone"
- "The Three Caballeros"
- "Thor: The Dark World"
- "Toy Story"
- "Tron" (1982)
- "Up"
- "Wall-E"
- "Zootopia"

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Damson Idris

"Snowfall" (9 p.m., 10:04 p.m., 12:12 a.m., FX): Franklin (Damson Idris) finds himself feeling dangerously exposed, while Andre (Darius McCrary) gets help from a totally unexpected source in the new episode "Hedgehogs." Elsewhere, Julia (Peta Sergeant) makes a move that forces Teddy's (Carter Hudson) hand. Sergio Peris-Mencheta and Michael Hyatt also star.

"Homicide Hunter: Lt. Joe Kenda" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., ID): Lt. Joe Kenda, a former homicide detective with the Colorado Springs (Col.) Police Department, returns for Season 9 of this engrossing true crime series, in which he revisits memorable cases from his 23-year career. In the season premiere, "Cynthia," Kenda recalls the case of a mother whose naked and frozen body was found in a deserted cemetery. Kenda reopens this cold case, he realizes this death was the work of a serial killer.

"The Challenge" (8 p.m., MTV): Fourteen American players square off against the same number of UK opponents in a jungle setting for their share of a \$1 million grand prize in the special 90-minute season premiere of this competition series. Whichever team prevails in tonight's premiere gets first pick from the lineup of "reinforcements," a pool of all-stars that includes Chris "C.T." Tamburello, Dee Nguyen, "Ninja" Natalie Duran and Turabi "Turbo" Camkiran.

"Queen Sugar" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., OWN): Charley (Dawn-Lyen Gardner) shares a shocking secret with Jacob Boudreaux (Lea Coco), while Micah and Keke's (Nicholas Ashe, Tanyell Waivers) prom plans are completely derailed in a new episode called "I'm Sorry." Elsewhere, Darla (Bianca Lawson) begs Ralph Angel (Kofi Sibi-Boe) to forgive her. Rutina Wesley also guest stars.

"Jay Leno's Garage" (9 p.m., 12 a.m., CNBC): Domestic diva Martha Stewart, the proud owner of a 1958 Edsel, is among the celebrity guests scheduled to appear in Season 5 of this hit unscripted TV series, in which host Jay Leno entertains car enthusiasts with an appealing medley of celebrity segments, stunts, automotive reviews and challenges.

"Yellowstone" (9 p.m., 1:57 a.m., PARMT): The Dutton ranching clan is a volatile lot, and it's their shifting alliances that help make this drama must-see television for the show's fans. If these characters aren't shy about clashing with one another, though, when an outside threat puts a Dutton in peril, they circle the wagons, which is exactly what happens in the Season 2 finale, "Sins of the Father."

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actress Niecy Nash.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Common talks and performs with Swizz Beatz; model Kate Upton.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Samuel L. Jackson; former Defense Secretary Ash Carter.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Bob Odenkirk; comic Whitney Cummings; Pete Yorn performs.*

* Subject to change

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	MOVIES							
	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	Big Brother (N) ©	SEAL Team: "Medicate and Isolate." ©	S.W.A.T.: "Saving Face." ©	News (N) ♦			
	NBC 5	America's Got Talent: "Live Results 3." (N) ©	(8:01) Songland: "Leona Lewis." (N) ©	Hollywood Game Night (N) ©	NBC 5 News (N) ♦			
	ABC 7	The Goldbergs	Schooled ©	Modern Family	(8:31) Single Parents	Celebrity Family Feud ©	News at 10pm (N) ♦	
	WGN 9	MLB Baseball: Minnesota Twins at Chicago White Sox. From Guaranteed Rate Field in Chicago. (N) (Live) ©					WGN News at Ten (N)	
	Antenna 9.2	Alice ©	Alice ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Johnny Carson ©	3's Comp.	
	This TV 9.3	Heat (R,87) ♦	Burt Reynolds, Karen Young. ©			The Last of the Finest (R,90) ♦ ♦ ♦		
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)	Animal Babies: First Year on Earth: "First Steps." (Series Premiere) (N)			NOVA: "Lethal Seas." ©	Magical (Series Premiere) (N) ♦	
	The U 26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)	The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©	
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett	
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek: "Court Martial."	Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ♦		
CABLE	Bounce 26.5	The Game	The Game	Most Wanted (R,97) ♦ ♦	Keenen Ivory Wayans. ©	Enemy ♦		
	FOX 32	MasterChef: "Family Reunion." (N) ©	BH90210: "The Table Read." (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family ©		
	Ion 38	Blue Bloods: "Baggage."	Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©	Blue Blood ♦		
	TeleM 44	Exatión EE. UU. (N)	El final del paraíso (N) ©		Preso No. 1 (N) ©	Chicago (N)		
	CW 50	Bulletproof (N) ©	Hypnotize Me (N) ©		Dateline ©	Chicago ♦		
	UniMas 60	(6) Fire With Fire (12)	Apocalipsis		Noticiero Uni Apocalipsis			
	WJYS 62	Salem Baptist Church	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Coach's Cor.	Paid Prog.	Monument	
	Univ 66	La reina soy yo (N)	Juntos, el corazón (N)		Sin miedo a la verdad (N)	Noticias (N)		
	AE	Ghost Hunters ©	Ghost Hunters (N) ©		(9:01) Psychic Kids (N)	Psychic ♦		
	AMC	(6) Jaws (PG,75) ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦	Roy Scheider. ©		Jaws 2 (PG,78) ♦ ♦	Roy Scheider. © ♦		
ANIM	North Woods Law (N)	I Was Prey (N)		I Was Prey (N) ©	I Was Prey ♦			
BBCA	The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13,07) ♦ ♦ ♦	Matt Damon. ©			The Bourne Ultimatum ♦			
BET	Welcome Home Roscoe	Friday (R,95) ♦ ♦ ♦	Ice Cube, Chris Tucker. ♦					
BIGTEN	Michigan Football Classic	The BIG Show ©		BTN Football in 60 ©	BIG Show ♦			
BRAVO	Southern Charm ©	Southern Charm (N) ©			Southern Charm ©	Watch What		
CLTV	News at 7	News (N)	News at 8	News (N)	SportsFeed ©	Politics		
CNBC	Shark Tank ©	Shark Tank ©		Jay Leno's Garage (Season Premiere) (N)	Jay Leno's ♦			
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) ♦			
COM	South Park	South Park	South Park: "The Black Friday Trilogy."	South Side	South Park			
DISC	Expedition Unknown (N)	Expedition Unknown (N)		(9:01) Contact (N) ©	Expedition ♦			
DISN	Bunk'd ©	Bunk'd ©	Raven	Raven	Coop	Coop	Raven	
E!	Monster-in-Law (PG-13,05) ♦ ♦	Jennifer Lopez, Jane Fonda. ©			Monster-in-Law (05) ♦ ♦ ♦			
ESPN	(6) 2019 U.S. Open Tennis: Second Round. (N) (Live)				SportCtr (N)			
ESPN2	CFP Recap	SpoCenter	College Football 150 - Football Is US		Heisman	Herbies ♦		
FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News			
FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Grocery ♦			
FREE	Willy Wonka Happy Feet (PG,06) ♦ ♦ ♦	Voices of Elijah	Wood, Robin Williams. ©		700 Club ♦			
FX	(6) The Equalizer (R,14) ♦ ♦	Denzel Washington. ©		Snowfall: "Hedgehogs." (N)	Snowfall ♦			
HALL	(6) A Taste of Romance	Royal Hearts (NR,18) Cindy Busby, James Brolin. ©			Golden Girls			
HGTV	Property Brothers	Property Brothers (N) ©		Hunters (N) Hunt Intl (N)	Property ♦			
HIST	Forged in Fire (N)	Forged in Fire (N) ©			Forged ♦			
HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic		
IFC	(6:30) Beverly Hills Cop II (R,87) ♦ ♦	Eddie Murphy. Showcases		Beverly Hills Cop III ♦ ♦ ♦				
LIFE	Married (N)	Married at First Sight (N) ©		Marrying Millions (N) ©	Married ♦			
MSNBC	All In With (N)	Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)			
MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	The Challenge (Season Premiere) (N) ©		The Challenge © ♦			
NBCSCH	(6) MLB Baseball: Chicago Cubs at New York Mets. (N)	Postgame		The Ivy (N)	Next Step			
NICK	Enchanted (PG,07) ♦ ♦ ♦	Amy Adams. ©		Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ♦		
OVATION	(6) Black Hawk Down (NR,01) ♦ ♦ ♦	Josh Hartnett. ©			Wyatt Earp (94) ♦ ♦ ♦			
OWN	Queen Sugar	Queen Sugar (N)		David Makes Man (N)	Black ♦			
OXY	NCIS: "Nine Lives." ©	NCIS: "Murder 2.0." ©		NCIS: "Collateral Damage."	NCIS © ♦			
PARMT	(6) John Wick: Chapter 2 (R,17) ♦ ♦ ♦	Keanu Reeves.		Yellowstone (Season Finale) (N) ©	Cowboy			
SYFY	(5) Red ♦ ♦	Red 2 (PG-13,13) ♦ ♦	Bruce Willis, John Malkovich. ©		Blade ♦			
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full Frontal	Conan (N)		
TCM	Good News (NR,47) ♦ ♦ ♦	June Allyson. ©			Two Sisters From Boston (46) ♦ ♦ ♦			
TLC	My Strange Addiction ©	Addiction	Addiction	Addiction	Addiction	My Kid's ♦		
TLN	Liberty Univ. Convocation	Diane	The Three	Life Today	Exalted	Humanity ♦		
TNT	Shooter (R,07) ♦ ♦	Mark Wahlberg, Michael Peña. ©			Run All Night (R,15) ♦ ♦ ♦			
TOON	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick, Morty	
TRAV	Mountain Monsters (N)	Mountain Monsters (N)		When Monsters Attack (N)	Monster ♦			
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Younger (N)	King	King ♦	
USA	Law & Order: Suits: "Retrospective Special." (N) ©			Pearson (N) ©	Law-SVU ♦			
VH1	Basketball Wives (N) ©	Black Ink Crew (N) ©		Black Ink Crew (N)	Basketball ♦			
WE	Law & Order: "Harm." ©	Law & Order: "Shield." ©		Law & Order: "Juvenile." ©	Law ♦			
WGN America	(6) Unstoppable (10) ♦ ♦ ♦	Unstoppable (PG-13,10) ♦ ♦ ♦	Denzel Washington. ©		Married			
PREMIUM	HBO	A Star Is Born (R,18) ♦ ♦ ♦	Bradley Cooper, Lady Gaga. ©		(9:20) Succession ©			
	HBO2	Hard Knocks	Our Boys (Subtitled-English)	My Favorite Shapes	Get Over It ♦			
	MAX	Red Eye (PG-13,05) ♦ ♦ ♦		(8:25) Prisoners (R,13) ♦ ♦ ♦	Hugh Jackman. ♦			
	SHO	Fatal Att.	God	On Becoming a God	(9:02) The Affair: "501."	Double ♦		
	STARZ	(6:13) The Others ♦ ♦ ♦	Australia (PG-13,08) ♦ ♦	Nicole Kidman, Hugh Jackman. ©				
	STZNC	Wreck It	(7:17) Big Hero 6 (PG,14) ♦ ♦ ♦		Apollo 13 (PG,95) ♦ ♦ ♦	Tom Hanks. ♦		

Sean Spicer's casting 'DWTS' explained?

BY WILL THORNE
Variety

ABC faced backlash this week after casting former White House press secretary Sean Spicer on "Dancing with the Stars."

But that outrage might actually spice up the dancing competition's dwindling ratings — particularly in Trump Country.

"Dancing with the Stars" has faced a relatively alarming decline in ratings over the past two cycles, falling 32% among adults 18-49 last season — from an average of 1.37 in 2017 to 0.93 in 2018 season. The show was in need of a shot in the arm, and the attention over Spicer's attachment could attract more of the show's biggest fans.

That's because, according to Nielsen data obtained by *Variety*, the region of the country in which "Dancing with the Stars" performs strongest also happens to be one that is a reliable geographic stronghold for Spicer's former employer: red-state America.

Last season, "Dancing



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Former White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer arrives at the 2019 "Dancing With The Stars" Cast Reveal at Planet Hollywood Times Square on Aug. 21 in New York City.

with the Stars" — which finished airing in November 2018 — posted its best figures in the East Central territory of the United States with a 126 index

score (a score of 100 represents an average concentration of viewership) and a 1.20 rating in the 18-49 demographic. Nielsen defines that region as con-

taining Indiana, West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Michigan — all states that voted for Donald Trump in the 2016 presidential election.

The next highest index score by region was the Northeast (Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, District of Columbia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont and Virginia), with a 104 and a 0.99 rating, while the region that scored the lowest was the Pacific (Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington), with a score of 78 and an average rating of 0.74.

Nielsen data also shows that "Dancing with the Stars" registers a stronger performance in suburban and rural counties, and a weaker one in urban counties.

Season 27 performed strongest in category B counties (counties with a population over 150,000) with a 1.01 average 18-49 rating and a 106 index score. Next came the cate-

gory C and D counties (counties which have a population of over 40,000 or don't fall under any of the other categories), where the show scored a 0.97 average rating and a 103 index score. Behind all of them were the category A counties (located in the 25 largest U.S. cities), with a 0.90 rating and a below average 94 index score.

The show also does far better with white viewers than it does with African American viewers. Last year, "Dancing with the Stars" scored a 0.66 average 18-49 rating and a 69 index score in homes deemed by Nielsen to have an African American head of household. Conversely, in homes Nielsen deemed to have a white head of household, the show scored a 1.10 rating and a 115 index score.

For comparison, in the 2016 election, Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton won the black vote by a substantial 80 points (88% to 8%), according to the Pew Research Center.

Of the 10 markets around the country in which "Dancing with the Stars"

performed best last season, eight are located in states that voted for Trump in the last election. The market in which "Dancing with the Stars" performed strongest last season was West Palm Beach, Fla., which coincidentally is the market that contains Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence.

"Dancing with the Stars" conservative fanbase might also explain why Spicer is just the latest in a long line of right-wing and Republican contestants, including Tucker Carlson, Tom DeLay and Rick Perry.

Casting Spicer has boosted the amount of attention being paid to the show and may well give "Dancing with the Stars" an initial ratings jolt thanks to audience curiosity in how the former Trump spokesperson performs.

However, it remains to be seen if the parts of the country and demos that have traditionally watched the show will be driven to tune in in greater numbers to see a man who lasted only six months in the Trump administration dance the cha-cha-cha.

Stump

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that originally ran from 1968-1970 and then in syndication from 1971-1983.

"The Banana Splits Movie" takes a very different approach with the characters. Harley (Finlay Wojtak-Hissong), a superstar of the Banana Splits, gets tickets for he and his family to attend a taping of the group's TV show. Cancellation of the program sparks a night of terror for the audience members.

The one thing that was already engrained in Stump's mind before he started working on the project was the show's theme, "The Tra La La Song," written by Mark

Barkan, who also wrote for The Monkees, Archies and Manfred Mann. It was such a familiar tune to Stump that he assumed it had always been around, much like "Jingle Bells."

"I didn't realize it was a part of the show until I worked at a huge record store when I was in high school," Stump says. "Then I got acquainted with the Banana Splits and I just thought it was nuts."

"It's a great song and the show is great, but really weird. People know the song without knowing where it came from."

The theme song has become so iconic that it was the one part of working on the score where Stump was given limitations. Director Danishka Esterhazy asked him not to change

the song as the upbeat nature would be a nice counterpoint to the darkness of the film. Stump was on board with that idea because he was certain the project called for a straightforward approach. He did get to indulge his creative side reprising the song in some very different ways throughout the movie.

Stump is best known for his work on stage, but the Grammy-nominated Evanston native has been behind the melodies to the band's hits. One of the things Stump loves to do when he gets in a recording studio is to throw a variety of musical ideas at the wall and see what turns into the right sound.

"A score likes this needs you to take that approach. By nature, you can't keep

doing the same thing for two hours because it is going to wear on people," Stump said. "So you have to keep coming up with weird stuff."

"It was really exciting for me because I tend to play around with a lot of instruments myself. In this score, I play everything. I'm not a virtuoso horn player, but as I am figuring out the score, I will realize I have come up with something and will go record that. I'm always discovering stuff when I am doing something like this."

A bonus for Stump with "The Banana Splits Movie" was that the entire movie was completed before he started working on the music. There have been other jobs where he was only able to see part of the film and read the script

when the scoring process started. He had only a couple of weeks to produce the music for "The Banana Splits Movie," but while Stump finds that time limitation draining, it's also a fun process.

Stump is building a solid resume of scores and tunes that he has created for TV shows and films such as "Gnome Alone," "I Love You, Beth Cooper," "One Tree Hill," "Spell," "Everybody's Everything" and "Changeland." All of the scoring work started with the Incredible Hulk. Stump's first foray into scoring was for the on-ride audio system for the Incredible Hulk Coaster at Universal's Islands of Adventure theme park in Orlando, Fla.

"I kind of bluffed my way

into it," Stump says. "They were kind of looking for a pop song and I asked them if I could use an orchestra. They said it was OK if I wanted to do that. Because the ride is only two minutes, I asked if I could write music for when people are just standing around. They were like 'sure.'"

"I got to record with a symphony orchestra. It's one thing to say I want to score and be a composer but I didn't have anything yet. It's another thing to be able to say this is what I have done for Universal Orlando. That's a big part of how I end up here."

"The Banana Splits Movie" also stars Dani Kind, Romeo Carere, Steve Lund and Sara Canning. Fleegle, Snorky and Drooper are voiced by Eric Bauz.

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Aug. 28): Your home and family grow and blossom this year. Strengthen relationships with dedicated, regular time for fun together. Romance flowers this winter, before a change with friends grabs attention. Next summer's renovation or relocation supports a group celebration.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Take a philosophical view, especially with family and romance. Things may not go as planned. Wait for developments. Optimism grows your heart stronger.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 8. Intuition and good fortune help you navigate domestic changes. Consider all options and possibilities. Connect people for mutual support.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Despite traffic delays, communications can get the word out. Don't get distracted by a heckler. Disagree respectfully. Friends help you make an important connection.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 9. Prepare estimates, budgets and invoices. Keep generating positive cash flow. Look for hidden opportunities in the news. Luck follows quick, committed action.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. You may feel especially sensitive to changes. Pamper yourself with extra rest, good food and hot water. Enjoy trees and nature. Recharge your energy.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 6. Notice your dreams, aspirations and ambitions. Does it match your current situation? Choose your direction. You can make things happen.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Revamp your team strategy.

Discuss possible improvements and solutions. Note any determinations, and post them where they can be found.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. A professional challenge is worth pursuing. You may need to alter personal plans to take advantage. Draw upon hidden resources. Feed your helpers.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Reach out for a long-distance connection. Adapt to surprises and delays on the road. Keep expenses and hassle at a minimum.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Resolve money matters with your partner. Get terms and agreements in writing. Listen more and talk less. Make sure you're both on the same page.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Strategize with your partner to prioritize tasks, steps and milestones for what you want to accomplish. Take advantage of high energy.

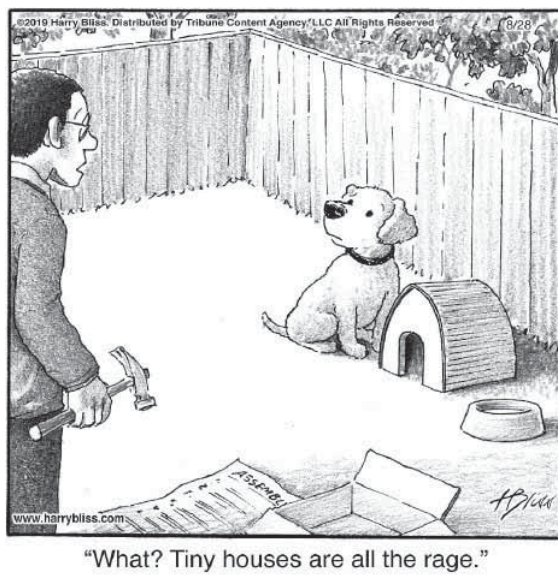
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Put your heart and energy into your work. Balance through exercise, nature and meditation. Steady practices lead to growing strength and powerful performances.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, South deals

North

- ♠ J 6 5
- ♥ Q 8 6
- ♦ Q 3
- ♣ K J 9 6 3

East

- ♠ 9 3 2
- ♥ 4
- ♦ 10 9 7 6 4 2
- ♣ 8 7 2

South

- ♠ 7 4
- ♥ A K 10 5 3
- ♦ A J 8
- ♣ A Q 4

Most declarers in a duplicate pair game would go down in today's deal. They would have their eye on taking 11 tricks. That would be easy if the hearts split 3-2, and they could cater to East having four trumps to the jack by cashing the ace of hearts and leading a low heart to the queen. That would reveal the heart position and declarer could finesse East out of the jack of hearts on the way to 11 tricks. They would go down on this lie of the cards.

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	1♠	2♥	Pass
4♥	All pass		

Opening lead: Ace of ♣

neither opponent has all five missing trumps nor East has all five missing clubs. The simple solution is to cash the ace and king of trumps, leaving the queen in dummy. Should both opponents follow to the ace and king, South just finishes drawing trumps and claims 11 tricks.

Should either opponent have four hearts to the jack, South is still in control. He simply starts to run his clubs. The opponent with four trumps can ruff whenever he likes, but South can win a spade or diamond continuation in his hand and lead a trump to dummy's queen. This would draw the last trump and also serve as an entry to any remaining club winners. 10 tricks for sure!

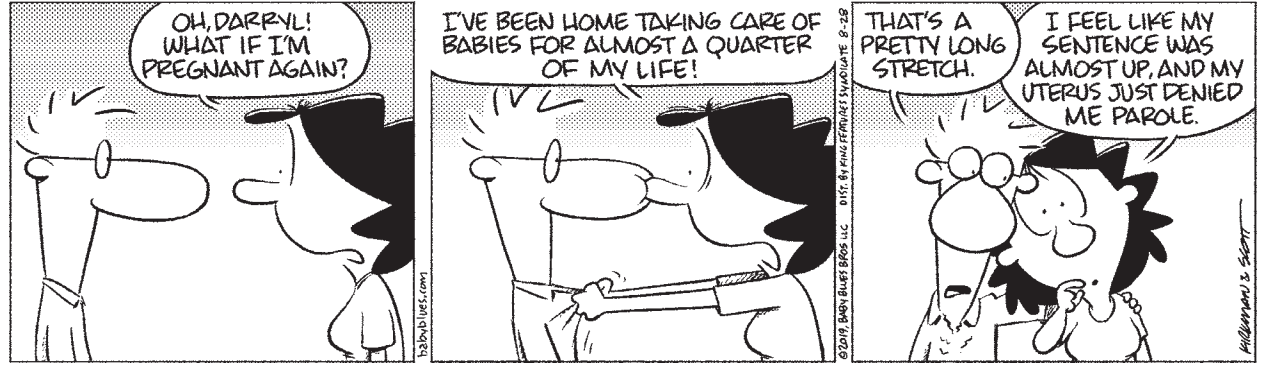
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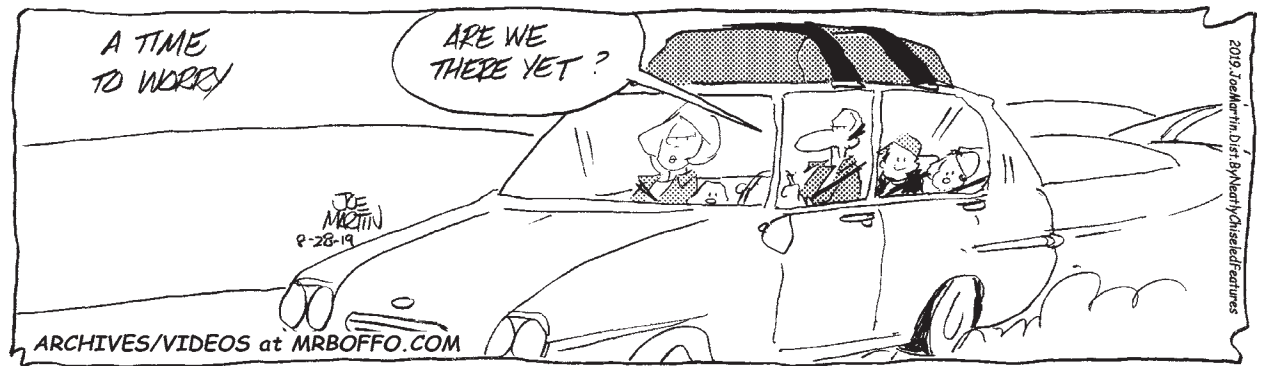
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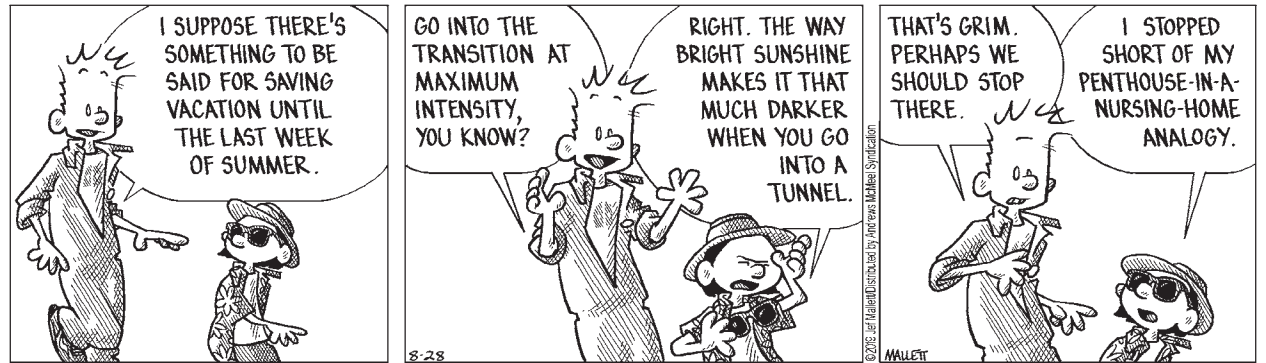
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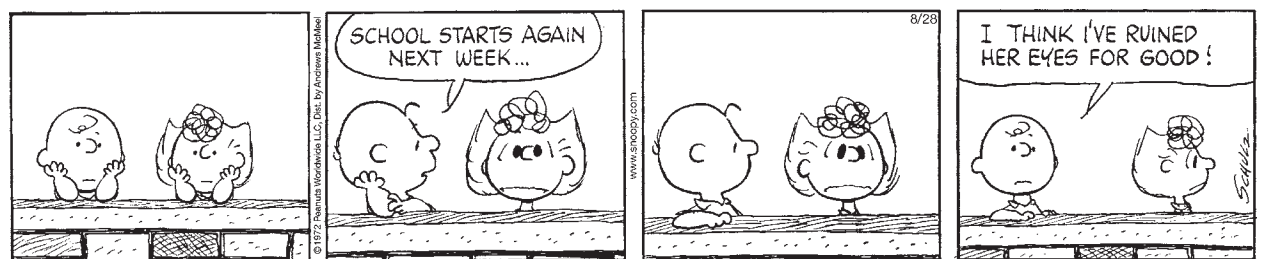
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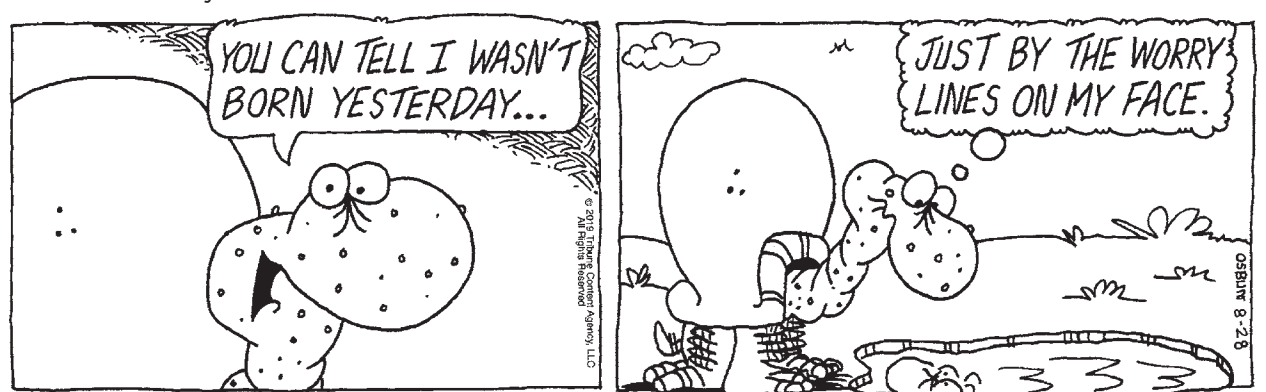
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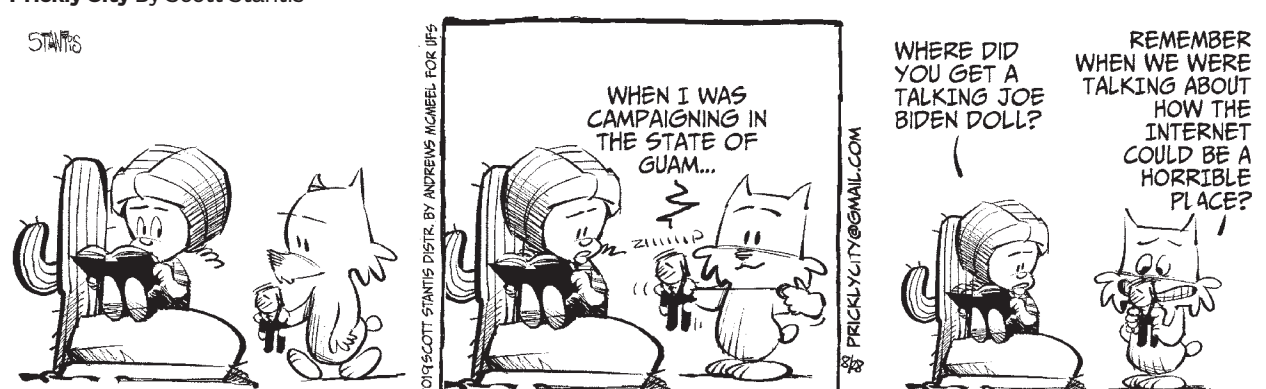
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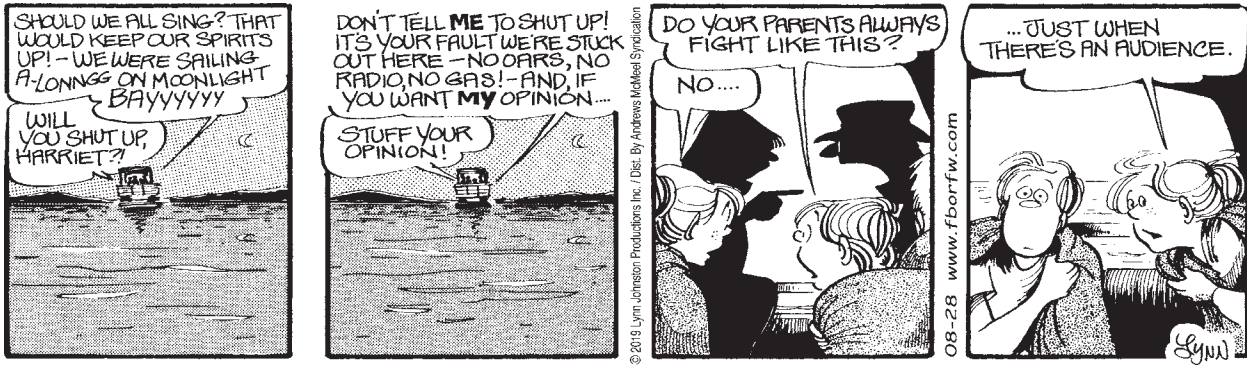
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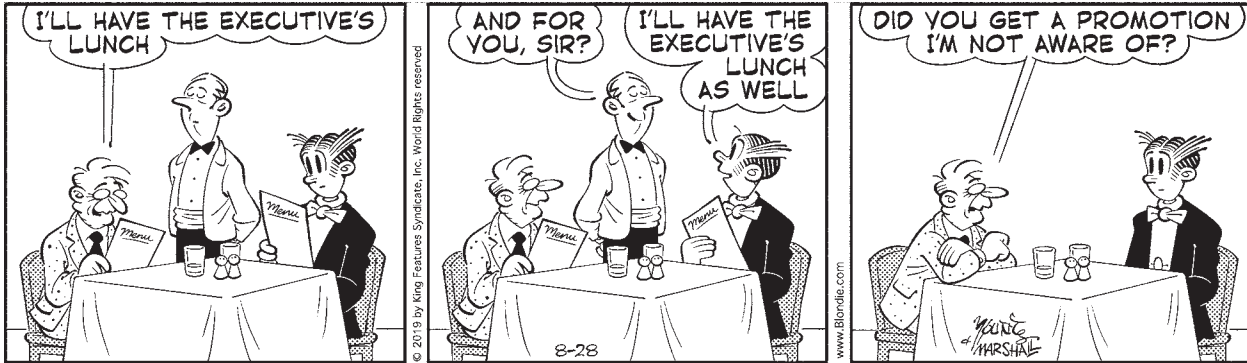
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Mutts By Patrick McDonnell



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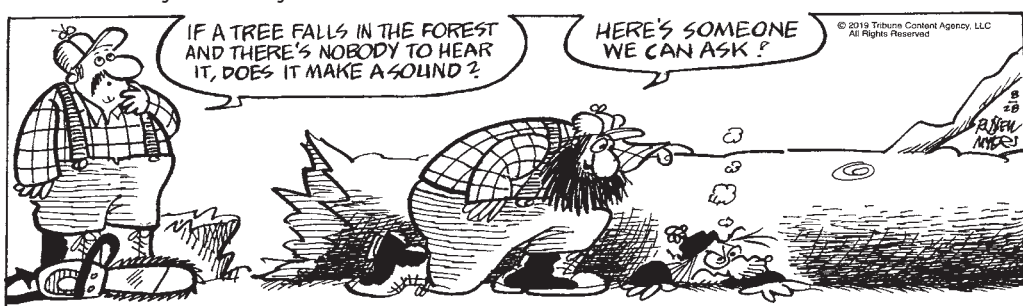
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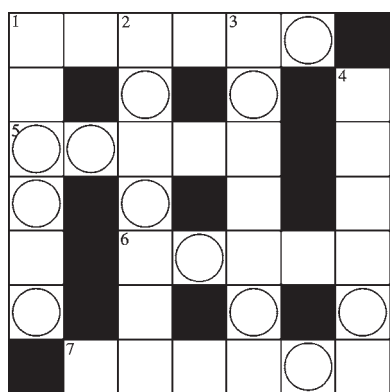
The prime meridian, or 0 degrees longitude, runs through what location?

A) Greenwich, England
 B) Sydney, Australia
 C) Toronto, Canada
 D) Washington, D.C.

Tuesday's answer: Ian Fleming, who created James Bond, also wrote "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang."

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Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS

1. Without difficulty
 5. Floor
 6. Complain
 7. Break

CLUE DOWN

1. Prohibit, command
 2. Asphalt
 3. Mesh, trellis
 4. Greece

ANSWER

SLEAYI
 STJIO
 PRGEI
 CSEESR

ANSWER

NOENJI
 GHEISLN
 CLAETTI
 EAHSNT

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.

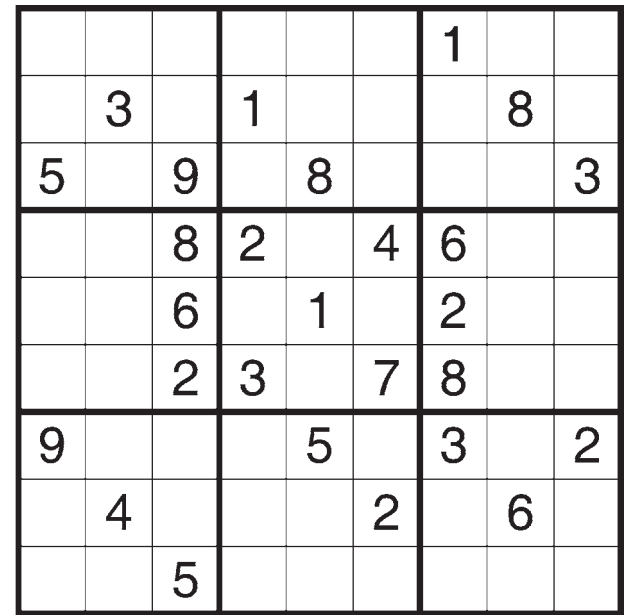
BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1-A-Easily 5-A-Jobler 6-A-Jobler 7-A-Easily 1-A-Easily 5-A-Jobler 6-A-Jobler 7-A-Easily

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Sudoku 1 2 3 4



5	9	3	4	1	6	7	8	2
4	2	8	9	7	5	3	6	1
7	1	6	3	2	8	9	4	5
3	4	7	6	8	1	5	2	9
2	6	1	5	3	9	8	7	4
8	5	9	7	4	2	1	3	6
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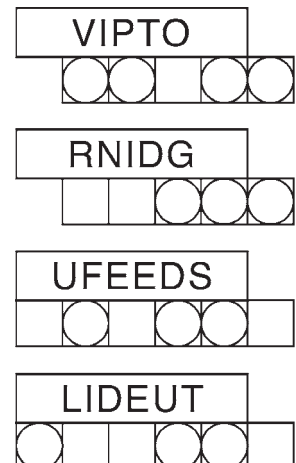
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

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.



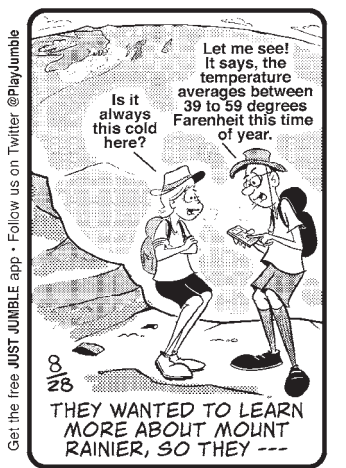
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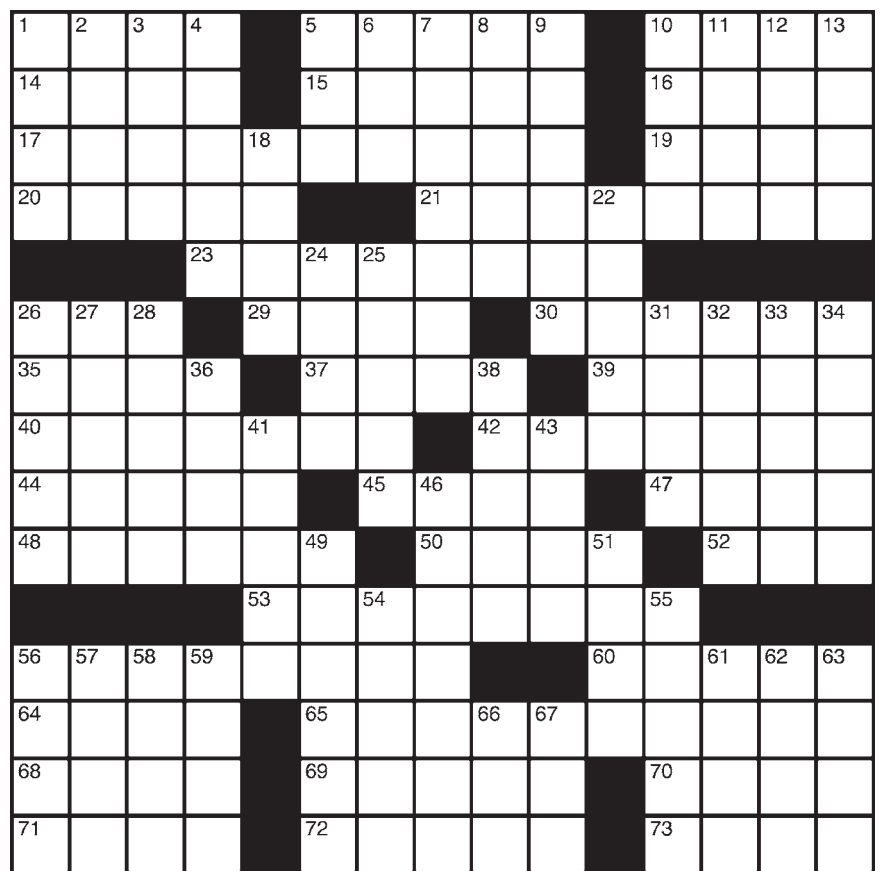
Tuesday's answers

Jumbles: CARGO STUNT WEEKLY DEFECT
 Answer: Talking to some people about clean, renewable power can be a — WASTE OF ENERGY

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Crossword



Across

1 Renovator's protective cover
 5 Not so exciting
 10 Soak up the sun
 14 "Dies ___": Latin hymn
 15 Yoga pose
 16 Hatchet man — Brasi of "The Godfather"
 17 *Speak carefully to avoid offense
 19 Spoken
 20 2019 award for author Walter Mosley
 21 *Yahtzee, for one
 23 Cry of success that can also be a sarcastic admission of failure
 26 Ad-__: improvise
 29 "___ won't do"
 30 Pinch pennies
 35 Post-op sites
 37 Not fooled by
 39 Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum city

Down

40 *Homemade song assortment
 42 *Vocally imitate a drum machine
 44 Spoken
 45 Poetry event
 47 Hatcher or Polo
 48 Status ___
 50 Forget to mention
 52 Report card bumper
 53 Norse mythology upheaval used as the subtitle of a 2017 "Thor" film
 56 *Lunch from home
 60 Repairs
 64 Marshmallow blackener
 65 Kitchen guide ... and where to find the starts of the answers to starred clues
 68 Discomfit
 69 Save a ton on the wedding reception?
 70 Not pro
 71 Sty feed
 72 Often ___: half the time
 73 Check signer

Tuesday's solution

LAMS PUPA TILE
 AFEW CALLS ENER
 MODEL TRAIN LAVIA
 POILU YEARLIES
 STALL MANGOTREEE
 LAO SRA
 ALMS STOA ELECT
 MEAT THERMOMETER
 OSCAR TAPA SELA
 ROK USA
 MUFFINTOP VCHIP
 OVERSEEN ORONO
 SULU EMPTYWORDS
 ELOIT SPOKE SNIT
 SAINT SPOT SEAFS

Down

1 Dry partner
 2 Life as a desert
 3 Told, as a bell
 4 Pie nut
 5 Word after hee or yee
 6 Spanish bear
 7 Most challenging
 8 Reversed

9 Dinosaur Jr. frontman J___
 10 Online journal
 11 General vibe
 12 Take in
 13 Leafy vegetable
 18 Middle of Q.E.D.
 22 ___ Sketch
 24 Blue-roofed eatery
 25 Fishing gear
 26 Succotash beans
 27 Without warmth
 28 Full-bosomed
 31 "Out of the Cellar" metal band
 32 Under the covers
 33 Boxing legend Archie
 34 Impish fairy
 36 Incomplete Wikipedia entry
 38 "Becoming" memoirist Michelle
 41 Add beauty to
 43 Mideast noble
 46 Scam that takes a while to pay off
 49 ___ Tar Pits
 51 Thick book
 54 Irish speakers
 55 Meaty fare from a falafel stand
 56 Closest pals, initially
 57 Trench money
 58 Rice-shaped pasta
 59 Shed tears
 61 Pitching gem, in baseball slang
 62 "I" pieces
 63 Hits the slopes
 66 Wall St. debut
 67 Darling

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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 28 NORMAL HIGH: 81° NORMAL LOW: 61° RECORD HIGH: 97° (1955) RECORD LOW: 42° (1986)

Taste of September will be one to remember

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 74 **LOW** 59

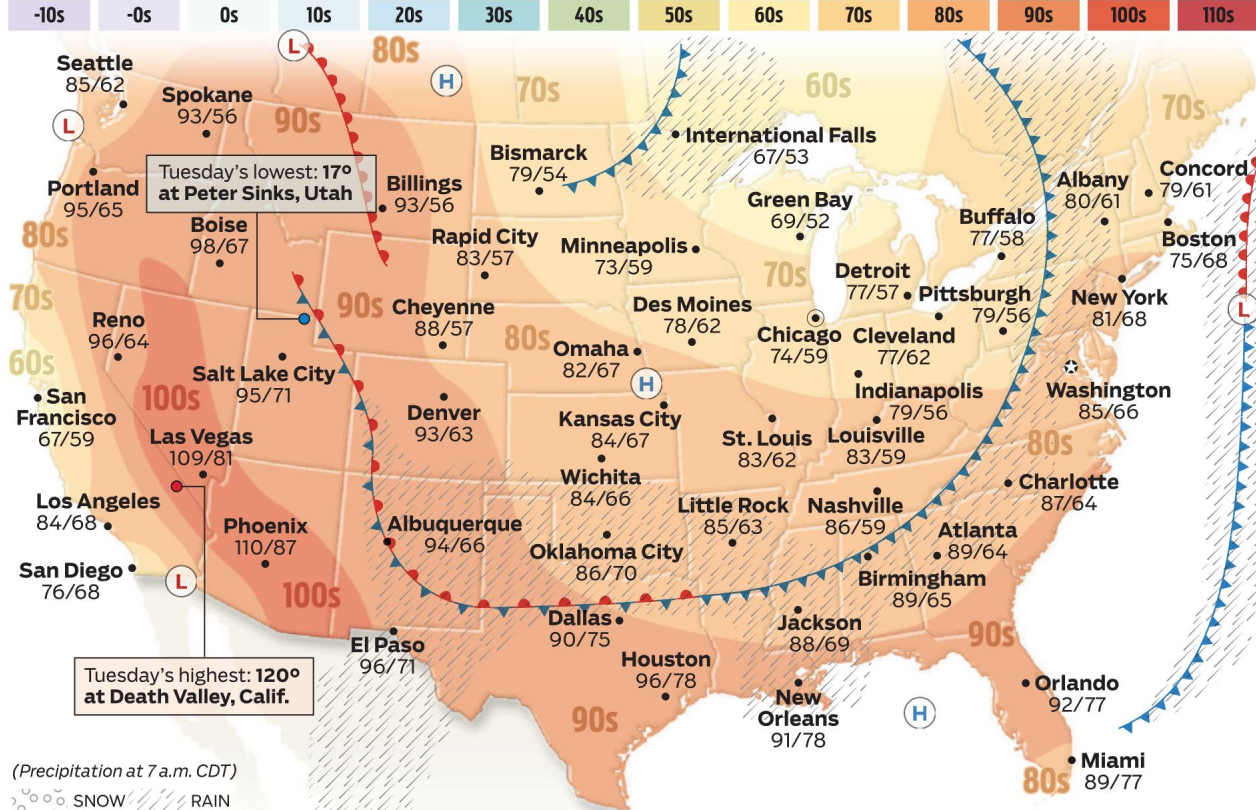
■ Deep low pressure over Canada circulates cooler, drier air across the Great Lakes region. Chicago is positioned on the southern edge of cool air.

■ Scattered fair-weather cumulus clouds midday-afternoon, otherwise sunny. Temps peak in the low to mid 70s.

■ Strong westerly winds gusting at times to 30 mph will push warm water out to the open lake allowing cooler water to take its place resulting in beach air temps in the 70s with water temperatures closer to 60 degrees.

■ Clear skies, cool overnight.

NATIONAL FORECAST



A sharp NW flow aloft will bring cooler air into the Chicago area Wednesday with high temps in the low to mid 70s more representative of the third week of September or fall equinox. This upper air pattern will moderate somewhat in coming days but after an 80 degree day Thursday high temps will drop back into the 70s through the weekend. On Saturday we might reach the 70 degree mark, as clouds spread over our area with occasional rain likely.

Meanwhile, Floridians, especially those along the east coast will be braced for high surf, downpours and potentially hurricane force winds Sunday. Tropical storm Dorian will pass over Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic on Wednesday, moving through the Bahamas and gaining strength Thursday and Friday before approaching Florida's coast.

THURSDAY, AUG. 29

HIGH 83 **LOW** 60

Mostly sunny. Scattered building cumulus clouds in the afternoon. SW winds to 30 mph. High temps in lower 80s. Cool beach waters. Air temps into 80s. Some clouds. Chance of a shower or two overnight.

FRIDAY, AUG. 30

HIGH 76 **LOW** 60

Some early morning cloudiness possible, becoming mostly sunny. Afternoon highs in mid to upper 70s. Perhaps cooler at lake. High and mid-level clouds increase overnight. North to NE winds.

SATURDAY, AUG. 31

HIGH 70 **LOW** 61

Disturbance over the mid-Mississippi valley brings clouds and showers. Lack of sun limits daytime warming. Highs range 65-70. E-SE winds 10-15 mph.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 1

HIGH 76 **LOW** 64

Considerable cloudiness lingers, with spotty showers possible early. Becoming partly sunny by mid to late morning. Highs in mid 70s inland, upper 60s near lake. E winds around 10 mph.

MONDAY, SEPT. 2

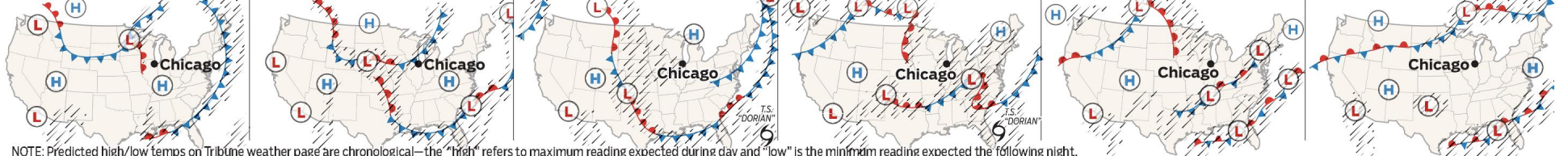
HIGH 80 **LOW** 65

Labor Day. Partial sunshine - temps respond by rising to near 80 degrees at some inland locations with lower readings at the lakefront. Light easterly on-shore winds.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 3

HIGH 83 **LOW** 61

Clouds increase slowly from the north during the day - afternoon highs in the low to mid 80s. Chance of showers or t-storms late afternoon into the overnight hours. South-westerly winds.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
Why is July hotter than other months worldwide? The Earth is farther from the sun and it's winter in the Southern Hemisphere. Are the observations biased toward the Northern Hemisphere?

Thanks,
Vance Lauderdale

Dear Vance,
The observations are not biased; it's all about the Earth's geography. Most of this planet's land masses are in the Northern Hemisphere and since land heats faster than water, the highest temperatures are north of the equator, so July is typically Earth's hottest month. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, globally, July 2019's average temperature was 62.1 degrees - 1.7 degrees higher than the July average for the 20th century. Based on records dating to 1880, it was one of the hottest months ever in close competition with August 2016.

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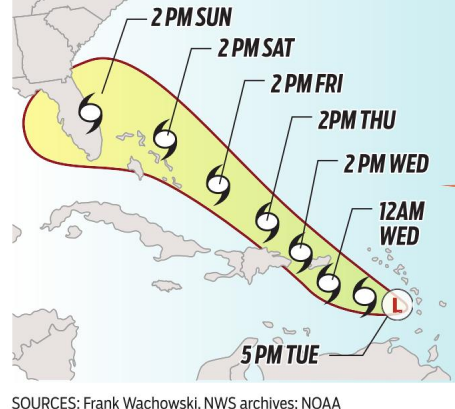


Autumn-like feel in Chicago—Dorian moves toward Florida

TROPICAL STORM 'DORIAN'

'Dorian' is forecast to occasionally reach Cat 1 intensity impacting Puerto Rico (65-75 mph), Dominican Republic (45-55 mph); Wednesday night/Thursday, moving across the Bahamas (60-80+ mph); Friday/Saturday, reaching the east coast of Florida (70-80 mph) Sunday

NOTE: The cone contains the probable path of the storm center but does not show the size of the storm. Hazardous conditions can occur outside of the cone.



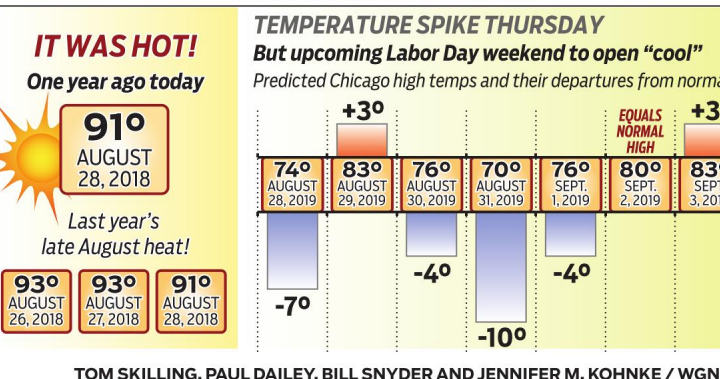
WESTERLY WINDS BRING WEAKER WAVE ACTION—1-2 FEET OR LESS

"Upwelling"—dropping beach water temp into upper 50s/lower 60s

"Upwelling" replaces surface waters with cooler water from below

At the beaches: 80° air temp; 60° water temp

West winds blow top layer of water out to the open waters



MIDWEST CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	su	81	58	su	85	63
Carbondale	su	78	54	su	84	65
Champaign	su	78	54	su	84	65
Decatur	su	78	54	su	84	65
Moline	su	78	54	su	84	65
Peoria	su	78	54	su	84	65
Quincy	su	78	54	su	84	65
Rockford	su	76	54	su	84	65
Springfield	su	75	54	su	85	66
Stirling	su	75	54	su	84	65
Indiana	su	79	56	su	81	64
Bloomington	su	81	56	su	83	63
Evansville	su	81	56	su	83	63
Fort Wayne	su	75	53	su	79	65
Indianapolis	su	79	56	su	81	65
Lafayette	su	78	53	su	84	66
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South Bend	su	74	54	su	82	63
Wisconsin	su	79	56	su	81	64
Green Bay	pc	69	52	su	78	52
Kenosha	su	74	56	su	82	57
La Crosse	su	76	56	su	84	55
Madison	pc	73	54	su	81	54
Milwaukee	su	74	55	su	82	57
Wausau	pc	68	51	su	75	49
Michigan	su	77	57	su	80	65
Detroit	pc	77	57	su	80	65
Grand Rapids	pc	70	56	su	81	59
Marquette	su	64	54	su	73	52
St. Ste. Marie	sh	65	52	su	72	55
Traverse City	sh	68	55	su	80	54
Iowa	su	77	57	su	84	53
Ames	su	77	57	su	84	53
Cedar Rapids	su	75	55	su	83	55
Des Moines	su	78	62	su	86	58
Dubuque	su	75	55	su	82	55

OTHER U.S. CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	ts	89	72	su	95	74
Albuquerque	ts	80	61	su	79	57
Albany	ts	94	66	su	94	66
Amarillo	ts	80	63	su	95	68
Anchorage	su	69	51	su	67	50
Asheville	su	80	64	su	79	53
Aspen	su	82	48	su	80	50
Atlanta	pc	89	64	su	89	65
Atlanta City	ts	79	66	su	83	63
Austin	pc	96	77	su	99	76
Baltimore	sh	83	67	su	83	65
Billings	su	93	56	su	79	57
Birmingham	pc	89	65	su	88	64
Bismarck	su	79	54	su	70	48
Boise	su	98	67	su	95	63
Boston	rn	75	68	su	84	64
Brownsville	pc	97	79	su	97	78
Buffalo	pc	77	58	su	74	65
Burlington	rn	79	60	su	78	58
Charlotte	pc	87	64	su	85	61
Charlston SC	ts	85	73	su	87	61
Charlston WV	pc	82	55	su	80	56
Chattanooga	pc	88	61	su	86	61
Cheyenne	su	88	57	su	84	56
Cincinnati	su	79	56	su	81	62
Cleveland	pc	77	62	su	78	68
Colo. Spgs	su	86	58	su	91	59
Columbia MO	su	82	62	su	87	66
Columbia SC	pc	90	69	su	89	64
Columbus	su	79	56	su	80	63
Concord	sh	79	61	su	81	52
Crps Christi	pc	93	78	su	94	78
Dallas	ts	90	75	su	95	76
Daytona Bch.	ts	90	76	su	98	76
Denver	su	93	63	su	93	62
Duluth	pc	70	57	su	69	50
El Paso	ts	96	71	su	96	74
Fairbanks	sh	61	44	su	63	41
Fargo	su	74	58	su	71	46
Flagstaff	ts	84	65	su	83	54
Fort Myers	ts	89	76	su	90	75
Fort Smith	pc	87	66	su	90	68
Fresno	su	103	71	su	99	68
Grand Junc.	su	97	63	su	94	63
Great Falls	su	87	50	su	78	54
Harrisburg	ts	80	61	su	82	59
Hartford	ts	79	64	su	82	58
Helena	pc	82	67	su	77	54
Honolulu	pc	91	76	su	91	78
Houston	ts	96	78	su	93	78
Int'l Falls	pc	67	53	su	65	44
Jackson	ts	88	69	su	84	66
Jacksonville	ts	91	78	su	90	78
Juneau	su	65	47	su	70	49
Kansas City	su	84	67	su	89	70
Las Vegas	su	109	81	su	107	78
Lexington	su	82	56	su	82	61
Lincoln	ts	95	78	su	93	72
Little Rock	pc	85	63	su	88	64
Los Angeles	su	84	68	su	84	68
Louisville	su	83	59	su	84	64
Macon	pc	93	67	su	91	65
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New York	ts	81	68	su	84	66
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Omaha	su	82	67	su	89	67
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Palm Beach	ts	90	77	su	89	78
Palm Springs	su	111	81	su	111	81
Philadelphia	ts	80	66	su	81	62
Phoenix	pc	110	87	su	107	86
Pittsburgh	pc	79	56	su	77	60
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Portland, OR	pc	95	65	su	84	62
Providence	sh	80	67	su	85	59
Raleigh	pc	86	65	su	85	60
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Wichita	su	84	66	su	89	69
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Ankara	su	87	59	su	87	59
Athens	su	91	75	su	91	75
Bahagdad	pc	117	86	su	117	86
Bangkok	ts	89	78	su	89	78
Barbados	pc	87	80	su	87	80
Barcelona	su	81	71	su	81	71
Beijing	pc	90	64	su	90	64
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Berlin	su	90	67	su	90	67
Bermuda	pc	86	80	su	86	80

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DANGERS OF VAPING

BY KATE THAYER

As public health officials try to identify a respiratory illness that has hospitalized people who vape across the country, and resulted in the death of an Illinois resident earlier this month, experts say some parents still don't realize the dangers of the practice, which is popular among teens and can be even more addictive than tobacco cigarettes.

In recent weeks, 22 people, ages 17 to 38, with difficulty breathing were hospitalized throughout the state, and some were put on ventilators, health officials said. The Illinois Department of Public Health officials said there are 12 more they're still investigating that could be related. Dozens more were hospitalized in other states, bringing the total to more than 190 as of Aug. 23, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

As state and federal health officials search for answers — including what these patients vaped — nicotine, THC or other substances — experts say it's important for parents to understand the dangers of vaping and e-cigarettes, now the most used tobacco products among youths.

Here are five things to know about the dangers of vaping:

Long-term effects?

E-cigarettes, or vapes, or Juuls — a popular brand name — are

devices that heat liquid that usually contains nicotine, producing an aerosol vapor inhaled by the user.

Dr. Trevor Lewis, interim chair of emergency medicine at Stroger Hospital, said some parents believe vapes contain harmless water vapor. However, not only are the devices usually filled with addictive nicotine, but also flavorings “that could be chemicals we don't know about.”

“Several things could be in this mixture that you're inhaling into your lungs,” he said. Vaping “is still relatively new, so no one knows the long-term consequences of this.”

That's part of the concern about the new respiratory illness and its possible link to vaping that's sent dozens to the hospital, Lewis said. Doctors do not know enough about the substances inhaled into the teens' lungs, he said.

Karen Wolownik Albert, a social worker and executive director of Gateway Foundation's Lake County treatment center, said she talks to parents and teens about the dangers of vaping, and she warns them about the ingredients, like glycerol, used for flavor. She said she hears from parents that a sticky substance coats their windows after a teen

has vaped inside. “That's like glycerin accumulating in your lungs.”

And a recent study, published Tuesday, shows that even vapors that don't contain nicotine can be harmful by reducing blood flow after just one puff.

Myths still exist

Despite news reports and warnings from health and school officials, some myths still exist. Vaping was marketed as a way to quit smoking, Wolownik Albert said, which has led parents to believe it's not harmful.

And parents tend to worry about “other scary things like alcohol or heroin,” she said. They'll think, “Well at least my kid is only vaping.”

Besides the harmful and unknown ingredients inhaled during vaping, Wolownik Albert said the device itself can be a breeding ground for bacteria. Vapes are meant to be kept sterile, but “most teenagers aren't great at keeping things clean,” she said.

Easier to hide, use and consume more

Vaping devices are less conspicuous than a smelly cigarette, making it a preferred choice of

teens sneaking into their school bathrooms, experts say.

“When you think about when a teenager smokes a cigarette, it smells, it's hard to hide from adults,” Wolownik Albert said.

But that element is removed when teens use easy-to-hide, odorless vapes, she said. And because it's easier for teens to use, they can vape more than they could smoke, leading to more nicotine.

“They're vaping so much more and getting so much more nicotine than they would get if they were smoking cigarettes,” Wolownik Albert said. “As much as (the equivalent of) a pack or more a day.”

Gateway to addiction

While smoking rates among young people had plummeted in recent years, vaping is on the rise, Wolownik Albert said. This could be responsible for a new, future generation of smokers.

Because of the addictive properties of nicotine, vaping can lead to cigarette smoking as teens age, she said. “Just when we had made progress on the number of people addicted to nicotine, now we'll have an increase.”

And nicotine is often a gateway to other substances, Wolownik

Albert said.

Companies under fire for targeting youth

Juul, a company that makes e-cigarettes, now faces legal challenges and allegations of marketing addictive nicotine products to teenagers, luring them in with fruity flavors.

A 20-year-old Cook County woman, Anastasia Quercia, filed a federal lawsuit last week in federal court against Juul, Philip Morris USA and parent company Altria Group, accusing the companies of marketing to young people. The lawsuit came days after a Cook County teen filed a lawsuit making similar allegations, but that suit was voluntarily dismissed.

Earlier this month, the Lake County State's attorney's office sued Juul, alleging the company intentionally targeted teenagers. The company also faces lawsuits in Florida and North Carolina.

Juul spokesman Ted Kwong said in a statement that the company's products were always meant for adult smokers, as an alternative to cigarettes. The company also made adjustments in the past year in response to the criticism, launching a plan to fight underage use and lobbying for laws like the one passed earlier this year in Illinois to raise the age to buy tobacco products to 21.

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Book aims to change middle school reputation



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Balancing Act

Middle school's reputation hovers somewhere between root canal and jury duty.

The academic load. The pressure to fit in even as your body and brain are doing unrecognizable things.

It doesn't have to be as bad as all that. With the help of some cheerful, hopeful, knowledgeable

experts, the middle school years can be so much more than a period to endure. Author and educator Michelle Icard's work is some of my favorite on the topic. (Check her out at michelleinthemiddle.com.)

Now there's a new book, “Middle School Matters: The 10 Key Skills Kids Need to Thrive in

Middle School and Beyond — and How Parents Can Help,” to add to your toolkit. It's written by Phyllis Fagell, who works as a middle school counselor in Washington, D.C. Her advice is fresh and relevant, welcoming and welcomed.

“Middle schoolers are young enough to be unjaded, but old enough to grasp sophisticated

concepts,” Fagell writes. “They can experiment, grow and veer off course while the stakes are low. It's the ideal time to impart strategies, teach social-emotional skills and foster integrity and healthy risk-taking.”

With patient, loving help, kids

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Are you ready to be treated by Doctor Alexa?

Amazon primed to offer more health services

BY JANET RAE-DUPREE
Kaiser Health

Now that it's upending the way you play music, cook, shop, hear the news and check the weather, the friendly voice emanating from your Amazon Alexa-enabled smart speaker is poised to wriggle its way into all things health care.

Amazon has big ambitions for its devices. It thinks Alexa, the virtual assistant inside them, could help doctors diagnose mental illness, autism, concussions and Parkinson's disease. It even hopes Alexa will detect when you're having a heart attack.

At present, Alexa can perform a handful of health care-related tasks: "She" can track blood glucose levels, describe symptoms, access post-surgical care instructions, monitor home prescription deliveries and make same-day appointments at the nearest urgent care center.

Amazon has partnered with numerous health care companies to let consumers and employees use Alexa for health care purposes. Workers at Cigna Corp. can manage their health improvement goals and earn wellness incentives with Alexa. And Alexa helps people who use Omron Healthcare's blood pressure monitor, HeartGuide, track their readings.

But new opportunities are emerging since Alexa won permission to use protected patient health records controlled under the U.S. privacy law known as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

Before, Alexa had been limited to providing generic responses about medical conditions. Now that it can transmit private patient information, Amazon has extended its Alexa



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Amazon, along with other technology companies, is working on ways to use its smart speaker devices to bring health care services into homes.

Skills Kit, the software development tools used to add functions. Soon, the virtual assistant will be able to send and receive individualized patient records, allowing health care companies to create services for consumers to use at home.

Amazon's efforts in this domain are important because, with its 100 million smart devices in use worldwide, it could radically change the way consumers get health information and even treatment — and not just tech-savvy consumers. Analysts expect 55% of U.S. households will have smart speakers by 2022.

University of Washington researchers recently published a study in which they taught Alexa and two other devices — an iPhone 5s and a Samsung Galaxy

S4 — to listen for so-called agonal breathing, the distinct gasping sounds that are an early warning sign in about half of all cardiac arrests. These devices correctly identified agonal breathing in 97% of instances, while registering a false positive only 0.2% of the time.

Earlier research had shown that a machine learning system could recognize cardiac arrest during 911 emergency calls more accurately and far faster than human dispatchers could.

Amazon, which declined to comment for this article, holds a patent on an acoustic technology that recognizes and could act on significant audio interruptions. Combined with patented technology from the University of Washington

that differentiates coughs and sneezes from other background noises, for example, Alexa could discern when someone is ill and suggest solutions.

Because Amazon also holds patents on monitoring blood flow and heart rate through an Alexa-enabled camera, Alexa could send vitals to a doctor's office before you head to your appointment and continue to monitor your condition after you get home.

"It opens possibilities to deliver care at a distance," said Dr. Sandhya Pruthi, lead investigator for several breast cancer prevention trials at the Mayo Clinic, which has been on the front lines of using voice assistants in health care. "Think about people living in small towns who aren't

always getting access to care and knowing when to get health care," she said. "Could this be an opportunity, if someone had symptoms, to say, 'It's time for this to get checked out?'"

A growing number of clinics, hospitals, home health care providers and insurers have begun experimenting with products using Alexa.

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles put Amazon devices loaded with a plug-in called Aiva into more than 100 rooms to connect patients with staff and to provide hands-free television controls. Unlike a static call button, the voice-controlled device can tell nurses why a patient needs help and can then tell the patient the status of their request.

Boston Children's Hospi-

tal, which offered the first Alexa health care software with an educational tool called Kids MD, now uses Alexa to share post-surgical recovery data between a patient's home and the hospital.

Many medical technology companies are tantalized by the possibilities offered by Alexa and similar technologies for an aging population.

A wearable device could transmit information about falls or an uneven gait. Alexa could potentially combat loneliness. It is learning how to make conversation.

"Alexa can couple a practical interaction around health care with an interaction that can engage the patient, even delight the patient," said elder care advocate Laurie Orlov.

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can emerge from middle school stronger and wiser than they went in, Fagell maintains. That's where you — patient, loving grown-up — come in.

The 10 key skills Fagell references in the title are:

1. Make good friend choices.
2. Negotiate conflict.
3. Manage a student-teacher mismatch.
4. Create homework and organization systems.
5. Consider others' perspectives.
6. Self-advocate.
7. Self-regulate emotions.
8. Cultivate passions and recognize limitations.
9. Make responsible, healthy and ethical choices.
10. Create and innovate.

Fagell spells out specific tips for achieving each one and makes the case for why they're the skills your child needs to thrive in high school and beyond — logistically, socially and emotionally.

The book is infused with the voices of middle school students Fagell has counseled as well as experts in

adolescence, including author Peggy Orenstein, cyberbullying researcher Sameer Hinduja, psychologist Lisa Damour and pediatrician Ken Ginsburg.

If there's a middle schooler in your life, I highly recommend giving it a read.

A few highlights:

On purpose: "Find that one thing that gives your child a sense of purpose, whether it's singing, running, volunteering, peer mentoring or creative writing," Fagell writes. "Kids who feel competent are more resistant to peer pressure."

She talks about a teacher who took a group of students who were frequently in trouble and turned them into a tech

squad, responsible for the school's computerized lighting and sound systems. He bought them black outfits with "Tech Squad" and their names spelled out in glow-in-the-dark letters. Having a purpose — plus the trust of grown-ups and a useful skill — turned their lives around.

On identity: "Everyone has a story, but there's always a risk that the outside world will oversimplify it," Fagell writes. She



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Author Phyllis Fagell offers 10 skills to help children in "Middle School Matters."

encourages kids to watch Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's TED Talk, "The Danger of a Single Story," about the dangers of reducing someone to a stereotype. For middle schoolers, that can be the fact that they're adopted or have two moms or need extra time on tests.

Helping them understand themselves as more than their "single story" will serve them throughout life and guide them away from stereotyping others without bothering to know their whole story.

On lunchtime: Fagell has some advice for educators to reduce the stress and loneliness that can

permeate a school cafeteria. "By periodically assigning seating, you can alleviate that angst and expand students' social networks," she writes. "Mix grades so older kids have an opportunity to assist lonely younger kids. You can designate one table for students who want to play cards or board games while they eat. ... Lunch is also a time when counselors can facilitate friendship groups, or teachers and administrators can host kids in their classroom or office. Educators can ask kind kids with social capital to invite peers who lack a sense of belonging."

On making friends: "Help (kids) acquire the

social skills they need to be likable, such as showing curiosity by asking questions," she writes. "You want them to focus on connecting, not impressing."

If they're having trouble making friends at school, consider an overnight camp, travel sport or some other outlet for meeting nonschool pals. "The burden of popularity is lifted when the goal is simply to befriend nice people."

On body image: Don't assume it's a girl thing. "Researchers reported in the Journal of Early Adolescence that middle school boys are suffering just as much," Fagell writes. "And the more time they spend on social media apps, the worse they feel about their appearance."

Provide openings for your son to talk about his insecurities, she writes, and encourage him to take frequent breaks from social media.

On being brave: "As we seek to empower girls, we need to be careful not to layer on a new set of unattainable expectations," she writes. One 14-year-old girl said, "If one more person tells me girls need to be brave, I'm just going to go off on them."

"We want girls to be resilient in the world, but we almost over-freight the idea of empowered so it becomes a source of anxiety

for them," Peggy Orenstein told Fagell.

Allow your daughter to fail. Challenge unattainable goals, both in appearance and academics. Model shrugging off minor setbacks with a genuine, "Oh, well. Life lesson."

On love: "The sex talk is important, but it's not everything," Fagell writes. "Parents need to prepare kids for the emotional risks, too."

She quotes pediatrician Ginsburg, who says, "Healthy sexuality begins with simply caring about someone."

Some points to help your kids grasp: Powerful chemistry doesn't necessarily translate into good relationships. Failed relationships can help you identify what you want from a partner and what you want to offer a partner. Basic friendship skills — reciprocity, listening, turn-taking, sharing — should also show up in your romantic relationships.

On your presence: "Your child wants and needs you now more than ever," Fagell writes. "Even when they say they don't."

Join the **Heidi Stevens Balancing Act** Facebook group, where she continues the conversation around her columns and hosts occasional live chats.

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Are you an 'extreme early bird'?

HealthDay

Early to bed and early to rise? In its extreme form, this tendency is more common than previously believed, according to a new study.

Going to sleep at 8 p.m. and waking up as early as 4 a.m. is called advanced sleep phase. It was believed to be rare, but this study concluded that it may affect at least one in 300 adults.

In advanced sleep phase, your body clock (circadian rhythm) is on a schedule

hours earlier than most other people's. You have premature release of the sleep hormone melatonin and shift in body temperature.

Advanced sleepers also wake more easily than others and are satisfied with an average of five to 10 minutes extra sleep on nonwork days, compared with the 30 to 38 minutes more sleep that other people would take advantage of, according to study senior author Dr. Louis Ptacek, a professor of neurology at

the University of California at San Francisco.

Advanced sleep is not the same as early rising that develops with normal aging, or the waking in the early hours linked to depression.

"While most people struggle with getting out of bed at 4 or 5 a.m., people with advanced sleep phase wake up naturally at this time, rested and ready to take on the day," Ptacek said in a university news release.

"These extreme early



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birds tend to function well in the daytime but may have trouble staying awake for social commitments in the evening," he added.

In order to determine the prevalence of advanced

sleepers, the researchers analyzed data from more than 2,400 patients at a sleep disorder clinic. Of those, 0.03% were determined to be advanced sleepers. This is a conserva-

tive estimate, the study authors explained, because it did not include patients who didn't want to participate in the study or advanced sleepers who had no need to attend a sleep clinic.

"We hope the results of this study will not only raise awareness of advanced sleep phase and familial advanced sleep phase, but also help identify the circadian clock genes and any medical conditions that may influence," Ptacek said.

The report was published in August in the journal Sleep.

Obesity-linked cancer rates rising among middle-aged

By **MARIE MCCULLOUGH**
The Philadelphia Inquirer

The risk of developing cancer increases with age. But a new analysis of federal cancer data suggests that the obesity epidemic is making the demographic picture more complicated.

Researchers at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, found that rates of obesity-related cancers are rising among people ages 50 to 64, and declining among senior citizens, so middle-aged people make up a growing proportion of those cancer diagnoses.

“Obesity can accelerate the development of cancer,” said Nathan A. Berger, senior author of the study published online in August in JAMA Network Open.

The study analyzed 2.7 million cases of 13 types of cancers known to be associated with obesity — breast, ovarian, uterine, liver, thyroid, gall bladder, bile duct, esophageal, multiple myeloma, kidney, pancreas, stomach, and meningioma — between 2000 and 2016.

The researchers parsed the data by sex, race and ethnicity. They also analyzed 3.4 million cases of non-obesity-related cancers for the same period.

Scientists have found that cancer can be fueled by the same metabolic abnormalities that occur in obesity and Type 2 diabetes. Those abnormalities include chronic inflammation and resistance to insulin, the hormone that enables cells to absorb blood sugar and convert it to energy.

A growing body of studies have linked excess weight to rising rates of cancer among younger adults. A study in Lancet Public Health in March found that millennials (those born between the early 1980s and mid-1990s) are twice as likely to devel-



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Rates of obesity-related cancers are rising among people ages 50-64 and declining among seniors, a study says.

op four obesity-related cancers — colorectal, endometrial, pancreatic and gallbladder — as baby boomers (born 1946 to 1964) were at the same age.

The Case Western study did not find significant increases in rates of obesity-related or non-obesity related cancers for the youngest group, ages 20 to 49.

In contrast, ages 50 to 64 had increased rates of both obesity-related and non-obesity related cancers — but this trend was more pronounced for cancers linked to excess weight. For those age 65 or older, meanwhile, the rates generally fell — a finding that the researchers acknowledge is contrary to previous studies.

For example, among white males with obesity-associated cancers, the proportion of those who were ages 50 to 64 increased from 28% in 2000 to 34% in 2016, while the proportion of those 65 or over decreased from 62% to 57%.

One limitation of the study is that it relied on a federal cancer surveillance database that lacks information about body mass index, or BMI, the measure of body fat based on height and weight.

“Thus,” the authors say, “we were unable to determine whether obesity-associated cancers actually occurred in individuals with high body adiposity.”

However, the pervasiveness of unhealthy weight is clear. In the U.S., about 40% of adults over age 20 are obese, defined by a BMI of 30 or greater; that rises to 72% if overweight individuals are included, according to government data.

One implication of the new study, the authors say, is that as people turn 65 and qualify for Medicare, “more ... will be cancer survivors with a high burden of mental health problems, functional impairment and medical bankruptcy.”

Lead author Siran M. Koroukian, a Case Western population health researcher, said the changing demographics should also make physicians watch out for cancer, even in younger patients.

“Time and again, people go in with symptoms and doctors don’t suspect cancer,” she said. “We are seeing later diagnosis in younger people and that impacts their prognosis.”

Above all, the findings point to the need to fight obesity.

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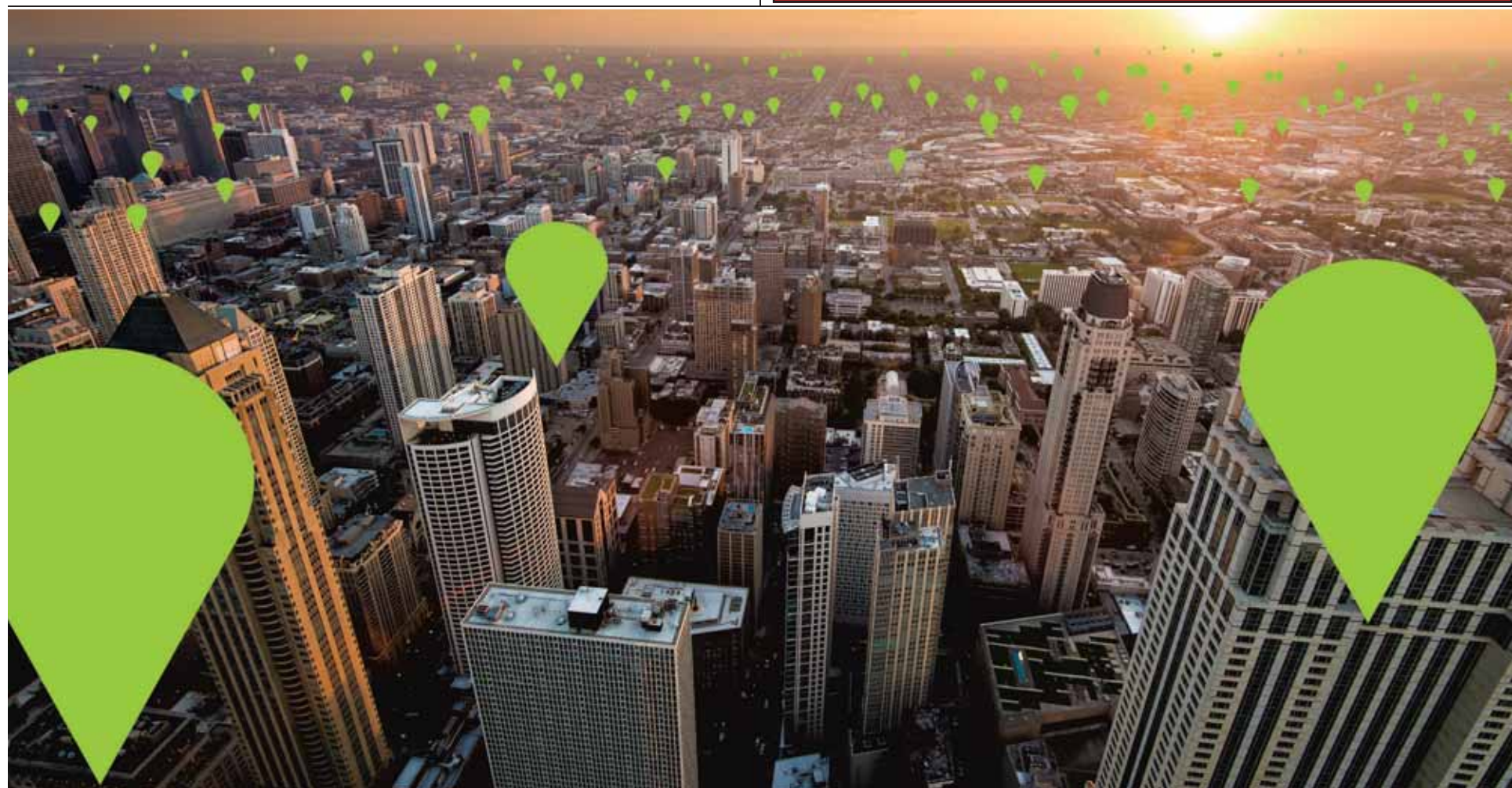
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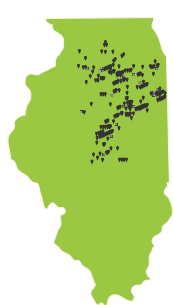


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Many younger patients skip or quit blood pressure meds

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High blood pressure can be a killer.

But a new study finds that more than half of younger patients — those under 65 — who are prescribed high blood pressure meds either stop taking them within a few months or don't take them as prescribed.

But stopping treatment can prove dangerous, even for the relatively young, the study's lead author warned.

"Blood flow is a physical action. Your vessels are being slammed by waves of blood every time your heart pumps," said Gabriel Tajew, an assistant professor of health services administration and policy at Temple University in Philadelphia.

"That's why the younger population is important," he said in a Temple news release. "Somebody may have blood pressure that is a bit high, but they have been exposed to it for 10, 20 years, causing a lot of damage to their vascular system."

About 100 million U.S. adults have high blood pressure, and the number is rising.

In the new study, Tajew's group tracked the rate of prescription refills for blood pressure medications issued to more than 370,000 patients younger than 65. All of the patients had private insurance.

The researchers found that 23.5% of the patients stopped taking the drugs within the first nine months. And of those who kept using the medications, 40% had "low adherence" — taking the prescribed amount less than 80% of the time.

Overall, more than half (54%) of the patients either did not take their medications as prescribed or stopped using them, according to the study published recently in the jour-



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nal Hypertension.

The investigators also found that patients with 90-day prescriptions and mail-order prescriptions were more likely to keep taking their high blood pressure medications and to take them as prescribed.

Why do young patients forgo medications that might help extend their lives? According to Tajew, it's because high blood pressure is a "silent" killer.

"Hypertension is largely an asymptomatic disease," he said, and "you don't necessarily feel better when you take your antihypertensive medication. In some cases, you feel worse."

So, patients may be fooled into thinking that the treatment is worse than the disease.

Also, "for younger populations, there's literature that suggests they don't want to admit they have a chronic disease that they have to manage for the rest of their lives," Tajew said.

Two experts in cardiovascular care said that doctor-patient communication is key to helping people stay on their prescribed meds.

"Untreated, high blood pressure will lead to heart attacks and strokes," said Dr. Satjit Bhusri, a cardiologist at Lenox Hill Hospi-

tal in New York City. "It is very important to be proactive, preventive and adherent to medications, as prescribed," he explained.

"Frequent patient-physician conversations, prompting, and reiteration of the disease process is the only way to increase medication adherence and persistence," according to Bhusri.

Dr. Guy Mintz directs cardiovascular health at Northwell Health's Sandra Atlas Bass Heart Hospital in Manhasset, New York. He agreed that doctors need to explain that high blood pressure medications can have side effects, but "hypertension is a silent killer and must be effectively treated. Patients need to know that this is a high-stakes endeavor."

Mintz said that certain steps can help boost adherence.

Hearing the patient's concerns is key, he said.

"Ask the patient what are the obstacles they see with your treatment choice and sit back and listen — that response could be life-changing," Mintz said. "We cannot be pill pushers, the data clearly shows that approach is a failure. Instead, we must be coaches and cheerleaders and all be part of the solution."

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Garlic extract can reduce inflammation, cholesterol

BY JOE GRAEDON AND TERESA GRAEDON
King Features Syndicate

Q: I have read that people who eat garlic live longer, in part because it helps lower blood pressure and triglycerides. I hate the smell of garlic. Would a garlic supplement offer the same protection?

A: There are many types of garlic supplements, and they may act somewhat differently in the body. However, researchers have found that garlic extract can improve blood vessel flexibility and reduce inflammation and cholesterol more than placebo (Biomedicine & Pharmacotherapy, June 2018).

Another randomized, placebo-controlled trial found that aged garlic extract lowered markers of inflammation and immune excitation (Clinical Nutrition ESPEN, April 2018). Garlic extract appears to offer at least some of the benefits of fresh garlic in lowering blood pressure, blood lipids and blood sugar (Neurological Research, June 2018).

An intriguing study published in the journal Preventive Nutrition and Food Science (online, June 30, 2019) suggests that aged garlic extract also may help protect the brain.

Q: You have written in the past about bee or hornet stings easing pain. I have been battling plantar fasciitis for over a year. Two days ago, I stepped on a hornets' nest and got more than 15 stings. Amazingly, the next day I woke up with no plantar fasciitis pain.

A: Most of the research on stings has been focused on preventing or treating dangerous allergic responses to bee stings. However, hornet venom is



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Garlic extract has been shown to lower blood pressure and inflammation.

similar in many ways.

Surprisingly, animal research suggests that some insect venom can have anti-inflammatory activity and ease pain (Immunopharmacology and Immunotoxicology, April 2015). This may explain why bee venom has been used for arthritis for thousands of years in ayurvedic medicine.

Some people are allergic to bee, hornet or wasp stings. For them, such an accident could be life-threatening.

Q: I was bitten by a tick in July 2007. Though that led to infection with Lyme disease, the doctor misdiagnosed me and prescribed prednisone. After three months, I was much worse.

The next doctor I saw made the correct diagnosis and treated me with 30 days of doxycycline. The Western blot test was still positive after my antibiotic course, although my doctor said I was cured because I had had the dose of antibiotics recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Over the next decade, I struggled with worsening symptoms. Even-


tually an infectious disease doctor agreed that I had chronic Lyme disease. I was treated for a year with doxycycline and azithromycin (doxycycline for the active form bacteria, and azithromycin for the dormant cyst form). I have been mostly pain-free since then. Have there been any changes in the way Lyme disease is diagnosed and treated, so others won't have to suffer as I did?

A: Lyme disease remains one of the most controversial and challenging infections that patients experience. According to the CDC, as many as 300,000 Americans contract this tick-borne disease annually.

Early symptoms of Lyme disease include fever, chills, headache and sometimes rash. Treatment with an antibiotic is most effective in the early stages of Lyme infection, but the standard diagnostic tests are not very accurate during the first several weeks. As a result, some doctors in areas where Lyme disease is common begin antibiotic treatment even before the test results are available.

Physicians have been baffled by people who continue to suffer arthritis, brain fog, fatigue and other symptoms long after they have completed treatment. A recent estimate predicts that this total might soon reach almost 2 million people (BMC Public Health, April 24, 2019). New diagnostic approaches will use genomic techniques to identify the infection early, when it can be treated most successfully.

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Prepping seniors for surgery

Newly endorsed standards aimed at improving care for older adults

By JUDITH GRAHAM
Kaiser Health

The decision seemed straightforward. Bob McHenry's heart was failing, and doctors recommended two high-risk surgeries to restore blood flow. Without the procedures, McHenry, 82, would die.

The surgeon at a Boston teaching hospital ticked off the possible complications. Karen McHenry, the patient's daughter, remembers feeling there was no choice but to say "go ahead."

It's a scene she's replayed in her mind hundreds of times since, with regret.

On the operating table, Bob McHenry had a stroke. For several days, he was comatose.

When he awoke, he couldn't swallow or speak and had significant cognitive impairment. Vascular dementia and further physical decline followed until the elderly man's death five years later.

Before her father's October 2012 surgery, "there was not any broad discussion of what his life might look like if things didn't go well," said Karen McHenry, 49, who writes a blog about caring for older parents. "We couldn't even imagine what ended up happening."

It's a common complaint: Surgeons don't help older adults and their families understand the impact of surgery in terms people can understand, even though older patients face a higher risk of complications after surgery. Nor do they routinely engage in "shared decision-making," which involves finding out what's most important to patients and discussing surgery's potential effect on their lives before setting a course for treatment.

Older patients, it turns out, often have different

priorities than younger ones.

More than longevity, in many cases, they value their ability to live independently and spend quality time with loved ones, according to Dr. Clifford Ko, professor of surgery at UCLA's David Geffen School of Medicine.

Now new standards meant to improve surgical care for older adults have been endorsed by the American College of Surgeons. All older patients should have the opportunity to discuss their health goals and goals for the procedure, as well as their expectations for their recovery and their quality of life after surgery, according to the standards.

Surgeons should review their advance directives — instructions for the care they want in the event of a life-threatening medical crisis — or offer patients without these documents the chance to complete them. Surrogate decision-makers authorized to act on a patient's behalf should be named in the medical record.

If a stay in intensive care is expected after surgery, that should be made clear, along with the patient's instructions on interventions such as feeding tubes, dialysis, blood transfusions, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and mechanical ventilation.

"This is a far cry from how 'informed consent' usually works. Generally, surgeons explain to an older patient the physical problem, how surgery is meant to correct it and what complications are possible, backed by references to scientific studies.

"What we don't ask is: What does living well mean to you? What do you hope to be able to do in the next year? And what should I know about you to provide



Older patients should get the chance to discuss health goals and goals for surgery, as well as their expectations for recovery and quality of life, according to new standards.

good care?" said Dr. Ronnie Rosenthal, a professor of surgery and geriatrics at Yale School of Medicine and co-leader of the Coalition for Quality in Geriatric Surgery Project.

Rosenthal tells of an 82-year-old patient with early stage rectal cancer. The man had suffered a stroke 18 months earlier and had difficulty walking and swallowing. He lived with his wife, who had congestive heart failure, and had been hospitalized with pneumonia three times since his stroke.

Rosenthal explained to the man that if she operated to remove the cancer, he might land in the ICU with a breathing machine and then end up at a rehabilitation facility.

"No, I don't want that; I want to be home with my wife," Rosenthal recalled his saying.

The man declined the surgery. His wife died 18

months later, and he lived six more months before he had a fatal stroke.

Surgeons can help guide discussions that require complex decision-making by asking five questions, according to Dr. Zara Cooper, associate professor of surgery at Harvard Medical School:

How does your health affect your day-to-day life? When you think about your health, what's most important to you? What are you expecting to gain from this operation? What health conditions or treatments worry you most? And what abilities are so critical to you that you can't imagine living without them?

Cooper recalls an 88-year-old man seriously injured in a car crash arriving in the emergency room several years ago.

"When we started explaining to his family what his life would be like — that he would be highly func-

tionally dependent and not able to live independently again — his wife said that would be absolutely devastating, especially if he couldn't ski," Cooper said. "We didn't even anticipate this was in the realm of what someone this age would want to do."

The family decided not to pursue treatment, and the patient died.

Sometimes surgeons make the misguided assumption that older patients want to follow recommendations rather than having input into medical decisions, said Dr. Clarence Braddock, professor of medicine at UCLA. In focus groups, 97% of seniors said, "I prefer that my doctor offer me choices and ask my opinion," according to research Braddock published in 2012.

At the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Dr. Margaret Schwarze, an associate professor of vas-

cular surgery, has developed a tool called "best case/worst case" to help surgeons communicate more effectively with older patients.

"The idea is to tell the patient a story in terms they can understand," Schwarze said.

Instead of citing statistics on the risk of pneumonia or infection, for instance, a surgeon would explain what might happen if things went well or badly.

A similar range of possibilities is presented for a treatment alternative. Then the surgeon identifies the most likely outcomes for surgery and the alternative, based on the patient's circumstances.

"Going through a major operation when you're older is going to change your life," Schwarze said. "Our goal is to help older patients imagine what these changes might look like."



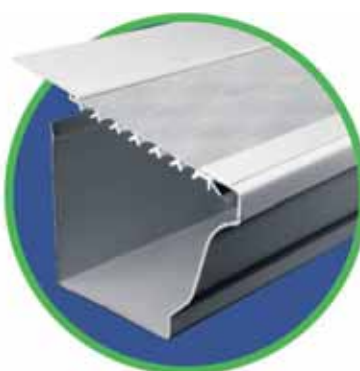
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Chipotle onions can be used on any number of dishes, including grilled turkey burgers with Havarti cheese.

Labor Day menu must-have

Chipotle-flavored onions amplify anything they touch, from burgers to shrimp tostadas



JEANMARIE BROWNSON
Dinner at Home

My family rarely asks for special food favors. They pretty much let me cook anything I'm interested in — and they happily scoop it all up. On occasion, they swoon and request that I repeat a recipe.

Take these chipotle onions, for example. They disappear as fast as I can make them — mostly to the kids'

own homes. The husband requests that the fridge always be stocked with a large supply. Works for me, because he'll tuck them into scrambled eggs, leftover pasta, on sandwiches and in tacos destined for both of us.

A fridge and pantry stocked with homemade seasoning preparations and high-quality store-bought condi-

ments foreshadows food with flavor. The following recipe combines ordinary kitchen staples into an extraordinary, deeply flavorful, sweet, spicy, full-bodied preparation that easily helps all levels of cooks up their game.

The cooking proves simple enough — saute a mess of onions in a heavy skillet until golden, then season them with spicy, smoky chipotle chiles, fresh garlic, tangy Worcestershire sauce and sweet ketchup. Ten minutes of prep; less than 15 to cook. Fantastic investment of time.

Red onions look gorgeous; white onions taste brighter; sweet onions offset a tiny bit of the smoky spice. You decide.

I like to slice the onions into pretty wedge shapes because they pile nicely on sandwiches. When I have them, I add sliced mushrooms to the mix. I often sub in tomato paste for the ketchup (less sweet) and rehydrated porcini mushrooms for fresh (tons of

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REVIEW Bungalow ★★

Middle Brow brewpub feels like home with beer, pizza and pastiche

BY JOSH NOEL

Beer isn't just beer anymore. A generation ago, when Anheuser-Busch, Miller, Coors and Schlitz still dominated the landscape, beer was still just beer: 12 ounces of bland brand, the same thing you drank last time and the same thing you'd drink next time. Fast forward 40 years and the craft beer revolution has ushered in more than 7,500 breweries from coast to coast. (Once we had

fewer than 100!) Beer, as a result, has far transcended what's in the glass. It's variety. Choice. Experimentation. And, as much as anything, experience. Bungalow, a brewery and restaurant launched last winter by Middle Brow Beer Co. in Logan Square, is a not just a small piece of Chicago's surging craft beer scene; it's a prime example of how beer has become an experience. Bungalow is a brewpub, mean-

ing virtually all the beer served is made on site. But its identity also stretches well past beer, which at once underscores the best of craft beer — memorable beer and, yes, experience — while also transcending it. Bungalow doesn't particularly feel like a brewery. There's no grand wall of windows showcasing where the beer is made. No chalkboard beer list hangs behind

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The margherita pizza comes with optional pepperoni at Bungalow, a Logan Square brewpub from Middle Brow Beer Co.

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the bar. In truth, there's barely even a bar: It's a marble counter perched at the edge of Bungalow's small and simple kitchen, in the middle of the room.

Except for three large wooden vats, called foeders, which age beer — hardly the typical visual cue for a brewery — you could visit Bungalow and never realize beer is made there. (More conventional steel brewing tanks are crowded in behind the foeders, though they're there more as necessity — Bungalow is a very small space for a brewpub — than any grand declaration about being a brewery.)

It's also telling that the brewpub isn't simply named Middle Brow. The owners wanted to create an identity beyond their beer brand, and Bungalow turns out to be a spot-on moniker. It's a comfy and homey space — what some might call “urban chic.”

Vintage is key to the charm, including chairs thrifted from across the Midwest and restored by Middle Brow's carpenter. A 102-year-old piano pushed against a far wall belonged to the great-great grandmother of one of the owners. Plates and silverware, also thrifted, are deliberately mismatched. It's a breezy, elegant vibe.

The archly simple menu matches the room. There's beer. Pizza. An ambitious baking program that features four or five kinds of sourdough at a time, including whole grain, country and rye. And other than one salad and a dessert or two, that's about it.

Bread is the early focus of the day, when Bungalow opens with coffee service and an array of ambitious toasts ranging from \$5 to \$9. That probably sounds like expensive toast — it did to me — but they're so hearty and well constructed, with bread as much as an inch thick, that they wind up seeming reasonably priced.

By midday, the focus shifts to pizza, and there aren't even that many of them — seven, which includes two seasonal options. They don't disappoint.

As you might expect with an in-house baker, Bungalow sports well-tuned crusts, thin in the right places to let the artful toppings do the heavy lifting, but with just the right density and chew. There isn't a dud on the menu, but the recommendations here are twofold: the pepperoni (framed on the menu as margherita pizza with pepperoni added for an extra \$4) and the mushroom.

The margherita is a joy unto itself, with a sauce laced with earthy sweetness. But the pepperoni transforms it. Thick slices of meat sourced from local Tempesta Market are more than the standard amalgamation of smokiness and salt; these are savory,



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Bungalow features a number of vintage elements, such as chairs thrifted from across the Midwest and restored by the brewery's carpenter.



Owners Bryan Grohne, from left, Pete Ternes and Polly Nevins at Bungalow.

Bungalow

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Tribune rating: ★★

Open: Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily (except Tuesday).

Prices: Pizzas \$15-\$19; beer \$5-\$9.

Noise: Quiet at lunch, can get boisterous on weekend evenings.

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.

chewy and lightly spicy. A sprinkling of chive and tarragon ties everything together with a hint of pine and anise, elevating the pie into something memorable and unique.

Even more eye-opening is the mushroom pizza, though probably only for the truest mushroom lovers. It is a mushroom



Middle Brow Little Crush session IPA is available at Bungalow in Chicago.

rallying cry, built of mushroom cream sauce, two kinds of mushrooms (oyster and cremini) and caramelized onion, then finished with chives, Parmesan, sea salt and olive oil. It is unrelentingly mushroomy — and delicious.

Though Bungalow's brewery angle is somewhat downplayed, it is, of course, essential to the experience. (Nonbeer drinkers, worry not; three natural wines are available by the glass.)

The house beer is the lone brew that's available year-round, a bright and

inviting lager simply called Bungalow. For those who “just want a beer,” there's no need to get any more creative when ordering; it is lean, crisp, a touch sweet and a touch grassy. But even the most hardened beer nerds shouldn't overlook Bungalow's tidy refreshment — especially alongside a pizza.

For those who want it, things get much more varied and interesting. Middle Brow embraces a low key experimental nature; while the beers (thankfully) don't knock



Bungalow has a baking program that features four or five kinds of sourdough at a time, including whole grain, country and rye.



The house brew is the eponymous Bungalow, an American lager that is lean, crisp, a touch sweet and a touch grassy.

you over with gimmicks, there is often a twist within, whether in the ingredients (the crisp, fruity Kolsch is made with two different yeasts) or the approach (the hop-forward hefeweizen is an interesting hybrid, though not my favorite). Middle Brow's tart and funky wild beers, made with the fascinating *Brettanomyces* yeast, are reliable gems. They, too, pair expertly with salty, cheesy pizza.

The biggest twist at Middle Brow? The bathrooms.

They're communal and

genderless, a bid to be welcoming to transgender patrons. There are two of them: One door that says, “This bathroom has one urinal and one toilet” and another that says “This bathroom has two toilets.” Those words may seem clear enough when reading them but it's apparently more difficult to process in the moment.

The “urinal” door is the first of the two when approaching from the dining room, and I saw two separate women look quizzically at it, push it open to find a gentleman, shall we say, in process, then hurriedly move on. The bid for inclusivity is admirable, but also perhaps less than perfect in the approach. (Locks may be the answer, or else falling back on the familiar male/female motif, and people simply using the bathroom with which they identify.)

In a space where most everything has been dialed in with care and thought, the bathrooms may be a small quibble for some. But they're also ultimately a reflection of what Middle Brow has built with Bungalow: an essential modern and urban brewpub.

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Frosty smoothie that tastes like a milkshake

BY ELLIE KRIEGER

The Washington Post

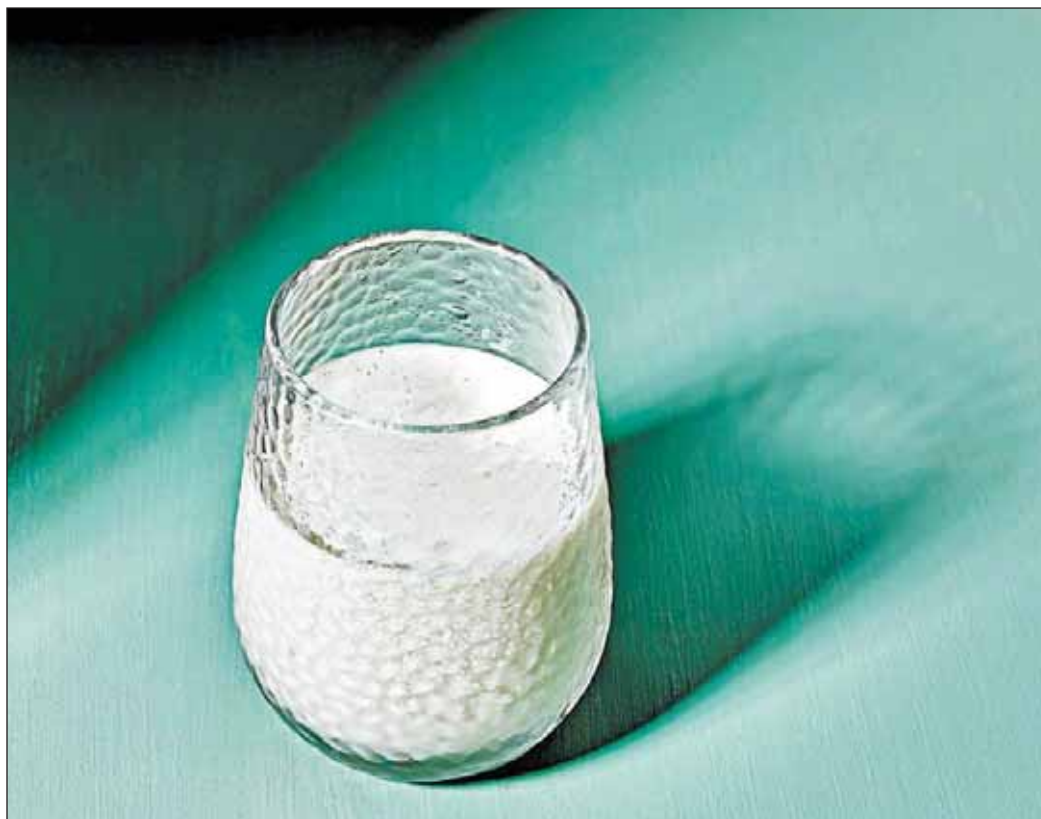
If you are looking for me in the summertime, chances are you'll find me, at some point, on the beach in Montauk, Long Island, as close to the crashing waves as possible.

If I am not in the water or on the white, sandy beach, I may have sauntered two blocks into town to grab a bite from Joni's Kitchen, a hip little cafe with a relaxed surfer attitude and a chalkboard full of healthy menu items.

One of my go-tos there is the aptly named White Sands smoothie, a frosty milkshake-like, nourishing treat with a pale palette of milk and banana made “sandy” by being blended with coconut, almonds and a fragrant sprinkle of nutmeg.

This recipe is my version of it, so I could bring those beachy vibes home to enjoy even after the school year starts up again.

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The White Sands smoothie has a pale palette of milk and banana, and is made “sandy” by being blended with coconut, almonds and a fragrant sprinkle of nutmeg.

White Sands smoothie

Prep: 15 minutes

Makes: 1 serving

This frothy smoothie of milk and frozen banana blended with coconut, almonds and a sprinkle of nutmeg is based on a favorite from Joni's in Montauk, Long Island. It's a nourishing treat that lets you have those beachy vibes anytime.

1 very ripe banana, cut into chunks and frozen

¾ cup (1%) low-fat milk or plant milk of choice

2 tablespoons sliced or slivered almonds (unsalted)

1 tablespoon unsweetened shredded coconut

¼ teaspoon vanilla extract

Pinch freshly ground nutmeg

In a blender, combine the banana, milk, almonds, coconut, vanilla extract and nutmeg and blend until smooth. Serve right away.

Nutrition information per serving: 300 calories, 11 g fat, 5 g saturated fat, 5 mg cholesterol, 41 g carbohydrates, 26 g sugar, 12 g protein, 125 mg sodium, 5 g fiber

5 things about oak's influence on wine

BY DAVE MCINTYRE
The Washington Post

Last month, in my list of five things to know about chardonnay, I argued that the wine “should not taste like a tree.” That was my lament not just that too many winemakers overdo the oak treatment so the wine tastes more of the barrel than the grape, but also that we consumers have come to expect wine to taste more like wood than fruit.

That isn't a diatribe against oak. Nearly all of the world's finest wines see oak in some form before they ever reach a bottle. Here are five things to know about how oak influences the flavor, quality and price of the wines you enjoy.

1. Oak adds flavor

You can taste oak in your wine. Oak's influence is more pronounced when small barrels are used, because more wine comes in contact with the wood. These are the types of barrels you see when you visit wineries. They usually hold about 225 liters (60 gallons), or 25 cases of wine, though sizes vary slightly.

Oak imparts spicy flavors — clove, nutmeg (wood spice), vanilla. Barrels are made by treating wood staves with fire, and winemakers can order light, medium or heavy “toast” to accentuate the flavors. Wine critic Robert Parker described the flavor as “pain grille,” or grilled bread, perhaps because, well, everything tastes better in French.

American oak is a different variety than French, with a different grain to the wood, so it imparts different flavors, such as coconut and dill. Hungarian oak is noted for nutty flavors. All these flavors are most prominent in new barrels.

2. Oak adds structure

Oak barrels have tannin, which leaches into the wine as it ages. Tannin is that astringent sensation on your palate that leaves your mouth dry or makes your teeth itch.

When properly integrated into the wine, it sneaks up on you as the flavor fades. Overwrought, it wallops you like a baseball bat (as



The barrel room at the Robert Mondavi Winery in Oakville, California. Barrels can be expensive; French oak barrels cost \$900 to \$3,000 each.

in, wine should not taste like a tree). Tannin helps a wine age; it mellows with time as the wine softens.

It is most noticeable in red wines, but you can feel tannins in some white wines, too, especially those aged in barrels or fermented on their skins. Grape skins, seeds and stems also add tannin to wine, but the influence of oak is the most perceptible.

Oak's contribution to a wine's structure can be more subtle than tannin. Wines fermented and aged in larger barrels or oak casks benefit from limited exposure to air as they age. And because winemakers don't really want their wines to taste like trees, they use older, or “neutral” barrels to add structure without flavor. That's why you'll hear winemakers discuss how much of the blend was aged in new vs. older barrels.

And of course, it makes economic sense to reuse barrels, because ...

3. Oak is expensive

French oak barrels, the most prized, range in price from about \$900 to over \$3,000, depending on the quality and treatment of the wood. American oak barrels cost about \$600. These prices vary, of course, and the global rise in demand for wine and growth in the number of wineries over the past few decades have driven prices higher.

Barrel selection is a big deal. Last year, I joined vintner Rutger de Vink and winemaker Joshua Grainer at RdV Vineyards in Delaplane, Virginia, for a “barrel tasting,” comparing several lots of their wine aged in barrels from various French coopers. The differences were so subtle, I was glad I didn't have to choose which to buy. But their decisions would ultimately influence how their future vintages would taste and age in the bottle, as well as how much the wine would cost.

For example, a new barrel that

contains 25 cases, or 300 bottles, of wine and costs \$1,000 would add about \$3.33 to the price of a bottle. That gets magnified as the wine wends its way through the distribution system to us. And that's why ...

4. There are oak alternatives

Winemakers can add oak flavors without the expense of barrels. Oak chips can be macerated in wine as it ages in stainless steel tanks, or oak staves can be suspended in the wine to impart some flavor. Liquid oak extract can also be used. That's why your \$5 chardonnay or cabernet may taste oaky.

Flavoring wine this way and making it delicious can be an art of its own. But winemakers use these shortcuts because we consumers believe wine should taste like a tree, or at least, oaky. It doesn't have to be that way, so we should remember ...

5. There are alternatives to oak

There is a counter movement brewing that views oak as an additive, something unnatural for wine. Stainless steel tanks are relatively new on wine's timeline, and they emphasize freshness over complexity.

At Familia Zuccardi, oak has been practically banished from the family's new winery in the Uco Valley of Argentina's Mendoza province in favor of concrete fermentation and aging vessels fashioned from local materials. Clay amphorae are the darlings of winemakers trying to adapt ancient techniques for the modern palate.

So explore, and pay attention to what the winemaker — or the label — is telling you about the wine you are enjoying.

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CRAVING Middle East

10 HUMMUS DISHES TO EAT NOW IN CHICAGO

BY LOUISA CHU

Hummus snack cups with pretzels was one thing, but brownie batter hummus clearly marked the moment we'd strayed too far.

"It's one of those foods that has entered the American foodways as something affordable and healthy," said Zachary Engel, executive chef and owner of Galit, a Middle Eastern restaurant in the Lincoln Park area of Chicago. "Everyone has had pretty good versions or even not great versions but still likes it."

Great hummus, however, embraces its elemental ingredients: chickpeas, tahini, lemon, garlic and olive oil. Great cooks, in home kitchens or restaurants, can thoughtfully lead us beyond pureed boundaries, without casting us into muddled wilderness.

"The chickpeas are very important and special to making 'extra' hummus as my nieces and nephews would say," said Maureen Abood, author of "Rose Water and Orange Blossoms: Fresh & Classic Recipes from my Lebanese Kitchen." Abood spoke by phone from her home in East Lansing, Michigan, her kitchen familiar to followers of her food blog, Rose Water & Orange Blossoms. "If you are someone who appreciates hummus that's really silky, smooth and lush, then you have to peel the skins off the chickpeas. This is a long-standing tradition in the Middle East and the Mediterranean. The process is very doable but a pain in the neck." To ease the painstaking task, Abood offers "The Smooth Hummus Kit" with skinless chickpeas in her online market.

To peel your own, one of the tricks that Abood shares in the recipe on her blog is to first saute canned or cooked chickpeas with baking soda, which can also help with one of the possible side effects of hummus.

"We usually add a little pinch of baking soda to take away some of the gassiness that comes a lot of time afterward with digestion," said Phillip Foss, chef and owner of EL Ideas, the experiential and creative restaurant.

"Traditionally in Israel, there's tons of different garnishes," said Foss. "When I lived there, pine nuts were a frequent garnish, as well as mushrooms, definitely ground beef becomes a topping, but with tahini in the center was my personal favorite way of enjoying it."

One of the most surprising dishes I experienced from Foss was not his famous take on french fries and milkshakes, but the main course at a family breakfast meeting: warm hummus.

"It's traditionally eaten in the morning because its very heavy caloric count," he said. In Israel most people will get the majority of their calories in the morning because it gets so hot the rest of the day, he added. "It's a whole meal in and of itself in the Middle East."

At the restaurant, however, hummus becomes a Rorschach test in chickpea puree.

One dish plated roasted lamb loin on eggplant with hummus underneath. "Then we had apricots, cucumber, pickle juice, roasted turnip and smoked yogurt," said Foss. Hummus is not currently on the menu at EL Ideas but may return.

With Middle Eastern cuisine in mind, exploring for our Craving series this month, I went on a quest for hummus, seeking the best traditional and creative dishes.

Here are the 10 hummus dishes in the Chicago area you should try right now, ranked, in ascending order to the best.

NO. 10: Smoked octopus and hummus at Beatnik

The pink beet hummus is gone; in its place, textured chickpeas, tart from sumac, the ruddy purple powder that's one of the essential spices in Middle Eastern cuisine. Charred tentacles and tender slices of octopus serve not only as a dramatic centerpiece, but also in place of pita. \$15. 1604 W. Chicago Ave., 312-929-4945, beatnikchicago.com

NO. 9: Falafel hummus bowl at Naf Naf

It's not the prettiest, but one of the dishes we crave the most on the Food & Dining team. You can order hummus on its own or in a bowl with falafel and all the garnishes, including cucumber, tomato and cilantro chopped salad; purple cabbage; sumac onions; Middle Eastern pickles; and baba ganoush. I like a little of all the



LOUISA CHU/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Hummus "has entered the American foodways as something affordable and healthy," says Zachary Engel of Galit restaurant in Chicago.



Chickpea hummus at Avec in West Loop Gate.



Hummus bowl at Ema in the Near North neighborhood.



Original hummus bowl at LaShuk Street Food stall at Politan Row.



Crispy short rib hummus at Aba in West Town.

sauces too: garlic, tahini, red hot harissa, green hot zhug and our favorite, the orange pickled mango amba. \$8.85. 28 S. Wabash Ave., 312-726-6300; multiple locations; nafnafgrill.com

NO. 8: Classic hummus at Noon-O-Kebab

Served with complimentary pita and sabzi khordan, the Persian side dish of herbs and vegetables, plus feta cheese, this small appetizer could be a meal by itself. Smooth chickpeas with tahini, garlic and fresh lemon juice are topped generously with extra-virgin olive oil, sumac and a cucumber salad. \$5. 4701 N. Kedzie Ave., 773-279-8899, noonokabab.com

NO. 7: Hummus with meat at Al Bawadi Grill

Best known for its wood-fired grilled meats, and faux palm tree and lantern lit setting, the Palestinian restaurant offers hummus for carnivores with sauteed beef and almonds. Not shown are the complimentary basket of pita, platter of pickled vegetables and tiny cups of cardamon-spiced Arabic coffee. \$9.99. 7216 W. 87th St., Bridgeview; albawadigrill.com

NO. 6: Hummus at Oozie Corner

Simple yet precise, this stunning new Middle Eastern restaurant serves the traditional chickpea, tahini and lemon blend with a side of not one but two house-baked pita breads. One soft and familiar, the other stretched and

crisp around the edges, with a spicy feta cheese dip. \$5.95; meat, additional \$2.95. 9115 S. Harlem Ave., Bridgeview; 855-669-4246, ooziecorner.com

NO. 5: Crispy short rib hummus at Aba

Chef CJ Jacobson makes the only hummus I encountered that is served decidedly warm, but it's all about the savory beef jus. The crisped shreds of short rib, soft grilled onions and splash of sherry simply gild the silky lily. \$15.95. 302 N. Green St., 773-645-1400, abarestaurantchicago.com

NO. 4: Original hummus bowl at LaShuk Street Food

Chef Yosi Alhadif and his wife, Aviva, opened what may be the only hummus shop in Chicago at food hall Politan Row. Here we get a glimpse of what it's like in Israel, where they met. He got his start as a career-changing baker so we're blessed with beautiful pita too. \$10. Politan Row, 111 N. Aberdeen St., 224-554-9791, chicago.politanrow.com/lashukstreetfood

NO. 3: Hummus at Ema

They say the spicy hummus is one of the signature dishes at Jacobson's first restaurant in Chicago. Having tasted both, I say get the original topped with crispy roasted chickpeas plus vegetable crudite and za'atar, the spice condiment. \$8.95. 74 W. Illinois St., 312-527-5586, emachicago.com

NO. 2: Chickpea hummus at Avec

Yes, get the eternal bacon-wrapped medjool dates stuffed with chorizo, but the seasonal hummus too. Recently showered with parsley, mint, onions, pickled cherries, urfa biber chile and peanuts, the dish captures the imaginary space where the Midwest meets the Mediterranean. \$14. 615 W. Randolph St., 312-377-2002, avecrestaurant.com

NO. 1: King trumpet hummus at Galit

"It's my identity crisis hummus," said Engel. "Because I grew up in the South, Jewish, and then I think I'm Israeli, I put harissa on it with collard greens and chicken skins, the whole deal." It's far more than the sum of its carefully considered parts: Rancho Gordo chickpeas, Soom brand tahini, cumin from Reluctant Trading Co. and oil from California Olive Ranch, all topped with king trumpet mushrooms. \$13. 2429 N. Lincoln Ave., 773-360-8755, galitrestaurant.com

What's behind that hummus?

"It's collard greens that we braise with onions, garlic, white wine, Aleppo pepper and chicken stock," said Engel. "We cook them for an exceptionally long time because all the best collard greens are butter tender. That gets a little butter added to it with lemon juice to give it some more fat and

acidity."

"We take king trumpet mushrooms and marinate them in a traditional shishlikh marinade, traditionally used with skewered chicken or steak." Engel coats the mushrooms in pureed onions, parsley, lemon, garlic and spices, then grills them over charcoal.

"We drizzle a black harissa on top," he added. "It's got black olives, urfa biber peppers, date molasses, pomegranate molasses, nigella seeds and black garlic. It provides a sweet contrast to the gribenes we put on top."

For me, the dish evoked memories of a family cookout, where the flavors of the hummus converge with a Southern fried chicken dinner.

"That's exactly what we were going for," said Engel.

The pita at Galit is unlike any other in Chicago, and possibly the world right now. It looks like a little loaf, but it's hollow, a warm balloon. "Our pita is more of the modern artisan bread realm than traditional Middle Eastern," said Engel.

Plus as much hummus as I've eaten, I may have been doing it wrong.

"You're actually supposed to rip the pita in half into two circles," said Engel. "Then you rip those circles into chunks to swipe the bowl."

"It's not the right way," he said. "It's just the way that people usually do it. I don't like being the person who tells people they're doing anything wrong."



The onions pick up deep flavor from the sauce, a mix of spicy, smoky chipotle chiles, fresh garlic, tangy Worcestershire sauce and sweet ketchup.



The onions and mushrooms — which are optional, but add flavor — are sautéed, then coated with the sauce.

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umami and earthy goodness). I would never object to a final fillip of fresh herbs.

Once you have a container in the refrigerator, you'll find plenty of reasons to use them up. Perhaps my most frequent consumption is in my Sunday eggs. Our chipotle scramble combines leftover cooked potatoes, fried golden, sliced chicken sausage and a topping of fresh cilantro and crumbled queso fresco. I could eat this combination once a week. I usually do.

This summer, we're upping the flavor quotient of grilled steaks and lean turkey burgers with a pile of the chipotle onions. You can make them the stars of your Labor Day menu. They'll work on side dishes too. Try them on a pile of blanched green or yellow wax beans from the farmers market.

Or serve shrimp tostadas and chipotle-goat cheese toasts on the deck with a pitcher of homemade sangria.

We revel in the flavors. We have time for friends. It's a win-win.

Chipotle onions

Prep: 10 minutes

Cook: 12 minutes

Makes: about 2 cups

Frontera Foods makes a delicious, not-too-spicy chipotle pepper adobo seasoning paste. It is available at Whole Foods, Amazon and some specialty markets. You can also puree a 7-ounce can of chipotle chiles in adobo (look for brands free of preservatives) in the blender and transfer the puree to a jar; it will keep several weeks in the refrigerator, or months in the freezer.

2 large or 3 medium red, white or sweet onions, about 18 ounces total

3 to 4 tablespoons ketchup

2 tablespoons chipotle puree, or to taste

1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

2 to 3 tablespoons sunflower or safflower oil

1 1/2 cups thinly sliced button or cremini mushrooms (about 4 ounces), optional

3 to 4 cloves garlic, crushed

1/2 teaspoon coarse (kosher) salt

1. Cut onions in half through the stem end. Set cut side up on the cutting board, then thinly slice at an angle to create wedge-shaped pieces. Mix ketchup, chipotle puree and Worcestershire in a small bowl.

2. Heat a large nonstick or well-seasoned cast-iron skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add oil and then onion slices. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring often, until onions are golden brown and tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in mushrooms; cook and stir until golden, 3 to 5 minutes. Stir in garlic and salt; cook, 1 minute.

3. Stir in chipotle mixture. Cook and stir until onions are glazed, about 2 minutes. Remove from heat. Refrigerate, covered, up to 1 week.

Nutrition information per serving (for 8 servings): 81 calories, 6 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 1 mg cholesterol, 6 g carbohydrates, 3 g sugar, 1 g protein, 230 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

Grilled turkey burgers with havarti and chipotle onions

Prep: 20 minutes **Cook:** 10 minutes **Makes:** 4 servings

4 uncooked turkey burger patties, each about 5 to 6 ounces

Salt, chili powder to taste

1 to 1 1/2 cups chipotle onions, see recipe

4 thick slices havarti cheese or imported Swiss cheese

4 romaine lettuce leaves

4 thick slices ripe tomato

4 brioche or whole wheat burger buns

Smashed ripe avocado or mayonnaise, optional

1. Prepare a charcoal grill and let coals burn until they are medium hot and covered in gray ash. Or, heat a gas grill to medium-high. Cover the grill to heat the grill grates thoroughly.

2. While the grill heats, season the turkey burgers on both sides with salt and chili powder. Warm the chipotle onions in a small bowl in the microwave. Have the cheese, lettuce and tomato ready. Split the buns horizontally.

3. Put the buns, cut side down on the grill to toast them lightly, 30 to 60 seconds. (Do not walk away.) Arrange buns on a serving platter. Spread bottoms of buns with a smear of smashed avocado or mayonnaise. Arrange a lettuce leaf and a tomato slice on each bun bottom.

4. Put burgers on grill. Cover the grill. Cook, 4 minutes. (No flipping!) Turn burgers over; grill covered until golden and nearly firm when pressed in the center, 2 to 3 minutes more. Add cheese, cover and grill 30 to 60 seconds to melt cheese a little.

5. Put one burger patty on each bun bottom. Top with a generous pile of the onions. Put the top bun in place and serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 661 calories, 34 g fat, 14 g saturated fat, 204 mg cholesterol, 52 g carbohydrates, 9 g sugar, 35 g protein, 951 mg sodium, 4 g fiber



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Shrimp with chipotle onions can be served on lettuce leaves or on crisp tostadas.

Chipotle onion and shrimp tostadas

Prep: 30 minutes **Cook:** 10 minutes **Makes:** 4 to 6 appetizer servings

3 small golden potatoes (8 ounces total), scrubbed

3 skinny carrots, trimmed, peeled

1 bag (16 ounces) frozen, peeled, deveined large shrimp, thawed

1 cup chipotle onions, see recipe

1/3 to 1/2 cup mayonnaise

1/4 teaspoon coarse (kosher) salt

1/4 cup thinly sliced fresh cilantro

3 tablespoons thinly sliced fresh chives or green onion tops

Crisp corn tostadas or large lettuce leaves

Lime wedges

1. Slice potatoes into 1/2-inch thick slices; cut the slices into 1/2-inch pieces. Put into a small microwave-safe bowl; add 1/2 cup water and cover the bowl. Microwave on high (100 percent power), stirring once, until potatoes are fork-tender, about 4 minutes. Drain and cool.

2. Cut carrots in half lengthwise. Cut crosswise into 1/2 inch pieces. Heat 2 saucepans of salted water to a boil over high heat. Add carrots to 1 of the pans; boil until fork-tender, about 5 minutes. Drain well and let cool.

3. Meanwhile, add shrimp to the other pan of boiling water. Reduce heat to low and simmer until shrimp just turn pink but are still tender, about 3 minutes. Drain well and let cool. Cut into thirds.

4. Mix chipotle onions, mayonnaise and salt in a medium bowl. Add carrots, potatoes and shrimp. Toss gently to mix. Add cilantro and chives. Serve at room temperature spooned onto tostadas or into lettuce leaves. Pass lime wedges to squeeze over tostadas.

Nutrition information per serving (for 6 servings): 251 calories, 14 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 127 mg cholesterol, 16 g carbohydrates, 5 g sugar, 15 g protein, 887 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

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Grilling with a bang bang

Chinese street-food sauce will add a burst of flavor to your next cookout

By **HOWIE SOUTHWORTH**
The Washington Post

A few weeks back, I was ordering lunch at a seafood joint in Alexandria, Virginia, when I spied a peculiarly named appetizer, “bang bang” shrimp. As a student of Chinese cooking, I recognized the name, so I gave it a try. What appeared several minutes later were deep-fried prawns tossed in a creamy mixture of garlic, ginger, ground chiles and mayonnaise. Sure, the name of this increasingly popular dish evokes an ode to explosive Asian heat, but no matter how delicious the snack may be, Chinese cooks would be confounded. Deep-fried? Mayonnaise? Spicy? Heck, in China, despite its fiery name, “bang bang” doesn’t even refer to flavor.

Bang bang chicken’s name derives from the noise of a baton smacking a whole cooked bird, breaking it into serving portions. Chicken busted up in such a fashion is indeed bang bang, with or without a dressing. Over the centuries, however, the name has come to mean the fully dressed masterpiece with a signature sauce.

Traditionally, the five flavors in Chinese cookery are salty, sour, sweet, spicy and bitter. Where a single meal should present a balance of these elements, it’s remarkable when a single sauce embraces all five, and in a humble street snack at that. Today, where most bang bang chicken vendors sell from name-brand stalls at morning markets, their history runs deep. Ingenious southwestern cooks during the Ming dynasty struck alchemy: simple poached chicken and a combination of soy sauce, sugar, vinegar, chile oil, Sichuan peppercorns and sesame paste. Virtually every modern bang bang vendor has a unique twist on the formula, yet the ingredients and overall effect remain.

When I began my China wandering in the 1990s, I enjoyed more than my fill of devilishly spicy Sichuan specialties. But the first time I tried a properly dressed bang bang chicken, my understanding of Sichuan cuisine moved from the idea of the stereotypical incendiary fare to the appreciation of it as a rich and complex cuisine. There is hardly another Chinese sauce that evokes such perfection: spicy but not burning, sweet but not cloying, bitter but not dis-



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Grilled bang bang chicken

Prep: 30 minutes **Cook:** 6 to 10 minutes **Makes:** 4 to 6 servings

Adapted from “Chinese Street Food: Small Bites, Classic Recipes and Harrowing Tales From Across the Middle Kingdom,” by Howie Southworth and Greg Matza (Skyhorse Publishing).

1 cup well-stirred tahini or creamy peanut butter

1 cup low-sodium soy sauce

1/3 cup plain rice vinegar

1/3 cup toasted sesame oil

1/3 cup sugar

1/3 cup red chile oil

2 teaspoons ground Sichuan peppercorns, optional

6 boneless, skin-on chicken thighs (about 1 1/2 pounds total)

1 teaspoon kosher salt

4 green onions (white and green parts), thinly sliced

1. Whisk together the tahini or peanut butter, soy sauce, vinegar, sesame oil, sugar, chile oil and peppercorns, if using, until the sugar has dissolved. Prepare a grill for direct heat; heat to medium-high (375 degrees).

2. Prep the chicken one of two ways: Pound the thighs to 1/3-inch thick and thread each onto two parallel skewers, which helps keep them flat. Or cut the chicken into 1-inch chunks and evenly thread on the pieces, kebab-style. Lightly season with salt.

3. Place the skewers on the grate; close the lid and grill, 3 to 5 minutes per side. If they brown too quickly, shift them off direct heat for 30 to 45 seconds, then back on again. You’re looking for some char and meat that is just cooked through (165 degrees).

4. Transfer skewers to a platter. Immediately brush the chicken with a generous amount of the dressing, then top with green onions and serve, with the remaining dressing and more chile oil.

Nutrition information per serving (based on 6 servings using half the sauce): 520 calories, 39 g fat, 7 g saturated fat, 155 mg cholesterol, 15 g carbohydrates, 6 g sugar, 34 g protein, 960 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

arming, sour but not puckering, salty but not oceanic.

A decade later, while backpacking around Sichuan province, I found

my way to Dave’s Oasis, a foreigner’s refuge in the heart of the capital, Chengdu. On an average day, well before fusion was

a thing, the owner, Dave Fan, would whip up mapo tofu pizza, cheeseburger fried rice or my favorite, grilled bang bang chicken.

Fan was born and raised in Chengdu, but grilling the meat could be seen as heretical in Chinese gastronomy, where preserving the

character of an individual ingredient is sacrosanct and poaching or steaming chicken is the ultimate in preservation. Though examples abound of grilled snacks in the Chinese street food playbook, masking the flavor of expertly charred meat with more than a dry dusting of spice, or maybe chile oil, is well outside the norm. In the case of Fan’s bang bang chicken, genius. As he said, “Every cuisine has its strengths. We can learn a lot by teaming them up!”

I’m pretty sure Fan was just experimenting at the grill that day, but it left an indelible mark on my mind and my palate. Most of my barbecue slatherings from cookouts past sang a single note of sweet, sour or spicy with maybe a bit of overlap. Bang bang sauce changes the tune by bringing along bitter and salty for perfect harmony.

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Grill tuna with a smoky char and tender interior

America’s Test Kitchen

Perfectly grilled tuna steaks should combine a hot, smoky, charred exterior with a cool, rare center. For a home cook, this ideal can be an elusive goal.

For grilled tuna steaks with an intense smoky char and a tender interior, we started with a hot grill. We moistened the tuna steaks’ flesh with a vinaigrette to promote browning and allow the oil to penetrate the meat of the tuna steaks. And

instead of using sugar in our vinaigrette, we used honey.

Both promote browning, but honey does it faster, which was important with the quick cooking times for tuna on the grill. It’s easy to add complementary flavors to this dish by mixing up the seasoning in the vinaigrette.

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Grilled tuna steaks with vinaigrette

Servings: 6 **Start to finish:** 25 minutes

We prefer our tuna served rare or medium-rare. If you like your tuna cooked medium, observe the timing for medium-rare, then tent the steaks with foil for 5 minutes before serving.

3 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon red wine vinegar

2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme or rosemary

2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

2 teaspoons honey

Salt and pepper

3/4 cup olive oil

6 (8-ounce) tuna steaks, 1 inch thick

1. For a charcoal grill: Open bottom vent completely. Light large chimney starter filled with charcoal briquettes (6 quarts). When top coals are partially covered with ash, pour evenly over half of grill. Set cooking grate in place, cover, and open lid vent completely. Heat grill until hot, about 5 minutes.

2. For a gas grill: Turn all burners to high, cover, and heat grill until hot, about 15 minutes.

3. Meanwhile, whisk vinegar, thyme, mustard, honey, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and pinch of pepper together in large bowl. Whisking constantly, slowly drizzle oil into vinegar mixture until lightly thickened and emulsified. Measure out 3/4 cup vinaigrette and set aside for cooking tuna. Reserve remaining vinaigrette for serving.

4. Clean cooking grate, then repeatedly brush grate with well-oiled paper towels until grate is black and glossy, 5 to 10 times.

5. Pat tuna dry with paper towels. Generously brush both sides of tuna with vinaigrette and season with salt and pepper. Place tuna on grill (on hotter side if using charcoal) and cook (covered if using gas) until grill marks form and bottom surface is opaque, 1 to 3 minutes.

6. Flip tuna and cook until opaque at perimeter and translucent red at center when checked with tip of paring knife and registers 110 degrees (for rare), about 1 1/2 minutes, or until opaque at perimeter and reddish pink at center when checked with tip of paring knife and registers 125 degrees (for medium-rare), about 3 minutes. Serve, passing reserved vinaigrette.

Nutrition information per serving: 560 calories; 333 calories from fat; 37 g fat (6 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 81 mg cholesterol; 398 mg sodium; 3 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 2 g sugar; 50 g protein.



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DRINK

White sangria with peaches

BY BECKY KRYSAL
The Washington Post

I'm not much of a boozehound, but if I had anything resembling a house drink, it would probably be sangria. Made in advance, big enough to serve a crowd and crowd-pleasing — there are lots of reasons to take a cue to drink as the Spanish do.

I immediately had to try Sonja and Alex Overhiser's peach sangria recipe when I saw it flash across my Twitter feed a few weeks ago. Plus, after having had my fair share of over-stuffed red sangrias, the idea of a summery white version was hard to resist.

The couple cites chef, humanitarian, cookbook author and everywhere-man José Andrés as their inspiration. Andrés' tips include macerating the peaches and raspberries in sugar for about an hour.

Macerating is one of those culinary terms that gets thrown around with the expectation that everyone knows what it means. The short version? Sprinkling the fruit with sugar draws out moisture, softening it. You also end up with a sweet liquid that bathes the fruit. That syrup and the fruit exchange flavors, and a lovely balance is met. When you incorporate the mix into the sangria, you get fruit that is soft enough to pleasantly eat (please, no hard chunks of apple here) and a drink that is infused with the flavors of the peaches and raspberries.

It's light, seasonal, pretty and a leading contender for your new signature summer cocktail.



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Peaches and raspberries macerate in sugar to draw out their flavorful juices before they're mixed into the sangria.

White sangria with peaches and raspberries

Prep: 20 minutes

Macerate: 1 hour

Makes: 6 servings

Adapted from Sonja and Alex Overhiser at acouplecooks.com. Superfine sugar will dissolve easier. If you have only granulated, make your own superfine by grinding a few more tablespoons than the recipe calls for in the food processor. Or you can combine the granulated sugar with the brandy (it should almost completely dissolve) before adding it to the pitcher, so that it doesn't immediately sink to the bottom as you mix all the ingredients together.

- 2 ripe peaches, pitted, coarsely chopped, plus more for garnish
- 1 cup raspberries, plus more for garnish
- 3 tablespoons superfine sugar, plus more for sprinkling
- 1 bottle (750 milliliters) dry white wine, chilled
- 1/2 cup brandy or peach liqueur
- 1 handful fresh mint leaves
- 1 lemon, sliced into thin rounds
- Sparkling water

1. Add the peaches and raspberries to a large pitcher, sprinkle lightly with sugar and stir. Let the fruit macerate on the counter, 1 hour.
2. Add the wine, brandy, 3 tablespoons sugar, mint leaves and lemon rounds; gently stir to combine.
3. Fill glasses with ice; evenly divide the sangria. Add a splash of sparkling water. If desired, thread fruit on long skewers as a garnish.

8 nonculinary tools you can use in the kitchen

BY BECKY KRYSAL
The Washington Post

People are very resourceful, and the kitchen is one of the places where the most clever among us can shine. Kitchen equipment can be more expensive — and less durable — than similar tools designed for elsewhere, so it's especially satisfying when you come up with a smart, practical way to use something you already have, or at least something that won't cost you as much.

Here are eight of our favorite uses for nonculinary items.

Binder clips: They're cheaper and sturdier than your standard chip clip. Keep a stash handy to use on snack bags and bags of flour. If you have a cookbook that won't stay open, try clipping the pages together to the cover of the book.

Ruler: It's handy for measuring all kinds of food, whether it's a rope of bagel dough or the size of an unmarked baking pan. If you need a straight edge for cutting dough, such as for a lattice pie crust or crackers, the ruler can help.

Painter's tape: It doesn't stick to your walls, which makes it perfect for using in your kitchen too. Write with permanent marker on strips of tape to label containers with what you have stored inside and the date. The tape easily peels off when you're done but is also surprisingly durable. You also can use the tape to secure a recipe on a wall or cabinet for easy access while cooking.

Wire desk organizer: No need to seek out a storage rack specifically designated for baking sheets.



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Grab a wire rack designed for file folders instead, which will likely save you both cash and the time needed to track down the specialty equipment. This office staple is also handy for organizing pot lids, muffin tins and cooling racks.

Self-adjusting pliers: I credit my husband's late grandfather for this one, which is using self-adjusting pliers as a nutcracker. It would never have occurred to me, until I visited the family farm in Alabama and we started cracking our way through a bowl of fresh pecans in the shell.

Handheld torch: What you can find at the hardware store is going to be more powerful, durable and cheaper than those marketed for culinary

purposes. Use it for creme brulee, browning meringue or giving a hint of char when you don't have access to an outdoor grill.

Hammer: Need to crush nuts or break up hard caramel? Good old hammer to the rescue.

Dental or medical tweezers: These are really handy if you're into decorating cakes or cookies. Need to move that one sprinkle on a birthday cake to the perfect position? A pair of small curved dental tweezers can do the trick. I also like the suggestions from Sohla El-Waylly over at Serious Eats, who recommends tweezers (straight edge are better here) for fishing eggshell out of a bowl or food out of a jar. Larger sets can even be used for turning meat in a pan.

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