



## Arlington track won't jockey for casino

Racecourse owner passes on bid under new gambling law

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

Churchill Downs, the owner of Arlington International Racecourse in Arlington Heights, not only has no plans to add casino gambling to the facility but is considering moving the thoroughbred racetrack.

The Louisville, Ky.-based casino and racetrack owner, which bought Arlington in 2000 and also owns a majority interest in Rivers Casino in Des Plaines, said Wednesday it plans to apply for a sports betting license for the racetrack under Illinois' new

gambling expansion law. But the requirement that Arlington would have to pay additional taxes on gaming revenues to fund horse racing purses makes a casino there "financially untenable," CEO Bill Carstanjen said in a news release.

"Arlington would enter this market with an effective tax rate that would be approximately 17.5%-20% higher than the existing Chicagoland casinos due to contributions to the Thoroughbred purse account," Carstanjen said. "It is with a heavy heart that we conclude that we can't make this work."

Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed the Illinois Gaming Act into law in

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Churchill Downs said that the prospect of having to pay additional taxes on gaming revenue made pursuing a casino a bad bet.

## Trump pushes limits to build wall

President insists 500 miles of barrier be built by 2020 election

BY NICK MIROFF AND JOSH DAWSEY  
 The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is so eager to complete hundreds of miles of border fence ahead of the 2020 presidential election that he has directed aides to fast-track billions of dollars' worth of construction contracts, aggressively seize private land and disregard environmental rules, according to current and former officials involved with the project.

He also has told worried subordinates that he will pardon them of any potential wrongdoing should they have to break laws to get the barriers built quickly, those officials said.

Trump has repeatedly promised to complete 500 miles of fencing by the time voters go to the polls in November 2020, stirring chants of "Finish the Wall!" at his political rallies as he pushes for tighter border controls. But the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has completed just about 60 miles of "replacement" barrier during the first 2½ years of Trump's presidency, all of it in areas that previously had border infrastructure.

The president has told senior aides that a failure to deliver on the signature promise of his 2016 campaign would be a letdown to his supporters and an embarrassing defeat.

With the election 14 months away and hundreds of miles of fencing plans still in blueprint form, Trump has held regular White House meetings for progress updates and to hasten the pace, according to several people involved in the discussions.

When aides have suggested that some orders are illegal or unworkable, Trump has suggested he would pardon the officials if they would just go ahead, aides said. He has waved off

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Crystal Davis, a field inspection supervisor, uses her dipper to search for mosquito larvae and pupae on Monday in Bloomingdale.

## West Nile cases plunge, but 'we're not out of the woods'

176 incidents of virus were reported in Illinois last year. In 2019, it's down to 3.

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN

The number of human West Nile virus cases in Illinois has fallen dramatically from last year to this year, but public health officials caution that people shouldn't let their guard down yet.

Only three cases of the virus have been reported in patients so far this year, one in Chicago, one in suburban Cook County and one in Kankakee County, with no fatalities, officials said. That

compares with 176 cases reported for all of last year, with 17 deaths.

Similarly, only two birds have tested positive for the virus this year, compared with 34 birds for all of last year. The three human cases this year are the lowest total so far since 2001, when the officials first identified the disease in Illinois. In 2002, Illinois led the U.S. with 67 deaths.

In addition, the number of mosquitoes counted in population checks reported this year

has fallen more than one-third from last year, according to George Balis, regional manager and entomologist for Clarke, a mosquito control service in St. Charles that does work for many municipalities in the Chicago area.

Yet officials warn that the peak season for West Nile runs through September, and is often reported late in the year. At this point last year, only 19 cases had been reported. So it's too early to say whether the numbers will remain so low.

"There's still a risk," Balis said. "We're not out of the woods yet." Balis admitted that standard

advice to minimize exposure to mosquitoes by wearing long-sleeved clothing in the heat of summer is "almost comical." Now that it's cooler outside, especially in the evenings and mornings, it may make more sense to cover up.

Though West Nile can cause fever and may be fatal, most people who carry the virus never develop symptoms. But people over 60, and anyone with a weak immune system, are more vulnerable and should be especially careful to avoid bites.

For some reason, many fewer

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## Baez will be key to Cubs' playoff hopes

While the Cubs have a lot of strong hitters, no one is capable of carrying the team like Javier Baez. While it may be unfair to put the rest of the season on his shoulders, that's the way it must be, writes Paul Sullivan. **Chicago Sports**

## OxyContin's maker in settlement talks

Purdue Pharma and governments suing over the nation's opioid crisis are negotiating a \$10 billion to \$12 billion settlement, according to reports. **Business**

## Fla. on alert as storm spares Puerto Rico

Hurricane Dorian caused limited damage in the northern Caribbean, but gathers strength as it heads toward the U.S. mainland. **Nation & World**, Page 10

## Family mourns toddler who died after Orland Square Mall tragedy

Police call collapse of store wall structure an 'unfortunate accident'

BY ZAK KOESKE

Antonio Soto loved his 2-year-old niece Alexa Martinez like she was his own daughter.

He took the toddler and her 6-year-old sister everywhere and was tickled recently when his name was among the first words she learned to say.

"She said it in this cute way that just stuck in my head forever, man," said Soto, 20, on Wednesday as he stood outside his mother's Dixmoor home. "In the house when I'd get home,

she would yell my name."

Soto was at work when he received a call Tuesday that his youngest niece had been rushed to the hospital after a structure fell on her at Orland Square Mall in Orland Park.

As he headed to Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn to meet the rest of his family, Soto said he knew the situation was dire, but held out hope that his niece would pull through.

He received the devastating news that she had died shortly after arriving at the hospital that day.

"I never experienced anything like this," said Soto, who added he was trying to be strong

for his family, especially the young relatives who witnessed the accident. "We're just trying to get through it."

Orland Park police said Wednesday that they were continuing to investigate Alexa's death, which a commander described as an "unfortunate accident."

Alexa, who lived with her parents and sister in Blue Island, died of craniocerebral injuries caused by the collapse of a shelving unit and her death was ruled an accident, the Cook County medical examiner said.

She had been at the mall shopping with her grandmother

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Alexa Martinez, 2, died Tuesday after a wall structure fell on top of her inside the Akira shoe store at Orland Square Mall.



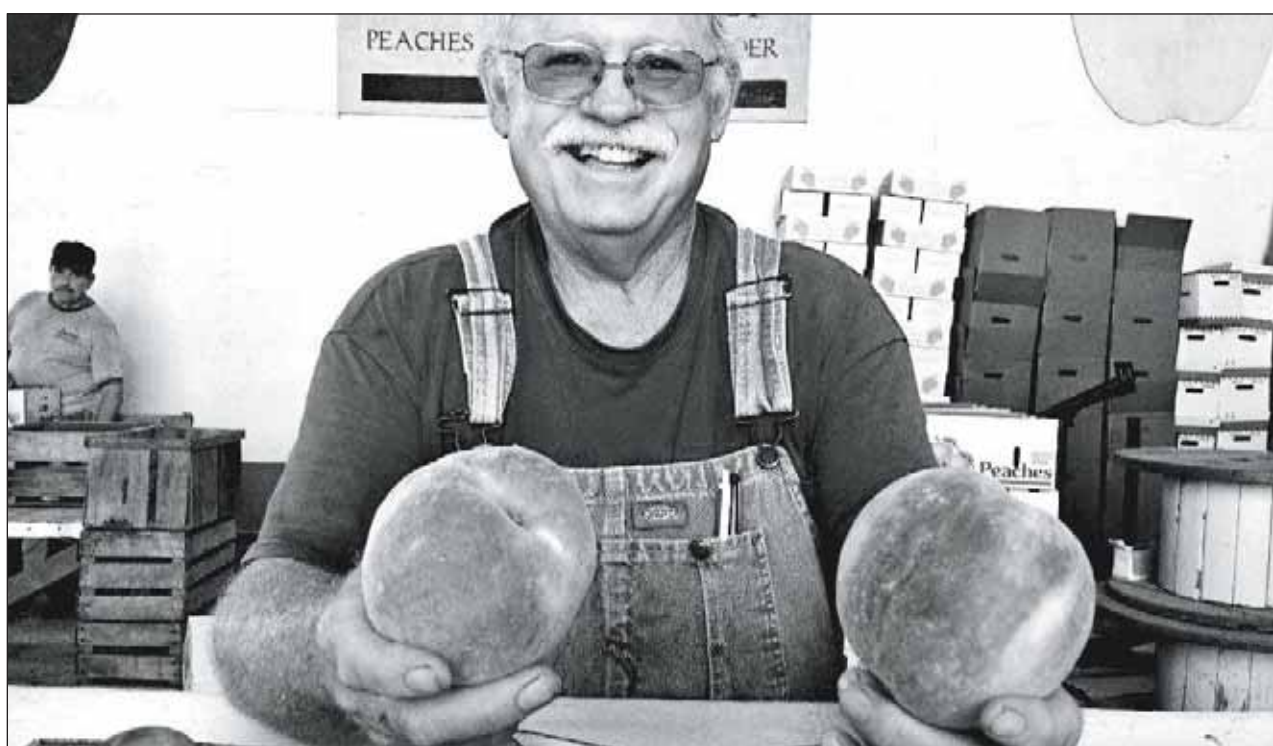
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Tom Ringhausen of Tom Ringhausen Orchard and Market in Hardin, Ill., shows off some of his Calhoun County peaches.



### JOHN KASS

## Lamenting the last of Calhoun's sweet peaches

I suppose most of you — and my editors — would rather I focus on the big issues of the day than offer my absurd lamentations on the last of the Calhoun County peaches.

But I say screw it. I really couldn't give two figs. I love those white Tom Ringhausen peaches, dammit.

And we just finished the last of them, brought to me by two kindly retired Chicago police officers. They, too, are peach freaks. The rains and floods had washed away Tom's peach stand on the Illinois River. They found him in a tavern.

I paid them \$35 for a half bushel and bought breakfast at Harvey's on 31st for their trouble. They're old-school coppers and didn't want to be identified.

"Put me in the paper?" he asked. "Hell no."

"In the paper? No way," she said.

Still, we had a good breakfast, and it was nice to be in the 11th Ward not wondering if I'd run into a short-shanked Daley.

Yet the peaches are gone now. There should still be some more growing on the trees down there, and I might drive down and get some. But now, today, without them, I'm a bit malevolent in my peachlessness.

If you're upset that I'm writing about my Calhoun County peach desires, do what others do, send an email, or tweet at me, calling me a (deleted) bedbug or whatever the insect of the week is now.

Or you may join the mob and say you wish I were (deleted) dead, my (deleted) sightless eyes staring into the (deleted) void from the (deleted) pike upon which my ripening (deleted) head is pinned.

Or hiss at me for ignoring that idiotic franchise chicken sandwich debate.

Yes, it's idiotic. If it's from a franchise, then it's crap and you know it. Crap is the base element in any franchise business model: crap consistency. The crap chicken, or burger, you get in Seattle is the same you'll eat at 96th and Commercial or on Long

Island. Franchise chicken sandwiches? Please. It's all crap, my friends. Eat and enjoy.

You may also hate on me for being a (deleted) peach-eating Chicago Fire fan. We actually hate ourselves now.

I won't mock you in return. Insulting people on Twitter over their fruit of choice while wearing a fuzzy pink hat and a false identity, perhaps even a ridiculous cartoon head, is as common as nihilism.

And what is a peach, anyway, but a piece of fruit?

But this was a white peach from Tom Ringhausen's orchards in Calhoun County, Illinois, grown on the high limestone bluffs between the Illinois and Mississippi rivers.

We had a big basket on the kitchen counter, but the last of the peaches are gone. To eat them by hand without ruining yet another polo shirt, you've got to do the lean, the way you eat a good Italian beef sandwich or a succulent dredged goat meat taco from Birrieria Zaragoza on 48th and Pulaski. Those peaches are so sweet that your jawbones will crack from the sensation and joy.

My friend Jeff Carlin, the WGN radio producer and a baker of some renown, loves them, but says they're far too juicy to make a pie. That's what I like. A peach as large as a softball, ripe and firm and juicy. And for those about to accuse me of food porn, take your mind out of the gutter. Ringhausen peaches taste as pure as the voices of angels. I can no longer hear them sing.

There are other important topics, yes, but who cares now that the Ringhausen peaches are done?

The New York Times and angry left-leaning journalists everywhere (is there any other kind?) are upset that stupid stuff they post on Twitter may be quoted by President Donald Trump and his friends, and used against them to demonstrate their political bias.

Isn't that exactly what we do to politicians, plumbing their social media — even old high school yearbooks — hoping to unearth weapons against them in our woke-a-thon

culture wars? And isn't that exactly what advocate groups on the left do to conservatives?

But that jabbering isn't a Ringhausen peach, is it? No. That's just a bunch of self-important people who once thought they'd grow up to become heroic iconoclasts but instead found they'd become Kemalists of the Washington Way, protecting the establishment. Now they seek to become a protected class.

Reporters quote politicians. But politicians can't quote us? What's next, Newspeak? Ah, but Newspeak is already here, isn't it?

Locally, Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx wants to erase all pot convictions in a desperate grab for positive spin, given her bungling of the Jussie Smollett hate hoax case. I'd much rather that she vows she won't invoke the Fifth Amendment if questioned under oath by the special prosecutor.

But that is merely the dry, bitter fruits of what passes for Cook County justice. It is not a Ringhausen peach. Now that the white Ringhausen peaches are gone, I threatened them at work that I'd write a rhyming poem about them and touch my inner W.S. Merwin.

Instead, let me just say that Tom Ringhausen called with the bad news that the spring floods had washed out the bridges and roads down there, and growers had trouble bringing their produce to market.

He said some have lost 40 percent of their crop. That's devastating. And depressing. But he's a tough old jarhead Marine, determined to fight, and he will.

He's got to. Without those Tom Ringhausen peaches, what's a summer for?

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# Like bedbugs, rash of male fragility really bites



REX W. HUPPKE

The world needs a safe space to house its growing population of extremely breakable men.

New York Times columnist Bret Stephens shattered to pieces because a university professor jokingly compared him to a bedbug. Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro said he won't take millions of dollars the European Union has offered to help combat Amazon rainforest fires until French President Emmanuel Macron apologizes for past critical comments.

Male fragility seems rampant.

An editor at The New York Times was recently demoted in part because he responded to an author's correct criticism of his racially insensitive tweets by demanding the author apologize to him.

A sitting member of Congress, Rep. Devin Nunes of California, is suing Twitter and two parody accounts that regularly make fun of him, saying in the lawsuit that their tweets are something "no human being should ever have to bear and suffer in their whole life." One account pretends to be Nunes' mom and the other pretends to be a cow from Nunes' family farm. A cow!

And, of course, we have our super-not-at-all-insecure president, Donald Trump, who on Tuesday tweeted:

"They do stories so big on Elizabeth 'Pocahontas' Warren's crowd sizes, adding many more people than are actually there, and yet my crowds, which are far bigger, get no coverage at all. Fake News!"

That tweet resulted in a WHAAAAAAAAAAAAAmbulance being dispatched to the White House.

The most remarkable thing about most of these men and their Fabergé-egg-like egos is they're often the first to gripe about the ills of "political correctness."

Take Mr. Stephens, a conservative columnist who has railed against "safe spaces," saying in a 2017 commencement address at Hampden-Sydney College that worrying about hurting other's



Bret Stephens, a New York Times columnist, appears on "Meet the Press" on June 17, 2018.

feelings might lead to stifling all speech: "If we want to accommodate the sensitivities of our fellow students, shouldn't that accommodation extend not only to what we say around them, but also to what we say anywhere — or what we allow to be said anywhere?"

He continued: "In the name of being 'safe,' the job security of professors and administrators has been put at increasing risk — lest they espouse, teach or merely fail to denounce a point of view that contradicts the political certitudes of the moment."

Stephens apparently forgot those concerns when, following news there was an outbreak of

bedbugs in the New York Times newsroom, David Karpf, an associate professor of media and public affairs at George Washington University, jokingly tweeted: "The bedbugs are a metaphor. The bedbugs are Bret Stephens."

Hardly anyone saw the tweet, as the professor at that point had few Twitter followers. But Stephens saw it — and it hurt his feelings. So much so that he sent an email to Karpf and the university's provost, writing: "I would welcome the opportunity for you to come to my home, meet my wife and kids, talk to us for a few minutes, and then call me a 'bedbug' to my face."

Stephens was clearly trying to

leverage his status as a Times columnist to get Karpf in trouble, all because he was mad the professor called him a bedbug. So much for Stephens' worries about "the job security of professors."

On Tuesday morning, I received an email from a reader calling me an "amoeba." I sent a tweet noting that "I'm not going to report him to his boss because it's only the 12th meanest thing someone has called me today. (It's 9:10 a.m.)"

Does that make me a tough guy? No way. If you Google "macho antonym," a picture of me should come up.

But male fragility isn't about toughness or a lack thereof. It's

about insecurity.

I'm secure in the knowledge that I'm not an amoeba, so I don't feel the need to track down the person calling me one and exact professional revenge. If someone calls me a bedbug, I'm not going to tell that person to come "say it to my face" like an aggrieved 10-year-old at recess. (My apologies to any 10-year-olds I may have insulted with that comparison.)

And if I'm the president of the United States of America (God help us), I'm definitely not going to whine about a presidential hopeful's crowd sizes getting too much attention. Why? BECAUSE I'M THE DAMN PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND I DON'T NEED TO DO THAT KIND OF THING!!

This isn't hard, fellas. Don't punch down, don't overreact, admit when you've made a mistake, listen to other people and learn from them and stop acting like you're the only one in the world whose feelings matter.

If someone is being threatening or repeatedly harassing you, take it seriously, of course. But a one-off insult? Or your own perception that people don't laud you enough? Please.

Fragile men are doing serious damage to the world, whether they know it or not. (They definitely don't know it, and if they did they wouldn't admit it.) And they're doing it while mocking others who, at the end of the day, just want to be treated fairly, regardless of their race, gender, faith or sexual orientation.

If you think being called a bedbug or getting mocked by a fake cow on Twitter or having your feelings hurt because people aren't saying enough nice things about you is bad, talk to a few women or people of color who have Twitter accounts. Talk to a few female newspaper columnists or sports reporters. Ask how many times each day they're called something many orders of magnitude worse than "a bedbug."

They aren't the ones demanding apologies for minor criticisms. They aren't tending to their egos before putting out fires.

It's men doing that. Fragile men. Men whose insecurities may be the death of us all.

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# Chicago Tribune CHICAGOLAND

## School board OKs \$7B CPS spending plan

Teachers union had sought delay in 'Rahm budget' vote

BY HANNAH LEONE

The Chicago Teachers Union may have just rejected Lori Lightfoot's latest contract offer and loudly opposed her budget proposal, but the school board chosen by the new mayor passed its first schools budget and capital plan.

The union wanted the school board to delay Wednesday's vote on the \$7.7 billion spending plan, claiming it doesn't address critical staffing needs or fulfill Lightfoot's campaign promise of equity in education.

With school starting Tuesday, no teacher contract in place and a possible strike looming, CTU had said the Chicago Board of Education should step back and take a month to rethink its spending priorities.

"The union is also demanding that CPS reallocate funds ... to explicitly address dire staffing shortages of social workers, certified school nurses, school psychologists, counselors and other critical frontline staff," the CTU said in a news release ahead of its news conference outside Wednesday's school board meeting.

"Revisions must also address shortages of teachers and paraprofessionals that drive some of the highest class sizes in the state, and pump more resources into classrooms and wrap-around supports for impoverished black and brown students who confront high levels of trauma," the release said.

CTU this week rejected a compensation recommendation by an independent fact finder and an offer by the district to provide 16% raises over the course of a five-year contract. That opens the door to a possible teacher walkout, which legally could happen as soon as Sept. 25.

But more than five hours after the school board meeting began, board members voted to approve the budget 6-0.

"We have before us a budget that is balanced,"



Brenda Leyva, a Roosevelt High student, leads others speaking out against a \$33 million plan for policing in CPS schools.

said board President Miguel del Valle, adding that it includes positions announced by the mayor's office and school district, along with equity grants and more money for bilingual education and pre-K classrooms.

He noted that, pending contract talks with the union, the spending plan will likely need to be amended.

The spending plan includes \$31 million for equity grants for 219 schools where enrollment is low or declining, \$12 million for bilingual education for English learners and \$5 million for 32 schools to add specialized programs such as dual language, STEM and International Baccalaureate.

The budget also provides for at least \$619 million in facility investments, including \$280 million for maintenance and interior improvements to school buildings and \$45 million for playgrounds upgrades, athletic fields and gardens. Another \$120 million is set aside for building more pre-kindergarten classrooms.

More than 90% of the construction funding is ear-

marked for schools serving majority low-income students, according to the district.

The capital budget also includes \$202 million in "potential external funding." Nearly all of that is Chicago's potential share of a \$45 billion state capital construction bill approved this year by Illinois lawmakers. The state will select projects to receive that funding over six years.

And the spending plan identifies \$10 million for positions the union wants codified in a new contract. The money represents a step toward Lightfoot's pledge to add 250 nurses, 200 social workers and more case managers over the next five years. This year, that includes \$2.5 million to hire 30 nurses, \$3.5 million for 35 new social workers and \$3.6 million for 30 more special education case managers.

Describing the pool of candidates for many of these positions as "limited," the district stated it's spending \$400,000 this year on recruiting and pipeline programs to draw in nurses and social workers.

When pressed by public

speakers ahead of the vote Wednesday on how those positions will be funded, Chicago Public Schools CEO Janice Jackson repeated that "the money is in the budget."

"We can have someone show it to you," Jackson said.

"Show us on the screen now," someone called out from the crowd.

The speaker from the union had challenged whether the positions were really in the budget, and Jackson said, "I'm not sure why you're comfortable saying things that aren't true."

The district has pointed to employee position rosters recently added to its website, which in addition to current employees now include slots with titles and salary for positions the district wants to fill. A summary of the budget on the CPS website shows the \$10 million allotted for 95 nurse, social worker and case manager positions.

In a bargaining update to members, CTU President Jesse Sharkey called the spending plan "not an equity budget" but "a Rahm budget."

Sharkey was a frequent critic of former Mayor Rahm Emanuel's policies, among them his decision to close dozens of CPS schools.

But on Wednesday, Sharkey tweeted that he'd had a short conversation with Lightfoot that morning that was "not detailed, but respectful and lines of communication are open."

CPS is expecting about \$6.8 billion in total revenue for the 2020 fiscal year with \$6.12 billion in operating revenue, slightly less than its \$6.18 billion operating budget, according to figures presented to the board Wednesday. The district reported about 58% of its operating revenue is from local sources such as property tax, personal property replacement tax and tax increment financing funds; 30% comes from the state; and 12% is from federal sources.

The district involved its equity office, established last year, in formulating the budget, which allots \$3.8 billion to individual schools. CPS says the money will help bridge what's known as an opportunity gap for students from low-income

families, English learners, children of color and those with special needs.

At the CTU's news conference Wednesday outside district headquarters, the union gave a student from the group Voices of Youth in Chicago Education time to address the crowd. Students and activists with that organization were there protesting another item up for board consideration: a proposed \$33 million contract with the Chicago Police Department for school resource officers who would have access to school computers.

"Do you know what this will do?" the student said. "Create fear ... create an environment where young people are scared."

The school board later approved the measure, with one dissenting vote from Elizabeth Todd-Breland.

To make students feel safe, the student said, what's needed in schools are not police officers but social workers to whom students can talk about their days. He ended by leading the group in a chant of "Whose schools? Our schools!"

Sable Russell, with Service Employees International Union Local 73, which represents about 7,000 CPS workers such as special education classroom assistants, custodians, bus aides and security officers, spoke in solidarity with CTU.

She also asked for the district to reexamine its work relationship with some outside contractors and to pay better wages, saying some members can't afford to live in Chicago despite the residency mandate. Last year, a bus aide slept out of her car for three months, Russell said.

She said those issues are worth striking over. The SEIU members have voted to authorize their own strike, meaning they, too, could walk off the job this fall if no contract agreement is made.

Days after she was sworn in as mayor in May, Lightfoot announced she would replace the entire Board of Education, helmed by del Valle, a former city clerk.

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## In Queen of Hearts raffle, 1 man wins king's ransom

McHenry County VFW contest ends in \$2.7M top prize

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN

A McHenry County man collected his \$2.7 million prize money Wednesday as the winner of a dramatic McHenry VFW Queen of Hearts raffle.

The man, identified only as Fred K., won a final night draw-down when his ticket was pulled and revealed the queen with only two other cards left, after nine other players had tried and failed.

Suspense rose as each successive card was revealed, with the crowd of more than 400 people cheering with relief each time the game continued.

"It was exciting," post senior vice commander Ben Keefe said. "That's a life-changing amount of money."

The winner claimed half of the total \$5.5 million pot, with the rest going for improvements to the post and donations to veterans' causes, including 10% to start the next round of drawings.

All 10 winners from Tuesday's drawing night came forward to claim their winnings, which ranged from \$5,000 to \$30,000 for each of the other cards, worth a total of \$170,000 to the other players.

Top winner Fred K. asked post officials that his full name not be revealed.

The drawing marked the conclusion to a condensed version of the game, which city officials curtailed to avoid the traffic jams and crowds the game drew last year. McHenry Mayor Wayne Jett pulled each raffle ticket out of a drum until officials had the final lucky winner.

To avoid last year's confrontation when police had to throw out some attendees to avoid overcrowding, post officials gave 500 wristbands to those at last week's weekly drawing to attend this Tuesday's drawing inside the post's club.

Outside the meeting hall, hundreds more milled about during the drawing, laughing, smoking and drinking, enjoying food trucks and live video streaming the drawing on Facebook. After the drawing, the crowd cleared out quickly, with some staying to relax and talk. Some sang, some yelled in frustration as about 50 bikers rumbled away.

Ticket sales this summer have been averaging about \$200,000-\$300,000 a week, post commander Dwane Lungren said. That's a far cry from last year, when the post sold about \$3 million worth of tickets in the last two weeks, at the height of the mania for the game.

To improve the experience this year, the post built a new parking lot and created one-way driving to improve traffic flow. Lines to buy tickets this past

weekend averaged about five minutes, much shorter than last year, according to the post's Facebook page. The post also limited the days of ticket sales, added an outdoor ticket sales trailer and raised the ticket price from \$1 to \$5.

Tom Hoppe, of Bull Valley, said he and his friends enjoyed the game, but would like to see it last longer.

"I wish they'd stop at \$1 million so more people could win," he said.

Despite not winning, his friends said they would be back to play again when the game resumes in a couple of weeks.

"We're low rollers," said Suzanne Hopkins, of Cary. "We just play one or two tickets. We just want to get in the game."

The big-money drawings are not due to end anytime soon. With 10% of the pot — about \$547,000 — held over for the next game, and at least another half million dollars in ticket sales this week, officials said the total pot for the next game will likely start at more than \$1 million, with the ultimate winner again getting half.

The game board contains playing cards hidden in numbered envelopes. Players buy tickets for \$5 each and write their names on the back, with the number of the envelope they think contains the queen of hearts.

Each week, a player's ticket was pulled at random.



Kristine Ozyuk carries up the grand-prize winning No. 16 card in the Queen of Hearts raffle at the McHenry VFW on Wednesday. The ticket's owner requested partial anonymity.



VFW post commander Dwane Lungren holds up the queen of hearts found in envelope No. 16 on Wednesday.

Normally, if the queen of hearts is not revealed, the pot rolls over and builds each week.

The McHenry City Council this year set a limit of a \$6 million total pot and \$3 million individual prize, with a deadline of the end of

August, which is why post officials planned the draw-down Tuesday.

To start the evening, 12 cards remained hidden, out of a deck of 22 that contained only face cards, 10s and two jokers.

Last year's McHenry

VFW raffle ended with a Schaumburg Park District employee winning more than \$4 million.

The post used the winnings from last year's raffle to replace the heating and air-conditioning and modernize the kitchen and improve the beer garden outside.

Queen of Hearts raffles first gained notoriety in the Chicago area when the Morris Veterans of Foreign Wars post reached a total pot of \$1.7 million in 2017.

Since then, numerous nonprofits around the state, including American Legions and Catholic churches and schools, have begun running their own games, with increasingly large pots.

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U.S. Rep. Bill Foster, D-Naperville, said he has "wrestled with this decision." Above, Foster waves to the crowd last year while marching in the Aurora Pride Parade.

## Foster joins others in calling for impeachment of Trump

11 Illinois Dems in US House now back proceedings

BY RICK PEARSON

West and southwest suburban U.S. Rep. Bill Foster of Naperville has joined the vast majority of Democrats in Illinois' congressional delegation on Wednesday in supporting impeachment proceedings against Republican President Donald Trump.

Foster acknowledged he has "wrestled with this decision" in both listening to his constituents in the 11th Congressional District and in reviewing evidence presented by former special counsel Robert Mueller in his investigation of Russian influence in the 2016 election and the Trump campaign.

"I have watched with horror as President Trump has perpetrated an assault on American values. In word and deed, President Trump has demonstrated an utter disregard for the rule of law and the fundamental principles that

make up the foundation of our democracy," Foster said in a statement.

"Our Constitution vests Congress with the unique obligation to perform oversight of the federal government, including of the president and his administration," he said. "Under our system of checks and balances, no person — not even the president — should be above the law or immune from facing the consequences of their actions."

Foster becomes the 11th representative of the state's 13-member Democratic U.S. House delegation to back an impeachment inquiry of Trump. Only Democratic Reps. Cheri Bustos of Moline and Dan Lipinski of Western Springs have not urged moving forward with impeachment proceedings.

Bustos chairs the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and has been aligned with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's opinion to let congressional investigations of Trump and his administration run their course.

Lipinski, a conservative Democrat, also has backed Pelosi's views and has warned moving forward with impeachment, with a conviction unlikely in the U.S. Senate, would backfire against Dems if Trump isn't removed from office.

With Foster, at least 132 members of the House support an impeachment inquiry of the president — all but one of them Democrats. Foster's decision came days after Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi of Schaumburg endorsed such a move.

Besides Foster and Krishnamoorthi, others in the state delegation's 13-5 Democratic majority to urge pursuing impeachment are 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.

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## Chicago girl shot to death in Dolton

BY ZAK KOESKE  
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A 16-year-old Chicago girl was shot and killed Tuesday night in Dolton when someone fired into a car parked outside a convenience store, according to police in the south suburb.

The shooting came on the same night Dolton village trustees unanimously approved adding 15 additional officers to bolster what officials says is a depleted police force.

The shooting occurred about 9 p.m. when a car pulled up to the store at the corner of 142nd Street and Woodlawn Avenue and a gunman got out and opened fire. Akeira Boston was sitting in another car and was shot twice in the abdomen.

Police said they do not believe Akeira was the target. She lived in the 3000 block of West 77th Street in Chicago, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office.

Outside the family's home later Tuesday, the teen's parents declined to comment. Relatives gathered, with some embracing each other.

Andrew Holmes, a Dolton village trustee, said the girl was about to enter her junior year at Simeon Career Academy on the South Side of Chicago. School officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Last week, a woman driving home with her four youngest children was killed when she apparently was caught in the crossfire of two groups firing at each other, police said. Marshia Bowman was shot on Sibley Boulevard near Woodlawn, about a mile from Tuesday's shooting.

Days earlier, two robbers exchanged gunfire with police as they left a car dealership near Sibley and Chicago Road in Dolton. One of the suspects was hit in the leg and an officer was injured.

Police Chief Ernest Mobley said a combination of retirements, injuries and terminations had cut the

department's ranks by nearly 40% since 2017.

He said the force was operating with about 26 officers, but had three full-time hires in or about to begin training and two part-time officers who were hired this week.

The addition of 15 officers on top of that would bring the department back to where it was a couple years ago, Mobley said.

Mayor Riley Rogers said he was hoping to pay for the new police officers with \$2 million in emergency funding from the U.S. Department of Justice and had

been in touch with state legislators to obtain the paperwork necessary to apply for the funds.

In the meantime, Dolton will settle for assistance from the Cook County sheriff's office and Illinois State Police, which have been helping Dolton with patrol when available.

Dolton has had six homicides this year after recording 12 in 2017 and 10 in 2018, officials said.

Zak Koeske is a reporter for the Daily Southtown. Elvia Malagón is a reporter for the Tribune.

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# Ex-coach charged with disorderly conduct

St. Viator figure allegedly sent texts to female students

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY

A day before Joseph Majkowski was set to retire, the guidance counselor and acclaimed former coach was escorted off of the St. Viator High School campus and banned from returning.

The abrupt end to Majkowski's 36-year career at the private Catholic school in suburban Arlington Heights came June 6 after several parents contacted administrators to report that their teenage daughters received "inappropriate" text messages from Majkowski, according to police reports obtained by the Tribune.

Majkowski, 65, is now charged with four misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct for allegedly sending repeated text messages to four female students who were all 15 years old, Cook County court records show. Majkowski allegedly told the students in the texts that "he loves

them" and mentioned a possible future relationship, according to the police reports.

Majkowski, who made a brief initial court appearance on the charges Wednesday in the Rolling Meadows courthouse, did not return phone calls seeking comment. His attorney, Nicholas Stavros, could not immediately be reached.

Both Arlington Heights and Inverness police received reports about the alleged conduct, records show, prompting an Arlington Heights-led investigation that involved interviews with numerous students.

In one case, a student told Inverness investigators that Majkowski, her guidance counselor, asked for her cellphone number in late May, saying he wanted to keep in touch after he retired, according to the police report. After the student provided her number, she began "receiving numerous text messages where Mr. Majkowski expressed that he loved her and alluded to his desire of a future relationship," the po-

lice report said.

Cmdr. Joseph Pinnello of the Arlington Heights Police Department would not elaborate on the content of the other messages, citing the ongoing court case. But he did say there's no indication that pictures were sent, and the messages did not indicate any physical contact between the students and Majkowski.

This is not the first time police received a report of alleged misconduct by Majkowski that involved a student, according to the records. Arlington Heights police previously investigated a report in 2011 that Majkowski sent "inappropriate messages" to a female student, the records show. Further details were not available Wednesday, but Pinnello confirmed the case was closed without criminal charges and said St. Viator officials were notified at the time.

School spokeswoman Cristina Willard contradicted that, saying officials were not made aware of the



Majkowski

2011 complaint until asked about it Wednesday morning by the Tribune. "We are currently investigating this matter," she added.

The most recent allegations came to light June 5 when several parents contacted the school about the alleged behavior and provided copies of text messages received by their daughters, according to Willard and police reports. St. Viator notified police the next day and Majkowski was escorted off of school grounds by St. Viator, the police reports said.

Per school policy, staff is only supposed to contact students by email, the reports said.

When Arlington Heights officers came to the school, St. Viator President Brian Liedlich told them Majkowski's personnel file did not contain any prior complaints, according to the police reports.

Officers also reviewed a logbook that students needed to sign in order to see Majkowski at the guid-

ance counselor's office, the reports said. As part of their investigation, officers determined the text messages were sent repeatedly, during morning and evening hours, over a period beginning May 7, according to the reports. Police arrested Majkowski July 31, and he posted a \$100 cash bond to be released, reports show.

The allegations have emerged at the end of Majkowski's career at St. Viator. He was first hired in 1983 and served as head coach of the boys' basketball team for 24 years, according to Willard and news articles. He left coaching in 2011 but remained at the school as a counselor.

The following year, Majkowski was inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Since then, St. Viator has also hosted an annual Thanksgiving basketball tournament in his name. The tournament will be called something different starting this year, Willard said.

Before the new school year commenced Aug. 21, Liedlich sent an email to the

St. Viator community announcing several policy changes made in the wake of Majkowski's arrest.

"As we start the 2019-20 academic year, we would like to confirm that it is our top priority to ensure the safety and security of the young men and women entrusted to our care," Liedlich wrote, according to a copy of the email obtained by the Tribune.

For one, Liedlich said, St. Viator is in the process of creating a round-the-clock hotline to receive anonymous reports about potential staff misconduct. The hotline will be staffed by outside professionals, Liedlich said in the email. The school did not provide further details.

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services is also investigating Majkowski over the alleged text messages. That investigation is ongoing, a department spokesman said.

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## Grace meets grief

A priest and nuns console Erika and Eduardo Reynoso as family and community members honor the couple's daughter, Lesly Reynoso, during a vigil at the Spanish Community Center in Joliet on Wednesday. The body of the Joliet teenager, missing since Sunday, was found Tuesday in the Des Plaines River near the I-80 bridge in Joliet.

## Barrington man found guilty of killing wife

Insanity plea of Vietnam War vet rejected by judge

BY JIM NEWTON

A Lake County judge rejected an insanity defense and found Larry Lotz guilty of second-degree murder Wednesday afternoon for the 2016 fatal shooting of his wife in their Barrington home following an argument that started over a coffee pot.

Lotz, 69, now faces a sentencing range of probation to 20 years in prison, and any prison term would be served at 50 percent, meaning he faces a maximum of 10 years in prison, minus credit for time served, officials said.

Lotz showed no emotion and stared straight ahead as the verdict was read by Lake County Circuit Judge Daniel Shanes, who scheduled a sentencing hearing for Oct. 4.

Karen Lotz, 59, who had been a longtime employee of Harper College, died after being shot multiple times by Lotz. Authorities said shots that struck her head and torso were both determined to have been potentially fatal.

Lotz shot his wife in the garage of their home on Jan. 15, 2016, ending an argument that Lotz told police began over his wife "harping" at him about a coffee pot being left on in the home.

After the verdict was announced, Assistant



BARRINGTON POLICE PHOTO

Larry Lotz killed his wife in 2016 in a Barrington home.

State's Attorney Lauren Kalcheim Rothenberg moved to revoke Lotz's bond due to the conviction. Over the objections of defense attorney Robert Hauser, Shanes granted the motion, stating that Lotz had "lost his presumption of innocence."

Lotz was taken into custody for processing into Lake County jail until his sentencing.

Hauser said throughout the trial that Lotz suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder due to active duty in the Vietnam War and childhood abuse.

Hauser and defense psychiatrists said that PTSD and his wife's persistence in the argument, including pushing him and following him to his private room in the garage, triggered a "dissociative" state in which he was briefly reliving a moment of life-threatening trauma.

Prosecutors said the shooting was motivated by anger, noting that Lotz said he was "just so mad" and "enraged" at his wife during a videotaped statement to investigators. A state psychiatrist testified she did not believe Lotz was in

a dissociative state when he shot his wife, and that she wasn't sure whether he has PTSD, but that she believes that if he does, it may be due to shooting his wife.

Hauser said that a grenade went off near Lotz's head when he was sleeping in a hooch in Vietnam, causing physical and emotional trauma. Hauser also said Lotz was physically and sexually abused as a child.

Shanes said it was clear to him that Lotz did not fit the legal standard for insanity and couldn't be found not guilty due to insanity. In Illinois, the standard is summed up as being able to realize whether or not your actions are criminal.

Shanes added that said Lotz told police and 911 dispatchers details including that he shot his wife, the number of times he fired and where she had been wounded. Shanes also noted that the revolver Lotz used requires the user to pull the hammer back into a cocked position before every shot, something that requires skill and conscious thought.

Rather than temporary insanity, Shanes said Lotz shot his wife in a "blind rage" and immediately showed remorse for the action. He also said the event "was fueled by alcohol and anger."

While both spouses had alcohol in their systems at the time, drinking was not an issue that was addressed at length during the trial.

Shanes said that the de-

fendant fell well short of the insanity standard, "but this was not a case of premeditated murder," and found Lotz guilty of second-degree murder.

Prosecutors had sought a first-degree murder conviction. Lake County State's Attorney Michael Nerheim said after the verdict that he believes, "the facts clearly supported a finding of guilty of first-degree murder, but we respect the judge's decision."

Hauser said he believes the judge was wrong in ruling that Lotz was not insane at the time, but added he respects the decision, and that it is better than the potential first-degree murder conviction Lotz was facing.

"It's a heck of a lot better than a 45-year minimum," he said of the differential in sentencing ranges between first- and second-degree murder.

Until being taken into custody after the verdict, Lotz had been free after his family posted \$300,000 in spring 2016 to meet the requirements of his \$3 million bail. He was required to wear a leg monitor and had a curfew.

Lotz waived his right to a jury trial and requested a bench trial before Shanes instead.

When asked near the end of the trial if he wanted to address the court or make any comments, Lotz declined, and in possibly the only words he spoke during the trial, told the judge: "I know me."

## Concordia board member in social media storm departs

BY STEVE SCHERING

A Concordia University Chicago board member accused of posting objectionable remarks about women and minorities on social media has departed the board, though university officials won't confirm how.

In a Monday morning news release regarding the installation of new Concordia University Chicago President Russell P. Dawn, the university announced Eric Arno Hiller as one of five members of the university's board of regents who have "completed their service." The release shared no details of the manner in which Hiller and the others left the board. The university also brought on four new regents.

In recent weeks, thousands had signed a change.org petition calling for Hiller's resignation or removal from the board of regents at Concordia, a private religious university in west suburban River Forest affiliated with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

The release stated Hiller was a board member from 2013 through 2019 and thanked all departing board members for their "tireless service and dedication to the university."

When asked in what manner Hiller left the board, Concordia spokesman Eric Matanyi would only say "I am unable to provide additional details at this time."

Attempts to reach Hiller for comment on Monday were unsuccessful.

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

Screenshots of social media posts allegedly made by Hiller began surfacing on a Facebook page of Concordia alumni titled "Concerned CUC Family." The posts in question do not exist on Facebook anymore and Hiller's account no longer exists.

Members behind the Concerned CUC Family page said their most recent post made Monday night would serve as their only comment on the matter. The Facebook post also contains a link to a Concordia news release announcing Hiller's departure.

"We have no further

details at this time, but continue to hold the university and its leadership in our prayers," the post reads.

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

Concordia university officials first released a statement Aug. 8 without commenting on the issue of the alleged offensive comments on social media, though officials later released a second, more detailed statement.

On Aug. 12, Concordia President Dawn said in the second statement that the university does not "up-

hold ideas and statements that are derogatory to women or minorities," and cited fall 2018 enrollment numbers that showed Concordia Chicago undergraduate students

were made up of 57 percent women, while women made up 68 percent of the student body at its graduate level. More than half of the school's undergrad students "are from a minority background," Dawn said.

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

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

According to the university, more than 500 faculty, staff, students, alumni, clergy and community members attended Sunday's ceremonial installation of Dawn as its president, the 12th president in Concordia University Chicago history. Dawn replaces former president Daniel Gard, who retired in July.

In addition to Hiller, board of regents members Alicia Dietrich (2018-2019), Debra Grime (2018-2019), Mark Muehl (2010-2019) and Mark Stern (2010-2019) were all acknowledged as departing the board.

"Being a regent is a demanding, often thankless vocation," Dawn said in a statement included in the release.



Hiller

# Parents, teens need to know new interrogation law



**HEIDI STEVENS**  
Balancing Act

I wanted to talk to someone who could help me understand what may have been happening inside the terrified brain of Corey Walgren, the 16-year-old boy from Naperville, on the day he walked out of school and jumped off a parking garage to his death.

It was January 2017, and Corey had just been questioned by an officer at Naperville North High School. The questioning stemmed from a consensual incident with a classmate. Authorities had accused the junior of possessing child pornography — a felony that could place him on the sex offender registry — though no illegal images were found on his phone, records later showed. After the questioning, while his mother was driving to the school, Corey slipped out and walked to downtown Naperville, where he jumped and died.

"I think they wanted to scare him straight," Maureen Walgren told my colleague Stacy St. Clair two years ago. "Instead, they scared him to death."

Prompted by Corey's death, Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed a new law last week requiring a parent or designated advocate be present when a student is questioned in connection with a crime on school grounds.

It's an important law, and it's essential that we — parents, educators, anyone sharing this world with young, growing, still-being-shaped humans — understand why.

So I called John Duffy. Duffy is a clinical psycholo-

gist whose upcoming book is called "Parenting the New Teen in the Age of Anxiety: A Complete Guide to Your Child's Stressed, Depressed, Expanded, Amazing Adolescence." We record a weekly podcast together called "On Purpose."

Duffy works with teens five days a week in his private practice. He also lost his brother, Tom, to suicide. Tom jumped off a parking garage in December 2001. Duffy and his wife were putting up their Christmas tree when they got the call.

"He's a big part of the reason I do what I do," Duffy said.

Tom was 34 when he died, but it wasn't his first suicide attempt. He first jumped from a garage rooftop at age 19. He survived, but his injuries left him in a wheelchair for several years.

"He was brilliant, a brilliant artist," Duffy said. "I think he was smarter than anybody else in the house. My parents worked super hard to fit him into convention, 'Get back to what we do. We go to school. We go to church. We work hard. Do that. Quit being so precisely you.' Tom had all these diagnoses. He was bipolar. He was depressed. He was an alcoholic. In the end, he was just a kid with a broken heart."

And Tom grew up, Duffy said, in an era when kids' brains were under considerably less stress.

"The anxiety that kids experience today is heightened by exposure to data and social media and always being on the grid and academic and social pressures," he said. "So they're already walking into situations kind of overwhelmed. The bandwidth available to integrate a new thing that's awful? It's very slim."

That new thing that's awful could be as small as a breakup or as big as being



**WALGREN FAMILY PHOTO**  
Corey Walgren, a 16-year-old Naperville junior who committed suicide in 2017.

accused of a felony.

"Adults have the luxury of the long view," Duffy said. "Kids don't. We expect our teens to think like adults in almost every way, and in most ways they don't. Things feel immediate and urgent and catastrophic to them. A comment on social media can feel like a crisis to a kid."

Teenagers aren't working with fully mature brains, which don't finish developing until around age 25.

They also haven't lived long enough to look back on a mortifying experience from decades prior and realize, in hindsight, it was no big deal. They haven't weathered years of embarrassing or painful incidents

and witnessed the growth and transformation that can transpire in their wake.

"They don't have the ability to say, 'I've gotten past so many things, I know I'll get past this too,'" Duffy said. "Experience is the only thing that really teaches you that. Even if you hear other people's stories. Knowing 16-year-olds? They don't really buy other people's stories. They feel like, 'Yeah, that's your story. But mine's different. I'm doomed.' They only know this moment, and this moment feels horrible."

They also don't understand process, Duffy said. "An adult might be taken in for questioning and think, 'I'll hire a lawyer. There's a process here,'" he said. "A teenager doesn't know that. A teenager might be thinking, 'I can't bear to see my mother's face. I can't bear the shame.'"

Which is why this new legislation is so important. And why parents ought to talk to their kids about it. Authority figures, in their zeal to make a point, in an effort to turn a kid into an example, can overstep. This law provides protections for kids, and kids should know about it.

Police are not allowed to question students under 18 in connection with an al-

leged crime without a parent or guardian present, it states. If they can't be present, parents and guardians can appoint an advocate to sit with the student during the interrogation. Students who are 18 or older can ask to have a parent or guardian present for questioning on school grounds. Authorities are required to inform students of this right before questioning them.

"The intent of the law is that no student is ever alone like Corey was," state Rep. Stephanie Kifowit, a Democrat from Oswego and the bill's chief sponsor, told the Tribune. "We want to make sure that never happens again."

The youth suicide rate is the highest it's been since the government began collecting such data in 1960, according to the Journal of the American Medical Association. In 2017, suicide killed 5,016 males and 1,225 females between the ages of 15 and 24.

Suicide is the second-leading cause of death among African American youth. New research out of Ball State University found rates of suicide increased by 60 percent for African American males and 182 percent among African American females from 2001 to 2017.

"We don't need fear

tactics," Duffy said. "These are kids. There's enough fear."

Try to remember when you were a teenager, he said. Think about the impulsive, irrational things your brain told you.

"I've thought so many times about Tom's last moments," Duffy said. "To choose to jump. To think, 'I'm choosing this because the alternative is unthinkable. This is more thinkable.' I still can't wrap my brain around that. Reading about a kid walking out of school and doing the same thing, it felt so familiar and so awful."

Teenagers are works in progress. Our job isn't to instill fear, which they have in spades. Our job is to instill perspective, which they're often lacking. I hope this law is a step in that direction.

The National Suicide Prevention hotline is 1-800-273-8255. Find them online at [suicidpreventionlifeline.org](http://suicidpreventionlifeline.org).

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## Man pleads guilty to killing childhood friend, gets 9 years

BY BRIAN L. COX

A Chicago man pleaded guilty Tuesday to fatally stabbing his childhood friend in Des Plaines and was sentenced to nine years in prison.

Just minutes before Craig Grzesiakowski, 37, was set to go to trial in the June 2017 killing, he pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and was sentenced by Judge Aleksandra Gillespie, to the prison term and to two years of parole.

In exchange for his plea, first-degree murder charges against Grzesiakowski were dropped. He could have been sentenced to up to 22 years had he gone to trial and been found guilty. Authorities said Grzesiakowski stabbed Jeffrey Ziolo, 35, with a screwdriver in Ziolo's home in the 600 block of South Beau Drive in Des Plaines. The two had known each other since third grade, prosecutors said at the time of the incident.

Prosecutors on Tuesday said the stabbing happened after the two men fought, but they did not say what the fight was over. Ziolo's roommate woke the morning after the fight and found Ziolo dead and Grzesiakowski unconscious next to him on the kitchen floor with a bottle of bleach nearby, prosecutor said.

Grzesiakowski remained straight-faced for most of the hearing Tuesday, but Ziolo's sister read a victim impact statement in which she said her family is still struggling to recover from her brother's death. She wept as she described her brother as a good-hearted person who made people laugh and was always quick to lend a helping hand.

"It's a living nightmare," said Lori Wolff. "There is an emptiness that will never be filled. He's just gone, and we must live with that."

Brian L. Cox is a freelance reporter.

## Domestic disturbance leads to 4-hour standoff in Naperville

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

Residents of a south Naperville neighborhood were told to stay in their homes Wednesday morning as police responded to a domestic disturbance call that took about four hours to resolve, officials said.

The incident ended just before 9 a.m. as students at Welch Elementary, a half-mile away, were headed off to school.

Authorities were called to a home in the 2800 block of Bluewater Circle about 4:55 a.m., according to Kelley Munch, a city spokeswoman.

Naperville officers were met outside the home by a person who said they had been the victim of the do-

mestic disturbance, Munch said in an email. The person told officers the other person involved was still inside the house, and officials called SWAT to the location, according to a statement.

Police went door-to-door telling neighbors to stay inside until the incident was resolved, Munch said.

About 9 a.m., "the suspect cooperated with police instructions to exit the residence and was taken into custody without incident," according to the news release.

Officers let residents know it was again safe to be outside once an arrest was made, Munch added.

The Naperville Sun's Suzanne Baker contributed.

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# As Lightfoot faces hole, no deficit of critics

Mayor urged not to forget campaign promises she made

BY GREGORY PRATT  
AND JOHN BYRNE

As Mayor Lori Lightfoot prepared to address Chicagoans on Thursday evening about the city's looming near-\$1 billion budget deficit, advocates for the homeless urged her to keep campaign promises to help fight homelessness.

The mayor's 100th day in office on Wednesday also brought calls from progressive aldermen for Lightfoot to make the wealthy contribute more to closing the massive budget shortfall she is set to address in her citywide speech. Fail to do enough to "tax the rich," they said, and she risks losing their support in passing a 2020 budget.

Activists with the Bring Chicago Home coalition, which advocates for homeless people, protested outside a celebration and roundtable discussion marking Lightfoot's milestone in office, which she hosted at Kenwood Academy on the South Side. Members of the group said they are concerned Lightfoot won't keep a campaign pledge to hike the real estate transfer tax on expensive homes and use the money to fight homelessness.

In July, Lightfoot said she might raise the real estate transfer tax on expensive property sales to help close the expected 2020 budget hole.

Standing in front of signs criticizing the mayor, including one emblazoned with "Lori Lightfoot's Broken Promise," the group's associate director of policy and strategy, Mary Tarullo, said the budget shortfall isn't an excuse for Lightfoot to reverse course on the promise.

"The mayor knew about the budget shortfall when she was running for mayor. We all knew about the budget shortfall, and she still committed to bring Chicago home," Tarullo said. "We expect her to follow through on the commitments she made to us through the campaign."

When Lightfoot took office and prepared her 2020 budget, it was expected she would have to come up with a combined \$528 million in tax increases and budget cuts. But in May, officials in former Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration predicted the shortfall would be closer to \$700 million because of costs previously covered with expensive borrowing practices and the city's pension investments' poor performance at the end of 2018 as the stock market dipped.

Lightfoot has disputed the Emanuel administration's budget hole estimate, saying it's even worse.



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Mayor Lori Lightfoot discusses her first 100 days in office with the media following a panel discussion at Kenwood Academy High School on Wednesday.



Attendees listen to Mayor Lori Lightfoot discuss her first 100 days in office during a panel discussion at Kenwood Academy High School on Wednesday.

Though the Lightfoot administration has not shared the official projected budget deficit, the mayor has said it is more than previously expected. Asked about the shortfall's growth, Tarullo said, "I think we all knew the budget shortfall was enormous."

At a news conference later, Lightfoot responded to criticism from the group by noting homelessness is still a priority.

"God bless America, people have the right to exercise their First Amendment rights, but sometimes people say things that aren't accurate," Lightfoot said.

There's a difference of opinion about whether or not funds from a potential real estate transfer tax hike should be used "100 percent" to fight homelessness and housing instability, Lightfoot said, adding that she's still committed to

those issues.

"I don't have any illusions, not just in the first 100 days but ever, that I'm going to be able to please everyone on every single issue," Lightfoot said. "That's not life, that's not realistic, that's not democracy."

Still, adding to the chorus of voices publicly calling on Lightfoot to live up to progressive campaign promises as she hits the 100-day mark, a handful of aldermen said they want her to find ways to tax the rich instead of leaning on struggling Chicagoans to fill the city's 2020 budget hole. If she doesn't, they'll all vote against the spending package, they said.

Lightfoot administration officials told aldermen "they're going to keep us in suspense" about the exact size of the budget hole the mayor will detail in her Thursday evening speech, said Southeast Side Ald.

Susan Sadlowski Garza, 10th. It's expected to be "somewhere between \$750 million and \$1 billion," Sadlowski Garza said.

Northwest Side Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, 35th, said he doesn't want the mayor to ask people all across Chicago to pull together to deal with the massive 2020 shortfall.

"The rumor that I've heard is that the theme of tomorrow's speech is shared pain, and that's certainly what I don't want to hear, because my constituents have been feeling the pain for a very long time," he said. "What we're hoping to hear tomorrow is that the mayor is serious about moving forward on progressive revenue, things that past administrations have ruled out as unfeasible because it asks the rich and powerful — and many times their donors — to pay their fair

share."

The aldermen said they would like to see Lightfoot reinstate the corporate head tax that Emanuel phased out, or to press Springfield to approve a long-discussed "LaSalle Street tax" on financial transactions to close the budget hole, rather than again calling for a huge property tax increase as Emanuel did.

Asked about the concerns raised by the aldermen, the mayor's office released a statement that said, "While we have made important strides in bringing transformative change to Chicago by enacting landmark reforms, policies and legislation — our work has just begun, and we will continue to partner with residents, community leaders, elected officials, and other stakeholders as we look forward. The mayor has been clear that this continued effort must be guided by our core principles of equity and inclusion, and that we must do everything we can to drive growth and investment for the neighborhoods, families and individuals who have been neglected for far too long."

At a separate event, Southwest Side Ald. Raymond Lopez, 15th, was critical of the administration for not yet giving aldermen an exact figure.

"You can't have a real discussion without starting from an honest point of truth. The fact we're told, well, it's going to be more than this but we're not going to tell you what it is... it's just not very conducive to having an actual conversation." Lopez also said the "hy-

brid 'State of the City'/ budget speech" is an unwelcome departure from the way aldermen typically receive this information in City Council chambers.

"This is kind of a new version of life for us: part theater, part made for TV and part governance," Lopez said.

Exactly how Lightfoot addresses the budget shortfall may end up being politically unpopular. Raising taxes is a delicate dance anywhere, but particularly in Chicago, where even Lightfoot as a candidate said the tax burden is forcing residents out of the city.

Also Wednesday, Lightfoot held a panel discussion marking her 100th day as mayor that featured several high-ranking administration officials.

During introductory remarks before the panel, Lightfoot said she wants to tackle disinvestment on the South and West sides.

Lightfoot choked back tears as she talked about some of the encounters she's had as mayor with young people.

"I have seen firsthand what is lost when a young person can't see how great their potential is. It's hard for me to go in the neighborhoods and see our kids and worry about what's going to happen with them when I leave," Lightfoot said. "As a mother, I know we must ensure that our kids can see a bold and bright future for themselves, no matter their background or their ZIP code."

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## State police: Steps made in FOID card compliance

Many more owners with revoked gun licenses still remain

BY SARAH FREISHTAT

Illinois State Police said more than 200 people who lost their gun licenses were brought into compliance with state law this summer, months after a gunman who had lost his license but kept his weapon opened fire in an Aurora warehouse and killed five employees.

Between May and July, state police working with local law enforcement agencies brought into compliance 256 people whose gun licenses had been revoked, requiring them to surrender their permits and complete paperwork accounting for their weapons, the agency said in a news release Wednesday. It also highlighted steps it has taken to boost enforcement of revoked Firearm Owner's Identification cards, including designating officers to prioritize people subject to further enforcement.

In a May investigation, the Chicago Tribune and The Beacon-News found nearly 27,000 Illinois residents over the past four years had failed to inform authorities what they did with their guns after state

police revoked their licenses.

"We must take whatever steps we can, large and small, to strengthen the fabric of these systems because any improvement could be the one that makes the difference," Illinois State Police Acting Director Brendan F. Kelly said in the Wednesday statement.

Gaps in the Illinois FOID card system were exposed by the February warehouse shooting in Aurora, when a disgruntled employee opened fire at the Henry Pratt Co., killing five co-workers and wounding five police officers before dying in a shootout with police. The gunman was a convicted felon who should never have been able to purchase a gun in the first place and who soon had his FOID card revoked. Despite the 2014 revocation, he was never forced to relinquish the handgun he used in the shooting.

A gun licensing reform bill spurred by the shooting which, among other measures, would have funded a task force to account for the firearms of revoked FOID cardholders, passed the state House in May, but failed to be called for a vote in the Senate before the legislative session ended.

The Tribune's investiga-

tion found the state repeatedly failed to ensure people surrendered their weapons and gun licenses after their FOID cards were revoked. Law enforcement does not know what 78% of the people whose FOID cards have been revoked since 2015 have done with their weapons, the investigation found.

Domestic violence-related infractions were the most common reason for a FOID card to be revoked, the investigation found, followed by mental health concerns and felony convictions.

In the statement Wednesday, Illinois State Police said it prioritizes enforcement of revoked FOID cards for those designated a clear and present danger, those with mental health concerns, convicted felons and those who have committed crimes against others. It prioritizes anyone it deems a potential threat, regardless of the reason their gun license was revoked, the agency said.

The agency has designated "gun liaison officers" in each of its seven investigative zones to help review and prioritize those subject to further investigation and enforcement, it said. The officers are continuing to work with local

law enforcement agencies to try to bring revoked FOID cardholders into compliance.

Following the Aurora shooting, state police created a statewide database listing every revoked cardholder. As of Wednesday, 654 law enforcement agencies across the state were enrolled in a state police web portal that included FOID card revocation history, the agency said.

One of those agencies is the Aurora Police Department, spokesman Paris Lewbel said. He called the database "just another tool on our officers' tool belts that allows us to keep Aurora families safe."

The police department had no record of receiving notice of the Pratt gunman's FOID revocation in 2014, Aurora Police Chief Kristen Ziman has said. She has also said Aurora, like most departments, did not have a system in place at that time to follow up on most revocation notices. They arrived "sporadically" and without an indication of whether the person with the revoked FOID card had purchased firearms, and it was hard to make them a priority, she has said.

The department is now finalizing a policy detailing how officers will work with



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the Illinois State Police to receive FOID cards surrendered by Aurora residents, Lewbel said. It is set to be released to officers shortly.

Ziman said Wednesday the measures outlined by Illinois State Police are a start, but challenges remain. "Any system or process that is put in place to more diligently and effectively remove guns from the possession of a person who has a FOID revocation is a step in the right direction," she said in a statement. "But as a police department, we are still faced with the challenge of not knowing what guns people possess and unfortunately this isn't going to solve the problem of illegal possession of firearms."

Illinois State Police said some law enforcement agencies have placed binders in sheriff's offices and large police departments

with instructions on how to recover a revoked FOID card, blank forms related to the FOID card process and examples of the necessary documents.

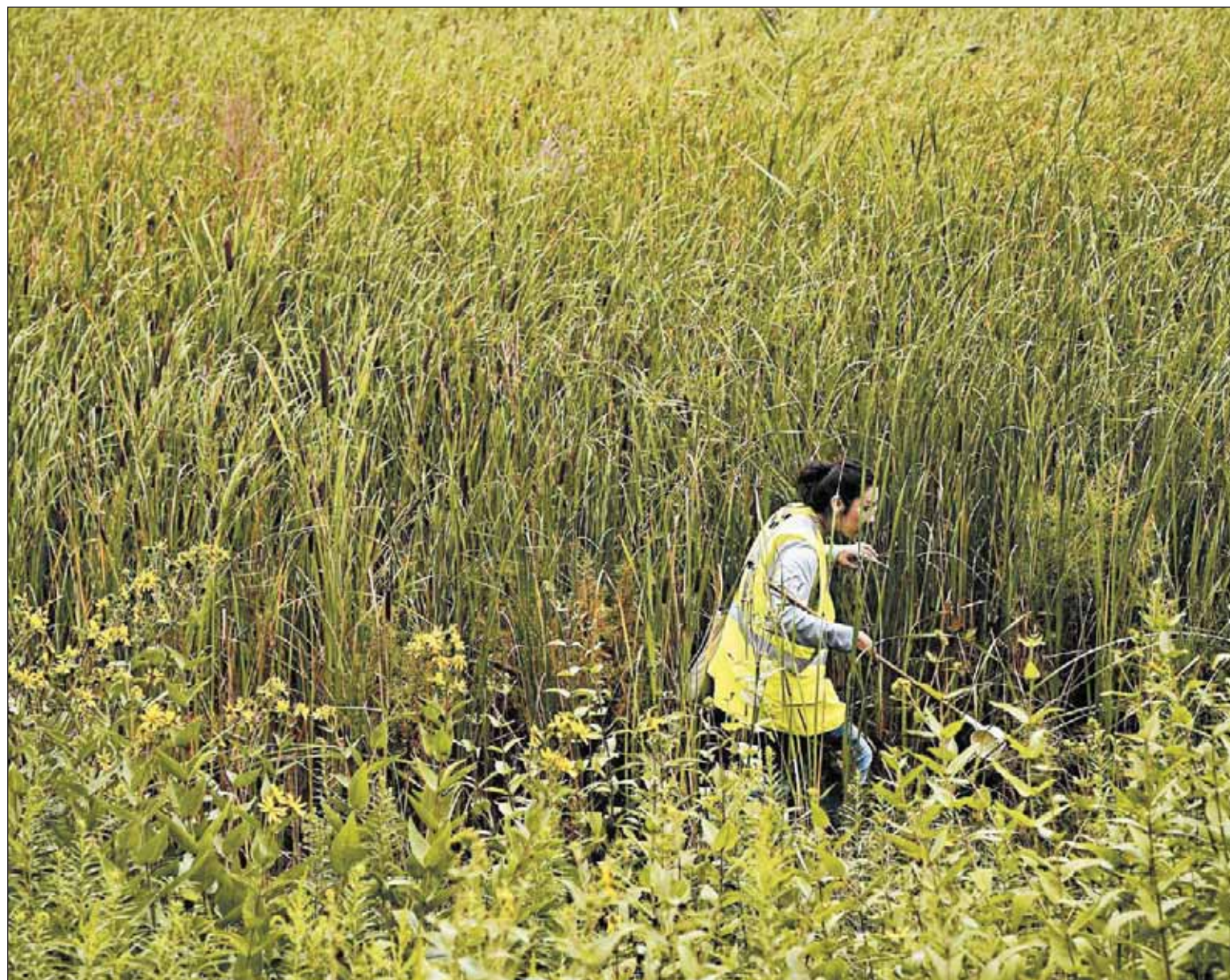
Kelly said new cadet classes coming through the police academy will help work on FOID card revocations.

"The ISP will continue to be transparent in our efforts against firearms violence, while improving services for law enforcement and lawful gun owners," he said.

An attorney for the family of one of the employees killed in the Aurora shooting blasted Illinois State Police's announcement.

Vicente Juarez's family has filed one of two lawsuits against Illinois State Police for issuing the Aurora gunman a FOID card and failing to enforce its revocation.

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Researchers in Illinois are studying West Nile mosquitoes, setting traps, collecting blood from the guts of mosquitoes and sequencing the DNA.

## Virus

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mosquitoes are carrying the disease this year. Only about 400 mosquito batches have tested positive this year, compared with more than 3,000 last year.

Mosquito researchers think the explanation lies in the weather. The *Culex pipiens* mosquito — blamed as the primary species spreading the virus — likes dry, hot weather, when it can breed in stagnant water and be more active, Balis said.

Last year, summer ran hot and dry, with temperatures in the 90s starting early on. This year, after a record rainy May, it's been mild, without the prolonged hot drought common in other years.

Other more common nuisance mosquitoes also seem to be fewer, Balis said, due to the lack of flooding "gully washer" downpours in which they



Crystal Davis transfers mosquito larvae and pupae into containers to bring back to the lab earlier this week.

thrive — though recent rains may encourage their breeding.

This summer, researchers at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign are studying West Nile mosquitoes, setting traps, collecting blood from the guts of mosquitoes and sequencing the DNA.

Christopher Stone, director of the Medical Entomology Laboratory at the school's Illinois Natural History Survey, said

researchers want to figure out what types of animals the mosquitoes feed on.

The severe cold of last winter's polar vortex may have played some role in taming mosquitoes, but a risk of a resurgence remains, especially if the weather heats up, said Debbie Freeman and Samantha Debosik, who track and manage diseases for the Illinois Department of Public Health.

They urged people to

minimize exposure by dumping any standing water outside every week, and wearing mosquito repellent and protective clothing.

Researchers say that electric bug zappers are not particularly effective in killing mosquitoes, and end up killing other beneficial bugs. Instead they suggest steps such as changing bird baths weekly, stocking ponds with minnows or goldfish that eat mosquito larvae, and using Bti, a naturally occurring bacterium, sold in stores, that kills mosquito larvae in water.

For anyone wondering why mosquitoes seem attracted to them, the American Mosquito Control Association warns that the bugs can home in on body odors, the human breath and body heat. Unfortunately, research shows that ingesting garlic and vitamin B12 has no effect on mosquitoes' thirst for blood.

People who drink beer attract mosquitoes. So

does Limburger cheese. Some scientists theorize that similar bacteria on the cheese and on human feet explain why the bugs go for both.

Vector-borne diseases, meaning those carried by blood-feeding insects and other animals, have been on the rise nationwide generally, with a tripling of cases since 2004. The diseases are often marked by fever, headaches, neck stiffness and sometimes confusion.

But in a reversal of that long-term trend, tick-borne diseases such as Lyme and Rocky Mountain spotted fever, as is the case with West Nile, have also decreased as of Monday this year, with 205 cases of Lyme disease compared with 276 last year, and 69 cases of Rocky Mountain spotted fever, compared with 151 last year.

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## Casino

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late June, looking to bring in an additional \$350 million in annual state revenue, and opening the door to sports wagering and other growth opportunities for gambling operators. Under the law, Churchill Downs had the right to add up to 1,200 casino gaming positions, such as slot machines, at Arlington.

The long-term future of the racetrack, which opened in 1927, seems anything but a sure bet. Horse racing is planned only through 2021, while "longer-term alternatives are explored," Churchill Downs said.

"All options will be considered, including moving the racing license to another community in the Chicagoland area or elsewhere in the state," the company said in the news release.

The Illinois Gaming Act legalizes sports wagering in the state and allows all casinos, horse racetracks and larger sports venues to participate — both through a bricks-and-mortar sports book and online betting. In addition, the law provides for new casinos in Chicago, Waukegan, the south suburbs, Rockford, Danville and Williamson County in southern Illinois.

Last week, Churchill Downs proposed building a 1,600-gaming-seat Rivers Casino in Waukegan; it is one of six operators bidding for the new license in the far northern suburb.

Churchill Downs, which bought its 61% stake in Rivers Casino in March, also has notified the Illinois Gaming Board that it

intends to apply for a sports wagering license and expand the Des Plaines casino's gaming positions from 1,200 to 2,000 — the maximum allowed by the new legislation.

In a statement, the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association said it was "stunned and profoundly disappointed" by the company's decision, one it said was made despite more than a decade of Arlington lobbying for casino-style games at the racetrack. The group called for Churchill Downs to lose its current financial incentives at Arlington along with the chance to apply for a sports betting license at Arlington.

"Churchill has snubbed not only the working men and women of thoroughbred horse racing whose collective livelihood depends on live racing, but also all of the elected officials it has so intensely lobbied over the last decade," the association said.

Arlington has hosted some of the biggest names in horse racing over the years, with its latter-day fortunes guided by Dick Duchossois, who bought the racetrack in 1983. When Arlington was destroyed by a raging fire in 1985, Duchossois rebuilt it at an estimated cost of \$200 million, only to shut down in 1998 and 1999 to protest nascent riverboat gambling in the state, which cut into the racetrack's revenues.

Churchill Downs bought Arlington in 2000 for a reported \$71 million, with Duchossois getting a stake in the company.

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Patrons gather to place their bets in 1965 at Arlington Park, which has hosted some of the biggest names in horse racing over the years.



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Churchill Downs bought Arlington in 2000 for a reported \$71 million. At far left, jockey Miguel Mena celebrates winning a 2017 race at the track.

## Toddler

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and five relatives, including her sister, who were under 18, Soto said.

"They were in the same store, they were probably looking at something else and the kid went somewhere, around the store," he said. "They just hear the big loud bang and once (the grandmother) ran towards the scene, the kid was already underneath the platform."

The children were apparently playing inside the mall's Akira shoe store just before 2 p.m. when one of them made contact with a movable wall or wall divider structure that toppled to the ground and struck the toddler, trapping her underneath, Orland Park Police Cmdr. Eric Rossi said.

Rossi estimated the structure was about 8 feet tall and weighed between 75 and 100 pounds.

Bystanders rushed to the child's aid and lifted the structure off of the girl. A nurse and doctor who had been shopping elsewhere rendered aid until police and paramedics arrived after hearing the commotion, he said.

Alexa was knocked unconscious and unresponsive by the blow, but regained a pulse briefly before being transported to Advocate, where she was pronounced dead, Rossi said.

The Akira shoe store was closed Tuesday after the

**"I never experienced anything like this. We're just trying to get through it."**

— Antonio Soto, the uncle of Alexa Martinez

incident and remained shuttered early Wednesday afternoon.

A woman who identified herself as a manager at the Akira clothing store — which is located next to the shoe store and remained open — declined comment Wednesday and said no one from the company would be commenting on the incident. She said she did not know when the Akira shoe store would reopen.

An Orland Square Mall police officer said they weren't allowing media on the property Wednesday and asked a reporter to leave.

The mall's management released a statement expressing its sympathies for Alexa's family and directing questions about the incident to Akira and Orland Park police.

Rossi said officials from the Orland Park building department had been notified of the incident and responded to the store, but would not say whether Akira was cited for any violations.

An Orland Park building department official directed questions to a village spokesman who did not answer questions about the store and directed questions back to the police.

Soto, who served as his family's spokesman, said his sister — Alexa's mother — hadn't spoken since the accident.

"She's just down," Soto said. "She hasn't said a word. She's just laying on the couch, silent."

Soto said the family planned to seek counseling for all of the young relatives, including Alexa's sister, who were in the store and "saw everything."

He said he's grappling with the shock of losing the young niece he considered a daughter and continues to replay in his mind the adorable way she would say his name.

"That's what gets me most of the time," Soto said. "I just wish I could hear her one more time."

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## Fla. on alert as Dorian spares weary Puerto Rico

Experts: Hurricane could intensify into a Category 3 storm

By DANICA COTO  
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Hurricane Dorian caused limited damage in the northern Caribbean as it left the region and gathered strength late Wednesday, setting its sights on the U.S. mainland as it threatened to grow into a Category 3 storm.

Power outages and flooding were reported across the U.S. Virgin Islands, the British Virgin Islands and the Puerto Rican islands of Vieques and Culebra after Dorian hit St. Thomas as a Category 1 storm.

“We’re happy because there are no damages to report,” Culebra Mayor William Solis said, noting that only one community lost power.

Meanwhile, Dorian caused an islandwide blackout in St. Thomas and St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands, and scattered power outages in St. Croix, government spokesman Richard Motta said. In addition, the storm downed trees and at least one electric post in St. Thomas, he said, adding that there were no reports of major flooding.

“We are grateful that it wasn’t a stronger storm,” he said.

There were no immediate reports of damage in the British Virgin Islands, where Gov. Augustus Jaspert said crews were clearing roads and inspecting infrastructure.

Dorian had prompted President Donald Trump to declare a state of emergency Tuesday night and order federal assistance for local authorities.

At 5 p.m. EDT, Dorian was located 45 miles northwest of St. Thomas in the



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A girl strolls along a beach amid the threat of showers in San Juan. An 80-year-old man died after he fell trying to climb to his roof to clear it of debris.

U.S. Virgin Islands. The U.S. National Hurricane Center said it had maximum sustained winds of 80 mph while moving northwest at 14 mph.

The hurricane center said the storm could grow into a Category 3 storm as it pushes northwest in the direction of Florida.

Dennis Felten, a hurricane center meteorologist in Miami, said Dorian may grow in size and could land anywhere from South Florida to South Carolina on Sunday or Monday.

“This will be a large storm approaching the Southeast,” he said.

People in Florida were starting to get ready for a possible Labor Day weekend strike, with county gov-

ernments along Florida’s east-central coast distributing sandbags and many residents rushing to warehouse retailers to load up on water, canned food and emergency supplies.

“All Floridians on the East Coast should have 7 days of supplies, prepare their homes & follow the track closely,” Gov. Ron DeSantis said in a tweet.

Later Wednesday, he declared a state of emergency for the counties in the storm’s path.

A hurricane watch and tropical storm warning remained in effect for Puerto Rico, with Dorian expected to dump 4 to 6 inches of rain with isolated amounts of 8 inches in the eastern part of the island.

However, Puerto Rico seemed to be spared any heavy wind and rain, a relief to many on an island where blue tarps still cover some 30,000 homes nearly two years after Hurricane Maria. The island’s 3.2 million inhabitants also depend on a power grid that remains prone to outages since it was destroyed by Maria, a Category 4 storm that hit in September 2017.

Ramonita Torres, 74, who lives by herself in the impoverished, flood-prone neighborhood of Las Monjas in the capital of San Juan, was still trying to rebuild the home she nearly lost after Maria but was not able to secure the pieces of zinc that now serve as her roof.

“There’s no money for

that,” she said.

Several hundred customers were without power across Puerto Rico, according to Angel Figueroa, president of a union that represents power workers.

Police said an 80-year-old man in the northern town of Bayamon died Wednesday after he fell trying to climb up to his roof to clear it of debris ahead of the storm.

Dorian initially had been projected to brush the western part of Puerto Rico and the change in the storm’s course caught some off guard in Culebra and Vieques, both tourist destinations.

Earlier, Trump sent a tweet assuring islanders that “FEMA and all others are ready, and will do a great

job.”

He added a jab at Puerto Rican officials who have accused this administration of an inadequate response to Maria: “When they do, let them know it, and give them a big Thank You — Not like last time. That includes from the incompetent Mayor of San Juan!”

The mayor, Carmen Yulin Cruz, tweeted that Trump needs to “calm down get out of the way and make way for those of us who are actually doing the work on the ground,” adding that maybe he “will understand this time around THIS IS NOT ABOUT HIM; THIS IS NOT ABOUT POLITICS; THIS IS ABOUT SAVING LIVES.”

## New oil ethanol waivers test patience of Midwest farmers

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LACONA, Iowa — When President Donald Trump levied tariffs on China that scrambled global markets, farmer Randy Miller was willing to absorb the financial hit. Even as the soybeans in his fields about an hour south of Des Moines became less valuable, Miller saw long-term promise in Trump’s efforts to rebalance America’s trade relationship with Beijing.

“The farmer plays the long game,” said Miller, who grows soybeans and corn and raises pigs in Lacona. “I look at my job through my son, my grandkids. So am I willing to suffer today to get this done to where I think it will be better for them? Yes.”

But the patience of Miller and many other Midwest farmers with a president they mostly supported in 2016 is being put to the test.

The trigger wasn’t Trump’s China tariffs, but the waivers the administration granted this month to 31 oil refineries so they

don’t have to blend ethanol into their gasoline. Since roughly 40% of the nation’s corn crop is turned into ethanol, it was a fresh blow to corn producers already struggling with five years of low commodity prices and the threat of mediocre harvests this fall after some of the worst weather in years.

“That flashpoint was reached and the frustration boiled over, and this was the straw that broke the camel’s back,” says Lynn Crisp, who grows corn and soybeans near Hastings, Nebraska, and is president of the National Corn Growers Association.

“I’ve never seen farmers so tired, so frustrated, and they’re to the point of anger,” says Kelly Nieuwenhuis, a farmer from Primghar in northwest Iowa who said the waivers were a hot topic at a recent meeting of the Iowa Corn Growers Association.

Nieuwenhuis said he voted for Trump in 2016, but now he’s not sure who he’ll support in 2020.

While Iowa farmer Miller saw Trump’s brinkmanship with China

as a necessary gamble to help American workers, the ethanol waivers smacked to him of favoritism for a wealthy and powerful industry — Big Oil.

“That’s our own country stabbing us in the back,” Miller said. “That’s the president going, the oil companies need to make more than the American farmer. ... That was just, ‘I like the oil company better or I’m friends with the oil company more than I’m friends with the farmer.’”

The Environmental Protection Agency last month kept its annual target for the level of corn ethanol that must be blended into the nation’s gasoline supply under the Renewable Fuel Standard at 15 billion gallons for 2020. That was a deep disappointment to an ethanol industry that wanted a higher target to offset exemptions granted to smaller refiners. Those waivers have cut demand by an estimated 2.6 billion gallons since Trump took office.

At least 15 ethanol plants already have been shut down or idled since the EPA increased waivers under



JULIE PACE/AP

Randy Miller is unhappy with President Donald Trump over waivers granted to oil refineries.

Trump, and a 16th casualty came Wednesday at the Corn Plus ethanol plant in the south-central Minnesota town of Winnebago. The Renewable Fuels Association says the closures have affected more than 2,500 jobs.

The 31 new waivers issued this month came on top of 54 granted since early 2018, according to the association. While the waivers

are intended to reduce hardships on small oil refiners, some beneficiaries include smaller refineries owned by big oil companies.

The administration knows it has a problem.

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said at a farm policy summit in Decatur, Illinois, on Wednesday that Trump will take action to soften the effects. He would not say what the

president might do or when, but said that Trump believes the waivers by his EPA were “way overdone.”

Geoff Cooper, head of the Renewable Fuels Association, said the heads of the EPA and Agriculture Department and key White House officials have been discussing relief, and that his group has been talking with officials involved in those conversations.

## Scientists reveal the face for ‘Lucy’ ancestor found in Ethiopia

By MALCOLM RITTER  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A fossil from Ethiopia is letting scientists look millions of years into our evolutionary history — and they see a face peering back.

The find, from 3.8 million years ago, reveals the face for a presumed ancestor of the species represented by Lucy, the Ethiopian partial skeleton found in 1974.

This ancestral species is the oldest known member of *Australopithecus*, a

grouping of creatures that preceded our own branch of the family tree, *Homo*.

Scientists have long known that this species — *A. anamensis* — existed, and previous fossils of it extend back to 4.2 million years ago. But the discovered facial remains were limited to jaws and teeth. The newly reported fossil includes much of the skull and face.

It was described Wednesday in the journal *Nature* by Yohannes Haile-Selassie of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History



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The skull of *Australopithecus anamensis*, left, and the facial reconstruction. The skull dates to 3.8 million years ago.

and co-authors.

The face apparently came from a male. Its middle and lower parts jut forward, while Lucy’s species shows a flatter mid-



face, a step toward humans’ flat faces. The fossil also shows the beginning of the massive and robust faces found in *Australopithecus*.

The fossil was found in

2016, in what was once sand deposited in a river delta on the shore of lake. Other work has shown *A. anamensis* evidently walked upright, but there’s no evidence that it flaked stone to make tools, said study co-author Stephane Melillo of the Max Planck Institute in Leipzig, Germany.

Experts unconnected to the new study praised the work. Eric Delson of Lehman College in New York called the fossil “beautiful” and said the researchers did an impressive job of

reconstructing it digitally to help determine its place in the evolutionary tree.

With a face for *A. anamensis*, said Zeray Alemseged of the University of Chicago, “now we know how they looked and how they differed from the Lucy species.”

William Kimbel, who directs the Institute of Human Origins at Arizona State University, said the discovery helps fill a critical gap in information on the earliest evolution of the *Australopithecus* group.



MATT DUNHAM/AP

Anti-Brexit backers voice their frustration outside Prime Minister Boris Johnson's residence in London. The pound sank after Johnson made a move to suspend Parliament.

## Johnson moves to suspend Parliament ahead of Brexit

BY DANICA KIRKA  
Associated Press

LONDON — British Prime Minister Boris Johnson maneuvered Wednesday to give his political opponents even less time to block a chaotic no-deal Brexit before the Oct. 31 withdrawal deadline, winning Queen Elizabeth II's approval to suspend Parliament. His critics were outraged.

Though Johnson previously had refused to rule out such a move, the timing of the decision took lawmakers — many of whom are on vacation — by surprise.

Johnson insisted he was taking the step so he could outline his domestic agenda, and he shot down the notion that he was curbing debate, saying there would be "ample time" to discuss Brexit and other issues.

Lawmakers reacted with fury, including John Bercow, speaker of the lower House of Commons, who was not told in advance of Johnson's plan.

"Shutting down Parliament would be an offense against the democratic

process and the rights of parliamentarians as the people's elected representatives," Bercow said.

The main opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn wrote to the queen to protest "in the strongest possible terms on behalf of my party and I believe all the other opposition parties are going to join in with this."

But the monarch kept with her steadfast refusal to get involved in politics.

The House of Commons will convene from Sept. 3-10 and then was scheduled to go on a break until Oct. 9 — though lawmakers had suggested they might cancel that break and stay in session because of Brexit.

Johnson said he decided to ask the queen to give her speech that outlines the government's legislative agenda Oct. 14, and she approved suspending Parliament for a total of 32 days between Sept. 12 and Oct. 14. That makes it unlikely the lawmakers would have enough time to pass laws blocking the U.K.'s withdrawal from the European Union without a negotiated divorce deal by

Oct. 31.

"This is completely normal procedure," House of Commons leader Jacob Rees-Mogg told Sky News.

Guy Verhofstadt, the European Parliament's chief Brexit official, called Johnson's move "sinister."

The pound plunged on the news, down to \$1.2196 from almost \$1.2300 the previous day.

The EU is adamant it will not renegotiate the agreement struck with former Prime Minister Theresa May on the terms of Britain's departure and the framework of future relations. Without such a deal, Britain faces a chaotic Brexit that economists warn would disrupt trade by imposing tariffs and customs checks between Britain and the bloc, send the value of the pound plummeting and plunge the U.K. into recession. May resigned in defeat after failing — three times — to secure Parliament's backing for her divorce deal with the bloc.

Hundreds of people packed College Green outside Parliament, waving EU flags and placards to express their anger.

## Mexican gang members kill at least 26 in fiery bar attack

BY MARK STEVENSON  
Associated Press

COATZACOALCOS, Mexico — Gang members burst into a bar, blocked all the exits and then started a fire that killed 26 people and injured about a dozen others, Mexican officials said Wednesday.

Authorities said the attack in the Gulf Coast city of Coatzacoalcos late Tuesday apparently was overseen by a man who had been recently arrested but released.

"The criminals went in, closed the doors, the emergency exits, and set fire to the place," President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said at his daily news conference.

Veracruz state police said the attack targeted the "Bar Caballo Blanco," or "White Horse Bar." It advertised "quality, security and service," private rooms for \$7.50 "all night," "sexy girls" and a pole dance contest. The bar is located just off a commercial street in Coatzacoalcos, a city whose main industry has long been oil and oil refining.

On Wednesday, relatives of the victims gathered anxiously outside state prosecutors' offices with photos that could be used to identify their loved ones.

Those who had confirmation sat weeping in plastic chairs.

Vanessa Galindo Blas, 32, said her husband died in the fire. She sat shouting: "He didn't deserve this. Why did they do this to me? I don't to be here. I want to be with you."

She said her husband, Erick Hernandez Galindo, 29, worked as the DJ in the bar and left behind three children.

Among the dead were two sailors from the Philippines.

Ramon Guzman, the agent for the ship Caribe Lisa, brought the passports for the two men who were



PEDRO PARDO/GETTY-AFP

A police officer moves in front of the White Horse Bar on Wednesday in the coastal city of Coatzacoalcos, Mexico.

on leave and had been unaccounted for.

"This is the most inhuman thing possible," Lopez Obrador said.

"It is regrettable that organized crime acts in this manner," he said, adding, "It is more regrettable that there may be collusion with authorities."

Lopez Obrador said local prosecutors should be investigated because "the alleged perpetrators had been arrested, but they were freed."

Gov. Cuitlahuac Garcia identified the chief suspect as a man known as "La Loca" and gave his name as Ricardo "N" because officials no longer give the full names of suspects.

Garcia said the man had been detained in July, but he was released after being turned over to the state prosecutor's office.

"In Veracruz, criminal gangs are no longer tolerated," Garcia wrote of the attack, adding that police, the armed forces and newly formed National Guard are searching for the attackers.

Garcia, in an interview with Milenio TV, said 23 people had died in the bar and three more had died from their injuries afterward. He said some of the remaining injured were in "very serious" condition and he left open the possibility that the toll could rise.

"It was a planned, cun-

ning attack against that bar and the people who were inside," he said.

He added that businesses in the city have suffered similar fires. He said arrests were made in previous cases, but state prosecutors didn't act.

In a statement, Veracruz prosecutors denied having released anyone, saying "La Loca" had been arrested on two occasions but then handed over to federal prosecutors.

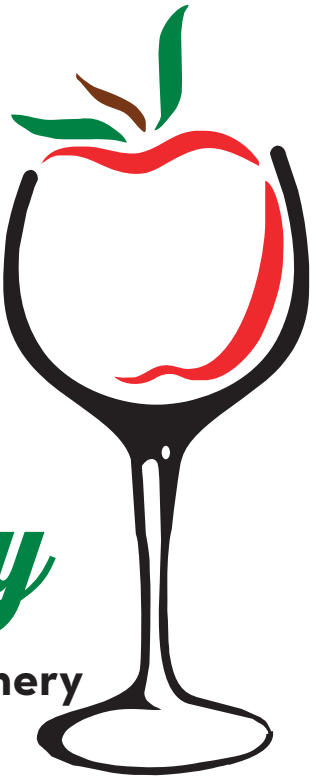
The executive branch in Veracruz and the prosecutor's office have long been at odds, leading to complaints against prosecutor Jorge Winckler alleging omissions and obstruction, charges he has denied.

Anti-crime activist and businessman Raul Ojeda said the attack had all the hallmarks of an unmet demand for extortion payments.

"They have been threatening all the businesses like that," Ojeda said. "The ones that don't pay close down or pay the consequences, as in this case."

He said the Zetas, Jalisco New Generation cartel and other local gangs are fighting for control of the city.

The attack, along with the killing of 19 people in the western city of Uruapan earlier this month, is likely to renew fears that the rampant violence of the 2006-2012 drug war has returned.



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# Homelessness crisis surges in Austin

Businesses decry relaxed 'public camping' laws

BY TIM CRAIG  
The Washington Post

AUSTIN, Texas — Christopher Paul hasn't felt a police officer tapping at his foot in more than a month — the tap, tap, tap that usually meant he was about to get another citation that he was never going to pay.

Living on the streets for five years after he lost his graphic-design job, Paul has been having undisturbed nights since the City Council and mayor eased restrictions on "public camping" this summer, a move that liberal lawmakers billed as a humane and pragmatic reform of the criminal-justice system. But the change has drawn the ire of Republicans and local business owners who decry it as a threat to public safety and the local economy, exposing a partisan clash over how to manage poverty and affordable housing in America's cities.

Since Austin's public-camping ban was relaxed, "people can sleep much better in the open, and they are a lot safer than somewhere hiding in a back alley," said Paul, who estimates that he received 20 citations for illegal camping before the rule change went into effect July 1.

But as Paul, 50, sprawled out shirtless on the sidewalk on a 100-degree day, shop owner Craig Staley stood a few feet away on Congress Avenue reconsidering his party affiliation.

"I got two emails last month from customers who said, 'I can't go to your store anymore because it smells like urine,'" said Staley, who operates Royal Blue Grocery. "I am a Democrat at heart; I have been in Austin, Texas, for over 30 years. But I am telling you, I am feeling a lot more red these days when it comes to my business."

With an estimated 2,200



Christopher Paul, who has been homeless for five years after losing his graphic design job, stands outside a grocery.

homeless adults sleeping on sidewalks and in makeshift tent cities, Austin has become the latest flash point in the national debate over whether homeless residents have a constitutional right to sleep on public streets, particularly in cities grappling with overcrowded shelters.

As a legal matter, the issue could reach the U.S. Supreme Court. Boise, Idaho, plans to appeal a ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, which applies in nine Western states. The ruling determined that criminalizing public sleeping is unconstitutional when there is inadequate shelter space.

Meanwhile, Republicans have made the nation's growing homeless population a political weapon, characterizing it as a failure of liberal policies.

"Look at Los Angeles with the tents and the horrible, horrible conditions," President Donald Trump said at a Cincinnati rally this

month. "Look at San Francisco; look at some of your other cities."

California Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Democrat, when asked about Trump's recent comments, said that Democratic policies have fueled the economic resurgence of U.S. cities that has caused a short-term increase in homelessness. California has the second-highest rate of homelessness in the nation after New York, according to federal data.

"We don't need (the president's) megaphone to tell us we have challenges," said Newsom, adding that California is spending \$1.7 billion to address housing affordability.

In Austin, Republican Gov. Greg Abbott has threatened to push the GOP-dominated Texas Legislature to pass a law overriding Austin's public-camping action. The Travis County Republican Party has organized a petition drive calling for the policy to be rescinded, and local party

leaders are trying to put it on the ballot next spring.

"They thought it would be compassionate and not a big deal, but it has been an absolute disaster for this city," said Matt Mackowiak, chairman of the county party. "This is our best example of overreach, so we have been very strategic focusing on this issue."

But Austin officials are refusing to back down, saying it's not practical to effectively criminalize homelessness.

"When you move these people, they don't disappear. They just go somewhere else," said Austin Mayor Steve Adler, a Democrat. "The real answer is not just moving people from there to over there and back again. The real answer is giving them the services they need."

Previously, the city prohibited "sitting or lying down on public sidewalks or sleeping outdoors" in downtown Austin, where an influx of well-paid workers

has driven up the cost of housing. Between 2014 and 2016, Austin police issued 18,000 citations for rule violations, which cost as much as \$500 with court fees, though many violators received only community service hours.

But those cited didn't show up for court 90% of the time, a 2017 city auditor's report found, and nearly three-quarters of the citations led to an arrest warrant.

Concerned that those criminal records made it even harder for homeless people to find jobs and housing, the Austin City Council amended the ordinance to allow loitering if an individual is not posing a threat to the "health or safety of another person or themselves" or "impeding the reasonable use of a public area." Overnight camping is still prohibited in city parks and at City Hall.

"We basically said, if someone is poor, and they have nowhere to sleep, and

they are not endangering or blocking anyone, how can we say that is wrong?" said Gregorio "Greg" Casar, a council member who pushed to ease the rules.

Now, on some mornings, dozens of homeless people are sleeping on sidewalks in the city's well-known East Sixth Street nightlife district. A messy encampment has been erected near a mural honoring two Texas music legends, Janis Joplin and Willie Nelson.

That has sparked intense backlash from Austin business owners along the corridor.

"We hear it from our guests that walk into the restaurant and say, 'My God, what has happened to Austin?'" said Gary Manley, owner of the Iron Cactus Mexican Restaurant, Grill and Margarita Bar.

There were about 553,000 homeless people in the United States last year, according to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and 35% of them were not sleeping in shelters. It was the second consecutive annual increase in homelessness, a trend being driven by single adults, the report noted.

On a recent morning in Austin, Curtis Underwood, 49, was sitting along Sixth Street with a bloody nose. He said he suffers from epilepsy and had just been to a local social service agency searching for housing but was turned away.

"They said there is a waiting list of at least six months," Underwood said. "I guess I need to get a job, but the rent is so expensive because all the people from California are moving here."

The waitlist for affordable housing is about three years, said Adler, the city's mayor. Austin is planning to spend \$30 million to build more, but Adler notes that state funding has been stagnant — one reason he's outraged over the governor's opposition to Austin's public-camping action.

## Door opens for married priests

Shortage brings call to ease celibacy rules

BY CHICO HARLAN  
The Washington Post

VATICAN CITY — In the sprawling Amazon region, the Catholic Church is severely short on priests. Clerics trek from one town to the next, sometimes requiring military transport to get to their remote destinations. Communities can go months without a visit. The church, as a result, is struggling to hold its influence.

One new proposal to ease the shortage would allow older, married men in the region to be ordained as priests.

South American bishops have advocated for the idea, and Pope Francis has indicated some willingness to narrowly open the door to married men in this specific case.

But the proposal has set off a debate about whether Francis is trying to bolster the ranks of the priesthood or upend its deep-rooted traditions.

A vocal band of conservatives says permitting married priests in the Amazon could alter — and undermine — the priesthood globally, weakening the church requirement of celibacy.

"I see a destruction of the priesthood," Swiss Bishop Marian Eleganti said in a phone interview, claiming that liberal bishops and cardinals under Francis' "shadow and protection" were working to enact the changes. "This is the beginning of the end for celibacy."

The Amazon would not be the first exception. Married Anglican ministers, in some cases, have been welcomed into the Catholic priesthood after conversions. And Eastern Catho-



Pope Francis has considered ordaining older, married men as priests where there is a "pastoral necessity." Traditionalists denounce any exceptions to celibacy rules.

lic churches, even those in communion with Rome, allow for married men in the priesthood.

But conservatives note that the rationale for installing married clerics in the Amazon exists too, across Europe, North America and other parts of the world, where seminaries are closing and dioceses are sharing priests.

"It is the elevation of a model," said Roberto de Mattei, president of the conservative Lepanto Foundation in Rome.

The discussion has gained steam ahead of a Vatican meeting, scheduled for October, focused on the church in the Amazon. Although the meeting has many broad aims — helping the environment, aiding indigenous communities — one paragraph in the event's working document mentions the possibility of ordaining older men "even if they have an existing and stable family" as a way to make up for the Amazon's severe priest shortage. The text affirms the standard church teaching that celibacy is a "gift for the Church" and says the proposed exception is a "way to sustain the Christian life."

With Francis more willing than his predecessors to consider how the faith might adjust in the modern age, and with a conserva-

tive pope emeritus still living in Vatican City, the church has been riven by cultural battles over everything from homosexuality to Holy Communion for divorcees. But the idea of altering a tenet of the priesthood has caused an unusually public conservative backlash, even by the standards of Francis' papacy.

Traditionalist groups have scheduled counter-programming in Rome for the days leading up to the summit. Conservative religious media groups have given detailed coverage to objections about the event while publishing treatises written by like-minded prelates.

In a representative missive, Kazakh Bishop Athanasius Schneider argued that "everybody knows" introducing married clergy in the Amazon would produce a "domino effect" across the Western church. He warned that were Francis to support such a move, the pontiff would "violate his duty" and "cause an intermittent spiritual eclipse in the Church." Schneider, though, predicted that Christ would send "holy, courageous, and faithful popes" in future.

The working document mentions, vaguely, the possibility of looking at expanded ministry positions

for women. But Francis has shown little interest in ordaining women as deacons — ministers below the rank of priest who can perform some sacraments.

A final document would be voted on at the conclusion of the summit.

Francis has stated clearly that he has no desire to significantly overhaul celibacy or make the practice optional. But during a news conference in January, he referenced what he described as an "interesting" book by retired Bishop Fritz Lobinger, an advocate for married priests. Francis said he would consider ordaining "viri probati" — men of proven virtue — in "very far places ... when there is a pastoral necessity."

"I'm not saying that it should be done, because I have not reflected," Francis said. "I have not prayed sufficiently about it."

Lobinger, a German who spent his career in South Africa, said in a phone interview that, based on his assessment of the needs of dioceses across Asia, Africa and South America, the "possibility to ordain viri probati exists in all countries across the Southern Hemisphere."

Progressive Catholics note that celibacy was not uniformly practiced during the church's first millen-

## Two men lied about being US veterans

Judge's sentence: Prison plus signs saying 'I am a liar'

BY ALEX HORTON  
The Washington Post

In the first days of the U.S. war in Afghanistan in 2001, a Blackhawk shuddered through a Pakistani dust storm before it crashed. Two soldiers were killed on board, including Pfc. Kristofor T. Stonesifer, a 28-year-old Army Ranger from Missoula, Montana.

Nearly 18 years after Stonesifer's obituary was written, two men who lied about their military service are being told to rewrite it by hand — along with 39 other obituaries of soldiers from Montana.

Ryan Patrick Morris, 28, and Troy Allan Nelson, 33, were both sentenced for separate crimes Aug. 23 by Cascade County District Judge Greg Pinski, following apparent bids to get resources and preferential treatment from a veterans court.

Morris received 10 years in prison for violating probation after a felony burglary and falsely claimed he was injured by an IED explosion during one of seven combat tours, The Associated Press reported. Nelson was sentenced to five years for drug possession and enrolled in a veterans court before it was discovered he isn't a veteran at all.

The judge said their claims were "abhorrent to the men and women who have actually served our country," the Great Falls Tribune reported. "You've not respected the veterans. You've not respected the court. And you haven't respected yourselves."

But within his sentencing, the Montana judge gave them a chance for parole — if they abide by certain conditions.

Both must hand-write the names of all 6,756

Americans killed in Iraq and Afghanistan to qualify for future parole, along with the obituaries of the 40 Montana soldiers in that group.

They must also complete 441 hours of community service after being released from prison.

That adds up to an hour per Montanan killed in combat going back to the Korean War.

Morris and Nelson must serve seven and three years, respectively, and they would be eligible for parole part of the way through if they meet those conditions, county attorney Joshua Racki said.

But if they decline or fail to meet the requirements, the men must serve out their entire sentences without a shot at early release, Racki said.

Additionally, while on probation, they must wear placards on Memorial Day and Veterans Day outside the Montana Veterans Memorial with a sign that reads: "I am a liar. I am not a veteran. I stole valor. I have dishonored all veterans," the AP reported.

Veterans courts are designed to help veterans with nonviolent charges that may have been prompted by service-related issues, like post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury, and funnel them to treatment rather than jail.

Both men apologized for lying to the court. "I'd like to offer my deepest apology to any veterans out there that I've disrespected," Morris told Pinski in 2016 after his original sentence.

The men would also be required to apologize to national veterans groups, including the American Legion, which said falsely claiming military service is a "reprehensible act committed against the women and men who serve and sacrifice for our nation," said Dan Rapkovich, a Legion spokesman.

# Trend brings smiles to residents in rural areas

'Dental therapists' could bring oral care to underserved

BY MARINA VILLENEUVE  
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Maine — It can be hard to keep smiles healthy in rural areas, where dentists are few and far between and residents often are poor and lack dental coverage. Efforts to remedy the problem have produced varying degrees of success.

The biggest obstacle? Dentists.

Dozens of countries, such as New Zealand, use "dental therapists" — a step below a dentist, similar to a physician assistant or a nurse practitioner — to bring basic dental care to remote areas, often tribal reservations.

But in the U.S., dentists and their powerful lobby have battled legislatures for years on the drive to allow therapists to practice.

Therapists can fill teeth, attach temporary crowns, and extract loose or diseased teeth, leaving more complicated procedures like root canals and reconstruction to dentists.

But many dentists argue therapists lack the education and experience needed

even to pull teeth.

"It can kill you if you're not in the right hands," said Peter Larrabee, a retired dentist who teaches at the University of New England. "It doesn't happen very often, but it happens enough."

Dental therapists practice in only four states: on certain reservations and schools in Oregon through a pilot program; on reservations in Washington and Alaska; and for over 10 years in Minnesota, where they must work under the supervision of a dentist.

The tide is starting to turn, though.

Since December, Nevada, Connecticut, Michigan and New Mexico have passed laws authorizing dental therapists. Arizona passed a similar law last year, and governors in Idaho and Montana this spring signed laws allowing dental therapists on reservations.

Maine and Vermont have also passed such laws. And the Connecticut and Massachusetts chapters of the American Dental Association, the nation's largest dental lobby, supported legislation in those states once it satisfied their concerns about safety.

The Massachusetts proposal, not yet law, would require therapists to attain

a master's degree and temporarily work under a dentist's supervision.

But the states looking to allow therapists must also train them. Only two states, Alaska and Minnesota, have educational programs. Minnesota's program is the only one offering master's degrees, a level of education that satisfies many opponents but is also expensive.

Some dental therapists start out as hygienists, who hold a two-year degree. Some advocates of dental therapists argue they should need only the same level of education as a hygienist — a notion that horrifies many opponents.

Some lawmakers in Maine, which will require therapists to get a master's from an accredited program, are optimistic about Vermont's efforts to set up a dental therapy program with distance-learning options.

It's proposed for launch in fall 2021 at Vermont Technical College with the help of a \$400,000 federal grant.

Christy Jo Fogarty, a Minnesota dental therapist, said the organization she works for saves \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year by having her on staff instead of an additional dentist — and that's not including the five



ROBERT F. BUKATY/AP  
Ebyn Moss, 49, of Troy, Maine, gets treated at a dental school in Portland — a two-hour drive for appointments.

other therapists.

According to state law, at least half of Fogarty's patients must be on governmental assistance or otherwise qualify as "underserved."

"Why would you ever want to withhold these services from someone who was in need of it?" she said.

Ebyn Moss, 49, of Troy, Maine, has had four teeth pulled, a bridge installed, a root canal, two dental implants and seven cavities filled at a cost of \$6,300 since 2017, and expects to shell out another \$5,000 in the next year — a bill Moss is paying off with a 19% interest credit card and \$16,000 in annual income.

"That's the cost of choosing to have teeth," Moss said.

Now, Moss gets treated at a dental school in Portland — a two-hour drive for appointments that can last 3 1/2 hours. A dental ther-

apist nearby would have made preventive care easier in the first place, Moss said.

The ADA and its state chapters report spending over \$3 million a year on lobbying overall, according to data from the National Institute on Money in Politics. The Maine chapter paid nearly \$12,000 — a relatively hefty sum in a small state — to fight the 2014 law that spring.

Legislation failed in North Dakota and Florida this spring. Bills are pending in Kansas, Massachusetts and Wisconsin, as well as Washington, where therapists could be authorized to practice outside reservations.

"Available data have yet to demonstrate that creating new midlevel workforce models significantly reduce rates of tooth decay or lower patient costs," ADA President Jeffrey Cole said in an email.

# Migrants' medical protection canceled

Administration ends a safeguard from deportation

BY PHILIP MARCELO  
Associated Press

BOSTON — The Trump administration has eliminated a protection that lets immigrants remain in the country and avoid deportation while they or their relatives receive lifesaving medical treatments or endure other hardships, immigration officials said in letters issued to families this month.

Critics denounced the decision as a cruel change that could force desperate migrants to accept lesser treatment in their poverty-stricken homelands.

Mariela Sanchez, a native of Honduras who recently applied for the special exemption, said a denial would amount to a death sentence for her 16-year-old son, Jonathan, who suffers from cystic fibrosis. They are among many families who settled in Boston to seek care at some of the nation's top hospitals.

Sanchez, who arrived in the U.S. with her family in 2016, said she lost a daughter to the same disease years ago after doctors in her home country failed to diagnose it.

The disease, which is hereditary, affects the lungs and digestive system and has no cure.

"He would be dead," if the family had remained in Honduras, she said of her son. "I have panic attacks over this every day."

In Boston alone, the decision could affect about 20 families with children fighting cancer, HIV, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, epilepsy and other serious conditions, said Anthony Marino, head of immigration legal services at the Irish International Immigrant Center, which represents the families.

"This is a new low," Democratic Sen. Ed Markey said. "Donald Trump is literally deporting kids with cancer."

A Citizenship and Immigration Services spokeswoman said the policy change was effective Aug. 7.

It affects all pending requests, including from those seeking a renewal of the two-year authorization and those applying for the first time. The only exception is for military members and their families.

The special status is similar to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program that then-President Barack Obama created in 2012 to shield immigrants brought to the country as children from deportation.

The agency estimates it receives about 1,000 deferred action requests per year that are related neither to the military nor to DACA. Most of them cite medical or financial hardships, the agency said.

Going forward, applicants will be able to seek deportation deferrals from a different agency, Immigration Customs and Enforcement, according to the spokeswoman.

Letters sent to Boston-area families last week and reviewed by The Associated Press, however, do not mention that option. They simply order applicants to leave the country within 33 days or face deportation, which can hurt future visa or immigration requests.



CAROLYN VAN HOUTEN/WASHINGTON POST  
In Calexico, California, a section of border fence, right, was painted black to absorb heat, something President Trump hopes will deter climbers.

# Limits

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worries about contracting procedures and the use of eminent domain, saying "take the land," according to officials who attended the meetings.

"Don't worry, I'll pardon you," he has told officials in meetings about the wall.

"He said people expected him to build a wall, and it had to be done by the election," one former official said.

Asked for comment, a White House official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said Trump is joking when he makes such statements about pardons.

Deputy White House press secretary Hogan Gidley said Tuesday that the president is protecting the country with the addition of new border barriers.

Defense Secretary Mark Esper is expected to approve a White House request to divert \$3.6 billion in Pentagon funds to the barrier project in coming weeks, money that Trump sought after lawmakers refused to allocate \$5 billion.

Trump's determination to build the barriers as quickly as possible has not diminished his interest in the aesthetic aspects of the project, particularly the requirement that the looming steel barriers be painted black and topped with sharpened tips.

In a meeting at the White House on May 23, Trump ordered the Army Corps and the Department of Homeland Security to paint the structure black, according to internal communications reviewed by The Washington Post.

Administration officials have stopped trying to talk him out of the demands,

and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is preparing to instruct contractors to apply black paint or coating to all new barrier fencing, the communications show.

Trump conceded last year in an immigration meeting with lawmakers that a wall or barrier is not the most effective mechanism to curb illegal immigration, recognizing it would accomplish less than a major expansion of U.S. enforcement powers and deportation authority. But he told lawmakers that his supporters want a wall and that he has to deliver it.

Trump talked about the loud cheers the wall brought at rallies, according to one person with direct knowledge of the meeting.

Former White House chief of staff John Kelly would often tell administration officials to disregard the president's de-

mands if Kelly did not think they were feasible or legally sound, according to current and former aides.

During a conference call last week, officials at U.S. Customs and Border Protection told Army Corps engineers that the hundreds of miles of fencing must be completed before the next presidential election, according to administration officials with knowledge of the call who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe internal communications.

"Border Patrol insists on compressed acquisition timelines, and we consent. Their goal is to get contracts awarded, not for us to get a quality contract with a thoroughly vetted contractor," said one senior official who is concerned the agency has been hurried to hand out contracts as quickly as possible.

Military officials expect

more contract protests because the arrangements have been rushed, the official added. The Army Corps already has had to take corrective actions for two procurement contracts, after companies protested.

The companies building the fencing and access roads have been taking heavy earth-moving equipment into environmentally sensitive border areas adjacent to U.S. national parks and wildlife preserves, but the administration has waived procedural safeguards and impact studies, citing national security concerns.

"They don't care how much money is spent, whether landowners' rights are violated, whether the environment is damaged, the law, the regs or even prudent business practices," the senior official said.

# Facebook tightens political ad rules, but says tools won't 'be perfect'

BY BARBARA ORTUTAY  
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Facebook is tightening its rules around political advertising ahead of the 2020 U.S. presidential election, acknowledging previous misuse. But it's not clear if it will be enough to stop bad actors from abusing its system.

The changes include a tightened verification process that will require anyone wanting to run ads pertaining to elections, politics or

big social issues like guns and immigration to confirm their identity and prove they are in the country.

Beginning in mid-September, such advertisers must confirm their group's identity using their organization's tax identification number or other government ID.

The verified group name will be listed on the "paid for by" disclaimers that disclose the backers of ads. Facebook says it will verify this information against government records and

will note in the disclaimer for confirmed ads that they're placed by a "confirmed organization."

That process won't apply to everyone, as Facebook says it would bar some smaller but legitimate groups from advertising. But a loophole that will allow small grassroots groups and local politicians to run political ads could also continue to allow bad actors to take advantage of the process.

Advertisers who don't have tax ID numbers, gov-

ernment websites or registrations with the Federal Election Commission will still be able to post ads by providing an address, verifiable phone number, business email and website. These advertisers won't get a "confirmed" designation. Previously, only a U.S. address was required. But it's not inconceivable that bad actors will find a way to spoof phone numbers and email addresses.

"We've acknowledged that these tools will not be perfect," Sarah Schiff, a

Facebook product manager, said in an email. "But we are committed to making it more difficult for bad actors to misuse and abuse our platform" without penalizing smaller organizations.

Schiff also reiterated the company's calls for regulation of online political advertising.

Critics have said that Facebook's attempts at self-regulation are merely a way for the company to preempt stricter government crackdowns.

Last month, Facebook

was ordered to pay a \$5 billion fine to the Federal Trade Commission over privacy violations.

It also faces a series of other investigations into its privacy practices in Europe and across the U.S., in addition to new investigations into its allegedly anti-competitive behavior.

While the company has beefed up its fight against misinformation and coordinated attacks by malicious nation-states, the same can be said for those trying to game its systems.

## NEWS BRIEFING

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## Trump's pitch for Doral resort to host the G-7 draws scrutiny

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's pitch for his Doral golf resort in Miami as the site for next year's Group of Seven summit will be probed as part of the House Judiciary Committee's inquiry into potential impeachment articles.

"The committee will broaden its ongoing investigation to include these latest revelations and will take further investigative steps, including scheduling hearings and re-

questing additional documents from the White House," Judiciary Chairman Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., said Wednesday.

Nadler said holding the summit at the president's resort would violate the Constitution's ban on any foreign "emolument" to a president.

He said Trump's remarks "are of significant interest ... to the committee as it considers whether to recommend articles of impeachment."

## Georgia GOP Sen. Isakson, 74, to retire over health issues

ATLANTA — Republican Sen. Johnny Isakson's announcement Wednesday that he will retire at year's end instantly raised Georgia's status as a must-watch 2020 battleground by ensuring both of its Senate seats will be on the ballot.

Isakson, 74, said he is leaving the job he loves because "mounting" health issues, including Parkinson's disease, are "taking their toll."

He won a third term in 2016 and would have faced reelection in 2022 if he had run again.

"I have concluded that I will not be able to do the job over the long term," Isakson said.

The November 2020 ballot in Georgia will now include a special election for the remaining two years of Isakson's term in addition to GOP Sen. David Perdue's race for another six-year term.

## 2 US senators claiming visa ban are on blacklist, Russia says

MOSCOW — Russia's Foreign Ministry said the two U.S. senators who claim that their visas applications were denied knew they were on a list of barred officials.

Spokeswoman Maria Zakharova told journalists Wednesday that Sens. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., and Chris Murphy, D-Conn., "knew well that they are figures on the Russian list." She said the list was in response to the United

States' "unfounded restrictions against a significant number of members of" Russia's upper parliament chamber.

The senators are Russia critics and advocates of further sanctions.

The Russian Embassy in Washington said Johnson had a "russophobic manner" and had not applied for a visa at the embassy, and that the comments also applied to Murphy.



ALBERTO SAIZ/AP

Revelers pelt each other with tomatoes Wednesday during the annual Tomatina Festival in the village of Bunol, near Valencia, Spain. This year's event saw 145 tons of tomatoes delivered in the hands of the crowd for the hourlong battle.

## Italy's Conte might be back at helm with Salvini shut out

ROME — Italy's populist 5-Star Movement formally asked the nation's president Wednesday to give caretaker Premier Giuseppe Conte the mandate to try to form a new coalition government in a bid to forestall an election that could put right-wing nationalist Matteo Salvini in power.

Movement leader Luigi Di Maio said he informed President Sergio Mattarella that the 5-Stars had reached an agreement with the opposition Democratic Party, an archival.

Many analysts have said a government made up of

such bitter political foes wasn't likely to last long, in all probability only delaying the election Salvini wants to snag the premiership for himself.

Conte resigned a week ago after Salvini's League party, the 5-Stars' previous governing partner, bolted from their long-squabbling coalition.

Di Maio said he told the president the Movement's deal with the Democrats called for "Conte to again be premier and try to form a new government."

Mattarella must decide if an unnatural alliance between the anti-establish-

ment 5-Stars and the center-left Democrats can produce a viable majority in the Italian Parliament, where Conte would have to win a vote of confidence in both chambers to again be premier.

If Mattarella isn't convinced Conte can lead a productive government with staying power, he can call a fall election.

Salvini scorned the prospect of a Democrat-5-Star coalition, saying it wouldn't hold up because "the only glue is hatred of the League," and predicted victory in a national election.

## Teen activist crosses Atlantic for climate meeting

NEW YORK — Swedish teen climate activist Greta Thunberg arrived in New York City to chants and cheers Wednesday after a trans-Atlantic trip on a sailboat to attend a global warming conference.

Thunberg, 16, and her crew were escorted into a lower Manhattan marina,

concluding a two-week crossing from Plymouth, England. Hundreds of activists gathered on a Hudson River promenade to cheer her arrival.

The teenager refused to fly because of the carbon cost of plane travel.

Thunberg has become a symbol of a growing move-

ment of young climate activists, leading weekly protests in Sweden that inspired similar strikes in about 100 cities worldwide.

She's in New York to speak at the United Nations Climate Action Summit next month. World leaders will offer plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

## Sen. Gillibrand closes out her campaign for White House

WASHINGTON — Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., who struggled to gain traction in a crowded field, ended her presidential run Wednesday, indicating a winnowing down of the Democratic contest.

In a two-minute video that is mostly a montage of her time on the campaign trail, Gillibrand said she will focus her resources on helping unite Democrats to beat President Donald Trump.

Gillibrand's decision comes after news that she'd fallen short of meeting the requirements for the September primary debate in Houston.

The senator, 52, had branded herself as "the best candidate for women," touting a record fighting for women's rights, especially on issues of sexual assault. But Gillibrand couldn't break past 1 or 2 percent in national polls and struggled to have a breakout moment.

**In Yemen:** Forces loyal to Yemen's internationally recognized government pushed Wednesday into the key port city of Aden after wresting control of another southern provincial capital from separatists backed by the United Arab Emirates, officials and local residents said.

Government troops also retook the international airport in Aden, a main hub for the southern part of the country, Yemen's information minister said. Many predicted the city would soon fall under government control.

The advance by government forces underscored the seesaw nature of the fighting. Only weeks before, the separatists gained much territory in southern Yemen by pushing out government forces.

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## EDITORIALS

# The mayor is right: Chicago teachers have 'no reason' to strike

Labor negotiations often involve bluff and bluster, but what Mayor Lori Lightfoot says about talks with the Chicago Teachers Union is something we'd like to take at face value: "There's no reason there should be a strike."

**Agreed. There's no reason for Chicago Public Schools teachers to walk out of their classrooms** in September because the basic parameters of an extremely generous deal appear in place: Teachers would get sizable raises over the next few years and pay only a tiny bit more in health care contributions, to perform their critically important mission of teaching and nurturing children in a financially strapped district.

CTU President Jesse Sharkey sounds unimpressed: "This is a union that is prepared to strike."

What gives? The city offered teachers a 14% pay increase over five years, which Lightfoot increased to a 16% offer, in agreement with an independent fact-finder's recommendation. That's in a low-inflation environment. Like we said: generous, maybe to a fault.

Oh, there also would be no health care contribution increases the first two years of the contract and an anemic increase of only 1% in total during the final three years, CPS says. Add on the separate, scheduled salary increases based on years of service and the average teacher's pay would increase 24% over the life of the contract. That's \$351 million more in salary spending for a school district under constant budget pressure.

**Parents and taxpayers: Raise your hand if the idea** of a 24% percent pay raise over five years sounds equitable. Keep your hand in the air if you think teachers should stay in their classrooms with their children this September and not walk off the job after a 30-day cooling-off period expires.

Sharkey's argument is that tough times in the past for Chicago schools and employees demand a more favorable contract now. "Though the wage and benefit pro-



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Mayor Lori Lightfoot, left, and CPS CEO Janice Jackson discuss contract negotiations during a news conference Monday.

posals (are) said to be generous by the mayor and CPS' team, they come in the context of nearly a decade of austerity and cuts," Sharkey says.

The union proposes a 15% pay increase over three years, not five, and no increase in health care costs. CTU also wants enshrined in the contract: hiring more social workers and other employees; placing a nurse and librarian in each school; reducing class sizes, among other demands.

**Lightfoot says she's planning to add** 200 social worker positions, 250 nurse positions and others over the next five years, and has money allotted in the fiscal 2020 proposed budget. But she declines to put hiring guarantees in the contract. The

independent fact-finder ruled that staffing and class size are among the issues not subject to bargaining.

Sharkey mentioned the "context" of this negotiation, so let's go there: The district's finances have stabilized somewhat because of a boost in state education funding and additional property tax dollars. But CPS remains troubled: The pension fund is just 48% funded and saddled with \$12 billion in unfunded liabilities. The Civic Federation reports that CPS has a budget gap of \$100 million, faces increasing debt service costs and continues to rely on short-term borrowing to get through lean periods of the year.

CPS teaches more than 360,000 students, down from 400,000-plus a decade

ago. But the system is less efficient, not more efficient, with its smaller enrollment. CPS operates too many buildings, even after shutdowns in 2013. As we noted recently, several Chicago high schools operate with tiny enrollments: just 5% or 6% of capacity.

Teachers deserve fair compensation. They do important work. Children deserve quality education experiences. Schools should be staffed appropriately. But money is tight. The city can't afford to give CTU everything it wants.

**The mayor hopes to cut a deal before school reopens on Sept. 3.** We hope CTU officials see it that way and work with the city to finalize a deal — without a strike.

## Illinois Dems are lining up to impeach Trump. Or not.

Who among Illinois Democrats in the U.S. House supports impeachment of President Donald Trump? Well, depends how you ask the question — and when. A lot of Democrats really don't like this president, but you can't tell the impeachers without a scorecard.

As of this week, the score appeared to be 11-2 within the delegation in favor of taking some sort of House action against Trump.

Back in July, a contingent of House Democrats went full bore after the president, pursuing impeachment on the grounds that Trump, having made racist statements, is "unfit to represent the American values of respectability and civility, honesty and propriety, reputability and integrity."

That resolution was tabled by a vote of 332-95. Four Illinois Democrats were among the 95 who wanted to advance the impeachment resolution: Reps. Robin Kelly of Matteson and Jan Schakowsky of Ev-



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Rep. Bill Foster has joined other Democrats in calling for an impeachment inquiry.

anston and Chicago Reps. Danny Davis and Jesus "Chuy" Garcia.

**Other Illinois Dems**, including Reps. Mike Quigley of Chicago and Sean Casten of Downers Grove, didn't support the impeachment resolution but previously had

endorsed the idea of an impeachment inquiry. House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerry Nadler, D-N.Y., is leading an investigation to determine whether there are grounds to file articles of impeachment against Trump. Think of Nadler's work as an inquiry.

Through the summer, more members of the Illinois delegation spoke out in favor of an impeachment inquiry, including Reps. Lauren Underwood of Naperville, Raja Krishnamoorthi of Schaumburg and Brad Schneider of Deerfield.

On Wednesday, Rep. Bill Foster of Naperville came on board, saying he'd "wrestled with this decision" but now believes an inquiry is warranted. Foster told Lynn Sweet of the Sun-Times that he'd been listening to his constituents, a "surprising number of whom" believe Trump is trying to use his office to enrich himself. Another delegation member, Rep. Bobby Rush of Chicago, is on record supporting

impeachment, though he voted *against* the impeachment resolution.

That leaves two apparent holdouts: Rep. Dan Lipinski of Western Springs and Rep. Cheri Bustos of Moline. Lipinski's an independent-minded Democrat. Bustos chairs the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. She's sticking with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who has preached strategic caution in going after Trump. There are multiple House investigations underway. In Pelosi's mind, impeaching Trump would only activate his base, hurting Democratic candidates in districts that support the president.

There's also the larger point that while the U.S. House can impeach, the Republican-controlled Senate will not vote to convict Trump. Which makes all of this impeachment talk a limited exercise.

So if this scorecard puzzles you, don't sweat it. The contest that matters most will take place on Election Day 2020.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

China sent a clear message to the global economy with the shock resignation of Cathay Pacific's CEO. Yes, yes, Rupert Hogg stepped down to "take responsibility as a leader of the company in view of recent events." But no one really buys that explanation, given Cathay's public scrutiny amid Beijing's turf war with Hong Kong protesters.



Hogg

News that some Cathay staff supported the protesters put one of Hong Kong's most celebrated names into China Inc.'s crosshairs. With blistering speed, the CEO and at least three pilots were gone, and the board bowed to a list of Beijing demands.

Hogg's was — symbolically — a public execution, the kind gangsters worldwide have long used to remind cronies and competitors who's boss and the rules of the game. China is following the same playbook as it instructs Hong Kong CEOs to toe the party line. Call it the Tony Soprano playbook, one that is back in vogue in more corners of the globe than investors may care to admit.

Donald Trump calls himself the "Art of the Deal" president, but his governing style prioritizes extortion over diplomacy. His tariff-heavy effort to score a trade deal with China is more shakedown than negotiation. Targeting Huawei Technologies is Trump's way of telling Xi Jinping: "Nice tech sector you got there. It'd be a shame if something happened to it."

William Pesek, Forbes

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Russian President Vladimir Putin, left, and President Donald Trump at the G-20 Summit in Hamburg, Germany, in 2017.

## Trump's mysterious devotion to Putin endures



STEVE CHAPMAN

The disagreements, surprises and compromises that arose during the G-7 summit in Paris all have implications for the future of the world's biggest industrialized democracies. But they distract from a deep mystery that holds more importance: What is it with Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin?

Trump has trouble getting along with leaders from Germany, France and Japan. His respect for anyone who works for him is often transitory. But when it comes to the Russian president, Trump is a model of loving devotion.

In a presidency notorious for its unpredictability and confusion, Trump's attitude toward Putin brings to mind Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, who proclaims, "I am constant as the northern star, of whose true-fix'd and resting quality there is no fellow in the firmament."

The Group of Seven was the Group of Eight until 2014, when the members evicted Russia over its invasion of Ukraine and annexation of Crimea. But

Trump told his fellow leaders that Russia should be welcomed back despite that ongoing crime. He even said he might invite Putin to next year's G-7 meeting, which Trump is scheduled to host.

His lobbying for Putin did not go over well. Reported The Washington Post: "Having such a forceful advocate for an authoritarian leader inside the room of democracies profoundly shaped the overall tone of the summit, one senior official said. 'The consequence is the same as if one of the participants is a dictator,' the official said."

The Obama administration, along with our allies, retaliated in 2014 by imposing economic sanctions. That was not enough for a bipartisan group of members of Congress, led by House Speaker John Boehner, who called the invasion "a grotesque violation of international law, a challenge to the West and an assault on the international order established at such great cost in the wake of World War II."

They pressed Barack Obama to provide military weaponry to help Ukraine resist the Russians. At the 2016 Republican convention, though, Trump's campaign staffers blocked an effort to include that policy in the GOP platform.

Trump's problem was that the preference of Ukrainians did not align with

the preferences of Putin, who saw Crimea as rightfully his and had no patience with nonviolent avenues of recourse. Whatever Putin wants, Trump is eager to provide.

Once in office, he did agree to allow weapons sales to Ukraine, giving in to Defense Secretary James Mattis and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson. He has also gone along with Congress on sanctions. But Trump's policy on these matters is a result of his unwillingness to challenge GOP hawks, not his desire to challenge Putin.

No president has ever behaved in a more accommodating manner toward the Kremlin. When Trump met with Putin in Helsinki last year, he indicated he believed the Russian leader's denial of meddling in the U.S. election. When Putin won an election that was obviously rigged, Trump's advisers told him not to congratulate Putin. Trump did it anyway.

This is not a shrewd game that Trump is playing to advance U.S. interests. He has gotten nothing of note in return. The Russians are still in Crimea, still in Syria and still allied with Iran. They are also providing military assistance to the Venezuelan government, which Trump would like to bring down.

The question is not whether he's a puppet of Putin but why. Perhaps it's simple gratitude. The Russian govern-

ment took numerous steps to help get him elected, and Putin said he wanted Trump to win.

Maybe it's greed. As his attorney Michael Cohen later revealed, Trump was secretly trying for much of 2016 to get approval for a Trump Tower Moscow — reason enough for him to curry favor with the Kremlin.

He could also have other Russian deals, debts or relationships that make him eager to placate Putin. That would explain why Trump has refused to release his tax returns. Or Putin could possess compromising information about the president or his family members that makes Trump terrified of displeasing him.

I may be overthinking this. It could be that Trump is gullible, susceptible to flattery, infatuated with strongmen, cognitively impaired or gripped by fantasies of what he might win from Putin. It could be he's just a fool.

The president of the United States is supposed to be the servant of the American people. Trump acts as though he works for someone else. Maybe someday we'll find out why.

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In 40 years of diplomatic relations between China and the U.S., the two economies have become deeply interconnected.

## China's consul general: No one wins in a trade war

BY ZHAO JIAN

Since last year, we have seen continued escalation of trade frictions between the United States and China. There have been more than a dozen rounds of negotiations but, regrettably, no agreement has been reached.

When the U.S. started to ramp up tariffs on Chinese goods, it cited trade imbalances as the reason. But arguments that the U.S. is losing in trade with China because of a trade deficit are disputed by mainstream U.S. economists.

The U.S. trade deficit with the rest of the world is caused by the U.S. economic structure and the international division of labor. In fact, the U.S. trade deficit has been shifting among its trade partners and now mainly resides with China. This is a result of market choices based on the competitive advantages of each country's industries.

In the 40 years since the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and the U.S., the two economies have become deeply interconnected. Despite the U.S. trade deficit with China, 2017 sales revenue and profits of U.S.-funded enterprises in China exceeded \$700 billion and \$50 billion respectively.

Consider also that the U.S. has long imposed strict export controls on China. But the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in April 2017 found the U.S.

trade deficit with China would have been reduced by 35% if the export controls on China had been reduced to the level imposed on France.

Sino-U.S. economic and trade cooperation is a win-win relationship, not a zero-sum game. A U.S.-China Business Council study shows trade with China saves every American family an average of \$850 annually. In 2015, joint ventures of the top three U.S. automakers in China made a combined profit of \$744 billion. With China focusing more on midrange and low-end production of the manufacturing chain, the U.S. has been able to concentrate on developing high-end manufacturing and modern service industries.

In late June President Xi Jinping and President Trump agreed in Osaka, Japan, to resume trade negotiations on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, and that the U.S. would not impose new tariffs on imported goods from China. But in early August, the U.S. unilaterally announced 10% tariffs on another \$300 billion worth of Chinese goods. It left China with no other option than to take countermeasures.

China is sincere in its desire to resolve differences through negotiations. But it is also firm in its determination to fight back against unreasonable demands. No one wins in a trade war. Ramping up tariffs will not solve any problems. It hurts U.S.

importers, consumers, automakers and other industries. Continued trade frictions put more downward pressure on the global economy. For China, the trade frictions may have caused short-term economic pains. But its long-term momentum of growth has not, and will not, change.

Every 17 minutes a flight travels between China and the United States. U.S. products such as Illinois' soybeans, Iowa's beef and Michigan's cars have long entered the Chinese market. As the world's two largest economies, both the United States and China stand to gain from cooperation and lose from confrontation.

China and the U.S. share broad common interests and important responsibilities in promoting sustainable global development, addressing climate change, enhancing energy security, preventing major communicable diseases and combating international terrorism. It is important for China and the U.S. to meet each other halfway, treat each other as equals and with respect, pursue win-win cooperation, and adopt a rational and practical approach in solving problems. This is the only way to bring real benefits to the people of our two countries and the world at large.

Zhao Jian is consul general of the People's Republic of China in Chicago.

## Woke capitalism sells out conservatives. It can sell out their opponents too.

BY MEGAN MCARDLE

When I argued recently that conservatives ought to give up on President Donald Trump, I knew what I would hear back. Religious conservatives were going to point to the Obama-era policies, such as forcing nuns to buy birth control for their employees, that led them to believe their communities and institutions were under existential threat from the government. But I also knew I'd hear an increasing fear about the private sector, and what culturally liberal companies were trying to do to conservatives.

"Woke capitalism" has triggered great alarm on the right. I have heard it described, with no sense of irony, as the greatest threat facing Western society.

Conservatives aren't just angry that corporate America seems to be siding against them in disputes such as whether football players should kneel for the national anthem; they worry about a future in which their views are censored by Big Tech, declared anathema by employers, targeted for angry mobbings by the media. And so they feel forced to support politicians such as Trump who promise to take the fight to their enemies.

I would question the effectiveness of this strategy, since, if anything, Trump seems to have emboldened the culture warriors within corporate America. But I won't try to argue that conservative fears are unfounded. There really is an increasingly militant wing of the left that wants to use economic as well as political power to destroy their opponents, from Mozilla chief executive Brendan Eich (forced to step down for donating in support of California's Proposition 8) to James Damore (a Google engineer fired for a memo he wrote about the company's diversity policies) to the hapless NRA conventioners who made the mistake of flying Delta. And as these examples suggest, the liquidationist wing seems to have a surprising amount of influence over corporate behavior.

But "surprising" doesn't mean "large," since it is surprising for them to have any influence at all. In fact, I suspect that what little power they had has already peaked.

Consider Google, which just issued a



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Google recently issued an employee advisory about internal discussion boards.

rather tart advisory about the freewheeling internal discussion boards where Damore's infamous memo began its viral career. The company warns that "disrupting the workday to have a raging debate over politics" doesn't build community, adding, "Our primary responsibility is to do the work we've each been hired to do, not to spend working time on debates about non-work topics." This is a pretty stunning turnaround, given the company's long history of supporting these kinds of discussions.

Yet there's a reason companies have historically discouraged workers from spending much time arguing politics; when the argument is over, the anger often lingers. Google got away with it for so long because its core business, a virtual monopoly over internet search, throws off so much money that it can afford to indulge worker desires for an activist workplace. Effectively, bringing your politics to the job site was a form of compensation for the woke workforce.

Only that market position isn't quite as impregnable as it looked a few years ago. For reasons that have nothing to do with the political skew of the company's workforce, governments are getting more and more interested in curbing the power of tech firms, and thus their revenue. Meanwhile, Google faces competitive pressure in its non-search markets. The company can't necessarily afford the luxury of an internal message system that's getting everyone riled up, without any commen-

surate increase in productivity — or worse, one that helps workers to organize to force the company out of potentially profitable lines of business.

Moreover, the wokest firms are extremely geographically concentrated along the coasts. The geographic concentration is what drives the woke warrior phenomenon, since it's easiest to want to destroy people if you don't know them. But it also dramatically limits its scope.

And that scope is already limited, because large public companies aren't going to pursue their principles at the expense of any sizable self-interest. Note how many firms are quiet about the Chinese government, which is violently suppressing protest in Hong Kong and herding religious minorities into reeducation camps. I don't say that this is admirable, but I do say that it is a fact.

So while I sympathize with conservatives who fear that woke capital is selling them out, I can't agree that those fears justify selling the soul of conservatism to Trump. It's true, woke capitalism will sell you out. The thing is, if you wait long enough — and not very long at that — it will sell out your opponents too.

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## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

### Create a global team for the climate

Brazil can't fight the fires in the rainforest by itself. But those in positions of power are not persuaded by the argument that the rainforest is important to the entire world and therefore they should stop exploiting their natural resources. Historically, developed countries have always exploited natural resources to gain wealth and prominence.

The way to help Brazil keep the Amazon rainforest intact is for governments throughout the world to make payments to Brazil. To pay Brazil to keep the Amazon rainforest pristine.

Climate change does not respect national boundaries. It is a global problem that requires global answers. Governments around the world have to realize that on this issue it is not "us versus them." We are all in this together. It will take a huge shift in thinking, but it can be done. We have United Nations peacekeepers. Why not have United Nations climatekeepers? Troops that can be called out anywhere in the world to help put out forest fires. Bringing services to areas hit by severe storms of all kinds. To provide refuge for those fleeing climate devastation.

Long-term solutions will require restoring ecosystems around the world and helping locals find new more climate-friendly ways of interacting with their environments. For example, help farmers near the rainforest make their livelihoods by tending land to encourage the rainforest to expand.

— Janice Cody, Chicago

### How to make abortion rare

Experts say that among advanced nations, abortions are rarest in nations where formal sex education starts in early grades and is most thoroughgoing. In other words, the more knowledge, the fewer abortions, though abortion remains legal.

In America, this logic is not just ignored but is turned upside down. Typically, the forces most against sex education in public schools are the forces most against abortion.

Under President Donald Trump, the same backward thinking has led to reduced funding for Planned Parenthood, whose work mainly helps plan parenthood, as its name implies, thus helping minimize the number of abortions, though it facilitates legal abortion as a last resort.

That being so, logic says the anti-abortion crowd ought to aid the work being done by Planned Parenthood, not try to end it by starving it of funds. The more its planning work is facilitated, the fewer abortions could be sought.

What makes this logic so hard to follow or embrace?

— Ted Z. Manuel, Chicago

### The dangers of vaping

E-cigarette-maker Juul has spent considerable money to buy full-page ads in the Chicago Tribune and elsewhere, extolling its products. It has, however, missed a truth-in-advertising opportunity. Vaping not only provides whatever ephemeral pleasure it manages to induce in its users, but it is also a tremendous time-saving device. Juul's ads could read, "Why wait 40 years for lung cancer to ruin your health, when you can destroy your lungs in one-twentieth of the time by using Juul?"

My 21-year-old grandson, now in intensive care on a respirator, could be a spokesperson — oh, wait, no he can't, since he can't talk with the respirator in place.

— Mary Williams Stone, Chicago

### Prison, not fines, for deceit

Another health tragedy. First it was cigarettes, and the lawyers got rich. The cigarette companies paid a few hundred million dollars in fines, and things went on as usual. Along came several other tragedies, and the lawyers got rich, and the companies paid a few more hundred million dollars in fines, and things went on as usual.

Now it's opioids. Again the lawyers will get rich. The companies will pay \$1 billion in fines, and things will go on as usual.

There never is any personal or corporate responsibility. Perhaps if a few top executives went to prison for a couple of years, things would change.

— Ward Eldred, Glenview

### We need another Woodstock

Having watched PBS' recent "American Experience: Woodstock," I was reminded of my junior year in college watching our country being torn apart by divisions over the Vietnam War. Now, years later, I watch our country divided again, not this time by war, but rather by an insidious hatred and bigotry that go against the very foundation our country was built on. Maybe it's time for another Woodstock to remind us we are united because of our differences and diversity!

— Mark Agin, Gurnee

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# Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

## Purdue Pharma working on settlement

Report: OxyContin's maker in talks with plaintiffs, state AGs

BY ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS  
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Purdue Pharma and the thousands of state and local governments suing the maker of OxyContin over the nation's deadly opioid crisis are negotiating a \$10 billion to \$12 billion settlement under which the Sackler family would give up ownership of the company, according to published reports.

Under the proposal now on the table, the Sacklers would contribute \$3 billion of their own money toward the total, and the company would file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy and transform itself into a "public beneficiary trust," with all



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The New York attorney general said the Sackler family has "made billions profiting from death and destruction."

profits from drug sales going to the plaintiffs, The New York Times reported Wednesday. It said a document outlining the tentative

agreement was described to the newspaper.

Also, Purdue Pharma would supply its addiction treatment

drugs free to the public, and the Sacklers would sell another pharmaceutical company, Mundipharma, which would add \$1.5 billion to the settlement, the Times said.

In a statement, the Stamford, Connecticut-based company did not confirm any of the details — some of them also reported by NBC — but said it sees little good in years of "wasteful litigation and appeals."

"Purdue believes a constructive global resolution is the best path forward, and the company is actively working with the state attorneys general and other plaintiffs to achieve this outcome," it said.

Paul Farrell Jr., a lead plaintiffs' lawyer representing local governments, said all sides remain under a gag order: "All we can confirm is that we are in active settlement

discussions with Purdue."

Attorneys general representing several states also confirmed the accelerated negotiations.

"Our mission here has always been clear — make Purdue Pharma and the other manufacturers and distributors pay for what they did to Pennsylvania and its people, and put the Sackler family out of the opioid business for good," said Jacklin Rhoads, spokeswoman for Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro, whose office is taking part in the Cleveland negotiations.

The settlement talks involve more than 2,000 lawsuits against the company and other players in the painkiller industry over the opioid overdose epidemic that has killed more than 400,000 people in the U.S. since 2000 and torn

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Google employees protest against what they say is the tech company's mishandling of sexual misconduct allegations.

## Employee activism in the tech industry on the rise

Workers make a push for ethics in products, offices

BY SAMANTHA MALDONADO  
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — When Liz O'Sullivan was hired at the New York City-based artificial intelligence company Clarifai in 2017, she felt lucky to find work at the intersection of two of her main interests: technology and ethics. Two years later, she found herself facing a moral dilemma.

Clarifai was developing aerial

photography and object detection tools as one of several companies working on Project Maven, a Pentagon drone surveillance program.

After several conversations with friends and colleagues, O'Sullivan realized this type of technology eventually could be used for autonomous weapons.

In January, she wrote to Clarifai CEO Matt Zeiler on behalf of a group of employees, seeking clarification on whether the technology would be used to create weapons and asking him to commit to a series of ethical measures. Zeiler later explained at a meeting that Clarifai likely

would provide tech for autonomous weapons.

O'Sullivan quit the next day. "I was very surprised and had to follow my conscience," she said. Zeiler and Clarifai didn't respond to a request for comment from The Associated Press, though Zeiler has previously said the company's Project Maven involvement aligns with its mission of accelerating human progress with continually improving AI.

O'Sullivan, 34, considers herself part of a "growing backlash against unethical tech," a groundswell in the past two years in which U.S. tech employees

have tried to remake the industry from the inside out — pushing for more control over how their work is used and urging better conditions, job security and wages for affiliated workers.

While some speak out and others sign petitions and attend rallies, workers are collectively taking action like never before:

■ Amazon and Microsoft employees demanded the companies stop providing services to software company Palantir, which provides technology to federal agencies including Immigration and Customs Enforce-

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## FDA pulls Visibly's online vision test

Chicago company's exam drew eye care industry's frustration

BY LISA SCHENCKER

A Chicago-based company that's drawn the eye care industry's ire for offering online vision exams has had its test recalled by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

The agency's enforcement action, taken earlier this month, involved Visibly's Online Refractive Vision Test, used to measure vision refraction. The FDA said the company had not received authorization to market the product.

Visibly was formerly named Opternative and was co-founded by Dr. Steven Lee. Lee



The test was part of the Visibly Vision Test Solution, according to the Aug. 8 recall notice.

Attempts to reach Visibly for comment were unsuccessful. The company's website makes no mention of the recall or its online vision tests. Instead, the website offered deals on contacts and lenses and a link to schedule in-person exams with doctors.

The online vision tests cost \$50 to \$60 as of last year. Ophthalmologists would review the results of the tests and then issue digital prescriptions for glasses and contacts.

The recall drew praise from the American Optometric Association, which had complained to the FDA about the online tests.

"Optometrists and other physicians know that eye exams are essential care and that new health technologies must always enhance the doctor-patient relationship and help deliver improved outcomes," said association President Barbara L. Horn in a post on the association's website. "They must also comply with the law — that's exactly what the AOA (association) and our state associations have insisted on through the information we provided to the FDA and other agencies in this matter, and we're proud that it appears to have made a difference."

In a news release last year announcing the name change, Lee said, "We understand that our previous company name, Opternative, carried a negative connotation in the eye care industry and positioned the brand as an existential threat to Optometrists."

The name Visibly better represented the "partnerships we're building with eye care providers and eyewear retailers in the industry," he said.

The company was founded in 2012. "The pushback from the industry was a bit shocking at first," Lee told the Tribune in January 2018. "But our whole premise in creating this company was really to work with all the eye care professionals within this industry rather than against them."

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## United travelers' miles will no longer expire

Airline's frequent flyer program earnings can be kept forever

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

It's no longer use it or lose it when it comes to frequent flyer miles at United Airlines.

Miles earned through United's loyalty program, MileagePlus, will no longer expire, Chicago-based United said in a news release Wednesday.

Previously, United travelers' miles expired if their accounts remained inactive for 18 months. Delta Air Lines and JetBlue also don't give travelers a deadline to redeem miles.

American Airlines requires customers earn or redeem miles at least once every 18 months to keep miles from expiring. But the airline gives customers an extra 18 months after expiration to reactive expired miles, for a fee.

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A United Airlines employee aids passengers at the Terminal 1 economy check-in area of O'Hare International Airport in Chicago.

# Marriott plans to get rid of tiny toiletries

BY DEE-ANN DURBIN  
Associated Press

It could be lights out for tiny toiletries.

Marriott International, the world's largest hotel chain, said Wednesday that it will eliminate small plastic bottles of shampoo, conditioner and bath gel from its hotel rooms worldwide by December 2020. They'll be replaced with larger bottles or wall-mounted dispensers, depending on the hotel.

The move follows a similar announcement last month by IHG, which owns Holiday Inn, Kimpton and other brands. IHG said it will eliminate about 200 million tiny bottles each year by 2021.

Last year, Walt Disney Co. said it would replace small plastic shampoo bottles at its resorts and on its cruise ships. Many smaller companies, like the five Soneva Resorts in Thailand and the Maldives, have also ditched plastic bottles.

Marriott has more than 7,000 hotels in 131 countries under 30 brands, ranging from SpringHill Suites and Residence Inn to Sheraton and Ritz-Carlton. It says it will be eliminating about 500 million small bottles each year, or 1.7 million pounds of plastic.



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Marriott will use larger bottles or wall-mounted dispensers, depending on the hotel.

Marriott has wanted to get rid of small bottles for years, President and CEO Arne Sorenson said. There are just too many of them, he said, and they're difficult to recycle because of the time it takes to clean them out.

But it took a lot of work to

design tamper-resistant large bottles and get suppliers on board.

High-end hotels, in particular, needed to have bottles that still felt luxurious, he said.

"There were a lot of technical features to this that we had to get right," he

said.

Rival Hyatt Hotels Corp. is going through a similar process now. The company says it's been testing amenity dispensers in some rooms for the last year.

Bethesda, Maryland-based Marriott started replacing small bottles early

last year at some North American brands, including Courtyard and Fairfield hotels. About 1,000 of those now feature larger bottles or pump dispensers that are hooked to the shower wall.

Denise Naguib, Marriott's vice president of sustainability and supplier di-

versity, said Marriott got a positive response from guest surveys. Many were relieved because the larger bottles let them use as much or as little shampoo as they want.

"More and more people have a general consciousness of it," she said. "They don't want to be leaving half-empty bottles."

Naguib said most Marriott hotels will eliminate small bottles by July 1, 2020. Luxury brands will get rid of them by the end of 2020. Lower-priced brands will have dispensers or bottles that are tethered to the shower wall. Luxury brands will have untethered bottles. The bottles hold the equivalent of 10 to 12 small bottles, and all are tamper resistant.

The larger bottles will still be plastic, and Marriott still plans to replace them — not just refill them — when they run low. But Naguib said the larger bottles are easier to recycle than smaller ones.

Environmental groups applauded the moves.

"Plastic pollution is an urgent global crisis and the time is now to think reusable instead of disposable," said Dianna Cohen, co-founder and CEO of the Berkeley, California-based Plastic Pollution Coalition.

# After \$100M sale, Lord & Taylor's now owned by rental firm Le Tote

BY JOSEPH PISANI  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Lord & Taylor, one of the nation's oldest department stores, is being sold for \$100 million to a rental clothing company.

Le Tote is buying the company from Hudson's Bay Co., which gets a minority stake in Le Tote and will control two seats on its board.

Lord & Taylor, founded as a dry goods store in 1826, has struggled recently as more people shop online. It has closed several stores, including its flagship on New York's Fifth Avenue, which was shut for good earlier this year after more than a century in the 11-story building. There are currently 38 Lord & Taylor stores across the country. The chain has two locations in the Chicago area, at

Northbrook Court and Woodfield Mall.

San Francisco-based Le Tote, founded in 2012, said Wednesday that it plans to bring clothing rental to Lord & Taylor's customers. With clothing rental, popularized by Rent the Runway and other startups, customers pay a monthly fee to get clothes shipped to them, wear a few times and then ship them back. Traditional retailers, such

as Urban Outfitters and Banana Republic, are launching their own versions.

Le Tote will pay Hudson's Bay \$75 million in cash when the deal closes, which is expected to happen before the holiday season. It will also pay Hudson's Bay \$25 million in cash after two years.

Hudson's Bay, based in Canada, also owns Saks Fifth Avenue.

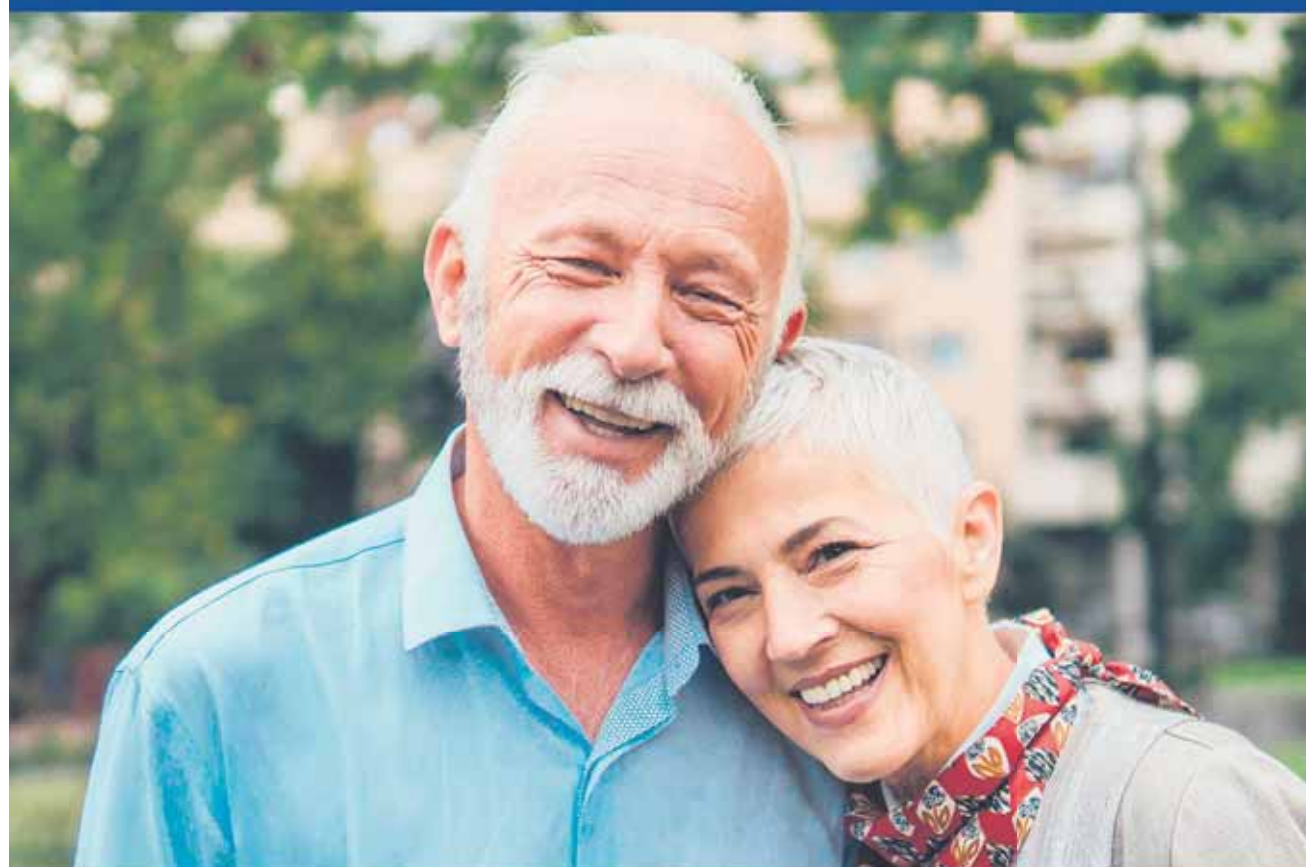


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The Lord & Taylor logo is seen June 6, 2018, next to a window display at its now-closed flagship store on Fifth Avenue in New York. Lord & Taylor, one of the nation's oldest department stores, is being sold for \$100 million.

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McDonald's workers, supporters rally in front of McDonald's headquarters in the Fulton Market district of Chicago.

## 850K McDonald's workers to receive anti-harassment training

Associated Press

McDonald's is introducing a new training program for its U.S. employees after dozens of workers complained about sexual harassment.

The Chicago-based company said Wednesday that its franchisees have committed to provide the training — a combination of online work and in-person discussions — to 850,000 employees. Beginning in October, it will educate workers about harassment and bullying, tell them how to report it, teach them ways to diffuse situations with customers or co-workers and discuss what bystanders can do.

"Together with our franchisees, we have a responsibility to take action on this issue and are committed to promoting positive change," McDonald's U.S. President

Chris Kempczinski said in a statement.

McDonald's said it could eventually offer the training globally, but will begin with its 14,000 U.S. restaurants. The company didn't say how much the training will cost or how much time it will take workers to complete it. Workers will be paid during the training.

McDonald's isn't requiring franchisees — who are independent owners — to provide the training. But the National Franchisee Leadership Alliance, which represents franchisees, helped develop the training and is calling on all owners to provide it.

"People come to work at McDonald's because they want a chance to be part of a community and grow as individuals," said Dorothy Stingley, a franchise owner and president of the McDonald's Women Op-

erators Network. "Our job as employers is to make that possible while fostering an environment where those ambitions are never compromised by concerns of safety."

Studies suggest harassment is rampant in the fast food industry.

In one 2016 survey of 1,271 U.S. female fast food workers, 40% said they faced sexual harassment on the job. Of those, 42% said they were forced to accept it because they couldn't afford to lose their job and 20% said employers retaliated in some way after they reported the harassment, including cutting their hours or giving them a less desirable schedule. The survey was conducted by the National Partnership for Women and Families, the Ms. Foundation for Women and Futures Without Violence.

McDonald's, one of the

world's largest fast food chains, has been a particular target of workers' ire. In May, the labor group Fight for \$15 filed 25 sexual harassment charges against McDonald's with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. It was the third time in three years that Fight for \$15 had filed harassment charges on behalf of McDonald's workers. In all, around 48 cases have been filed with the government and four have been filed in state courts.

McDonald's responded last fall by introducing training for its U.S. franchisees and general managers. Almost all of those employees have completed that training, the company said.

In January, McDonald's released an enhanced policy against discrimination, harassment and retaliation, and in June it began offering a free hotline for employees.

## Frustrated with event ticketing? New ventures will try to help

By JAMIE STENGLE  
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Event organizers hoping to eliminate ticket scams and huge markups in the secondary market are increasingly turning to companies that use technology to allow fans to buy and resell their tickets while putting caps on prices.

Partnering with such companies allows event organizers to take control of the resale of their tickets. Fans who can't go can return their tickets, which can be reassigned to someone who wants to go, helping ensure that venues are filled with fans.

"As in many other areas of our economy, technology is racing ahead to try and address some of the issues that we and others have identified — and any consumer who has tried to buy a ticket recently can probably attest to," said John Breyault of the National Consumers League.

The U.S. ticketing industry is sporadically regulated: Pursuit of those who violate the law by using ticket-buying software known as bots is rare, and laws capping the resale price of tickets are difficult to enforce.

"I think it's great that there's a lot of entrepreneurial activity in this space because this market is pretty broken, but I also think some government intervention would help too," said Eric Budish, a University of Chicago economics professor.

Sound Nightclub in Los Angeles decided to work with London-based mobile ticketing company Dice to make sure that fans pay the price they've set — usually \$15 to \$30 for musical acts — and don't end up with fake tickets.

"We make a really, really concerted effort to keep our ticket prices as low as we possibly can to make sure that people have a good fan experience," said Megan Gaver, director of operations at Sound Nightclub.

Tickets to events are

bought on the Dice app, then delivered and linked to the buyer's cellphone. If an event sells out, a waitlist starts. Ticket holders who can't make it can return tickets for a full refund. The app also lets someone send their ticket to a friend.

"We just cut off the scalpers' supply completely," said Shanna Jade, head of music for North America for Dice.

The secondary market, though, does give those buying and selling tickets options: Sellers can pick the asking prices, and buyers may be able to find tickets at below face value.

Aimee Campbell, a spokeswoman for StubHub, the world's largest ticket marketplace, said that on average, about half of their tickets sell for face value or below. She also said the notion of face value is "becoming fairly obsolete" as some primary ticket sellers have started adjusting ticket prices based on demand.

"We do believe that an open market — where the market sort of figures itself out — is going to ultimately be better," Campbell said, adding that her company offers guarantees.

With the San Francisco-based online ticket exchange Lyte, those returning tickets to sold-out shows are offered a price — usually a full refund though sometimes a bit more or a bit less, depending on how oversold they are, said CEO and founder Ant Taylor. Tickets are resold at a price lower than they're going for on the secondary market, he said.

"What actually ends up happening is the scalpers who are sitting in the secondary market are having a much harder time finding buyers and making money," Taylor said. "And so it has the effect of actually driving those crazy secondary market prices down."

Those working with Lyte have included Mumford & Sons, the Newport Folk Festival and the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival.

## First Midwest buying Milwaukee bank

By KIM QUILLEN

First Midwest Bancorp has agreed to acquire the parent of Park Bank of Milwaukee for \$195 million in cash and stock.

Park Bank, owned by Bankmanagers Corp., is an independent commercial bank that operates three branches and has total assets of \$1 billion. The trans-

action, which is subject to regulatory and shareholder approval, is expected to close in January 2020.

David Werner, president and CEO of Park Bank, will lead the Milwaukee and southeast Wisconsin market for First Midwest.

"Park Bank is a trusted financial institution with established and experienced bankers who under-

stand the Milwaukee market and the business and personal needs of their customers," First Midwest Chairman and CEO Michael Scudder said in a news release. "We look forward to building on this trust and to providing award-winning service to Park's customers as we further expand into the attractive Milwaukee market."

First Midwest, with assets of \$17.5 billion, said it has taken several steps this year to expand its presence in Milwaukee. In January, First Midwest acquired Northern Oak Wealth Management, a registered investment adviser. In March, it opened a loan production office to service commercial real estate and commercial customers.

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ment and the U.S. Army.

■ Amazon employees also have urged the company to transition to renewable energy and confronted CEO Jeff Bezos at a shareholder meeting.

■ Following last year's walkouts over Google's handling of sexual misconduct cases, employees signed a letter protesting Project Dragonfly, a search engine that would comply with Chinese censorship.

■ Staff at Salesforce, Microsoft and Google have protested their companies' ties to Customs and Border Protection, ICE and the military.

Despite six-figure salaries and unlimited vacation time, many tech workers are questioning the effects of their work and joining forces with their more precarious blue-collar, service and contract-worker counterparts, pressing for better work conditions and pay.

"It's unprecedented, both the magnitude of the power of these companies and the willingness of white-collar employees to shake themselves of the privilege that they have and to really see the impact of the work they're doing," said Veena Dubal, a professor at the University of California Hastings College of the Law who has interviewed dozens of tech workers involved in organizing.

They're feeling emboldened because of national and global "existential crises" and the realization that tech companies "have more power than any multinational corporation has had

in a long time," Dubal said.

The phenomenon is particularly strong in the San Francisco Bay Area, home to Salesforce, Google and Palantir, among others. The bastion of activism and progressive culture has been hit hard by the tech boom's housing affordability crisis.

"There's a lot of power (that) people are being asked to build for the shareholders of these companies and the management of these companies," said Ian Busher, 28, a former contract analyst for Google and an organizer with the Bay Area chapter of Democratic Socialists of America. "If you want to make the world a better place, you should exercise judgment and democracy with the people you're working with to build these tools."

Facebook and Palantir did not respond to requests for comment.

An Amazon spokesperson declined to comment on employee activism but noted the Seattle-based company is committed to sustainability and said it provides good pay and benefits and humane conditions at its warehouses.

A Microsoft spokesperson said the company, headquartered in the Seattle area, appreciates employee feedback, respects differing views and provides "many avenues for all voices to be heard."

A Google spokesperson did not comment on specific incidents but emphasized that retaliation is prohibited and pointed to CEO Sundar Pichai's previous statements on worker dissent.

"There are many things good about giving employees a lot of voice," he said at a November conference.

"There are decisions we make which they may not agree with."

Congress has begun to scrutinize the industry in recent years, and the Justice Department last month launched an investigation into big tech companies amid antitrust allegations. A recent Pew Research Center survey indicated Americans have an increasingly negative view of tech's effect on the country.

"As an employee in the tech sector right now, there is a fair bit of guilt or (asking), 'What is my responsibility?'" said Kellie McElhaney, a professor at the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley.

There's evidence companies are listening.

Google and Facebook pledged to pay contract workers better and provide some benefits. Google ended forced arbitration for sexual misconduct cases after its employees walked out.

Following employee outcry, Google declined to renew its contract with the Pentagon for work on Project Maven.

When employees asked Microsoft to cancel its contract with ICE, CEO Satya Nadella clarified that the company was not contributing to family separations at the border but supporting email, calendar and document systems.

A Salesforce spokesperson said conversations with employees led the company to create the Office of Ethical and Humane Use of Technology and "hire a chief ethical and humane use officer to develop guidelines and evaluate situations around the ethical use and development of our technology."

## Purdue

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apart communities. The first federal trial over the devastating toll is scheduled to start in Cleveland in two months.

Purdue has been cast by attorneys and addiction experts as a chief villain in the crisis. While its painkillers represent a very small piece of the opioid market, the lawsuits accuse it of playing a central role in creating demand for the drugs by downplaying OxyContin's addiction risks

and pushing doctors hard to prescribe it.

New York Attorney General Letitia James said in a statement that the Sackler family "started a national fire" and has "made billions profiting from death and destruction."

The Sacklers were ranked America's 19th-richest family by Forbes magazine in 2016, with a net worth estimated at \$13 billion.

In March, Purdue and the Sackler family reached a \$270 million settlement with Oklahoma over the opioid scourge.

On Monday, an Oklahoma judge found Johnson

& Johnson responsible for fueling the state's opioid crisis and ordered the maker of Band-Aids to pay \$572 million to help clean up the problem.

Members of the Sackler family are major philanthropists who have given money to cultural institutions around the world, including the Smithsonian Institution, New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art and London's Tate Modern. But in recent months, institutions have come under pressure to sever ties to the Sacklers and take the family name off their walls.

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| Institution    | Int Chking Money | 3 mo | 6 mo  | 12 mo | 18 mo | 24 mo | 36 mo | 60 mo | Phone / Website                       |
|----------------|------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------------------------------|
|                |                  |      |       |       |       |       |       |       |                                       |
| Synchrony Bank | NA               | 1.20 | 0.75  | 1.00  | 2.40  | 2.50  | 2.55  | 2.60  | 800-869-3813<br>www.synchronybank.com |
|                | NA               | 0    | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |                                       |

### Savings Update

#### How to open, hold & cash out a CD

If you've never put money in a certificate of deposit before, you might wonder how much more involved it is than a savings account. The answer is that it's easier in some ways, while a bit more hands-on in others.

The initial opening is not complicated. You'll be asked to submit the same kind of information as you would for any other bank account. However, you'll want to be a bit more vigilant before signing on the dotted line for a CD.

For one, be sure to carefully consider how much to deposit. Since you'll incur a penalty for cashing out early, only invest a sum you feel confident you can keep on deposit for the CD's full term.

Second, be sure to check the institution's policy for early withdrawals, in case a change in situation requires you to access your money prematurely. Although paying a penalty isn't ideal, it's an acceptable risk if you avoid institutions with particularly onerous penalties.

Once opened, managing the CD through its term is very hands-off. You'll receive regular statements, possibly just quarterly, documenting how much interest your certificate has earned that period. But no action will be required from you.

As the CD approaches maturity, however, you'll want to watch for notification on how to instruct the bank on what to do with your funds at the term's end. Though you'll be offered to roll the funds into a new CD (and if you do not specify otherwise, this is usually the default), you're almost always better off reclaiming your funds, whether it's to shop around for the current best rate or to use the money another way.

Although CDs take a little more thought and planning up front, and careful management when they mature, the time in between is a low-maintenance affair.

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# Ring up some crushing debt

Banking by phone makes borrowing easier and harder

By DAVID MALINGHA  
Bloomberg News

With no bank account to his name, J. Barasa still found a lender to finance his passion for gambling on soccer. All it took was a few clicks on his phone and his willingness to pay annual interest of more than 150 percent.

The 32-year-old Nairobi taxi driver represents the new frontier in the market for mobile money, the universe where banking is done over the phone. Its proliferation is making it easier than ever to borrow, marrying convenience to need and creating a level of stress that only crushing debt can produce.

In Kenya, Africa's financial-technology pioneer, there are now more people keeping money on their phones than in banks. Almost one-fifth of mobile-banking borrowers there defaulted last year — like Barasa, who has failed to pay three separate loans. He's hoping friends and family will help to repay the 22,000 shillings or about \$213.

"Mobile loans are easy to get and addictive," said Barasa, who asked that his given name not be published. "I need a fresh start but can't see it."

Micro-lending was once a good news story. Muhammad Yunus won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006 — a year before the introduction of the iPhone — for pioneering the concept in Bangladesh: loans of as little as \$10 to mostly women entrepreneurs too poor to tap banks. Along the way, Kenya established a goal of providing universal access to financial services, a promise made easier amid the smartphone revolution.

Sub-Saharan Africa has



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Over 22 million people use the payments platform M-Pesa to transfer funds and make purchases.

proved the most fertile ground for microlending through mobile devices. In 2018, there were 395.7 million mobile-money accounts in the region, or almost half of the world total; the \$26.8 billion handled represents two-thirds of the total transactions, according to GSMA, which represents 750 mobile operators around the world.

Asia is the closest competitor, with such transactions equivalent to about 7 percent of its economy compared with about 10 percent in sub-Saharan Africa, according to World Bank data. In the rest of the world, it's less than 2 percent.

In Kenya, with more than 50 mobile lenders offering loans ranging from \$10 to \$400, officials are trying to get their arms around a business that took

off after a 2016 law capping interest rates to reduce borrowing costs. Banks instead invested more in government debt and tightened their standards, sending small unsecured borrowers to mobile lenders.

Mobile-money operators "shouldn't be lending out money in the order of magnitude that it's out of control," said Christophe Meunier, a senior partner at Delta Partners Group, an advisory firm for technology and media companies. "They should have an incentive to control lending through the platform."

By far, the dominant force is M-Pesa, the payments platform of Vodafone Group PLC's Safaricom unit. Begun more than a decade ago, M-Pesa became a revolutionary service now used by more than 22 million for transferring

money and buying everything from groceries to shopping on the Alibaba e-commerce site. An overdraft facility, called Fuliza, recorded transactions of 29 billion shillings in three months after its introduction in November.

M for mobile and Pesa for money in Swahili, M-Pesa provides a digital wallet on Safaricom phones. The services "have opened up access for millions of Kenyans over the last five years," a Safaricom spokesman said, adding almost half of bank accounts are mobile based. The option to deposit and borrow can be activated within the M-Pesa wallet, sending you to M-Shwari, a mobile-banking venture between Commercial Bank of Africa and Safaricom. KCB Group PLC, Kenya's biggest lender, also joined Safaricom to

start a second lending service in the M-Pesa wallet. Spokesmen at CBA and KCB didn't immediately respond to an email request for comment.

M-Shwari charges 7.5 percent of the amount borrowed per month. That compares with annual commercial bank lending rates of about 13.2 percent. Defaulters have their savings frozen and are reported to the credit reference bureau.

There are also finance companies like Alphabet Inc.-backed Tala, which raises money from investors. Tala, whose biggest market is Kenya, has disbursed \$750 million in loans of between \$10 and \$300 in the last five years, says its East Africa growth manager, Ivan Mbowia. Its customers borrow from 21 to 30 days and are charged

as much as 15 percent — a rate that reflects nontraditional credit checks, such as information mined on social media and dining and shopping patterns.

The expansion in consumer debt has an inevitable dark side. While total lending by banks grew 5 percent to 2.5 trillion shillings in the year ending June 2018, nonperforming loans climbed 27 percent to 298 billion shillings, according to the central bank. Two-thirds of Kenyan borrowers are in debt stress — those caught in a debt spiral or those who have to sell an asset or reduce food spending to repay loans — according to FSD Kenya, a Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation-backed financial-inclusion advocate.

"My worry in Kenya is that the borrowing middle classes may also find themselves in a cycle of escalating debt," says Amrik Heyer, head of research at FSD. For the vulnerable, including young or poor people, "who may borrow to survive, digital credit is in danger of destroying the very market that feeds it."

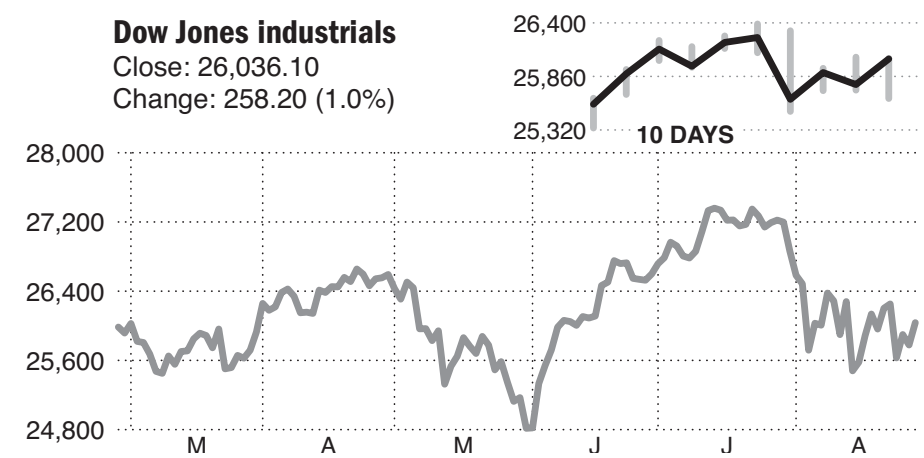
It's not as bad as it looks, says Tala's Mbowia. "Our charges should be looked at as total cost of borrowing, and not annualized," he said in an interview from his office in Nairobi. Some Tala loans are repaid within days.

Authorities are most concerned about unregulated finance companies, giving them more leeway both in pricing and collection practices. Some lenders aggressively dun debtors, calling their friends and relatives to compel them to pay.

They are loan sharks on "steroids," central bank Governor Patrick Njoroge said in May when he started being vocal on the necessity to supervise digital microlenders. "There has to be proper regulation."

## MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 26,041.57 Low: 25,637.43 Previous: 25,777.90



|   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <b>Nasdaq</b><br>Close: 7,856.88<br>High: 7,866.87<br>Low: 7,766.67<br>Previous: 7,826.94 | <b>S&amp;P 500</b><br>Close: 2,887.94<br>High: 2,890.03<br>Low: 2,853.05<br>Previous: 2,869.16 | <b>Russell 2000</b><br>Close: 1,472.71<br>High: 1,478.03<br>Low: 1,450.32<br>Previous: 1,456.04 |
|---|--|---|

|                                       |  |                                   |                                     |                                      |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>10-yr T-note</b><br>-0.02 to 1.47% | <b>Gold futures</b><br>-3.20 to \$1,537.80 | <b>Yen</b><br>+0.25 to 106.03/\$1 | <b>Euro</b><br>+0.0011 to 90.26/\$1 | <b>Crude Oil</b><br>+0.85 to \$55.78 |
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### Major market growth and decline

| 5-day % change |            |           | 30-day % change |            |           | 1-year % change |            |           |
|----------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| DOW -0.64      | NASD -2.04 | S&P -1.25 | DOW -3.08       | NASD -3.90 | S&P -3.10 | DOW -0.34       | NASD -3.12 | S&P -0.90 |

| COMMODITY                  | AMOUNT-PRICE                       | MO.    | OPEN   | HIGH   | LOW    | SETTLE | CHG.   |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| WHEAT (CBOT)               | 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel | Sep 19 | 473.75 | 475    | 465.75 | 472.25 | -1.50  |
| CORN (CBOT)                | 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel | Sep 19 | 357.25 | 365.50 | 355.25 | 362.75 | +5.75  |
| SOYBEANS (CBOT)            | 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel | Sep 19 | 846.25 | 854.75 | 839.50 | 852.75 | +6.50  |
| SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)         | 60,000 lbs- cents per lb           | Sep 19 | 28.04  | 28.17  | 27.90  | 28.11  | +0.10  |
| SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)        | 100 tons- dollars per ton          | Sep 19 | 291.50 | 294.70 | 288.90 | 294.00 | +2.50  |
| LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)   | 1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.       | Oct 19 | 55.71  | 56.75  | 55.34  | 55.78  | +0.85  |
| NATURAL GAS (NYMX)         | 10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu     | Sep 19 | 2.201  | 2.277  | 2.195  | 2.232  | +0.30  |
| NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX) | 42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon | Sep 19 | 1.6626 | 1.6963 | 1.6546 | 1.6824 | +0.025 |

### LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

| STOCK         | XCHG. | CLOSE  | CHG.  | STOCK                 | XCHG. | CLOSE  | CHG.  |
|---------------|-------|--------|-------|-----------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| Abbott Labs   | N     | 84.22  | +0.57 | Equity Commonwealth   | N     | 33.49  | +0.07 |
| AbbVie Inc    | N     | 66.07  | +0.40 | Equity LifeStyle Prop | N     | 134.75 | -0.14 |
| Allstate Corp | N     | 102.41 | -0.22 | Equity Residential    | N     | 83.63  | -0.15 |

### MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

| STOCK           | CLOSE | CHG.  |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
| Gen Electric    | 7.94  | +0.01 |
| Bank of America | 26.85 | +0.38 |
| Ford Motor      | 9.00  | +0.24 |

### LARGEST COMPANIES

| STOCK              | CLOSE   | CHG.  |
|--------------------|---------|-------|
| AT&T Inc           | 34.96   | +0.24 |
| Alibaba Group Hldg | 167.48  | +1.28 |
| Alphabet Inc C     | 1171.02 | +3.18 |

### LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

| FUND                       | NAV    | CHG   | 1-YR %RTN |
|----------------------------|--------|-------|-----------|
| American Funds AMCPA m     | 31.20  | +1.11 | +2.3      |
| American Funds AMBA m      | 27.25  | +1.12 | +3.5      |
| American Funds CptWldGrncA | m47.20 | +1.14 | +1.8      |

### NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

| STOCK             | CLOSE | CHG.  |
|-------------------|-------|-------|
| Adv Micro Dev     | 30.78 | +0.58 |
| Naked Brand Group | .05   | -0.00 |
| Intec Pharma Ltd  | .68   | +0.16 |

### TREASURY YIELDS

| DURATION     | CLOSE | PREV. |
|--------------|-------|-------|
| 3-month disc | 1.95  | 1.93  |
| 6-month disc | 1.84  | 1.82  |
| 2-year       | 1.49  | 1.52  |

### SPOT METALS

|          | CLOSE     | PREV.     |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Gold     | \$1537.80 | \$1541.00 |
| Silver   | \$18.304  | \$18.139  |
| Platinum | \$908.90  | \$868.20  |

### 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

| A U.S. Dollar buys... |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Argentina (Peso)      | 57.9475 |
| Australia (Dollar)    | 1.4844  |
| Brazil (Real)         | 4.1599  |
| Britain (Pound)       | .8184   |
| Canada (Dollar)       | 1.3308  |
| China (Yuan)          | 7.1654  |
| Euro                  | .9026   |
| India (Rupee)         | 71.811  |
| Israel (Shekel)       | 3.5317  |
| Japan (Yen)           | 106.03  |
| Mexico (Peso)         | 20.0864 |
| Nikkei                | 3.96    |
| Poland (Zloty)        | 1213.66 |
| So. Korea (Won)       | 31.41   |
| Taiwan (Dollar)       | 30.63   |
| Thailand (Baht)       | 30.63   |

### FOREIGN MARKETS

| INDEX     | CLOSE    | CHG./%      |
|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Shanghai  | 2893.76  | -8.4/-0.3   |
| Stoxx600  | 372.86   | -8/-2       |
| Nikkei    | 20479.42 | +23.3/+0.1  |
| MSCI-EAFE | 1825.71  | +9.4/+0.5   |
| Bovespa   | 98193.60 | +917.4/+0.9 |
| FTSE 100  | 7114.71  | +25.1/+0.4  |
| CAC-40    | 5368.80  | -18.3/-0.3  |

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## OBITUARIES

RICHARD SAUL 1936-2019

# Chicago physician took controversial stance on ADHD

BY GRAYDON MEGAN

Dr. Richard Saul was a pediatrician and neurologist who took a controversial stand on the common problem referred to as ADHD — attention deficit hyperactivity disorder — in his 2014 book, “ADHD Does Not Exist: The Truth about Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder.”

Saul understood that his stand would be provocative, but his intent was not to deny the existence of symptoms or the problems children and some adults face — he described 20 in the book — but rather to put the focus on identifying and treating those with the symptoms, and not just lumping them under a black cloud called ADHD.

“With over fifty years of experience,” Saul said in his book, “I’ve concluded that the only way to make long-term progress in eliminating a patient’s ADHD-related symptoms, is to find the cause of these symptoms.”

Saul, 83, died of a heart attack Aug. 14 in his home in downtown Chicago, according to his son Jason.

He was born in Boston but grew up in the Washington, D.C., area. In 1957, he received a bachelor’s degree from Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, Pennsylvania, then went on to get his medical degree in 1961 from the Chicago Medical School, now part of Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in North Chicago.

He served stateside in the Army Medical Corps from 1964 to 1966 before returning to practice in Chicago. He came to Chicago after his first wife died of leukemia, his son said.

“He wanted to start a new life here and came to Chicago and got a job with a pediatric practice,” Jason Saul said, adding that his father loved children and loved helping them.

In his pediatric work, he encountered a number of children with what the



FAMILY PHOTO

Dr. Richard Saul.

younger Saul called “these complicated problems.”

That included two of the doctor’s own children, one so disruptive a teacher put him in a large cardboard box in the classroom and one who made regular trips to the principal’s office, often for firing spitballs.

Saul was part of Associated Pediatrics in Northbrook for many years, but also had a private practice in another office. There he worked on issues of child development, using medicines, psychological services and even brain mapping with a machine he developed.

Susan Tobin, her husband, James, and their son Jack spent time with Saul in both offices in the late 1990s. At 2 1/2 years old, Jack wasn’t yet talking.

“Jack had a speech development delay,” his mother said, adding that he was not diagnosed with ADHD.

After spending time with the family, Saul prescribed what Tobin called an innovative medicine. She doesn’t recall the name, but remembers the effect on her son.

“After about five days on the medicine, he started talking,” she said. “Realistically, it changed the course of my son’s life.”

He was able to catch up with his peers, took some Advanced Placement courses in high school, went to college on an academic scholarship and is now an accomplished adult.

While her daughters are

in their 40s now, Renee Kruss was a young mother when she first met Saul and still has fond memories of taking them to him.

“He had a nice gentle manner, he was very funny and he knew how to put neurotic parents at ease,” Kruss said.

In addition to his practice, Saul also taught pediatrics at Chicago Medical School and at Northwestern University. While he continued to consult, he retired around 2016, his son said.

Saul’s take on ADHD drew some strong reactions and critical comments at the time and since. Dr. Angela Mahome, a Chicago-area psychiatrist in private practice, is among those who rejected Saul’s title and his conclusions.

“I disagree with what he wrote,” said Mahome, board-certified as both a child psychiatrist and general psychiatrist. “While Dr. Saul highlighted a number of conditions that can mimic ADHD in his book, he certainly did not prove his claim that ADHD does not exist.”

“The title of his book was provocative and likely led to more sales,” she added. “However, Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is a psychiatric disorder that exists and is recognized by experts in various fields of medicine.”

Jason Saul said his father’s aim was to shift the focus to helping children by identifying and treating symptoms and away from simply assigning the label ADHD to a range of problems.

“You put them on Ritalin or you punish them,” Jason Saul said of some approaches, “because they don’t fit the mold.”

Saul is survived by his wife of 53 years, Yolanda; another son, Eric; a sister, Barbara Etes; and eight grandchildren.

His son Brad died in 2015. Services were held.

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### ON AUGUST 29 ...

**In 1533**, the last Incan king of Peru, Atahualpa, was murdered on orders of Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro.

**In 1632**, philosopher John Locke was born in Somerset, England.

**In 1877**, the second president of the Mormon Church, Brigham Young, died in Salt Lake City.

**In 1943**, responding to a clampdown by Nazi occupiers, Denmark managed to scuttle most of its naval ships.

**In 1944**, 15,000 U.S. troops marched down the Champs-Élysées in Paris as the French capital continued to celebrate its liberation from the Nazis.

**In 1957**, South Carolina Sen. Strom Thurmond (then a Democrat) ended a filibuster against a civil rights bill after talking for more than 24 hours.

**In 1958**, pop superstar Michael Jackson was born in Gary, Indiana.

**In 1965**, Gemini 5, carrying astronauts Gordon Cooper and Charles (“Pete”) Conrad, splashed down in the Atlantic after eight days in space.

**In 1966**, the Beatles concluded their fourth American tour with their last public concert, at Candlestick Park in San Francisco.

**In 1967**, the series finale of “The Fugitive,” starring David Janssen as a doctor on the run after being wrongly convicted of murdering his wife, aired on ABC, drawing an estimated 78 million viewers.

**In 1994**, Bosnian Serb officials announced the results of a weekend referendum in which Bosnian Serbs overwhelmingly rejected what was billed as a last-chance peace plan.

**In 1995**, at the O.J. Simpson murder trial in Los Angeles, without the jury present, tape recordings of police detective Mark Fuhrman were played in which Fuhrman could be heard spouting racial invectives.

**In 1996**, the Democratic

National Convention in Chicago nominated Al Gore for a second term as vice president. Earlier in the day, President Bill Clinton’s chief political strategist, Dick Morris, resigned amid a scandal over his relationship with a prostitute.

**In 2000**, President Bill Clinton ended a four-day trip to Africa with a brief visit to Cairo, where he sought the help of President Hosni Mubarak in pursuing a peace deal between Israel and the Palestinians.

**In 2003**, a bombing at the Imam Ali Shrine in Najaf, Iraq, killed at least 85 people, including Shiite leader Ayatollah Mohammed Baqir al-Hakim.

**In 2004**, protesters filling 20 city blocks peacefully swarmed Manhattan’s streets on the eve of the Republican National Convention to demand that President George W. Bush be turned out of office.

**In 2005**, Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast near Buras, La.; the resulting floods devastated the city of New Orleans. The storm killed more than 1,800 people.

**In 2008**, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin became only the second female vice presidential nominee on a major party ticket when she was chosen as GOP Sen. John McCain’s running mate.

**In 2016**, John Bills, an insider convicted in one of the most brazen City Hall corruption cases in Chicago’s storied history of graft, was sentenced to 10 years in prison for masterminding a massive bribery scheme in exchange for growing the city’s controversial network of red light cameras.

### WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

| ILLINOIS                      |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Aug. 28                       |                   |
| Powerball jackpot: \$60M      |                   |
| Lotto jackpot: \$2.75M        |                   |
| Pick 3 midday                 | 307 / 7           |
| Pick 4 midday                 | 1967 / 3          |
| Lucky Day Lotto midday        | 11 17 21 27 45    |
| Pick 3 evening                | 794 / 8           |
| Pick 4 evening                | 0866 / 5          |
| Lucky Day Lotto evening       | 05 07 34 36 38    |
| Aug. 30 Mega Millions: \$113M |                   |
| WISCONSIN                     |                   |
| Aug. 28                       |                   |
| Megabucks                     | 04 11 24 25 27 41 |
| Pick 3                        | 743               |
| Pick 4                        | 0406              |
| Badger 5                      | 02 03 05 13 31    |
| SuperCash                     | 05 18 19 24 34 37 |

| INDIANA         |                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Aug. 28         |                         |
| Lotto           | 03 17 32 40 43 44       |
| Daily 3 midday  | 290 / 0                 |
| Daily 4 midday  | 4354 / 0                |
| Daily 3 evening | 986 / 6                 |
| Daily 4 evening | 3290 / 6                |
| Cash 5          | 02 05 32 35 41          |
| MICHIGAN        |                         |
| Aug. 28         |                         |
| Lotto           | 14 17 24 26 29 43       |
| Daily 3 midday  | 564                     |
| Daily 4 midday  | 7576                    |
| Daily 3 evening | 020                     |
| Daily 4 evening | 4501                    |
| Fantasy 5       | 09 14 17 23 27          |
| Keno            | 02 06 18 22 24          |
|                 | 25 28 30 31 33 40 46 54 |
|                 | 56 57 58 61 62 69 74 78 |

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### Death Notices

#### Andry, Norbert F.

Norbert F. Andry, beloved husband of Susan R. Andry (nee Blough) went to be with his Lord and Saviour on Wednesday, August 21, 2019. Born in Chicago to Frank and Frances Andry, on November 10, 1936, he was united in marriage to Susan on November 11, 1961 in Chicago, IL. They were blessed with 57 years together as husband and wife. Norb was a devoted husband to Susan and together they raised four children in Bensenville, IL. He worked as a quality control engineer at Motorola Corporation for 38 years, retiring in 1999. While raising their children, Norb and Sue took an active role in all of their children’s lives. Norb was a mentor and a coach for football, baseball, and softball not only for his children, but for many others in the Bensenville community. Norb also served as Vice President of the Bensenville Boys Athletic Association (BBAA) while his children were active participants in youth programs. Norb and Sue were blessed with eleven grandchildren. His love for his grandchildren was evident as he always looked forward to their visits and spending time with them. In retirement, Norb enjoyed spending time reading—particularly, outside on the swing in their back yard. He also enjoyed golf, traveling with his wife, and watching his grandchildren’s various activities. On July 27, 2001, Norb recorded a hole-in-one at Salt Creek Golf Course using a 4 iron on the par-three hole 5. He was an avid White Sox fan, attending a final series game with his son Jim the year the Sox won the World Series in 2005. Norb was a servant of the Lord, giving his time and talents in many ways to Faith Community UCC in Bensenville. Norb will be deeply missed by his loving wife Susan; children Steven D. (Linda) Andry of Eldridge, IA, Christine M. (Patrick) Venturini of Elgin, IL, Karen L. (David) Korn, of Marietta, GA, and James C. (Tina) Andry of Plainfield, IL; and grandchildren Ben Andry (Minneapolis, MN), Emily Andry (Des Moines, IA), Bryce Andry (Sioux Center, IA), Bailey Andry (Eldridge, IA), Nicole, Brianna and Markie Venturini (Elgin, IL), Rachel Korn (Charlotte, NC), Sophie Korn (Tallahassee, FL), Madison and Kyle Andry (Chicago, IL). In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Donald Andry. Visitation will be held Friday, August 30, from 4 PM to 9 PM at **Geils Funeral Home**, 180 South York Road, Bensenville. Funeral Services will be Saturday, August 31, 2019 starting at 10 AM at Faith Community UCC, 192 South Center Street, Bensenville, IL. Memorials can be made to Faith Community UCC, Bensenville Boys and Girls Athletic Association, or the Bensenville Public Library. The family would like to extend their gratitude to the staff at Alexian Brothers Hospital, Elmhurst Memorial Hospital, Bridgeway Nursing Home, and his caregiver, Maria, as they provided excellent care for Norb over the past six months.

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#### Conglis, Lola

Lola Conglis, nee Doudalis. Beloved wife of the late George C.; loving mother of Chris (Sophia); proud grandmother of Alexander and Stephanie; dear sister of Helen (Peter) Vourganas and the late Tina (late James) Zoumboulis. Everyone is asked to meet on Friday, August 30, 2019 from 10:30 a.m. until time of service at 11:00 a.m. at St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church, 133 S. Roselle Rd., Palatine. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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#### Cronin, Mille

Devoted wife of the late Ted; Loving mother of Kevin Jr., Maura, the late Sean, and Lisa; Proud Nana of 11 and Great-nana of two; Cherished sister of Tom (late Dee) Stanek; Dear aunt, sister-in-law, and friend to many; Mille Cronin made the world a better place for having been here, and all of us better people for having known her; Any room she entered became a better place as a result of her presence; Mille lived life to the fullest, making the most of every moment, and inspiring us, and everyone else around her, and she will be dearly missed; Visitation Saturday 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 12:00 noon at St. Linus Church, 10300 Lawler Ave, Oak Lawn, IL; Entombment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; In lieu of flowers, donations to, either Catholic Charities, [www.catholiccharities.net](http://www.catholiccharities.net) or Lewy Body Dementia Association, [www.lbda.org](http://www.lbda.org) would be appreciated; Arrangements entrusted to **Curley Funeral Home**; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or [www.curleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.curleyfuneralhome.com)

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#### Duggan, Grace E.

(nee Cloonan) Beloved wife of the late Thomas J. Duggan. Loving mother of Ellen Dybala, Thomas W. (Linda) Duggan, James (Madonna) Duggan, Eileen (Steve) Klinkert, and William (Gayle) Duggan. Dear grandmother of Beth, Claire (Gary), Julie (Russell), James (Stephanie), Jeanine (Thomas), Patrick (Carolyn), Matthew, Sean (Samantha), Elyse (David) and Thomas. Cherished great-grandmother of Megan, James Patrick, Sarah, Sydney, Connor, Logan, Lucas, Alex, Andrew, Christian, and Tommy. Fond sister of the late William and late Raymond Cloonan. Visitation Saturday 9:00 a.m. until time of Mass of the Resurrection 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of the Woods Church, 10731 W. 131st Street, Orland Park, IL. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL. Arrangements entrusted to **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Homes**. [www.sheehyfh.com](http://www.sheehyfh.com) 708-857-7878

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#### Elford, Charlotte Bauer

Charlotte Bauer Elford, nee Oberman, almost 90, beloved wife of the late Jerry Bauer and the late Jerry Elford; loving mother of Lori (Allen) Dub and the late Jamie Bauer; adored Nana of Jared and Alex Dub; devoted daughter of the late Charlie and the late Minnie Oberman; cherished sister of the late Beverly (late Sidney) Bolon and the late Seymour (late Florence) Oberman; dear sister-in-law of Howard (Roberta) Elford, the late Muriel (late Joe) Sachsel and the late Burton (Marilyn) Bauer; treasured aunt, cousin, and friend to many. Graveside Service Friday, 1:00 p.m. at Shalom Memorial Park, Rand & Wilke Roads, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, contributions to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research, [www.michaeljfox.org](http://www.michaeljfox.org) Info: **The Goldman Funeral Group**, [www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com](http://www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com) (847) 478-1600.

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#### Emmenegger, Robert J. ‘Bob’

Robert ‘Bob’ J. Emmenegger, age 59, of LaGrange; loving son of Barbara and the late Edward J. Emmenegger; dear brother of Edward (Rita), Susan (the late ‘Yogi’) Biskup, John (Nina), Edith, Joseph, Mary (Scott) Schoeller; also survived by many nieces, nephews, & friends. A Celebration of Life will be held by the family at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, Countryside. Info: (708) 352-6500 or [hjfurnerals.com](http://hjfurnerals.com)

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#### Eubeler, Barbara Patricia

Barbara Patricia Eubeler, age 81; beloved wife of the late Fred Eubeler; loving mother of Kimberly (James) Robinson and Timothy (Maureen) Eubeler; cherished grandmother of Meghan and Daniel Eubeler, James and Tyler (Morgan) Robinson; dear sister of Michael (Kristine) Shields; fond aunt of Kaitelin (Ryan Johnson) Shields-Johnson and Patrick (Megan) Shields and great-aunt of Jacob Johnson and Lily Shields; dearest partner of Jerry Kelley. Barbara was a 40-year dedicated employee of the Rush University Alzheimer’s Disease Center. Visitation Friday, August 30th, 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Sullivan Funeral Home, 60 South Grant Street, Hinsdale, IL 60521. Funeral Services, Saturday, August 31st, Family and Friends will meet for a 10:00 AM Memorial Mass at St. Isaac Jogues Church, 306 W. Fourth Street, Hinsdale, IL 60521. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Rush University Medical Center for the Rush Alzheimer’s Disease Center. Please send memorial gifts to Rush University Medical Center, 1201 West Harrison St., Suite 300, Chicago, Illinois 60607 or visit <http://rush.convio.net/beubeler>. Funeral Information: 630-323-0275 or [www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com](http://www.sullivanfuneralhomehinsdale.com)

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#### Gorman, Robert M.

Bob “Robert M or Dad” Gorman, 61, passed away peacefully at home August 26, 2019 surrounded by his family after courageously and valiantly fighting an epic battle with glioblastoma for 34 months. He was the loving husband of and gentle sweet soul mate to Maureen nee Beacom, his beloved wife of 24 years; loving and caring father and “Mr. Mom” to Tess, Seamus and Pearse; cherished eldest brother of Larry (Susan), Terese (Greg) Black, Christine, Maura and Jack; fond brother-in-law to Dan, Owen (Ginny), Ray (Dalal), Suzanne (Rich) Neyenesch, Mike (Joan), Judy, Jim, Ryan (Jean), and the late Dave Beacom; dear nephew of Thomas Gorman, Alice (Ron) French, Sandra (Bob Beiter) Gorman, Pat (Bob) Solari and Joan Gehrke; dearly loved uncle of Kyle (Courtney), Cassie (Chase), Alex, Kathleen, Franny (Juan), Monica, Magdalen, Jacob, Jacqueline, Julian, Dave, Nicole, Mary Helen, Mike, David, Grace, Raymond, Anton, Caitlin, Bridget, Dylan, Declan, Paxton and Zane; special cousin of the Burggrafs and many others; devoted son of the late John and Mary (nee Strauch) Gorman and son-in-law of the late Ray and Judy (nee Ryan) Beacom; dedicated confidante of too many friends, animals especially his faithful dog Louis “Toulouse”, insects, plants and trees to list. Visitation 1 to 8 p.m. Friday August 30 at Drechsler Brown & Williams Funeral Home, 203 S Marion St, Oak Park. Friends and family will meet at St. Vincent Ferrer Church 1530 Jackson Av., River Forest on Saturday for mass at 11a.m. Private interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Info (708) 383-3191 or [drechslerbrownwilliams.com](http://drechslerbrownwilliams.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) Maseler, 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](http://adoptaseniorpet.com), would be appreciated.

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#### Heinz, George ‘Al’

George “Al” Heinz, 87, August 28, 2019, C.F.D., retired, lifetime resident of the Southwest side of Chicago-Clearing neighborhood, dearly beloved husband of 63 years to Donna Thomas Heinz; devoted father of David Heinz, Richard (Mary Jo) Heinz, and Kurt (Andrea) Heinz; loving grandfather of Jennifer (Arthur) Mrumliński, Nicole, Eric (Michelle), Daniel, Sarah, Scott and Rachel; fond great grandfather of Abigail and Arthur, Cameron, Sydney and Mason; preceded in death by his parents, George and Anna Vincent Heinz. Al was a proud veteran of the Korean War, having served in the U.S. Air Force, from 1950-1954. He served his city as a firefighter in the Chicago Fire Department for nearly 40 years. He was also active in the Boy Scouts of America. Services at CENTRAL CHAPEL, 6158 S. Central Ave., Chicago, IL, where family and friends will gather on Friday, August 30, 2019, from 3 to 8 p.m. Funeral Saturday, August 31, 2019, 8:45 a.m., at chapel, to St. Symphorosa Church, 6135 S. Austin Ave., Chicago. Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 a.m. Private family burial with military honors, Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. In lieu of flowers, contributions to your favorite charity, greatly appreciated. Please visit [GEORGEALHEINZBOOKOFMEMORIES](http://GEORGEALHEINZBOOKOFMEMORIES). To express your thoughts or memories in the online guest book, visit [www.chapelc.com](http://www.chapelc.com) or [www.facebook.com/centralchapel](http://www.facebook.com/centralchapel). Info., 773-581-9000.

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## Jekot, Joseph P.

Joseph "Joe" Jekot, 57, passed away on August 26th. He was a beloved father, passionate teacher and gifted storyteller. Cherished father of Maya Joy, beloved brother of Eileen Jekot MD, Rosanne (Jim Cameron), Elizabeth Jekot MD (David Miller DDS), Edward, Mary Haak and Michael, CFD Ret. (Honorable Laura M. Murphy); devoted uncle of Ryan, Kai, Michael, Emma and Daniel. Preceded in death by his parents Patricia Anne, nee Murray and Edward M. Jekot MD. Joe was born in Chicago and grew up in Edgebrook. He went to St. Mary of the Woods grammar school, Loyola Academy and Loyola University of Chicago. Joe had a BA in Theology and a MED in Community Counseling from Loyola University. In his youth, Joe was a gifted athlete. He was an All American water polo player for Loyola University. He taught high school for more than 20 years at Loyola Academy and loved being in the classroom with his students. He was a gifted author and storyteller who had just published his first book on the art of family storytelling. He dedicated the book to the joy of his life, his daughter Maya. His heart was filled with love for Maya and her mother, Karyn. Joe is home now in heaven with his mother who will make sure he is well taken care of. We will miss his stories. Memorial donations in Joe's name may be sent to St. Thomas of Canterbury School, c/o Ms. Christine Boyd, 5525 N Magnolia Ave, Chicago, IL 60640. Funeral Saturday August 31st, 9:30 AM from **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N Cicero Ave, Chicago to St. Mary of the Woods Church, 7033 N Moselle, Chicago for Mass at 10 AM. Interment Maryhill Cemetery. Visitation at Smith-Corcoran on Friday, 4 PM to 8 PM. For info, 773-736-3833 or visit Joseph P. Jekot's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com

## Smith-Corcoran Funeral Homes

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## Konecki, Felix T.

Felix T. Konecki; Devoted husband of Lorraine, nee Cuthbertson; Loving father of Susan (Dr. Steven) Kaiser, Robert (Hilda), and Christopher (Colleen); Proud grandpa of Megan, Michael, Molly, Michelle, Madeline, and Caleb; Preceded in death by his siblings, Mae (Frank) Czworniak, Isabel (John) Wsol, Evelyn (John) Kafka, and Dolores (Jim) Merti; Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews; Visitation Friday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. at **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge, IL; and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 10:00 a.m. at St. John Kanty Church, 7012 N. 600 E. Rolling Prairie, IN 46371; Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment St. John Kanty Cemetery; In lieu of flowers, donations to The Courage Program, 9711 S. Kolin Ave. Oak Lawn, IL 60453 would be appreciated; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or [www.curleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.curleyfuneralhome.com)

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## Lovas, Sandra F.

Sandra F. Lovas, nee Fini, age 78, beloved wife of Alan L. Lovas, Loving mother of Aimee (Mike) Sieve, Michael (Hope) and Chris Lovas. Devoted grandmother of Brendan, Kellen, Caitlin and Hayden Sieve, Amanda and Hunter Lovas. Dear sister of Arlene (late Vito) Lubes and the late Ray Fini and Carmen DeMaster. Visitation Sat. Aug 31 at St. Mary of Vernon Church, 236 US Highway 45, Indian Creek, IL from 9:30am until time of Mass at 11:00am, Interment private. In lieu of flowers contributions to the Lovas family appreciated. Funeral info: John E. Maloney F.H. 773-764-1617.

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## Lynn, Thomas Richard

Thomas Richard Lynn, 70, of Hanover Park, Illinois, passed away at the comfort of his own home August 26, 2019. Thomas is survived by his son's Thomas Lynn Jr., Michael Lynn, daughter's Anne Carmean, Jean Lynn, grandchildren, Robert, Autu mn, John, Camden, Tucker, Mason, and Levi. Sister's Diane, and Bonnie. He was preceded in death by his daughter Kadie Lynn, parents Nicholas and Vlasta Lynn, brothers, Nicholas, Jim, and Larry. Graveside service will be Friday, August 30, 2019 1:00p.m. The family invites you to join them celebrating Thomas's life at Morettis, 1175 W. Lake St. Bartlett, Illinois. 3:00p.m. In lieu of flowers make a donation to The American cancer society.

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## Mierzynski, Theresa

(nee Poznanski) Born into life September 6, 1931; born into eternity August 27, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Lucian. Loving mother of Kathleen (Daniel) Calandriello. Cherished grandma of Dion (Tara), Candace (Ryan) Raddatz, and Daniel (Sara) Calandriello. Adored great-grandma of 6. Dear sister of the late Frank, John, Peter, Hattie, Dorothy, Nellie, and Christine. Aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 3-9 p.m. Funeral Friday 8:45 a.m. from the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to St. Michael Church, Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. [www.sheehyfh.com](http://www.sheehyfh.com) 708-857-7878

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## Miller, Ronald M.

Ronald M. Miller, age 85, of Erie, PA, passed away peacefully, Monday August 26, 2019. He was born in Evergreen Park, IL on February 4, 1934, the son of the late Warren G. and Helene Schneider Miller. He was a registered pharmacist and worked at various hospitals, including the University of Chicago Clinics Administration, Mount Sinai Medical Center in Chicago, and Hamot Medical Center in Erie. Ron is survived by his wife of 56 years, Dolores C. Miller, a son, James Miller, of Chicago, a daughter, Annette Lewis and her husband, Carl, of Girard, PA, a granddaughter, Allison Cocke, a brother, Richard Miller, and two sisters, Maryanne Zink and her husband, Robert and Nancy Larkin. Friends may call at **Donnellan Funeral Home**, 10525 S. Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60643 on Tuesday, September 3rd from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at 12 noon. Burial with military honors will follow in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Send condolences at [www.Burtonfuneralhome.com](http://www.Burtonfuneralhome.com)

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## Mulligan, Mary E.

Mary E. Mulligan, 94, of Rolling Meadows; loving wife of 61 years to the late James J., Sr.; beloved mother to Steven (Maryellen) and James J. Jr.; dear sister to Elsie Mateling-Sittner; and fond aunt to nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday, August 30, 2019 from 10 am until the 11am Funeral Mass at St. Mary Parish, 10 N. Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove, IL 60089. Interment at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines. Funeral information and condolences can be given at [www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com](http://www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com) or (847) 253-0168.

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## Murray, Terrence 'Terry'

Terrence Alan "Terry" Murray, age 57, of Aurora, IL, passed away in the evening of August 25, 2019, surrounded by the love of his friends and family. Terry was a loving brother and friend, an avid nature enthusiast, and an adventurer. Terry had a way to put a smile on anyone's face. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Terry is survived by his six siblings: James Patrick (Sue), Jean Patricia (Jeff) Hannig, Kevin Edward, Michael John (Sandy Weindling), Maureen Jane, John Brian; his fiancé, Miriam Ponce. He is preceded in death by his parents. Join Terry's family and friends in celebrating his life on Friday, August 30, 2019, from 4-8 p.m. at Conley Funeral Home, 116 W. Pierce St., Elburn, IL 60119. Additional visitation to follow on Saturday, August 31, from 10-11 a.m., with a service to celebrate his life of laughter to follow at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Kane County Audubon Society, 513 S. 13th Ave., St. Charles, IL 60174. Tributes may be also left on Conley Funeral Home Facebook Page or at [www.conleycare.com](http://www.conleycare.com).

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## Poczekaj, Patricia Ann

Patricia Ann Poczekaj, nee Niitte, age 78 of Hoffman Estates. Beloved wife of Raymond A. Poczekaj. Loving mother of Raymond A. (Beth Rooney) Poczekaj and Gina (Robert) Anderberg. Cherished grandmother of Brett, Morgan and Ellie. Caring daughter of Vonge Jawubowski. Visitation Saturday, from 12 until the time of service at 4:30 PM at Ahlgrim and Sons Funeral Home, 330 W. Golf Road, Schaumburg. Memorial donations in her honor may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr, Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631. Funeral information or online condolences [www.ahlgrimfuneral.com](http://www.ahlgrimfuneral.com) or 847-882-5580.

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## Pohl, Peter Pedro G.

Peter Pedro G. Pohl, age 78, at rest August 26, 2019; Beloved husband of Patricia (nee Masangkay) for 54 years; Loving father of the late Mary Ann Pohl McKeating, Jo Ann (Timothy J.) Pohl-Moran, Bobbie (Steven) Leinweber, Peterson Mark (Yesenia) Pohl, and Gail (Allan) Maki; Cherished grandfather of Ian, Shioban, the late Sinead, Jade, Brandon, and Cyrus Pohl, Isabel, Nicholas, Peter and Rosemary Ann Maki; Dear brother of the late Natividad Estrada, Nariza Valles, the late Apolonio Pohl, Warner G. Pohl, Isabelita Gravidis, Josefina Carone, the late Basilsa Rosales, and the late Apolinario Pohl; Fond uncle of many nieces, nephews and friend to many; Visitation Friday, August 30, 2019 from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. at **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge; Funeral Saturday, August 31, 2019 Family and Friends will meet directly at Our Lady of Fatima Church 2751 W. 38th Pl, Chicago, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or [www.curleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.curleyfuneralhome.com)

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## Rafa, Genevieve

Genevieve Rafa, age 97, passed away August 25, 2019. Devoted daughter of the late John (late Sophie) Rafa; beloved sister of (all late) Frank, Joe, Leo, Stanley, Helen, Lillian, Ed (Kouba); fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. A proud Veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during WWII. Private services will be held. Info: **Markiewicz Funeral Home, P.C.** 630-257-6363 or [www.markiewiczfh.com](http://www.markiewiczfh.com)

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## Robbins, H. Zane

Henry Zane Robbins, age 89, of Evanston. Zane was born on his mother's birthday, January 17, 1930, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where he spent his early years. He graduated in 1952 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He served in the US Army. Beloved husband of the late Barbara B. Robbins nee Brown; Loving father of Zane Scott Robbins, Jill Stewart (the late Rafael "Rafe") Aybar and Gail Ruth (Brad) Gosnell; proud grandfather of LCpl Henry Harrison and Madeline Stewart Aybar. Visitation Sunday, September 1, 2019 2:30 p.m. until time of the celebration of Zane's life 3:00 p.m. at **Covenant Living of Northbrook Fellowship Center**, 2625 Techy Road, Northbrook, Illinois 60062. Funeral Info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or (847) 675-1990.

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## Robbins, Wilfred Lee 'Bill'

86, died peacefully in his sleep Saturday, Aug. 17 at the Avantara Park Ridge Rehabilitation Center. A lifelong resident of the Chicago area, Robbins was born and raised in the city. He was a decorated U.S. Marine who served in the Korean Conflict, earning the Korean Presidential Unit Citation, United Nations Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. Upon returning, he worked as a dispatcher for People's Gas until his retirement. A widower, he was married twice — first to the late Joan Oliver Robbins and then the late Elsie Gillespie Robbins. He is survived by his six children, Anne R. Myers, Dennis, Mari Dewberry, Christopher, Sean, and Patrick; four stepchildren: James, Joann and Robert Gillespie and Sandra Shields as well as 26 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his stepdaughter, Laura Gillespie Evans. A memorial Mass will be offered at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug 30—Robbins' birthday—at St. Mary of the Woods, 7033 N. Moselle Ave., Chicago. For information, call **Cooney Funeral Home**, Park Ridge (847) 685-1002.

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## Schaefflein, Laurence D. 'Larry'

Laurence D. "Larry" Schaefflein, age 87, U.S. Army Korean War Veteran, late of Tinley Park. Beloved husband for 61 years of Rosemary nee Walsh; devoted father of Rosemary (late Karl) (Felix De Leon) Thorne, Ann Marie, Marie, Barbara (Joseph) Lynch, Patricia (Bill) Kurth, Catherine (John) Bonini, Laura, Elizabeth (Donald) Marta and the late Laurence H. Schaefflein; loving grandfather of 8. Proud 50 year member of Bricklayers Union Local #21. Visitation Friday, 3 - 9 p.m. Funeral Saturday, 9:15 a.m. from **Thornridge Funeral Home (Janusz Family Funeral Service)** 14318 S. LaGrange Rd. (Northbound traffic, U-turn permitted at 143rd St.) to St. Elizabeth Seton Church Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. 708-460-2300 or [thornridgefuneralhomes.com](http://thornridgefuneralhomes.com)

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## Thul, Robert C

Fr. Robert C. Thul, S.J. August 25, 2019. Age 89. A Jesuit for over 70 years. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio and taught Mathematics and Religion. He had additional training in the Spanish language. Fr. Bob taught mathematics for more than four decades; teaching at St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati Ohio, Colegio San Jose in Arequipa Peru and St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago Illinois. From 2006, he served in pastoral ministry in Lexington Kentucky and Cincinnati. In 2016, he was missioned to Colombiere Center in Clarkston Michigan.

Fr. Bob's life as a Jesuit was a wonderful example of how to live as a Jesuit. His profound love of Jesus and his deep prayer life were apparent to everyone he encountered. He was a good community man. Not only was Fr. Bob available to serve wherever the need was greatest -- from Cincinnati to Arequipa to Chicago to Lexington -- he invested himself completely wherever he was missioned. He even learned Spanish when he was almost 40 years old so that he could carry out his mission in Peru. Fr. Bob taught mathematics for over 40 years. He was respected and liked by his students and his colleagues because of his "cura personalis" and his ability to bring the "faith that does justice" into the mathematics curriculum. In the 1990s, Fr. Bob co-authored "Math for Change", a teaching curriculum which incorporated social justice themes into math problems, and which has gone through multiple reprints even to now. The curriculum had lessons with titles such as: "Inhumane Working Conditions", "Hunger on a Massive Scale", "Overcrowded Living Conditions", etc.

Fr. Bob's connection to Peru never waned. He kept friendships alive and spent many summers in Peru directing retreats for women religious. At the age of 76 years old, Fr. Bob realized that the Spirit was leading him to leave behind the classroom and spend more time companionship people on their spiritual journeys. Fr. Bob was a most effective retreat master and director and also a very compassionate listener to those with whom he celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr. Bob will be remembered fondly by his many former students and directees.

Many will remember that Fr. Bob was forward thinking, direct, and determined in his ways after a decision was reached. Fr. Bob did not like to waste time, especially when it related to his mission. He would always eat breakfast standing up because sitting down would be throwing time "down the drain." Many people will remember Bob's devotion to his mission and to those to whom he ministered. A final example of his care for others, and for detail: When he was chair of the mathematics department in the mid-1980s, he asked a regent in July what type of sandwich he would like to eat when the department graded finals together in December. Visitation is Thursday, August 29, 3-8 p.m. with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at Colombiere. Funeral Mass Friday, August 30, at 10:45 a.m. at Colombiere Center, 9075 Big Lake Rd., Clarkston, MI with burial to follow. Memorial gifts to support the Jesuits may be made to the USA Midwest Jesuits, 1010 N. Hooker St., Chicago, IL 60642. Visit [www.jesuitsmidwest.org](http://www.jesuitsmidwest.org) to read full obituary, sign guestbook, or make an online memorial gift. A.J. Desmond & Sons, (248) 362-2500.

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## Vaccariello, Anthony 'Tony'

Anthony "Tony" Vaccariello, age 81, passed away on August 27, 2019 surrounded by his family; preceded in death by his parents Albert and Filomena. He was the beloved husband of Liz nee Rakosy; loving father of Louise (Chris) Kardas, Liz (Denise), Anthony (Kim), and Theresa (Mike) Lawrence; cherished "Gramps" of Taylor (Chris) Prystawsky, Jordan Yousif, Michael Kardas, Anthony J. Vaccariello, Nicole Kardas, Randy Lawrence, Nicholas Vaccariello, Maria Lawrence, Lorena, and Alysa; Great Gramps of 5; special uncle to Cheri Maatz, cherished cousin to Mary Lou Caronchi and brother-in-law to Lydia Rakosy; fond uncle and cousin to many others; friend of many. Funeral Saturday 11:15 A.M. from **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Avenue, Darien to Our Lady of Peace Church. Mass 12:00 P.M. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3-9 P.M. Memorial Contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital appreciated. For info: (630) 852-3595 or [www.modelldarien.com](http://www.modelldarien.com)

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## Waitekus, Irene J.

Irene J. Waitekus (nee Zaura), age 86, formerly of Cicero, Stickney, Indian Head Park and Palos Hills, IL, passed away on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at Edward Hospital in Naperville. She was born on March 14, 1933 in Chicago, IL. Arrangements by **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home, Naperville, IL.** For service times and a complete obituary, please visit [www.friedrich-jones.com](http://www.friedrich-jones.com) or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.

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## Whittier, Larry J.

Legendary Coach, Larry J. Whittier passed away peacefully in St. Petersburg, FL at the age of 81. Larry was incredibly passionate about people and the human spirit. He spent his life mentoring all around him, from the kids he coached, to the stranger who would quickly turn into a friend. He spent his career teaching, counseling and coaching in Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota. He retired from the College of Lake County in 1999, after 27 years of service at the college.

Larry's drive for friendly competition kept him coaching cross country, women's basketball and men's football for most of his life. His competitive nature certainly did not stop with organized sports; he was an avid golfer, card player and took losing very personally. A hard working Father and genuine friend who was always more concerned with all others above himself. His wit and humor knew no bounds, everyone he touched was certainly better for having known him. He was loved and is missed by all.

Larry is survived by the love of his life, Diane of 59 years, their four children: Brett, Wade, Thad and Rod, 8 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. A celebration of life ceremony will be held on Thursday, September 12th from 6pm-10pm at Mickey Finns in Libertyville, IL. A formal service and mass will be held at Carmel High School Chapel in Mundelein, IL on Friday, September 13th at 11:30am. All are welcome to attend.

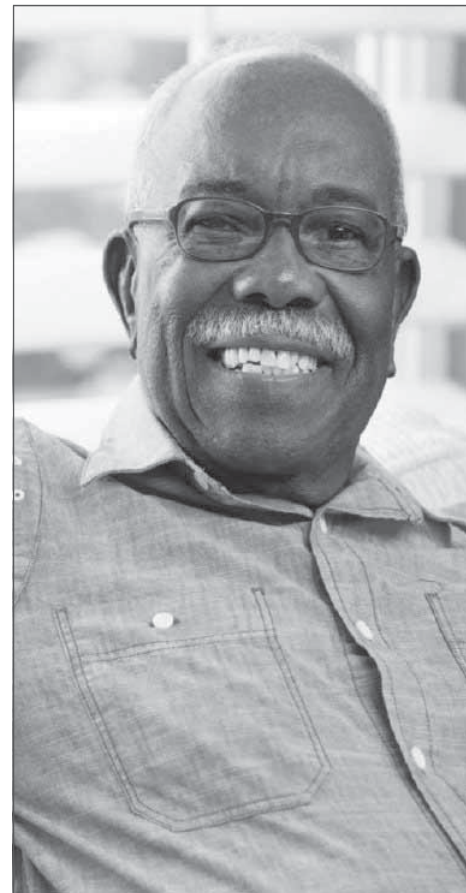
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LEGAL NOTICES  
GOVERNMENT/EDUCATIONLEGAL NOTICE  
STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK

In the matter of the revision of the  
assessment of Real Property for 2019:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the  
provisions of Section 14-35 of the Illinois Property Tax  
Code (35 ILCS 200/14-35) that the Assessor  
of Cook County will sit for the purpose of  
reviewing the proposed 2019 assessment of  
Real Property located in the following  
township(s) or taxing district(s) in Cook  
County.

THORNTON  
Identified also as Area(s) 29.30 under the  
Permanent Real Estate Index Numbering  
System of Cook County.

The last date within which applications for  
revisions of assessment (Real Estate  
Assessed Valuation Appeals) may be filed for  
consideration at such sitting is September 27,  
2019.

Such sitting will be held at the office of the  
Assessor of Cook County, Room 301, in the County Building,  
118 North Clark Street,  
Chicago, Illinois 60602, and will continue  
thereafter from day to day as necessary  
until all such revisions in said township(s) or  
taxing district(s) have been completed.

Done by the Assessor of Cook County this  
29th day of August, 2019.

FRITZ KAEGI  
ASSESSOR OF COOK COUNTY

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GOVERNMENT/EDUCATIONIN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK  
COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND  
CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD  
PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF  
**Asiah Brown**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Sophia Woods  
(Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00775

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Sean Brown  
(Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers  
Any, respondents, and to ALL WHOM IT  
MAY CONCERN**, that on **July 23, 2019**, a  
petition was filed under the Juvenile Court  
Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in  
the courtroom of Judge **Vilkelis** in the  
Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100  
So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, On  
**09/19/2019, at 9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 13  
COURTROOM M, 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 29, 2019**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK  
COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND  
CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT  
JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF  
**Richard Jenkins**

A MINOR  
**NO. 2019JD01090**

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Alexis Butler (Mother),  
respondents, and TO ALL WHOM IT MAY  
CONCERN**, that on **July 15, 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 **Patricia Mendoza** in  
the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois  
on **09/12/2019 at 9:00 AM** in CALENDAR 53  
COURTROOM 4.

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 29, 2019**

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:  
**J. Rios, C. Sifuentes, S. Jutla**  
ATTORNEY FOR:  
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS  
ADDRESS: 1100 South Hamilton  
CITY/STATE: Chicago, Illinois 60612  
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000  
ATTORNEY NO.: 313182

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,  
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOISIN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK  
COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND  
CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT  
JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF  
**Richard Jenkins AKA Richard Jenkins**

A MINOR  
**NO. 2019JD01232**

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Alexis Butler (Mother),  
respondents, and TO ALL WHOM IT MAY  
CONCERN**, that on **August 8, 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 **Patricia Mendoza** in  
the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois  
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**August 29, 2019**

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:  
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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,  
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS

## FORECLOSURES

19-4200-310-uo STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY  
OF COOK IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK  
COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT  
- CHANCERY DIVISION COMMUNITY  
INITIATIVES, INC., Plaintiff vs- KAREN  
TULSIE, THOMAS JOHN TULSIE, CHAMPION  
MORTGAGE COMPANY, SECRETARY OF  
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, CITY  
OF CHICAGO, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND  
NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants No.  
19CH08822 The requisite affidavit for  
publication having been filed, notice is  
hereby given you, KAREN TULSIE, THOMAS  
JOHN TULSIE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND  
NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s) in  
the above entitled suit, that the said suit  
has been commenced in the First Judicial  
Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, by  
the Plaintiff against you and other defendants,  
praying for the foreclosure of a certain  
Mortgage conveying the premises described  
as follows: to-wit: Lot 36 in Block 1 in  
HULLING AND JOHNSON'S SUBDIVISION OF  
THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST  
1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 22,  
TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF  
THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, (EXCEPT  
THE SOUTH 75 FEET OF THE EAST 122-22  
FEET THEREOF, WEST OF ST. LAWRENCE  
AVENUE, AND NORTH OF 64TH STREET) IN  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS Commonly known as:  
6336 S. ST. LAWRENCE AVE, CHICAGO,  
IL 60637. Permanent Index No. 20-22-203-  
038-000 and which said Receiver's Lien is  
held by GLOBETROTTERS ENGINEERING  
CORPORATION ASSIGNED TO CITY OF  
CHICAGO ASSIGNED TO COMMUNITY  
INITIATIVES, INC., and recorded in the Office  
of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County,  
Illinois as Document Number 18259492.  
And for such other relief prayed; that  
summons was duly issued out of the said  
Circuit Court against you as provided by  
law, and that the said suit is now pending.  
NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU, the said  
above defendants, file your answer to the  
complaint in the said suit or otherwise make  
your appearance therein, in the Office of the  
Clerk of the Circuit Court, at the Courthouse,  
in the RICHARD J. DALEY CENTER, 50 W.  
WASHINGTON STREET, ROOM 802, CHICAGO,  
ILLINOIS 60602 on or before the 23rd day of  
September, 2019, default may be entered  
against you at any time after that day and  
a decree entered in accordance with the  
prayer of said complaint. Dorothy Brown  
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County,  
Illinois, HAUSELMAN & RAPPIN, LTD. Attorney  
for Plaintiff - Atty # 04452 29 E. Madison St.,  
Suite 950 Chicago, IL 60602 (312)372 2020  
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MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East  
Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN  
THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,  
v. DION I. HATCHETT, AKA DION ISAAC  
HATCHETT, AKA DION HATCHETT, ANTINITA L.  
HATCHETT, AKA ANTINITA LASHAWN HARDY,  
AKA ANTINITA HATCHETT, UNKNOWN  
OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,  
Defendants, Case No. 2019CH08664 The  
requisite affidavit for publication having  
been filed, notice is hereby given you,  
Antinita L Hatchett, Ash Antinita Lashawn  
Hardy, AKA Antinita Hatchett, Unknown  
Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the  
said suit has been commenced in the  
Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial  
Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by the said  
plaintiff against you and other defendants,  
praying for the foreclosure of a certain  
Mortgage conveying the premises described  
as follows, to-wit: Lot 45 in Fernwood East  
Estates Unit 2, being a subdivision in the  
fractional Southeast 1/4 of Section 32,  
Township 35 North, Range 15 East of the  
Third Principal Meridian, together with that  
part of Lot 46 in Fernwood East Estates  
Unit 2, aforesaid, bounded and described  
as follows: Beginning at the northeast  
corner of said Lot 46 being a point on the  
arc of a circle having a radius of 60.0 feet  
and being the westerly line of Lange Street;  
thence southeasterly on the last described  
arc of a circle convex to the southwest, a  
distance of 13.48 feet to a point on the arc  
of a circle; thence southwesterly on the  
arc of said circle convex to the southwest  
having a radius of 166.44 feet, a distance of  
105.99 feet to a point on the west line  
of Lot 46 aforesaid; thence north on the last  
described line a distance of 45.65 feet to the  
northwest corner of said Lot 46; thence east  
on the north line of said Lot 46 a distance  
of 95.60 feet to the point of beginning,  
all in Cook County, Illinois. 18360 Lange  
Street, Lansing, IL 60438 30-32-403-069-  
0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Antinita  
Hatchett, AKA Antinita Lashawn Hardy,  
AKA Antinita Hatchett, Unknown Owners  
and Non-Record Claimants, and the said  
above named defendants, file your answer  
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Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before  
September 30, 2019, default may be entered  
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a judgment entered in accordance with  
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A. Netterstrom (6294499) MANLEY DEAS  
KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One  
East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601  
Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 612-220-5613  
Atty. No.: 48928 Email: [sf-sanetterstrom@manleydeas.com](mailto:sf-sanetterstrom@manleydeas.com)  
One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Pub: 8/29, 9/4, 11/20/19 6422648

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East  
Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN  
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ILLINOIS, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,  
v. DION I. HATCHETT, AKA DION ISAAC  
HATCHETT, AKA DION HATCHETT, ANTINITA L.  
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**PAUL SULLIVAN**  
On the Cubs

NEW YORK — It may be unfair to put the rest of the Cubs season on Javier Baez's shoulders, but that's the way it must be if they expect to play in October. Sure, the starting pitching has to hold up. Of course, the bullpen needs to step up.

And the Cubs have a lot of other strong hitters, as evident during their six-run first inning Wednesday night in a 10-7 win over the Mets at Citi Field.

But let's face it: No one else is capable of carrying the team like Baez is, and the fate of the offense often seems to ride or die on Baez's bat.

Forget about the Cubs' bipolar home and road records for a second, if that's possible. Heading into Wednesday's game, Baez was hitting .340 with a 1.084 OPS in games the Cubs won and .214

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## Contreras gets close to return from injury

BY MARK GONZALES

NEW YORK — All-Star catcher Willson Contreras is moving closer to rejoining the Cubs, perhaps by next week.

That would bring the position to full strength with the steady improvement and greater assertiveness of Victor Caratini while Contreras has been sidelined for 3 1/2 weeks with a right hamstring strain.

"He's getting close," manager Joe Maddon said Wednesday of Contreras, who was concluding a series of leg drills in the outfield supervised by Adam Beard, the director of high performance.

"We don't have a date, but he's getting very close because the training staff likes the strength in his leg."

The Cubs might elect to build up Contreras' endurance gradually once he starts a minor-league rehab assignment, presumably at Triple-A

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It would be nice to hear what the Cubs' Javier Baez has to say.

KATHY WILLENS/AP

### NORTHWESTERN FOOTBALL

## NU's big question: Who'll start at QB?

Clemson transfer Johnson may hold slight edge over Green

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

Glorious sunshine. A welcoming breeze. An idyllic temperature in the low 70s to replicate Saturday's predicted game-time conditions at Stanford Stadium.

And yet ... Northwestern's lake-side practice field lay uninhabited Wednesday morning. The Wildcats practiced indoors for two reasons:

- One, to keep the players in a covered, climate-controlled setting.
- Two, fear of the skunk.

Getting "skunked" is a term coaches use for being spied upon. Northwestern's practice field is as exposed as any in the country, with bikers passing by and a giant business school hub steps away.

"Too many Stanford alums at Kellogg," one NU official joked.

Northwestern's Wednesday practice was open to observers so long as they played by the Vegas rule: What happens here, stays here.

NU coach Pat Fitzgerald not only wants the identity of his starting quarterback to remain a secret, but also doesn't want Stanford coaches to know which freshmen could make an impact.

None was listed this week on Northwestern's two-deep, but don't be fooled. Before the 2013 opener at Cal, Fitzgerald implied that no first-year players would have a significant role. Newbie Matt Harris covered the game's opening kickoff.

Here are some items of interest as Fitzgerald strives to improve to 13-2 in openers and Northwestern vies for its sixth straight road win:

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MATT MARTON/AP

TJ Green is in the running to start at quarterback for Northwestern's season opener.

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE

### RANKING THE BEST BEARS PLAYERS EVER

#### Even NFL stars were in awe of 'Big Fella'

**Doug Atkins**, our pick at No. 8, was a 6-foot-8, 257-pound freak of nature who terrorized opposing offenses and sometimes his own teammates while often testing George Halas' patience. **Back Page Plus:** In Real Talk, Rich Campbell and Dan Wiederer predict what Bears' final 53-man roster might look like... **Page 5**





## WHITE SOX



QUINN HARRIS/GETTY

## WHITE SOX RECAP

Jonathan Schoop hit two home runs to lead the Twins to an 8-2 victory Wednesday against the White Sox in front of 16,802 at Guaranteed Rate Field. Ross Detwiler (above) allowed five runs on six hits in four innings and also had some bad luck. Shortstop Tim Anderson couldn't make the catch on Eddie Rosario's pop to shallow center to lead off the second for what was ruled a single. Detwiler retired the next two batters, but Ehire Adrianza singled and Schoop followed with a homer for a 3-1 lead. The Twins have won 10 of 15 meetings this season and have outscored the Sox 100-46. For more, go to [chicagotribune.com/sports](http://chicagotribune.com/sports)

## WHITE SOX

## It all adds up

4 numbers tell tale of big turnaround for Sox ace Giolito

BY LAMOND POPE

Lucas Giolito quickly got ahead of Eddie Rosario with two strikes in the third inning Tuesday.

Giolito finished off the Twins cleanup hitter with a 96 mph fastball that painted the outside corner.

It was Giolito's 200th strikeout of the season.

Giolito became the sixth right-hander in White Sox history with 200 strikeouts in a season. He's the first since Javier Vazquez in 2008.

Giolito pitched well Tuesday, allowing two runs and four hits in six innings. He struck out nine in the 3-1 loss and has 203 strikeouts this season.

The strikeouts are just one area of growth for Giolito, who had the highest ERA among qualifying pitchers last season.

"He truly transformed himself and shows you anything is possible when you put your mind to it and you understand what's going on, what you're trying to do," Sox manager Rick Renteria said.

Giolito called reaching 200

strikeouts "pretty cool." But the ace doesn't have any particular stats in mind with one month remaining in the season.

"I don't focus too much on numbers and statistics and things like that," Giolito said. "I just want to continue to pitch the way I've been pitching recently. Staying on that routine, taking the ball every game with the inclination to win that game, that's my job when I get the ball and that's all I care about doing."

Here are four numbers that illustrate Giolito's turnaround.

**3:** Giolito has three complete games, including shutting out the American League West-leading Astros 4-0 on May 23 and the AL Central-leading Twins 4-0 on Aug. 21.

Giolito was credited with the first complete game of his big-league career, and first by a Sox pitcher in 382 games, in a five-inning rain-shortened 4-1 victory against the Blue Jays on May 18.

"It's cool to see that on the stat line, but I don't really count (the Blue Jays game) as a real complete game," Giolito said on Aug. 21. "If you asked me last year and said I'd throw two complete-game shutouts next season, I don't know if I would have believed it."

"The work I put in during the offseason, coming in and pitch-

ing with confidence every single time, I put myself in a good position to do something like that."

**2.93:** Giolito had a 6.13 ERA last season. It's at 3.20 this season, which ranks fifth in the AL.

According to STATS LLC, Giolito's 2.93 improvement in ERA from 2018 is the second-best in major-league history. Dick Ellsworth of the Cubs improved by 2.98 from 5.09 in 1962 to 2.11 in 1963.

"For me, it's all about just being focused on each individual pitch," Giolito said.

**3.76:** Last year, Giolito had a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 1.93. It's at 3.76 this season.

Giolito has allowed 54 walks in 157<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings. He had an AL-high 90 in 173<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings last season.

"The main (stat) I concern myself with is walks," Giolito said. "I just want to see that number as low as possible."

**10:** Giolito has struck out at least 10 batters in a game six times in his career. Five of those occasions have come this season, including a career-high 13 on Aug. 11 against the Athletics.

"It's cool to see recognition from peers and other managers. That's a good feeling."

## Moncada's warming to hot corner

BY LAMOND POPE

Yoan Moncada has made major strides at the plate this season, and he also has adjusted well to playing third base.

"I've been feeling very comfortable there," Moncada said through an interpreter Wednesday. "That was a position that I played before; I knew how to play it. This year at the beginning was more adjusting and trying to fix a few things there, but I like to play that position."

And the Sox like what they've seen from Moncada, who started at second base last season.

"The skill set that he brought to the table, from the conversations that we had with a lot of the gentlemen who'd seen him play in Cuba, I think it's one of his natural positions," Sox manager Rick Renteria said. "He's continued to learn how to develop that skill and do it effectively and efficiently at the major-league

level."

Moncada made 21 errors in 149 games at second base in 2018. He entered Wednesday with 13 errors in 101 games at third.

He played five games at third with the Red Sox in 2016 before getting traded to the White Sox as part of the Chris Sale deal that December, then played 54 games at second for the White Sox in 2017.

"It's different," Moncada said. "I wouldn't say it's harder (than playing second), but it's different because you need to be more aware of what is happening in the game and you need to react when a ball is hit at you."

Moncada said playing third has benefited him offensively. He was 11th in the American League in hitting (.297) through Tuesday and had surpassed his 2018 totals in home runs (22) and RBIs (63).

"I've been working on my defense since the offseason," Moncada said. "The move to

third base helped me to concentrate more on my offense because I don't need to be overwhelmed with my defense and thinking about a lot of different things when I'm on the field.

"That's an advantage for me, but at the same time I also worked hard during the off-season to improve my offense. Those two things this year are coming together for me."

Moncada has similar offseason plans to work out again in Arizona for two to three weeks.

"Try to improve there, try to figure out ways to improve because I still think I can be better," he said.

Moncada said he thinks third base will be his position for "a very, very long time."

"At the same time, I'm open to help the team at any position they need me to play," he said. "That's up to them ... but I feel very comfortable playing third base right now."

## CUBS

## NOTES

## Rizzo waiting out pain in lower back

BY MARK GONZALES

NEW YORK —Anthony Rizzo grabbed a bat out of his locker Wednesday night before talking to reporters.

But even the usually optimistic Rizzo admitted he likely won't play in the Cubs' series finale Thursday night against the Mets because of mid-back tightness.

"Usually my body, when I get things banged up during the year, I play through it for a couple days and it usually heals on its own," Rizzo said before missing his third consecutive start. "But with this, it's a matter of once I can manage the pain, I can play through it and it will gradually go away."

Rizzo was lifted for a pinch hitter in the bottom of the fifth inning of Saturday's loss to the Nationals after the tightness surfaced. He was charged with an error after failing to catch a low throw presumably because of that.

"It just grabbed out of nowhere," Rizzo said. "And (trying to) run off the field, I could barely jog. Usually when parts of the body grab, they loosen up. I couldn't even turn. (But) it's feeling better than it did."

After talking to reporters, Rizzo planned to take a few swings to test his range of motion. But manager Joe Maddon wasn't anticipating having Rizzo in the lineup Thursday.

"Even before this series began, just talking to him when I was putting those three lineups together, I didn't think it was going to happen," Maddon said. "You never know. Even if he was available to pinch-hit, that would be a win somehow."

"We'll see. I'm not counting him

out of it yet. But he is doing a lot better."

**Adding to arsenal:** Yu Darvish has a new weapon and he's not afraid to use it. Thanks to teammate Craig Kimbrel, Darvish has started throwing a knuckle-curve with instant success.

That was evident Tuesday during his strikeout of Jeff McNeil, the National League co-leader in batting average, during the eighth inning of the Cubs' 5-2 win over the Mets.

Darvish threw a 68-mph curve that McNeil chased for a second strike. After McNeil fouled off a fastball, Darvish threw an 82-mph knuckle-curve that McNeil chased for the strikeout.

Darvish, who already throws two-seam and four-seam fastballs along with a cut fastball, slider, curveball and split-finger fastball, said he learned to throw the knuckle-curve during a bullpen session before his start against the Giants on Aug. 21.

Darvish said he got two of his seven strikeouts on the knuckle-curve, which is thrown harder than a traditional curve.

"Kimbrel taught me that pitch, and I feel good," he said. "That's why I used it."

Kimbrel took no credit for Darvish's quick mastery.

"He's amazing," Kimbrel said before Wednesday's game. "He can do anything he wants. That's on him. He's a special guy, unbelievably talented and can put the ball wherever he wants. He makes pitches up."

"He walked up to me the other day and said, 'I've been working on that.' I thought it was pretty cool."



JIM MCISAAC/GETTY

## CUBS RECAP

Despite knocking out Noah Syndergaard after three innings and holding a nine-run lead, the Cubs needed five relievers Wednesday to hang on for a 10-7 victory over the Mets and cut their deficit in the NL Central to two games behind the Cardinals. The Cubs (71-61) extended their road winning streak to four games — their longest road streak since winning five straight from April 27 to May 14 — and captured their second consecutive road series while gaining ground in the division for the first time since Aug. 21. Syndergaard entered with a 3.00 ERA in four career starts against the Cubs, but a throwing error by shortstop Amed Rosario on a potential double-play grounder paved the way for six runs in the first. Ian Happ, Kyle Schwarber and Nicholas Castellanos homered against Syndergaard.

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## Cubs

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Iowa. Contreras, who is batting .275 with 19 home runs and 57 RBIs, could start out as the designated hitter before handling catching duties.

Iowa's regular season ends Monday, and the Pacific Coast League playoffs start Sept. 4. That would give Contreras enough game time to prepare for the stretch drive.

Maddon believes Contreras could start his rehab assignment by the end of this week or the start of next week.

"He's doing very well," Maddon said. "I don't want to be overly optimistic — just optimistic. It's getting very close."

Caratini made his second consecutive start Wednesday, and Maddon acknowledged the 26-year-old has become more vocal — especially when catching Yu Darvish. Caratini and Darvish have developed an amusing bond, with Darvish posting a 3.54 ERA and 908 strikeout-walk ratio in 15 games Caratini has caught.

"I don't know why," Darvish said after joking with Caratini. "We're good friends. We're always making fun of each other. I feel like we're almost brothers. We know what the other is thinking."

"I shake him off a lot, but we're still on the same page."

That's an impressive feat, considering Darvish throws more than six pitches, and his split-finger fastball and hard curve can be difficult to catch.

Caratini wasn't afraid to signal for a knuckle-curve, with an emphasis on keeping the ball low, on a strikeout of Jeff McNeil to end the

eighth inning in Tuesday's 5-2 win over the Mets.

Caratini pounded his glove several times into the dirt for emphasis, and the hard, late break on the pitch caused McNeil to flail at it after missing a slow, 68-mph curve two pitches earlier.

"We can tell what the other is thinking," Darvish said.

"We don't make stupid decisions. We hadn't shown (McNeil) the knuckle-curve yet. So I was thinking after two strikes I wanted to show him."

Caratini said it took a couple of starts to get acclimated to Darvish's repertoire and preferences.

"Once I learned that, things got easier for both of us," Caratini said. "He's got so many pitches, and he usually is going off the game plan. From there, I might call for a slider or cutter."

"But I trust him to know what he wants to throw, what he's feeling at the moment and what he thinks will be the best pitch to throw at that time."

Caratini is expected to get a break during the next two games. Veteran Jonathan Lucroy is scheduled to catch Jon Lester in Thursday night's series finale and start again Friday against the Brewers.

Maddon has noticed more assertiveness from Caratini over the course of the season.

"I've seen a lot of little gesticulations from him toward the mound that tells me his confidence is way up there," Maddon said. "He's definitely growing. He's swinging the bat well. Yu is his guy, and he's done a wonderful job with him."

Maddon noticed one instance when Caratini showed more emotion than Darvish after a strikeout.

"Victor was into it," Maddon said. "It's nice to see."



## CUBS

**“On the field he always has a smile. He’s very joyful and happy out there.”**

— Kris Bryant on Javier Baez

## Sullivan

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with a .574 OPS in their losses.

“He goes, we go,” was the mantra manager Joe Maddon used in 2015 and ’16 to explain Dexter Fowler’s value to the Cubs. Now the Cubs need a nice, prolonged stretch of “Javy being Javy” to get to the promised land.

After a mini-slump that saw Baez go homerless in 17 games with a .213 average and only six RBIs, he broke through Tuesday with a home run and two doubles in a 5-2 win over the Mets. When he’s not chasing off-speed stuff out of the zone, Baez is one of the game’s elite hitters.

“Organized strike zone is what we’re chasing right now,” Maddon said after Tuesday’s win. “Pun intended.”

Despite the recent slump, Baez is having another great season with a .285 average, 29 home runs and 85 RBIs heading into Wednesday’s game. He was tied for the National League lead with 37 doubles, was third with 45 multi-hit games and was hitting .345 with runners in scoring position, coming through in the clutch more often than not.

When also taking into account his stellar defense at shortstop, this arguably is an even better year than 2018, when Baez finished second to Christian Yelich in NL Most Valuable Player voting.

Baez probably won’t come as close this season. Not with Cody Bellinger and Yelich leading the pack heading into the final month and Freddie Freeman, Anthony Rendon and Ronald Acuna close behind.

But if he can help push the Cubs to the playoffs with a September to remember, Baez likely would finish somewhere high among the contenders.

What does Baez think of his season to date? Who knows?

A group of reporters tried to wait him out after Tuesday’s game, hoping to talk about his big night at the plate and a couple of bad decisions on the basepaths. Some even asked his teammates where he was.

But Baez managed to escape without talking, a recurring theme of late, telling a reporter, “I’m out,” before slipping through a side door.

Baez was unavailable again before Wednesday’s game.

It was a loss for the Chicago writers, who generally like talking to Baez, and for Cubs fans, who might want to hear what he has to say. The Cubs’ biggest star also has been their most elusive, preferring to let his play speak for itself.

There’s no rule against that. Major League Baseball disciplinarian Joe Torre also blew off an interview request Tuesday about the Justin Verlander controversy, so Baez wasn’t the only one avoiding questions.

Still, it would be nice to hear him speak more often because when he does talk to the media, he usually has something interesting to say.

Last spring training, I asked Kris Bryant about the difficulty of handling media requests when everyone wants a piece of you.

“I try to be available and talk and at the same time go out there and perform,” Bryant said. “I realize this is part of our job, too, but (Baez) does his promoting on the field, and that’s how he’s always been — a pretty quiet guy.

“But on the field he always has a smile. He’s very joyful and happy out there. It’s how he does his thing.”

Maddon said Wednesday he was “totally unaware” of Baez’s recent reticence.

“It’s always up to the individual,” he said.

Like most managers, Maddon speaks with the media at least twice a day. It’s part of the gig, and he said he enjoys it and sometimes gets questions that “make me think of something that was not on the front burner.” He didn’t know why Baez would be under a self-imposed cone of silence.

“When the player chooses not to, there’s got to be obviously a reason, and I don’t know what that might be,” Maddon said. “My good buddy George Hendrick (the former outfielder) was very much into not speaking to the media for years. He was one of the best teammates and people I’ve ever met in my life. There’s a variety of different reasons (for not talking).

“What we do here, this dance that we do (with reporters), is vital for the success of Major League Baseball. And I get that part of it. Sometimes you don’t like the other side or what may be written about you, and you think it might be wrong or unfair or whatever.

“But it’s still part of the dance. So I don’t know why and I don’t think it’s in my purview to want to go and ask him why. It’s up to the individual to do something like that, or not.”

The Cubs can’t make Baez talk. And truth be told, no one in management seems to care if he does, as long as he continues crushing pitches and making eye-popping plays in the field.

We already know Baez can walk the walk.

Hopefully soon he can also talk the talk.

Pun intended.

## BEARS



ADAM HUNGER/AP

Javon Wims, making a catch against the Giants on Aug. 16, is among a group of six who have separated themselves at wide receiver.

## BEARS REAL TALK

## Getting down to 53

Sizing up roster cuts: Do Bears have enough depth? Who’s fighting for a spot?

BY RICH CAMPBELL AND DAN WIEDERER | Chicago Tribune

The Bears are inching toward Thursday’s preseason finale against the Titans at Soldier Field. From there, general manager Ryan Pace and coach Matt Nagy will put their heads together to finalize a 53-man roster. Slicing from 90 players to 53 is never easy. But it’s a job Pace and Nagy must complete by the league deadline at 3 p.m. Saturday. Beyond that, the Bears will continue to make tweaks throughout the weekend as they prepare for next week’s season opener against the Packers. So which roster battles are most intriguing as the preseason ends? Who is still fighting for a spot? Rich Campbell and Dan Wiederer take a position-by-position stab at predicting the 53-man roster in this special cuts edition of Real Talk.

## Quarterbacks

**Mitch Trubisky, Chase Daniel**

**Rich Campbell:** Nothing to see here, Dan. Tyler Bray fits on the practice squad in a supporting role. Daniel failed to impress in the preseason. But before anyone jumps off the bandwagon because of the backup quarterback, remember he won in Detroit on Thanksgiving last year. The backup always looks better behind the first-string offensive line and with starting receivers.

**Dan Wiederer:** In the name of balance, it’s only fair to point out that Daniel and the Bears also lost to the last-place Giants in December, a costly stumble in which he threw a pick-six. Daniel’s greatest value to the Bears, though, is in his behind-the-scenes support of Trubisky, his knowledge of the offense and his understanding of how to help prepare a starter.

## Running backs

**David Montgomery, Tarik Cohen, Mike Davis, Kerrith Whyte**

**Wiederer:** Whyte earns the nod over Ryan Nall here based on his worth on special teams and his higher long-term upside. But Nall should still receive a seat in the room as a member of the practice squad.

**Campbell:** This roster battle interests me because Whyte’s and Nall’s skill sets are so different. My guess is Whyte’s speed wins out, not to mention the Bears used a seventh-round draft pick on him. But Nall is a tough runner with sneaky nimble feet, as he showed on his 69-yard run against the Colts.

## Wide receivers

**Allen Robinson, Taylor Gabriel, Anthony Miller, Cordarrelle Patterson, Javon Wims, Riley Ridley**

**Campbell:** We reach the end of the preseason without the hot competition many foresaw at the beginning of training camp. These six clearly are a cut above the rest, although Patterson is the only established special teamer. Ridley is still playing catch-up from the hamstring injury he suffered on the first day of camp. Wims is ahead of the fourth-round pick on the depth chart.

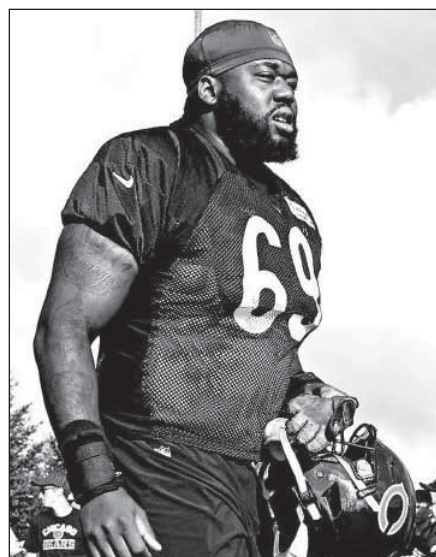
**Wiederer:** I’m expecting a huge year out of Robinson, the engine of this entire group. Now we get a true test of Matt Nagy’s offensive genius as we monitor how he’s able to use Gabriel, Miller and Patterson in creative ways that fit their skill sets.

## Tight ends

**Trey Burton, Adam Shaheen, Ben Braunecker, Bradley Sowell**

**Wiederer:** I’m still not fully comfortable with the depth here and would keep my eyes on the waiver wire this weekend for possible additions. In the meantime, will undrafted rookies Dax Raymond and/or Ian Bunting get a practice squad invitation?

**Campbell:** I’m with you about the waiver wire potential here. I’d say it’s the thinnest position of the 11 groups. Nagy’s vow last week to be patient with Sowell’s position change seemed like an acknowledgement he made the team. And that makes sense, considering the former offensive lineman is mostly required to block as the backup Y tight end.



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Bears offensive tackle Rashaad Coward has been battling an elbow injury but still looks like he’ll make the roster.

## Offensive line

**Charles Leno, Cody Whitehair, James Daniels, Kyle Long, Bobby Massie, Ted Larsen, Rashaad Coward, Alex Bars**

**Campbell:** Pace has gone into Week 1 with eight offensive linemen in each of the last three years. It wouldn’t surprise me if one or two names we’ve predicted are replaced by players cut by other teams. Then again, there’s a league-wide shortage of quality offensive line depth, so the Bears might just keep things in-house. Coward’s elbow injury clouds his status, but the Bears don’t have other convincing options.

**Wiederer:** This might be the hidden landmine for the 2019 Bears. The starting unit is solid and steady. But if there’s a need for major reshuffling because of injuries — a near-given in the NFL season — the depth issue here might be a hindrance to the offensive growth.

## Defensive line

**Akiem Hicks, Eddie Goldman, Bilal Nichols, Roy Robertson-Harris, Jonathan Bullard, Nick Williams**

**Wiederer:** Good God, that front line is as impressive as any in the league. If Nichols makes another jump in his development, this group will only get scarier.

**Campbell:** You said it. There’s top-end talent and quality depth. The Bears’ defensive dominance starts here with position coach Jay Rodgers’ group.

## Outside linebackers

**Khalil Mack, Leonard Floyd, Aaron Lynch, Isaiah Irving, James Vaughters**

**Campbell:** Let’s give the nod to the journeyman Vaughters over Kylie Fitts. Yes, the Bears invested a sixth-round pick in Fitts a year ago. But what has he done this preseason? Vaughters has outproduced him with strip-sacks in each of the last two games. Fitts fits on the practice squad just fine.

**Wiederer:** Fitts fits. I see what you did there. But while you have covered the back end of the group, I’m still fixated on the top line of the depth chart. Khalil. Freaking. Mack. Man, is that a comforting sight for Pace and Nagy, who also believe a healthy and driven Floyd is positioned for a breakout year.

## Inside linebackers

**Roquan Smith, Danny Trevathan, Nick Kwiatkoski, Joel Iyegbuniwe, Josh Woods**

**Wiederer:** I won’t be shocked if Woods finds his way to the practice squad. But that’s a minimal worry for a group that has an impressive starting duo in Smith and Trevathan and an underrated depth player in Kwiatkoski.

**Campbell:** I wouldn’t either, but the Bears really like Woods’ ability to run and hit. He fits on special teams, and for that reason I wouldn’t be surprised if he’s on the active 46-man roster against the Packers. The Bears invested a fourth-round pick in Iyegbuniwe last year, so his spot should be safe.

## Cornerbacks

**Kyle Fuller, Prince Amukamara, Buster Skrine, Duke Shelley, John Franklin III**

**Campbell:** My confidence level in our pick of Franklin over Kevin Toliver isn’t particularly high. Neither has separated himself from a group of unproven, young backup corners. Franklin has great speed and the Bears like Toliver’s physical size and athleticism, but I wouldn’t be surprised if the Bears cut both and signed a corner who was cut by another team. This position is a booby trap because the depth isn’t there on the outside.

**Wiederer:** We’ve both agreed since June that the need to keep Fuller and Amukamara on the field is critical. Otherwise new coordinator Chuck Pagano might have a few headaches in his “Next man up” adjustments.

## Safeties

**Eddie Jackson, Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, Deon Bush, DeAndre Houston-Carson, Sherrick McManis**

**Wiederer:** Thumbs up to Bush, who has followed up a strong spring and summer with more production during training camp and the preseason. His interception and 91-yard touchdown return against the Colts was a thing of beauty. McManis, meanwhile, returns thanks to his special teams abilities and his versatility to play either cornerback or safety.

**Campbell:** The dearth of receivers that cover kicks should help Houston-Carson. He has the trust of special teams coordinator Chris Tabor. McManis would be the oldest defensive player on the team (31), but that shouldn’t deter the Bears from keeping a player so reliable covering kicks.

## Specialists

**Eddy Pineiro, Pat O’Donnell, Patrick Scales**

**Campbell:** Pineiro figures to be on the first 53-man roster, but let’s take it a step further and say he’s the kicker opening night. At this point, the Bears either have to take Pineiro for a regular-season test drive or start anew with a kicker they don’t know. After Pineiro made the 58-yarder against the Colts, why not continue to let him grow?

**Wiederer:** If Nagy is sincere with his want to be patient in letting Pineiro develop, then it’s fair to reason the young kicker will get the month of September to reward that patience. If Pineiro is on the plane to London, the Bears will owe the Raiders that conditional 2021 seventh-round pick.

## COLLEGES

## NU

Continued from Page 1

**1. Who will it be?** Quarterback Hunter Johnson has run with the ones during fall camp. TJ Green has run with the ones during fall camp.

Sometimes the personnel packages make it hard to tell the ones from the twos. Perhaps this is intentional.

As defensive end Joe Gaziano joked: "TJ Johnson or Hunter Green, it doesn't matter to me."

Receiver Bennett Skowronek said: "Honestly you don't even know who's out there because we run a no-huddle and we're getting (calls) from the sideline. My job is to get open. Both those guys can get me the ball, make the right checks, do all that stuff."

**2. Split decision:** My best guess is Johnson will start and Green also will play. Johnson is the gifted Clemson transfer, and Green is the heady veteran who arrived without a scholarship.

Both are listed at 6-foot-2, but Johnson appears much taller. He's also more athletic.

But Green is more knowledgeable of the system and perhaps more reliable.

Johnson ran the scout team last season, mimicking opposing quarterbacks. If he is still behind, can't he lean on center Jared Thomas, the heart and soul of the offense, for help with adjusting protections?

Not starting Johnson would make national news and perhaps affect his confidence.

There's no point in doing that unless Green is significantly ahead.

Asked if there's wisdom in playing both, Fitzgerald delivered his only two-word answer of Monday's news conference: "Yeah, maybe."

**3. Time machine:** These teams last met in Week 1 of 2015. Northwestern had a new starting quarterback in redshirt freshman Clayton Thorson, and Stanford unleashed a promising sophomore running back named Christian McCaffrey.

The Wildcats limited him to 89 yards on 17 combined carries and catches in a stunning 16-6 victory. Northwestern was a 10-point



CHRIS WALKER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Northwestern quarterback Hunter Johnson, left, is a good bet to start the season opener against Stanford.

underdog, and Stanford's lowest point total in its 13 remaining games was 30. That was the season the Cardinal clubbed Iowa 45-16 in the Rose Bowl and McCaffrey finished second in Heisman Trophy voting.

Does anything from that 2015 game apply to Saturday?

"You look at tape from that game and you way overanalyze," Fitzgerald said. "In openers and bowl games, (coaches) have to make sure we don't overload our guys mentally. That's a big task for me."

Gaziano redshirted that season, watching standout defensive linemen Dean Lowry, Tyler Lancaster, Ifeadi Odenigbo and Deonte Gibson do their thing.

"We played very physically, and I think that took them by surprise a little," Gaziano said. "It won't be the same game, but there are a few things we can pick up on defensively and use to our advantage."

**4. Left-leaning:** The left side of Northwestern's offensive line is its strength: tackle Rashawn Slater, a junior with 26 career starts, and steady guard Nik Urban.

Right guard Sam Gerak is starting for the injured Sam Stovall, who might return in time for the Sept. 14 game against UNLV. Right tackle Gunnar Vogel is nasty and talented but mistake-prone.

**5. Cardinal direction:** NU coaches are familiar with the best player on Stanford's defensive line, Jovan Swann. The Greenwood, Ind., native took a recruiting visit to Evanston. Now the 271-pound end is a force, having received a PlayStation Player Impact Rating of 98, making him the highest-ranked defensive player in the nation, though he was only honorable-mention All-Pac-12 after recording 4½ sacks.

Stanford's top NFL prospects, according to ESPN's Mel Kiper, are left tackle Walker Little, tight

end Colby Parkinson, cornerback Paulson Adebo and quarterback K.J. Costello.

One Wildcat made Kiper's list of more than 100 players: linebacker Paddy Fisher.

**6. Foot soldiers:** Charlie Kuhnbander (18-for-25 on field goals) has reclaimed the kicker job for the Wildcats after an injury-plagued 2018. Drew Luckenbaugh (3-for-4) is his backup.

Daniel Kubiuk beat out TCU graduate transfer Andrew David at punter. Kubiuk arrived on campus from Barrington High School in 2014 — not a misprint — and is finally healthy. Asked if Northwestern needed a waiver from the NCAA for Kubiuk's sixth year, Fitzgerald replied: "Sixtieth year? Yeah. Absolutely. It's all worked out."

Kubiuk, who hopes to earn a scholarship this fall, will turn 24 on Sept. 30. Teammates call him "Grandpa."

TOM O'HARA

1942-2019

## Rambler set world indoor mile mark

BY SHANNON RYAN

Tom O'Hara, an NCAA cross-country champion and track star at Loyola and former indoor world record holder in the mile, died Tuesday, the university announced. He was 77.

"This is a sad day for Loyola Athletics. Tom O'Hara is a legend not only at Loyola, but also in his sport," Loyola athletic director Steve Watson said in a statement Wednesday.

"For as accomplished as Tom was on the course and track, he was unbelievably humble and a true gentleman. Tom will be sorely missed by those of us in the Loyola community, and we extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends."

O'Hara, a Chicago native who attended St. Ignatius, set the indoor world record in the mile in 1964 with a time of 3 minutes, 56.6 seconds before breaking that a month later by running it in 3:56.4 at Chicago Stadium.

He was the first Illinois runner to break the 4-minute mark.

At Loyola, O'Hara won the NCAA individual cross-country championship during the 1962-63 season before competing for the U.S. in the 1,500 meters at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics.

An illustration of O'Hara was featured on the cover of the June 22, 1964, edition of Sports Illustrated with the headline "Tom O'Hara: The mystique of the mile."

Loyola cross-country and track and field coach Bob Thurnhoffer called O'Hara "possibly the greatest Rambler of all time."

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## SCOREBOARD

## NFL PRESEASON

| AFC EAST    | W | L | T | PCT   | PF | PA |
|-------------|---|---|---|-------|----|----|
| New England | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 63 | 23 |
| Buffalo     | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 70 | 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                       | THURSDAY |
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| 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.             |          |

| ODDS | MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL | AMERICAN LEAGUE | THURSDAY         |      |
|------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------|------|
|      | Cleveland             | -235            | at Detroit       | +205 |
|      | Oakland               | -180            | at Kansas City   | +165 |
|      | at Houston            | Off             | Tampa Bay        | Off  |
|      | Minnesota             | -170            | at Chi White Sox | +158 |
|      | at Texas              | -165            | Seattle          | +155 |

| NATIONAL LEAGUE | THURSDAY |
|-----------------|----------|
| at Miami        | Off      |
| at NY Mets      | -177     |
| at Colorado     | -105     |
| LA Dodgers      | -200     |
| San Diego       | -121     |

| COLLEGE FOOTBALL | WEEK 1 | THURSDAY     |
|------------------|--------|--------------|
| at Cincinnati    | 3      | UCLA         |
| at Clemson       | 37     | Georgia Tech |
| at Tulane        | 2½     | FIU          |
| at Texas A&M     | 33½    | Texas St.    |
| at Arizona St.   | 24½    | Kent St.     |
| Utah             | 6½     | at BYU       |

| MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL | FRIDAY |
|-----------------------|--------|
| at Army               | 21½    |
| at Wake Forest        | 3½     |
| Wisconsin             | 12½    |
| at Michigan St.       | 23     |
| at Rutgers            | 15½    |
| Colorado              | 13½    |
| Purdue                | 14     |
| Oklahoma St.          | 11     |

| COLLEGE FOOTBALL | FRIDAY |
|------------------|--------|
| at Ohio State    | 27½    |
| at Nebraska      | 36     |
| at NC State      | 17     |
| at Illinois      | 18     |
| Indiana          | 17     |
| at Kentucky      | 12     |
| Miss. St.        | 20     |
| at Memphis       | 5½     |
| at Tennessee     | 26     |
| E. Michigan      | 6      |
| S. Carolina      | 10½    |
| Alabama          | 33½    |
| at Stanford      | 6½     |
| Virginia Tech    | 5      |
| Syracuse         | 19     |
| Florida St.      | 4      |
| at Arkansas St.  | 3      |
| at Michigan      | 34½    |
| at Iowa          | 21½    |
| at LSU           | 27½    |
| Georgia          | 2½     |
| Virginia         | 21     |
| Missouri         | 17½    |
| Auburn           | 3½     |
| at Texas         | 20½    |
| at Wash. St.     | 31     |
| at USC           | 13½    |

| MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL | MONDAY |
|-----------------------|--------|
| at Oklahoma           | 23     |
| Notre Dame            | 19     |

| NFL PRESEASON   | WEEK 4 | THURSDAY      |
|-----------------|--------|---------------|
| 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       | 2      | 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       |

| MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL | FRIDAY |
|-----------------------|--------|
| at Carolina           | 3½     |
| at Buffalo            | 3      |
| Indianapolis          | 3      |
| Philadelphia          | 4      |
| Atlanta               | 4      |
| at Washington         | 6      |
| NY Giants             | 2½     |
| Detroit               | 4½     |
| Kansas City           | 2      |
| Tampa Bay             | 2      |
| Tennessee             | 2½     |
| LA Rams               | 2½     |
| Miami                 | 3½     |
| Arizona               | 2      |
| LA Chargers           | 4      |
| Oakland               | 2½     |

| MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL | MONDAY |
|-----------------------|--------|
| at Louisville         | 19     |

| MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL | THURSDAY |
|-----------------------|----------|
| at Carolina           | 3½       |
| at Buffalo            | 3        |
| Indianapolis          | 3        |
| Philadelphia          | 4        |
| Atlanta               | 4        |
| at Washington         | 6        |
| NY Giants             | 2½       |
| Detroit               | 4½       |
| Kansas City           | 2        |
| Tampa Bay             | 2        |
| Tennessee             | 2½       |
| LA Rams               | 2½       |
| Miami                 | 3½       |
| Arizona               | 2        |
| LA Chargers           | 4        |
| Oakland               | 2½       |

| MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL | MONDAY |
|-----------------------|--------|
| at Louisville         | 19     |

## TENNIS

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**MEN'S SECOND ROUND SINGLES**  
#1 Novak Djokovic d. Juan Ignacio Londero, 6-4, 7-6 (3), 6-1  
#3 Roger Federer d. Damir Dzumhur, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4  
#7 Kei Nishikori d. Bradley Klahn, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5  
Grigor Dimitrov d. #12 Borna Coric, walkover  
Dominik Koepfer d. Reilly Opelka, 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (2)  
**WOMEN'S SECOND ROUND SINGLES**  
#2 Ashleigh Barty d. Lauren Davis, 6-2, 7-6 (2)  
#3 Karolina Pliskova d. Mariam Bolkvadze, 6-1, 6-4  
#5 Elina Svitolina d. Venus Williams, 6-4, 6-4  
#8 Serena Williams d. Catherine McNally, 5-7, 6-3, 6-1  
#10 Madison Keys d. Zhu Lin, 6-4, 6-1.

## WNBA

| EASTERN       | W  | L  | PCT  | GB  |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| x-Washington  | 22 | 8  | .733 | —   |
| x-Connecticut | 21 | 9  | .700 | 1   |
| x-Chicago     | 18 | 12 | .600 | 4   |
| Indiana       | 11 | 19 | .367 | 11  |
| New York      | 9  | 21 | .300 | 13  |
| Atlanta       | 7  | 22 | .241 | 14½ |

| WESTERN       | W  | L  | PCT  | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|----|
| x-Los Angeles | 18 | 11 | .621 | —  |
| x-Las Vegas   | 19 | 12 | .613 | —  |
| x-Minnesota   | 16 | 15 | .516 | 3  |
| x-Seattle     | 15 | 15 | .500 | 3½ |
| Phoenix       | 14 | 15 | .483 | 4  |
| Dallas        | 9  | 20 | .310 | 9  |

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**THURSDAY'S GAMES**  
Los Angeles at Indiana, 6 p.m.  
Phoenix at Atlanta, 6 p.m.  
Dallas at Chicago, 7 p.m.  
**FRIDAY'S GAME**  
Connecticut at New York, 6:30 p.m.  
**SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE**  
Washington at Dallas, 7 p.m.  
Los Angeles at Vegas, 9:30 p.m.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

**THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE**  
**Top 25**  
Georgia Tech at #1 Clemson, 7 p.m.  
Texas State vs. #12 Texas A&M, 7:30 p.m.  
#14 Utah at BYU, 9:15 p.m.  
Florida A&M at #17 UCF, 6:30 p.m.  
**East**  
Robert Morris at Buffalo, 6 p.m.  
Delaware St. at Delaware, 6 p.m.  
Bryant at Stony Brook, 6 p.m.  
Wagner at UConn, 6 p.m.  
**South**  
Union (Ky.) at Morehead St., 5 p.m.  
E. Illinois at Chattanooga, 6 p.m.  
Valparaiso at E. Kentucky, 6 p.m.  
Pikeville at Murray St., 6 p.m.  
Jacksonville at Richmond, 6 p.m.  
Gardner-Webb at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.  
Northwestern St. at UT Martin, 6:30 p.m.  
C. Arkansas at W. Kentucky, 6:30 p.m.  
NC Central at Austin Peay, 7 p.m.  
W. Illinois at North Alabama, 7 p.m.  
Jacksonville St. at SE Louisiana, 7 p.m.  
FIU at Tulane, 7 p.m.  
Alabama St. at UAB, 7 p.m.

**Midwest**  
Morgan St. at Bowling Green, 6 p.m.  
Albany (NY) at Cent. Michigan, 6 p.m.  
UCLA at Cincinnati, 6 p.m.  
S. Illinois at SE Missouri, 6:30 p.m.  
Bethel (Tenn.) at Lamar, 7 p.m.  
S. Dakota St. at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
**West**  
Missouri St. at N. Arizona, 8 p.m.  
Kent St. at Arizona St., 9 p.m.  
N. Colorado at San Jose St., 9 p.m.  
**FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE**  
**Top 25**  
Tulsa at #18 Michigan State, 6 p.m.  
#19 Wisconsin at South Florida, 6 p.m.  
**Others**  
Rice at Army, 5 p.m.  
Sacred Heart at Maine, 5 p.m.  
UMass at Rutgers, 6:15 p.m.  
Utah St. at Wake Forest, 7 p.m.  
Purdue at Nevada, 8:30 p.m.  
Colorado vs. Colo. St. in Denver, 9 p.m.  
Oklahoma St. at Oregon St., 9:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE**  
**Top 25**  
#2 Alabama vs. Duke in Atlanta, 2:30 p.m.  
#3 Georgia at Vanderbilt, 6:30 p.m.  
FAU vs. #5 Ohio State, 11 a.m.  
Ga Southern vs. #6 LSU, 6:30 p.m.  
Mid. Tenn. at #7 Michigan, 6:30 p.m.  
La. Tech at #10 Texas, 7 p.m.  
#11 Oregon vs. #16 Auburn in Arlington, Tex., 6:30 p.m.  
E. Wash. at #13 Washington, 2 p.m.  
Idaho vs. #15 Penn State, 2:30 p.m.  
Miami, Ohio vs. #20 Iowa, 6:30 p.m.  
N. Iowa vs. #21 Iowa State, 11 a.m.  
#22 Syracuse at Liberty, 5 p.m.  
N. Mexico St. at #23 Wash St., 9 p.m.  
S. Alabama at #24 Nebraska, 11 a.m.  
Northwestern at #25 Stanford, 3 p.m.

**East**  
St. Francis (Pa.) at Lehigh, 11:30 a.m.  
James Madison at West Virginia, 1 p.m.  
Bucknell at Temple, 2 p.m.  
Holy Cross at Navy, 2:30 p.m.  
Va. Tech at Boston College, 3 p.m.  
CCSU at Fordham, 5 p.m.  
Va. Lynchburg at Merrimack, 5 p.m.  
Virginia at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.  
**South**  
Toledo at Kentucky, 11 a.m.  
Mississippi St. vs. La.-Lafayette in New Orleans, 11 a.m.  
Howard at Maryland, 11 a.m.  
Mississippi at Memphis, 11 a.m.  
East Carolina at NC State, 11 a.m.  
Georgetown at Davidson, noon  
Charleston So. at Furman, noon  
Towson at The Citadel, 2 p.m.  
ETSU at Appalachian St., 2:30 p.m.  
E. Michigan at C. Carolina, 2:30 p.m.  
North Carolina vs. South Carolina in Charlotte, N.C., 2:30 p.m.  
Georgia St. at Tennessee, 2:30 p.m.  
Elizabeth City St. at Hampton, 5 p.m.  
Point (Ga.) at Kennesaw St., 5 p.m.  
Elon at NC A&T, 5 p.m.  
Wofford at SC State, 5 p.m.  
Campbell at Troy, 5 p.m.  
Mercer at W. Carolina, 5 p.m.  
Lafayette at William & Mary, 5 p.m.  
VMI at Marshall, 5:30 p.m.  
Boise St. vs. Fla. St. (Jacksonville), 6 p.m.  
Southern U. at McNeese St., 6 p.m.  
Norfolk St. at Old Dominion, 6 p.m.  
Alcorn St. at Southern Miss., 6 p.m.  
Presbyterian at Stetson, 6 p.m.  
MVSU at Tennessee St., 6 p.m.  
Samford at Tennessee Tech, 6 p.m.  
Grambling St. at La.-Monroe, 7 p.m.

**Midwest**  
Akron at Illinois, 11 a.m.  
Ball St. vs. Indiana (Indianapolis), 11 a.m.  
N. Iowa at Iowa St., 11 a.m.  
Indiana St. at Kansas, 11 a.m.  
Rhode Island at Ohio, 1 p.m.  
Montana at South Dakota, 2 p.m.  
Butler vs. N. Dak. St. in Minneapolis, 3  
Drake at North Dakota, 4 p.m.  
Nicholls at Kansas St., 6 p.m.  
Illinois St. at N. Illinois, 6 p.m.  
Monmouth (NJ) at W. Michigan, 6 p.m.  
**Southwest**  
Portland St. at Arkansas, 3 p.m.  
Montana St. at Texas Tech, 3 p.m.  
Incarnate Word at UTSA, 5 p.m.  
Prairie View at Texas So., 5:30 p.m.  
SMU at Arkansas St., 6 p.m.  
Stephen F. Austin at Baylor, 6 p.m.  
Abilene Chr. at North Texas, 6:30 p.m.  
Ark.-Pine Bluff at TCU, 7 p.m.  
Houston Baptist at UTEP, 7 p.m.

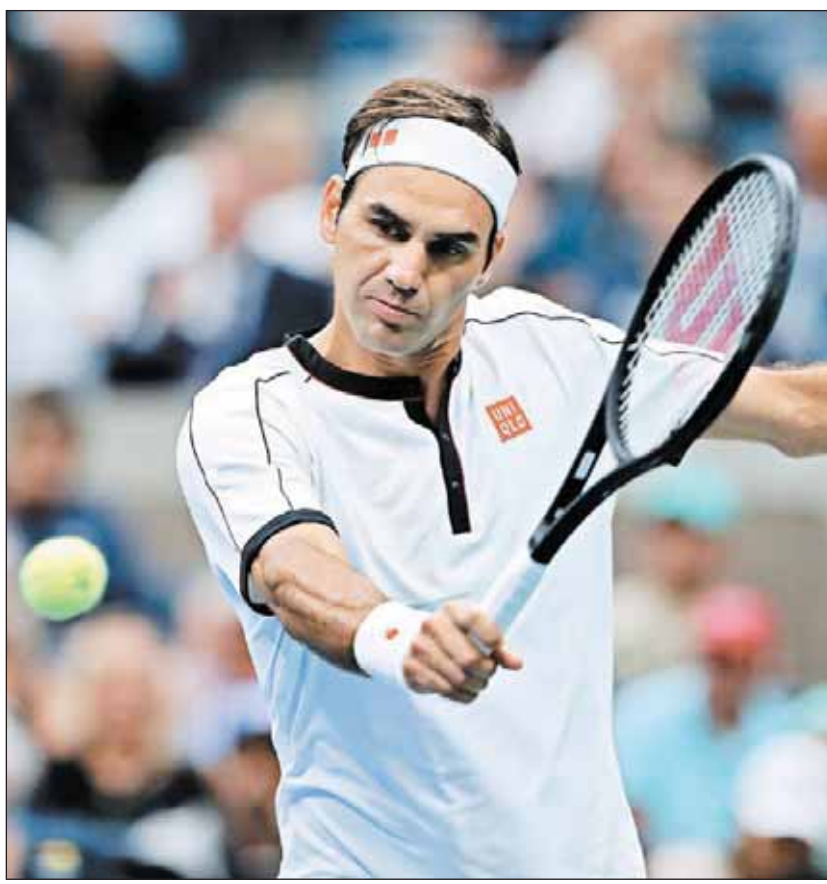
**West**  
Colgate at Air Force, 2:30 p.m.  
San Diego at Cal Poly, 4 p.m.  
Sam Houston St. at New Mexico, 5 p.m.  
UC Davis at California, 5:30 p.m.  
Missouri at Wyoming, 6:30 p.m.  
S. Oregon at Sacramento St., 8 p.m.  
Weber St. at San Diego St., 8 p.m.  
S. Utah at UNLV, 9 p.m.  
Fresno St. at Southern Cal, 9:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE**  
Bethune-Cookman vs. Jackson St. in Atlanta, 2 p.m.  
Morehouse vs. Alabama A&M in Canton, Ohio, 2:30 p.m.  
Houston at #4 Oklahoma, 6:30 p.m.  
**MONDAY'S GAME**  
#9 Notre Dame at Louisville, 7 p.m.

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**  
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Roger Federer returns a shot against Damir Dzumhur on Wednesday.

## U.S. OPEN

## Novak, Raja fight struggles

No. 2 Barty, No. 3 Pliskova advance but Venus ousted

BY HOWARD FENDRICH

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Maybe Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer are feeling some lingering after-effects of their historic Wimbledon final last month.

For Djokovic, it's a left shoulder that is hurting and probably contributed to slower-than-usual serves in the U.S. Open's second round Wednesday night.

For Federer, it's slow starts: He's lost the opening set each of his first two matches at Flushing Meadows for the first time in 19 years he's entered the Grand Slam tournament.

If they're going to reprise their rivalry late next week in the semifinals, both will need to improve.

Djokovic was repeatedly visited by a trainer for shoulder massages at changeovers during a ragged 6-4, 7-6 (3), 6-1 victory over 56th-ranked Juan Ignacio Londero of Argentina. Djokovic is a righty but he uses his other hand both for ball tosses on serves and on his two-fisted backhand — and both were less effective for stretches.

"I was definitely tested. This is something I've been carrying for a quite a while now," said Djokovic, who repeatedly shook his left arm between points while serving in his first-round match Monday and did that again this time. "It wasn't easy playing with the pain and you have to fight and hope you get lucky with some shots."

Even though he won for the 35th time in his past 36 Slam matches, including in a fifth-set tiebreaker against Federer at the All England Club on July 14, the Serb looked uncomfortable and went away for stretches, including trailing 3-0 in the second set.

## IN BRIEF

**College basketball:** F Isaiah Stokes has transferred to Memphis after two seasons at Florida. Stokes was coached in AAU ball by current Memphis coach Penny Hardaway. A Memphis native, Stokes averaged 7.1 minutes and 2.7 points per game in 26 games for the Gators last season after tearing an ACL in 2017-18. Stokes will sit out this season unless granted eligibility to play immediately.

**College football:** Dylan Moses, a linebacker for No. 2 Alabama, is expected to miss the 2019 season after suffering a knee injury in practice this week, ESPN.com reported. Moses led the Tide with 86 tackles, registered 3 ½ sacks and was a finalist for the Butkus Award last season. ... No. 24 Nebraska suspended WR Andre Hunt and TE Katerian Legrone indefinitely. No reason was given for the suspensions. Hunt, a redshirt freshman, appeared in two games last season and was expected to get significant playing time. Legrone is a redshirt freshman who appeared in three games in 2018 and was expected to be a reserve this season. ... An appeal for immediate eligibility by Georgia Tech DB Myles Sims was granted by the NCAA, making the redshirt freshman and Michigan transfer available for the season-opener at Clemson on Thursday. DL Antonneous Clayton's waiver request for immediate eligibility after transferring from Florida was denied by the NCAA. Clayton must



RANKING THE BEST BEARS PLAYERS EVER

# #8 Doug Atkins

Hall of Fame DE was an unstoppable force who even awed NFL stars

BY WILL LARKIN

For 17 years, NFL players lived by one rule concerning Doug Atkins, the 6-foot-8, 257-pound freak of nature who played with the Bears for 12 of those seasons.

Don't make him mad.

"We used to hope somebody would hold him," Rick Casares, a fullback for the Bears from 1955-64, once said. "The next play you would see guys flying around like King Kong had gotten a hold of them."

The Tribune's Don Pierson pointed out that Atkins was roughly the same size as LeBron James, and that the defensive end he replaced with the Bears, Ed Sprinkle, was 6-1 and 206 pounds.

Like James, Atkins possessed freakish athleticism. He led his high school basketball team to the 1949 Tennessee state championship, played football and basketball at Tennessee and finished in second place at the 1952 SEC track and field meet with a high jump of 6 feet, 6 inches.

Atkins was perhaps the strongest man in the NFL. He certainly was the only defensive lineman able to leap over an offensive lineman or fullback to get to the quarterback, a move he made several times per season.

While Atkins resembled James as an athlete, thankfully for the rest of the NFL he didn't quite have the motor of the man he replaced.

"If he'd had the temperament of Ed Sprinkle, they would have had to bar him from football," Bears tackle Bill Bishop said in Richard Whittingham's 1991 book, "What Bears They Were."

Pierson also pointed out that Atkins was the one superstar who left the league's other legends in awe.

In 2002, when Pierson helped elect Bears defensive lineman Dan Hampton into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, the writer, Hampton and his presenter, Ed O'Bradovich, another former Bears defensive lineman and a teammate of Atkins, attended the luncheon for Hall of Famers, presenters and electors. Their table included some of pro football's toughest all-time players: Merlin Olsen, Bob St. Clair, Jack Youngblood and Dante Lavelli.

"All they did for most of the meal was tell stories about Doug Atkins, literally a legend among legends," Pierson wrote on Jan. 3, 2016.

The tales about Atkins, who played for the Bears from 1955 to 1966, have taken a life of their own through the years. It is hard to tell the facts from the embellishments and exaggerations as his improbable actions seem to have become more outlandish with each telling.

A few of the most repeated:

■ Atkins, always trying to figure out new ways to skip practice, once bewildered his teammates and coaches by running around the practice field in shorts, a T-shirt and a new helmet with no face mask or chin strap, running in crazy patterns, sometimes with his long arms spread wide like an airplane's wings. Bears coach George Halas, Atkins' constant foil, asked him what in the hell he was doing. Atkins replied: "Breaking in my helmet."

■ An assistant coach noticed Atkins missing from practice one day at training camp in Rensselaer, Ind., and finally located him in the coaches' crow's nest, shooting pigeons with a rifle.

■ Atkins used that same rifle to stifle a teammate's loud music on the floor above him in the dorms at St. Joseph's College.

In one version of the story, Atkins shouted from below to turn it down; when the player failed to comply, he fired a shot through the ceiling. In another version, Atkins walked upstairs, knocked on the door, walked into the teammate's room and shot the radio.

■ Safety Richie Petitbon was one of the teammates Atkins invited to the parties he held in his dorm room. The coaches would not conduct bed checks on Atkins because of the pit bull named "Rebel" he brought to camp and, according to Petitbon, trained to kill.

"He'd get himself three or four guys in there and you'd drink until he let you go," Petitbon told Pierson on July 28, 1978.

The other players would become captives in the room of Atkins, who often did not have to practice in the morning because of injury. Sometimes he would keep his teammates there until 3 a.m. If a player tried to leave Atkins' room before he declared the party over, Rebel would stand at attention and start growling. Petitbon thought he could escape by saying he had to go to the restroom, but Atkins instructed him to use the dorm-room window.

"So I go out the window, sit down and listen to some more hillbilly music," Petitbon said.

■ Halas and Atkins argued over a bottle of Coca-Cola at halftime of a game that the Bears won with an improbable second-half comeback. The ruckus in the locker room caused reporters to credit Halas with a rousing pep talk that led to the victory. Instead, the septuagenarian Halas and 6-8 Atkins were playing tug of war over a glass bottle of Coke.

In one version of the story, Atkins grabbed one of the Cokes that Halas had specially prepared for him with whiskey. In another, Halas was upset because Atkins grabbed the beverage from the cooler that was intended for after the game, not halftime.



CHICAGO TRIBUNE HISTORICAL PHOTOS

Doug Atkins, left, and George Connor sit on the bench during a Bears game against the Chicago Cardinals at Comiskey Park in 1955.



Quarterbacks, linemen and ball carriers for 17 years feared a looming Doug Atkins, who played for the Bears from 1955 to 1969.

■ One night O'Bradovich went into Atkins' dorm room and found him playing darts. O'Bradovich grabbed a dart from Atkins' hand, but before he could toss it, Atkins tossed him. He lifted his 6-3, 255-pound teammate over his head and "threw him down on the floor like a sack of potatoes," John Mullin wrote in his 2003 book, "Tales from the Chicago Bears Sidelines."

"That was it for the darts," O'Bradovich told Mullin. "I learned damn quick right there. Don't interrupt the Big Fella when he's playing darts."

■ Atkins once ran into an Eagles player at a bar after an exhibition game. An argument ensued, and Atkins supposedly picked up the player and pressed him against the ceiling with one hand while drinking his beer with the other.

■ Upon learning that beer is fattening, Atkins switched to martinis. An unnamed New Orleans sports writer told Mike Downey of the Los Angeles Times on Jan. 24, 1986, that he once witnessed Atkins consume a meal of 45 pieces of fried chicken and two pitchers of martinis.

■ During one training camp, a few of the Bears' wallets went missing, and the players started referring to the thief as "The Phantom." Before Rebel's time in Rensselaer, coaches still made bed checks on Atkins, and when Halas stepped into Atkins' room with his flashlight, Atkins pounced on "Papa Bear" from behind his door and covered the coach with a blanket.

"I got the Phantom! I got the Phantom!" Atkins shouted.

Atkins' bouts with Halas got the biggest rise out of his teammates, most of whom were terrified of the Bears coach and founder.

"How Doug got away with it, I'll never know," teammate Stan Jones told Whittingham. "He always had these things going with Coach Halas. ... Halas, of course, always won out, but Doug gave everybody a lot of laughs along the way."

Halas took pride in the way he handled his assortment of "wild horses" and "night crawlers," rebellious players such as Atkins, Casares, Mike Ditka and Harlon Hill. Halas felt he struck the perfect balance between letting these players be themselves off the field and getting peak performances on it while maintaining a semblance of team harmony. He did hire a detective agency to keep tabs on them, though, and would share the files come contract time.

Halas was, however, much more progressive with such players than his contemporary Paul Brown, the NFL's other owner/personnel director/coach. Brown had a zero-tolerance policy for malcontents with his namesake franchise, and as his Browns won seven championships in 10 years in the All-American Football League and the NFL between 1946 and 1955, his word was golden.

The Browns had selected Atkins with the No. 11 pick in the 1953 draft but quickly tired of his antics. The last straw, according to reports, came when Atkins belched loudly in the middle of a Brown-led meeting.

In 1955, Halas acquired Atkins and safety Ken Gorgal from the Browns for third- and

sixth-round draft picks. Halas called the trade his best ever, and he always thought the way he prodded Atkins to produce gave him an edge over Brown when it came to dealing with players.

Halas took his share of abuse — and hazy 3 a.m. phone calls from Atkins, who would share his opinions of his contract or Halas' play-calling — but he gave as good as he got.

In his 1979 autobiography, "Halas by Halas," the Bears coach said: "One night a fan phoned that Doug was cutting up drunk at a bar. I drove over. Doug saw me enter and shouted a tumultuous river of profanities. I walked up to him and countered with a barrage that for volume and variety made his assault a peaceful brook compared to my Niagara."

"Doug put down his glass and came to camp. At 10 minutes before 9 in the morning, he was out there on the field with no trace of foggy-headedness or wobbly limbs. Doug became a powerful Bear. We became good friends."

Atkins, from the Tennessee hill town of Humboldt, disliked the constant drills and studying that came with football; he became despondent upon learning that Brown gave his players regularly scheduled written tests. He always preferred his first love, basketball. He hated practice but terrorized the league on Sundays.

Therefore, Halas reluctantly put up with Atkins' poor practice habits. It is said that the Bears coach didn't fully endorse Atkins for the Hall of Fame because of his inconsistent effort, but after Atkins was elected in 1982, Halas, late in his life, called him the best defensive end he'd ever seen.

Atkins, who never could figure why he wasn't enshrined until 13 years after he retired, felt he had a good reason for disdaining practice.

"I used to hurt all the time," Atkins told the Tribune's Cooper Rollow on Jan. 31, 1982. "One time Halas asked me to play against Green Bay even though I had two bad ankles after a hard week of practice. I couldn't even walk."

"Well, somebody blocked me once, and I heard (Bears assistant coach) Luke Johnsos say, 'Atkins, All-Pro? Bull!' I decided right then that practice isn't important."

Besides Halas and Brown, Atkins butted heads with another all-time great coach, Gen. Robert Neyland, at Tennessee. It wasn't until George Allen became Bears defensive coordinator in 1963 that Atkins found a coach with whom he connected. Allen replaced the overly technical Clark Shaughnessy, whose complex schemes and terms confused not only Atkins but the entire defense.

"Shaughnessy had one scheme where I lined up at defensive end; then I had five places to go," Atkins said in "Papa Bear: The Life and Legacy of George Halas," Jeff Davis' 2005 biography. "It was slam, slide, slue, smooch and all that. ... You just can't do that. We were struggling all the time."

Under Allen in 1963, "We knew exactly what we were going to do," Atkins told Davis. "We'd line up and just tee off and play football."

Atkins responded with his only first-team All-Pro season in Allen's first year as defensive coordinator, and the Bears won the 1963 championship. Atkins was named second-team All-Pro five times with the Bears, and his eight Pro Bowl appearances rank second in team history behind Mike Singletary's 10.

In 2014, Pierson named Atkins the best Bears defensive lineman ever.

Three years later, longtime Cowboys personnel director Gil Brandt, now an NFL Network analyst, ranked Atkins the fifth-best defensive end ever behind Reggie White, Deacon Jones, Bruce Smith and Gino Marchetti.

While Atkins' practice habits ranked near the bottom of the league, not many players ever played better during games. His coaches put up with him not only because he was talented, but also because he was a winner. He led his high school basketball team to a 44-0 record, helped Tennessee win the 1951 national championship and won NFL titles with the Browns (in 1954) and Bears.

## ATKINS AS A BEAR

1955-66 | 12 seasons | 146 games

**Bears record:** 86-64-6 (.551).

**Playoff appearances:** 2. NFL champion in 1963.

**Acquired:** Trade with Browns in 1955.

## THE LIST

8. Doug Atkins
9. Dan Hampton
10. Brian Urlacher
11. Mike Ditka
12. Mike Singletary
13. Danny Fortnam
14. Richard Dent
15. Joe Stydahar
16. George Connor
17. Stan Jones
18. Steve McMichael
19. Devin Hester
20. Red Grange
21. Jimbo Covert
22. George McAfee
23. Jay Hilgenberg
24. Bill Hewitt
25. George Halas
26. Olin Kreutz
27. Joe Fortunato
28. George Trafton
29. Lance Briggs
30. Ed Healey
31. Link Lyman
32. George Musso
33. Ed Sprinkle
34. Paddy Driscoll
35. Harlon Hill
36. Rick Casares
37. Ken Kavanaugh
38. Charles Tillman
39. Gary Fencik
40. Luke Johnsos
41. Richie Petitbon
42. Ray Bray
43. Rose Taylor
44. Johnny Morris
45. Joe Kopcha
46. Fred Williams
47. Matt Forte
48. Doug Buffone
49. Dave Duerson
50. Larry Morris
51. Dick Barwegan
52. Wally Chambers
53. Otis Wilson
54. Wilber Marshall
55. Dick Gordon
56. Jim McMahon
57. Neal Anderson
58. Mike Brown
59. Jim Osborne
60. Willie Galimore
61. Mark Carrier
62. Mark Bortz
63. Julius Peppers
64. J.C. Caroline
65. Ed O'Bradovich
66. Mike Pyle
67. Mike Hartenstine
68. Keith Van Horne
69. Tommie Harris
70. George Wilson
71. Jack Manders
72. James Williams
73. Jim Dooley
74. Robbie Gould
75. Bennie McRae
76. Johnny Lujack
77. Bill Osmanski
78. Jay Cutler
79. Jim McMillen
80. Khalil Mack
81. Eddie Jackson
82. Doug Plank
83. Zack Carlson
84. Bill Wade
85. Kyle Long
86. Brandon Marshall
87. Lee Artoe
88. Alishon Jeffery
89. Beattie Feathers
90. Keavin Butler
91. Bill Karr
92. Matt Suhey
93. Ed Brown
94. Gary Famiglietti
95. Akiem Hicks
96. Joey Sternaman
97. Hugh Gallarneau
98. Tom Thayer
99. William Perry
100. Patrick Mannely

In 1967, the Bears traded Atkins to the Saints. He was 37 at the time but played well enough in three seasons in New Orleans that the Saints retired his No. 81. He is the highest-ranked player on the Tribune's list of the top 100 Bears players not to receive that honor in Chicago.

When he was elected to the Hall of Fame, Atkins took a moment to defend himself and his reputation.

"Sure I'm outspoken," Atkins told Rollow. "But I'm going to tell you something. I don't lie. I don't cheat. I don't steal. And if I'm at your house, you can trust me with your wife, your money and your kids."

"Yet all I hear is stuff about my character: 'You done this. You done that.' I may have gone out and gotten drunk as a player, but I'll put my moral character against anyone in the Hall of Fame."

In retirement, Atkins performed various jobs, including pipefitter, shipyard worker, exterminator and, at separate times, selling eyeglasses and caskets. In his later years, he used a wheelchair because of the effects of the injuries accumulated during his 17-year NFL career.

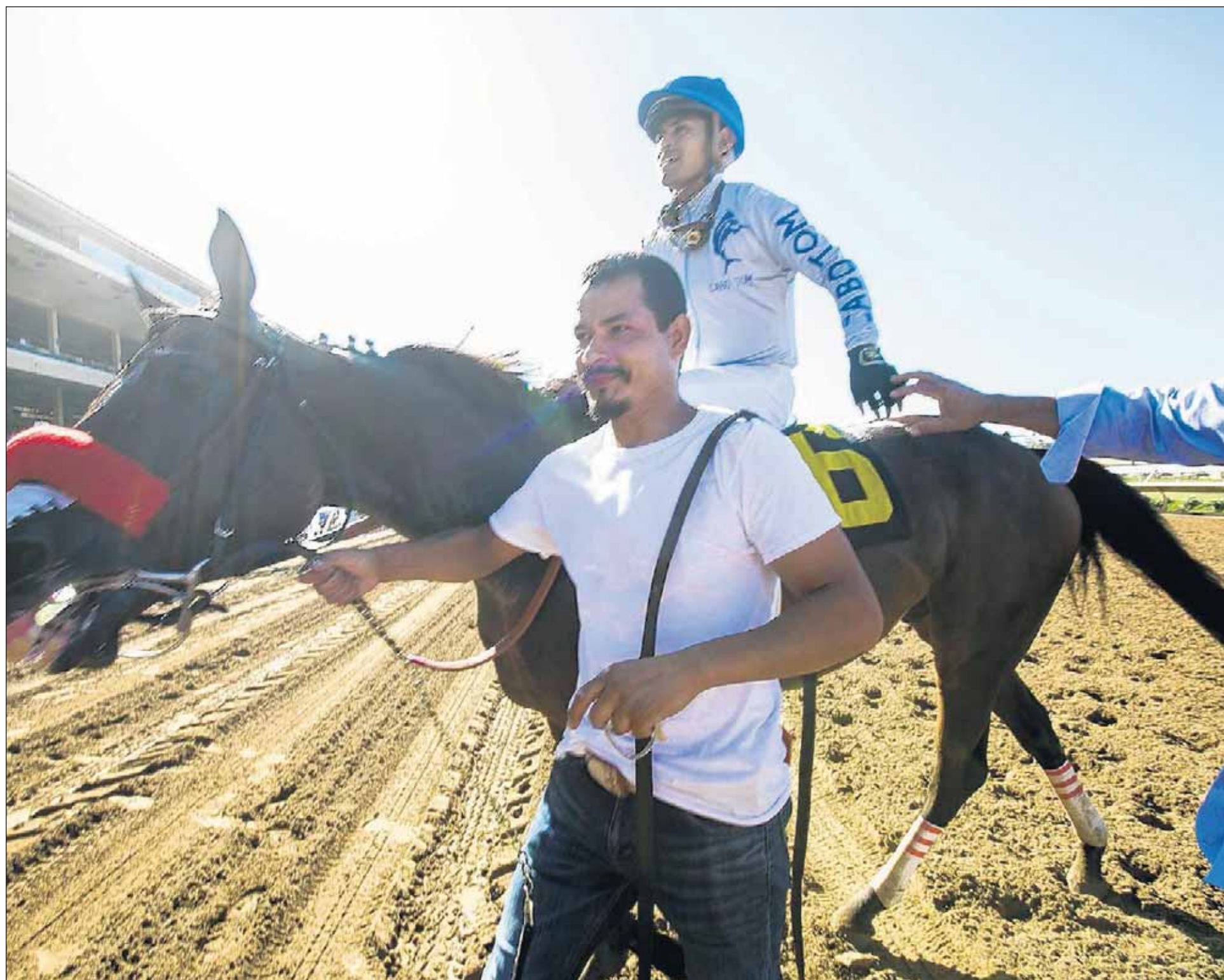
Atkins died at 85 on Dec. 30, 2015, in Knoxville, Tenn.

Ditka, another rough-and-tumble player whom Atkins awed, calls "The Big Fella" the best defensive end he ever saw.

"Doug Atkins would demand \$10 million today as a football player," Ditka said 25 years ago to the Tribune's Fred Mitchell on April 17, 1994. "He would be the best defensive lineman in football."

Linebacker Larry Morris, Atkins' road roommate for eight years, took it one step further, telling Mitchell: "These people who are playing now, pardon the expression, couldn't carry his jock. ... Doug is the best player at his position who ever lived."

# eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE



JOHN GIBBINS/SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

Groom Raul Aguilar leads jockey Abel Cedillo atop Two Thirty Five to the winner's circle after they won the Harry F. Brubaker Stakes on Wednesday at the Del Mar racetrack in California.

## Day in the life of a groom on the Del Mar backstretch

By **TOD LEONARD**  
The San Diego Union-Tribune

DEL MAR, Calif. — Raul Aguilar is beaming.

Seconds earlier, the groom was standing nervously in the dirt of the Del Mar racetrack, watching a video replay of Wednesday's Harry F. Brubaker Stakes.

Seeing the race live, it appeared that trainer Richard Baltas' horse Two Thirty Five barely got up at the wire first to beat Leading Score, trained by Bob Baffert.

The finish was agonizingly close, and then the replay all but proved that Two Thirty Five triumphed. When the word "official" went onto the board, Aguilar clenched his fists in celebration and got a hug from assistant trainer Aimee Dollase.

As Aguilar took hold of Two Thirty Five to lead the 5-year-old gelding and jockey Abel Cedillo into the winner's circle, the pride on the groom's face was obvious and the words in his head understandable: "My horse won."

Two Thirty Five has trainers and assistant trainers, a jockey, an exercise rider, a veterinarian, and a hot walker. All of them prepared the Kentucky-bred son of Stay Thirsty for the 18th race of his career on Wednesday.

But only Aguilar greeted the horse in the darkness at 4 a.m., using the light from his phone, wedged into the stall's frame, to do the first of several wraps of Two Thirty Five's legs in preparation for a race that would be run more than 12 hours later.

Aguilar arose at 3:30 a.m. and hardly stopped working until he got Two Thirty Five settled back into his stall after the race, about an hour before sunset.

The 35-year-old Guatemalan is one of nearly 1,000 people who live and work on the Del Mar backstretch for seven weeks each summer and another four weeks in the fall. They go almost completely unrecognized by fans, who only glimpse their work when the grooms don numbered bibs and lead their horses into the paddock before races.

To be sure, racing would not exist without them.

### 'Whatever the horse needs'

The Del Mar backstretch is something out of the old West, a dusty, tight-knit town in which people look up when you walk past them and usually offer a friendly, "Good morning." Occasionally, you hear somebody randomly belt out the line to a song in Spanish. The workers tell jokes and cajole each other often.

As the sun rises, people and horses are in constant motion. There are approximately 1,900 horses this summer on the back-

stretch, and most of them get out of their stalls every day for training, walks and baths. The army of men and women that does much of that work are the grooms and hot walkers.

"Every day is the same," Aguilar said with a smile as he fluffed hay with a pitchfork in a stall. "Nothing changes. Whatever the horse needs, I do it."

He's not complaining. "I love to work, and I love the horses," Aguilar said.

Aguilar came to the United States from Guatemala in 1999, following his two older brothers, who also are grooms. Paolino Aguilar works in trainer Mark Glatt's barn at Del Mar, while Luis Aguilar has a job at San Luis Rey Downs in nearby Bonsall. Their father was a rancher strapped for money while trading milk and beef cattle.

Raul Aguilar estimated that among the backstretch workers, a large majority are Guatemalan. Many of the rest are from Mexico, Honduras and El Salvador. They have similar stories of coming to America to escape poverty and corruption in their home countries.

"It was very bad, very dangerous in Guatemala," Aguilar said.

Raul's wife, Karen, is Mexican, and they have a 5-year-old daughter, Emily, who recently started elementary school.

"We had trouble having a baby, so when we did I promised God I would do everything I can to take care of her," Aguilar said.

The family has an apartment in Inglewood, so Raul is separated from them during his time at Del Mar, other than nightly FaceTime visits. For the meets at Santa Anita, he makes nearly an hour commute to and from the track each day. Aguilar said he lives close to the new NFL stadium being built, so rents in the area are quickly rising.

The wages are modest, at best. Aguilar said he receives \$15 per horse per day, and with six thoroughbreds in his care, that's approximately \$2,700 per month. Baltas said he pays the grooms a 1% bonus if their horse wins, so in the case of Two Thirty Five's victory in the Brubaker, he got \$533 from the winning check of \$53,310.

### 'He works hard'

On a recent morning, the groom awoke in his small, spartan room on the backstretch that he shares, rent-free, with fellow Guatemalan Carlos Donis, an outgoing 66-year-old hot walker who has been in the business for 47 years.

After downing a cup of coffee, Aguilar began a constant and efficient march toward the afternoon's racing.

At about 5-foot-6 and built like a light-

weight boxer — narrow waist, broad shoulders, big biceps — Aguilar almost never stops moving. Over his first seven hours, he'll pause for rest only once. At 10:30 a.m., leaning against a wall between stalls, Aguilar guzzles a can of Coke and eats a beef torta freshly made by the backstretch's on-site kitchen.

Six horses is a lot of responsibility. Most grooms have about four, but Baltas has given Aguilar extra because he's earned it.

"He works hard," Baltas said as the trainer watched Aguilar clean and dry Two Thirty Five's hooves after he'd had his second bath of the day. "Most of the guys here are very hard workers. Being a professional groom at the racetrack for someone like me isn't easy."

Baltas laughed. "I couldn't last very long," he said. "I did it when I was younger, and it's a lot of work, physical exhaustion."

Said Aguilar, "I like working for this boss because he expects a lot. He's hard on us, but he also praises us when we do things well."

Baltas' crew takes obvious pride in the extra effort they put in. While some barns wrap each horse's two front legs to protect them in the barn, Baltas' horses get all four legs wrapped.

They receive a new wrap when they go out to work in the morning and another wrap when they return. There are separate wraps of gauze if a horse gets a treatment that is the equine equivalent of Bengay. They also get ice wraps to soothe weary muscles.

Two Thirty Five had all of those treatments on his race day.

"They're professional athletes, just like humans," Baltas said. "I want to win, so we leave no stone unturned."

Baltas proudly notes that his barn has not suffered a fatality this summer at Del Mar or in the recent Santa Anita meet that was scrutinized for 30 deaths.

"I learned from the best, from guys like Richard Mandella," Baltas said. "I expect guys to do things the right way, the way I was taught."

### 'I talk to them'

Over the course of the day, Aguilar, with an air of confidence about him, moves systematically from one task to another. While 4-year-old gelding Kylemore is out on the track, Aguilar cleans the stall and hefts a 100-pound bale of hay with a pitchfork to add new straw.

When Kylemore returns, the hot walker leads him to the bath stalls, and Aguilar gives him a full soaping and spray. He uses a squeegee to remove the excess water, and then the hot walker takes him for a stroll of about 45 minutes. When they return,

Kylemore gets another quick wash of his hooves to prepare them for wrapping when he gets back to the stall.

Once in the barn, Kylemore's legs are wrapped with padding by Aguilar. Working as if he's polishing a fine car, the groom strokes the horse's coat to a shine with a rubber mitt. A large brush is used on the tail and mane, and Aguilar squirts some oil into his palms to rub on the tail to make it shine.

All six horses in Aguilar's care get the same attention. For the day, Aguilar performs at least 60 leg wrappings for the various treatments.

The groom's relationship with the horses is as different as their personalities.

One Bad Boy, a 3-year-old colt, is one of the stars of the Baltas barn. In June, he and jockey Flavien Prat captured the first leg of Canada's Triple Crown in the Queen's Plate Stakes at Woodbine. He has career earnings of \$554,372 in only six starts.

The horse can also live up to his Bad Boy name, nipping frequently at anyone who comes near. Yet when Aguilar gets into the stall and moves around him, the colt calms down. Aguilar swears he has never been kicked in 20 years.

"I talk to them, and they can tell what I'm doing," he said.

Aguilar's eyes light up when he talks about another of his charges, 4-year-old filly Lemoona, who won the Possibly Perfect Stakes at Santa Anita in June before running sixth in Del Mar's Yellow Ribbon Stakes.

"I like all of my horses, but she's my favorite," Aguilar said. "When she came here, everybody said she was an ugly filly. With me, she's changed about 95 percent. She's beautiful now."

Grooms don't have a horse in a race every day, so when they do it's a big production.

Aguilar began preparing Two Thirty Five for his run more than an hour before the race. He wrapped his back legs in bright white tape and added three thin stripes of red tape to create the look of a baseball player's socks.

The braiding of the mane is the groom's version of an autograph. In fact, there are paid contests for which horse looks best in the paddock.

For Aguilar, the lucky number is 3. He put three braids in the hair on Two Thirty Five's forehead, and then began to create three braids in the mane. When the first braid wasn't perfect, Aguilar did it again. When he still wasn't happy, he tried a third time before being satisfied.

The attention to detail was remarkable, considering Aguilar was in his 12th hour on the job.

All the fuss seemed worth it when Aguilar watched Two Thirty Five prevail at the wire. His horse looked spectacular in the winner's circle.

# — eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

# Obscure former lineman says Luck 'isn't a coward'

BY **BYRCE MILLER**  
The San Diego Union-Tribune

SAN DIEGO — Sometimes it's not obvious — the pain of playing in the NFL for those who hurl themselves into the breach in a series of human car crashes over and over and over again.

The toll of it all, regardless of paycheck, wreaks health-related havoc.

Rich Ohrnberger rewinds to an October night in 2014 as the Chargers played the Broncos at Mile High Stadium. A herniated disc in his back short-circuited his system in front of 76,907, causing the center to lose control of his own body.

"I had this momentary paralysis down my right leg," Ohrnberger said this week. "I couldn't feel my leg from the waist down. It was scary. I would be chasing down a linebacker to block him, then all of a sudden the nerve would blank out and I'd tumble to the ground. It looked like I tripped, but it knocked me down."

"That's a game I probably should have tapped out of."

Does Ohrnberger understand how Colts quarterback Andrew Luck, at 29, could walk away from the game, leave millions of dollars on the table and stun a fan base and sport?

Go to a Twitter thread Ohrnberger posted beginning at 11:35 p.m. Sunday, a personal and profound explanation of the realities when uncommon caring and caution-be-damned intersect in the rugged world of the NFL.

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*Watching Andrew Luck's retirement press conference brought back a lot of memories. My "last day" was Tuesday, October 13th, 2015. My decision was made at a hotel lobby bar in Detroit after a group tryout with the Lions. Here's my story.*

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Ohrnberger played five seasons in the league, a 39-game odyssey that forever changed his body — and perspective. Some days the 33-year-old, a host on the 1360-AM sports talk show "Loose Cannons," wakes up with enough back pain that he stays in bed until forced to leave for the radio station.

When his knee swells, Ohrnberger can't get on the ground to play with his two kids.

"There are days I wake up incapacitated in some way," he said. "Some days, I wake up and jump right out of bed, scramble some eggs and be the playful father with the kids."

"There are good days and there are bad days. Fortunately, I have more good days than bad days."

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*My final season was 2014. I was playing for the Chargers and I was a MESS. I had been dealing with severe back pain for 2 years, and it was coming to a head. I became the starting center during a Week 1 game in Arizona. By Week 3 in Buffalo I was very debilitated.*

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At times, Ohrnberger dives into puzzles to keep his mind sharp. He's read and heard enough stories about former players struggling or succumbing to football-related head trauma and dementia to know there are no guarantees once the final whistle blows.

"I'm a pretty positive guy," he said. "What I try to do, which most people should do, is live every single day with the mind frame that things can change."

"There's a lingering threat that one day I'll be a sufferer of CTE. And as you get older, all those injuries mount even more. So enjoy life."

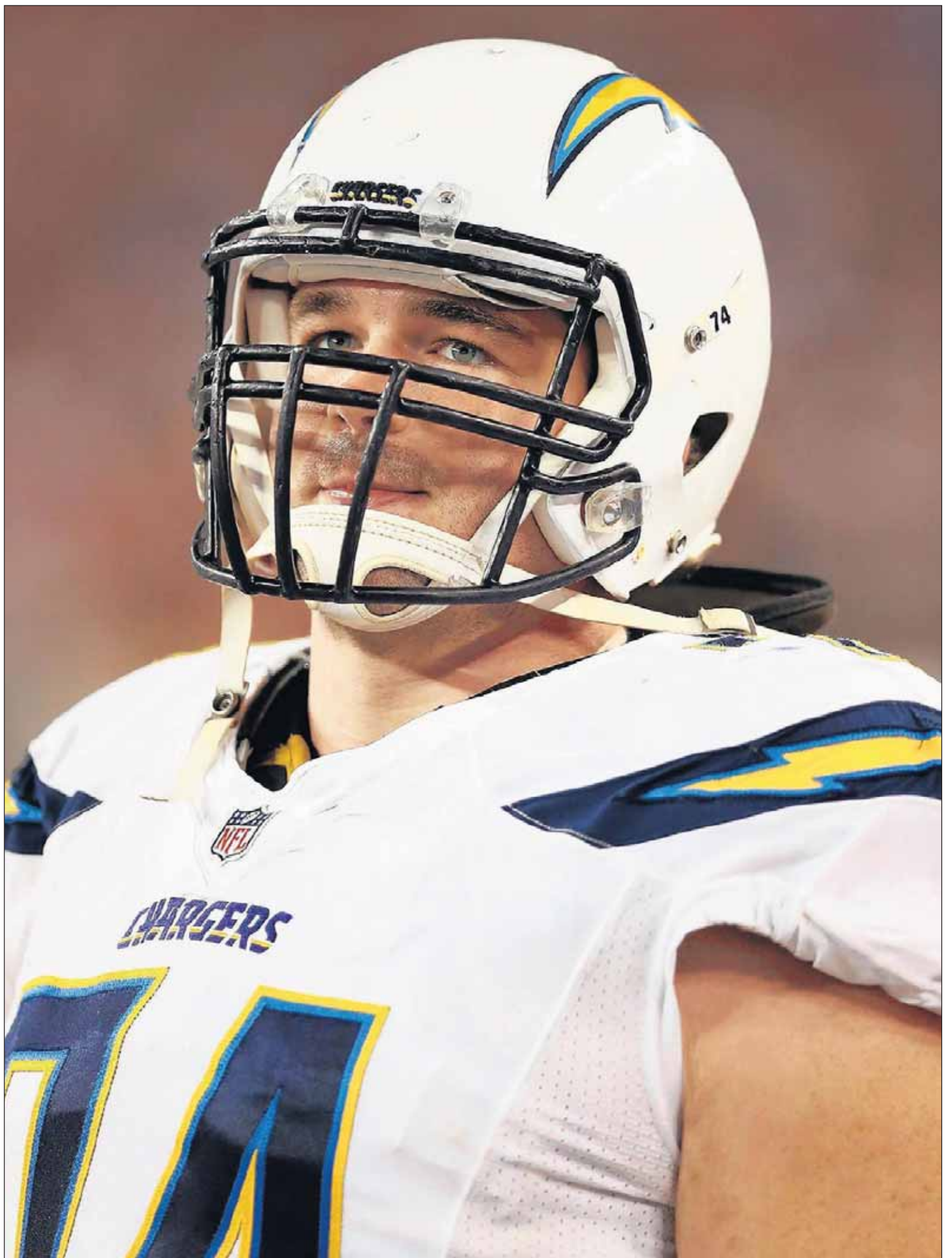
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*My mornings began at 4:30 a.m. crawling from my bed to the bathtub, my pregnant wife would help me get in the tub, and I would soak & stretch until I was able to walk. I'd then go to the facility and do exercises to strengthen my back, but the pain was unrelenting.*

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The NFL exacted a remarkably steep surcharge on Luck's body, starting with a sprained shoulder that failed to sideline the quarterback in a 35-33 win over the Titans in 2015. A couple of months later, a lacerated kidney and partially torn abdominal muscle again failed to keep him off the field in a victory against the Broncos.

Luck woke up the next day with



CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY

Offensive lineman Rich Ohrnberger has a lot of sympathy for what Andrew Luck went through before announcing his retirement from the NFL.

blood in his urine.

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*It was determined that I would need spinal surgery, but I could continue playing as long as the symptoms were manageable. Throughout the season I received 5 or 6 epidural injections. Some were less than 2 weeks apart. I would constantly fantasize about that surgery.*

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In the game against the Broncos when Ohrnberger's nerve "blanked out" and caused him to collapse in the middle of the action, he played 62 offensive snaps.

He knew he shouldn't be out there. He stayed anyway.

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*I wasn't sleeping because I couldn't find a comfortable position to alleviate the pain. I was miserable because of the pain. I was afraid because I wondered if the pain would ever go away, but I kept playing. I didn't want to let down my family, coaches, teammates, or myself.*

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Ohrnberger shakes his head at fans who booed Luck as he stood on the field during an exhibition game when the retirement news leaked. Fans who paid for season tickets, anchored fantasy teams with Luck or questioned the timing valued their entertainment over the health of another.

Even as the game ravaged his body, Luck played through it to become the NFL's comeback player of the year for 2018.

"As shocking as (the retirement) was, I didn't expect such a lack of empathy for Luck and all the injuries he's faced," Ohrn-

berger said. "Everybody kind of took their eye off the ball there. With great sacrifice, he led them to the playoffs several times. Pundits and everyone, it became an argument about who had the right 'take.' Frankly, it was bizarre."

"I felt compelled to write about my own retirement. The reaction moved me to sort of correct the narrative, you know? The idea that he's cowardly for stepping away, well, the game takes a lot from you. Especially a guy like Luck. He'll be dealing with the ramifications of those injuries the rest of his life."

"I wanted to add some perspective to it."

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*I had a pretty significant injury history (I'll get to all of that) and I was worried if I finished another season on the IR, it would be my last. Unfortunately, the more I played the worse the symptoms became. I remember one night, laying in bed, tears streaming from eyes, considering waking my wife to take me to the emergency room. It's surreal to look back and review this. It's hideously comical how much of myself I was willing to give, but the alternative felt like failure.*

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So in the dark of the night, Ohrnberger started typing.

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*The last game I ever played was hosting the Raiders, and while I was still dealing with my back, I partially tore some ankle ligaments during the game and received a numbing injection in the locker room trying to finish the game. I couldn't.*

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And typing.

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*It was time to make some difficult decisions. I was losing strength in my right leg. My leg was also 'blanking out' or becoming momentarily paralyzed, sometimes while I was walking or running (I'd hit the ground every time). I was told (my) loss of strength could be forever.*

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And typing.

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*I elected to have back surgery in December of 2014. I was placed on IR. The recovery was not easy. The first two months were especially grueling. The pain slowly subsided. I started feeling like myself. My contract expired with the Chargers. I was a free agent.*

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And typing.

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*After 8 months of intense rehab and training, I had a training camp workout with the Bills. I was not signed. I then had a training camp workout with the Steelers — no dice. Then, nothing. Preseason ended, the NFL season was underway. The phone wasn't ringing.*

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With each keystroke, Ohrnberger peeled back the curtain on a game that's something far more for those in it.

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*The Detroit Lions got off to an 0-5 start. I was brought in for a group workout on Tuesday, October 13th, 2015. I was one of ten or so 'guys' they dragged in for this workout. It was clear, they weren't kicking our tires, they were sending*

*a message to their locker room.*

*That night, I sat down in a hotel lobby bar in Detroit. I ordered a steak and a bourbon, and retired. There wasn't a press conference, no one broke the news, but it was over. I called my wife, who was at home in San Diego with our 4 month old. I said, "I'm done." She knew.*

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Ohrnberger recalled sitting silently in the hotel bar, so engrossed in his thoughts that he hardly noticed the place emptying around him.

He sat with one late-arriving guest: clarity.

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*Over the course of my career, I was drafted in the 4th round, went to a Super Bowl, played in a playoff game, snapped footballs to 2 Hall of Fame QBs, made lifelong friends, and lived a dream. But the tradeoff was significant.*

*I've had both shoulders operated on, part of a clavicle bone removed, spent a season on IR due to a concussion, ruptured my MCL, and had back surgery. That's the abbreviated list. Football is about dealing with pain. It's unavoidable, but it wears you down.*

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So does Ohrnberger understand how Luck decided to do what some deemed selfish, soft or unthinkable?

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*I don't know Andrew Luck, but he isn't a coward. He loves football, and he isn't giving up because rehabilitating injuries is "too hard." Everyone has their steak and bourbon moment eventually. His was in front of the world, and he handled it with class and poise. Cheers.*



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Actress Jillian Bell, left, with Brittany O'Neill, who was the inspiration for the film "Brittany Runs a Marathon."

# Transformative tale

Actress Jillian Bell wanted to share story of 'Brittany'

By AMY KAUFMAN | Los Angeles Times

The instant Brittany O'Neill found out that a film about her life was going to premiere at the Sundance Film Festival, she started dieting.

The movie is, after all, a transformation story of how she'd gone from an unmotivated, out-of-shape 20-something to a healthy marathoner who finished the 26.2-mile New York City race in under four hours.

"The constant refrain with my friends became: 'I can't eat anything, I'm going to Sundance,'" O'Neill recalled. "I was like, 'I have to look like an "after" photo.'"

And when she flew to Utah last January for the debut of "Brittany Runs a Marathon," she had dropped a lot of weight — 1 pound away from the ideal number she'd long dreamed of seeing on the scale. But her thin frame wasn't received as positively as she'd hoped. Upon greeting Jillian Bell, the actress who plays her in the film, O'Neill was met with concern.

"I said something like, 'Hey, I adore you, and I don't know how to talk about this because it's sensitive for all of us, but I want to make sure you're OK,'" said Bell. "Are you eating regularly? Are you all right? You're not nor-

mally in the public eye, and that's a lot of pressure."

"And of course, I was like, 'Jillian thinks I'm too skinny!'" O'Neill said with a laugh. "It's so sick. But my growth has been exponential because of that experience."

Seven months after the festival — where the film sold to Amazon Studios in a major \$14 million deal — the two women had reunited in Los Angeles days before the movie's release. O'Neill had flown in from New York, where she works in fundraising at the International Rescue Committee. She and Bell, who came from her far-closer home in the San Fernando Valley, were eating breakfast and trying to ignore the heat outside at a restaurant on the Sunset Strip.

Because they live on opposite coasts, the actress and her real-life counterpart — both now 35 — didn't meet until the film was months into production.

Bell was also focused on her own weight-loss journey. She began running — usually a couple of miles per day, and four at her maximum. She lost 29 pounds prior to filming and an additional 11 during the shoot. The experience, she said, helped to inform the character's emotional state.

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## After 45 years, Squeeze finds way to still make pop magic

Tour emphasizing older material but not ignoring newer

By STEVE KNOPPER

Last year, Chris Difford went to a Foo Fighters concert and met the band. And nobody wanted to go home — or so they said.

"They had this incredible team camaraderie on the road, and that was their life," says the Squeeze singer-guitarist, who was the co-writer of timeless new-wave songs such as "Tempted," "Black Coffee," "Cool for Cats" and "Pulling Mussels (From the Shell)."

"I don't know whether I could stomach that. I like the feeling of home. It's important to have a balance, especially when you get older."

"Being on the road can be quite tiring. Your mental self wants to think you're a teenager, but your actual physical self tells you you're not."

When Difford and Glenn Tilbrook, Squeeze's other singer, guitarist and songwriter, first met in



DANNY CLIFFORD

Squeeze performs at the Chicago Theatre on Saturday.

1974 after Difford posted a musicians-wanted ad in the window of a sweet shop, they had nothing to do but hang out and write.

In their first year, according to Difford's 2017 memoir "Some Fantastic Place," they came up with 137 songs. They've since slowed the pace.

"Now there is no time in the day, or the year, to sit and write songs," Difford says by phone from a New York tour stop. "It seems to be a much more considered event. It used to be a lot more fluid and spontaneous, but now it has to be

thought about and written into the diary almost."

Difford, 65, grew up in south London, in a neighborhood with "six prefabs, three pubs, a school, a church and a yard where the electricity board kept cables," as he writes. His older brother Lew listened to the Beatles and the Searchers, and his older brother Les was more "meaty and down-to-earth," he says, and preferred Bo Diddley, Little Richard and the Yardbirds. Difford absorbed them

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## Can Swift really re-record her entire music catalog?

Next year, she can legally do that for her first 5 albums

By TRAVIS M. ANDREWS  
 Washington Post

Sometime in the new year, Taylor Swift will belt out, "She wears short skirts / I wear T-shirts / She's cheer captain / And I'm on the bleachers."

She won't be doing this in front of thousands of adoring fans, though. Instead, she'll be in a studio with just a few other people, re-recording a song she recorded 11 years ago for her second album.

Swift, like many artists, doesn't own the master recordings to her older albums. Now, in a bold and unusual move, the pop star said she will re-record at least five of the six albums she recorded under Big Machine Records, her former label, to create a second set of masters over which she'll have control.

Swift's announcement came after Scooter Braun, a music mogul she claims has bullied and manipu-



EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION

Singer Taylor Swift performs on ABC's "Good Morning America" on Aug. 22 at Rumsey Playfield/SummerStage in New York's Central Park.

lated her, purchased Big Machine — and her masters along with it.

**So why doesn't Swift already own her own music?** When a teenage Swift originally signed with Big Machine, which released her first six records, she signed away the copyright to her master recordings.

"It's nothing out of the ordinary," said Susan Hilderley, music attorney and instructor at the UCLA School of Law, calling it the "kind of terms

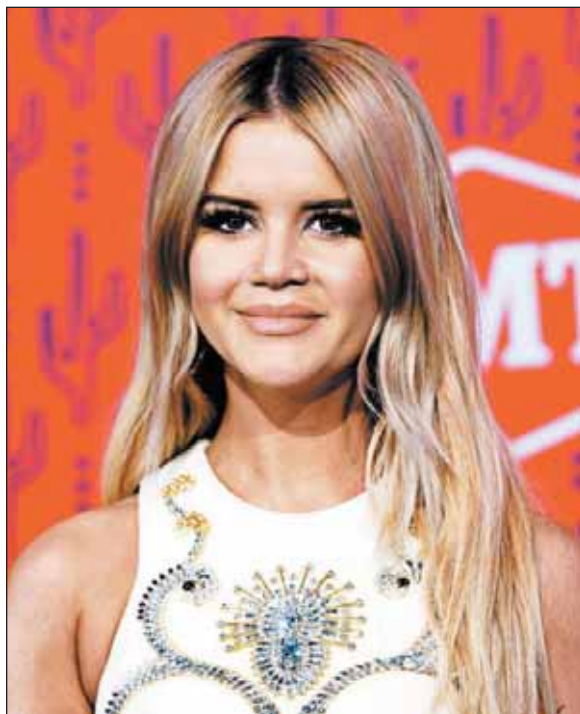
... you would expect for somebody who was an unknown artist when she signed."

Regardless, Swift feels cheated, and she believes artists should retain the full rights to their recordings, though she'll have to wait a spell. Experts said most standard music contracts have a clause disallowing an artist from re-recording their own songs for a set period of time. According to Swift, that period will end next fall for

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Maren Morris has a chance to win up to eight Country Music Association Awards on Nov. 13.

## Maren Morris leads CMA nominations

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Maren Morris has a chance to win up to eight trophies including album of the year at the 2019 Country Music Association Awards thanks to her work as an artist, songwriter and producer.

With the success of her album "GIRL," which Morris co-produced, the Grammy winner scored nominations such as single of the year, song of the year and female vocalist of the year. The album's title track, which Morris co-wrote, topped Billboard's country airplay chart this year, the first time a solo woman had a No. 1 hit on that chart in well over a year.

The CMAs also announced Wednesday that Dan Smyers of Dan + Shay could win up to six awards. Shay Mooney of the Grammy-winning duo earned three nominations, including duo of the year.

Carrie Underwood returned to the top category, entertainer of the year, for the first time since 2016, alongside Garth Brooks, Eric Church, Chris Stapleton and last year's winner, Keith Urban. There were no women nominated in the category in 2018 and 2017.

The biggest song of 2019, "Old Town Road" by rapper Lil Nas X and Billy Ray Cyrus, will compete for musical event of the year, also earning a nomination for Trent Reznor of Nine Inch Nails, who is listed as a co-producer of the No. 1 hit ("Old Town Road" samples Nine Inch Nails' "34 Ghosts IV").

Underwood is returning to host the CMAs, which will air live on Nov. 13 on ABC. Dolly Parton and Reba McEntire will join Underwood as special guest hosts at the Bridgestone Arena in Nashville.

— Associated Press



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**Jones exiting 'SNL':** "Saturday Night Live" cast member Leslie Jones is leaving the NBC show after five seasons, while Kate McKinnon is sticking around. Jones' departure was confirmed by a person familiar with the change who spoke Tuesday on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss Jones' status with the series. The exit comes as Jones is branching out into other projects. McKinnon will return for her eighth season with the show, the person said. Cast changes have become a part of the comic institution's ritual as it gets ready for another season, this time around No. 45 starting Sept. 28.

**Domingo to perform in Hungary:** Opera star Placido Domingo will perform at a concert to inaugurate a soccer stadium and youth complex for the local Catholic diocese in the southern Hungarian city of Szeged. Domingo, whose son Placido Domingo Jr., is also taking the stage at Wednesday's concert, is facing allegations of sexual harassment made by nine women in a report published Aug. 13 by The Associated Press. The opera legend received a standing ovation on Sunday at the Salzburg Festival, his first performance since the publication of the allegations against him.

**Aug. 29 birthdays:** Actor Elliott Gould is 81. Director Joel Schumacher is 80. Actress Deborah Van Valkenburgh is 67. Actress Rebecca DeMornay is 60. Bassist-singer Me'Shell NdegeOcello is 51. Actress Lea Michele is 33. Singer Liam Payne is 26.



# ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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## Son left home — without his nude pix

**Dear Amy:** Our 40-something married son had password-protected some old files on our home computer. We had trouble with our hard drive. We told our son, but he said he couldn't quickly remember his passwords to retrieve his files. We went ahead and had our computer repaired, and when everything was transferred off and then back onto our restored computer, the files were no longer password-protected.

I peeked at his files. Some of the photos he had saved are of his first dog and various cars. Most of the photos, however, are the type that parents tell their offspring NOT to take: nudes of various girls and nudes of himself.

What do we do now? I don't want him to email these files of photos to himself because then they'd potentially be "out there." He and his wife (who is in some of the photos) share a computer.

I would like the girlie photos gone from here; the others could stay. Do I dare delete the racy ones?  
— Upset Parent

**Dear Parent:** After you recover from your shock (!) that in his youth your son ignored your well-founded advice, you should simply return these files to him. He is an adult. Presumably he no longer needs you to host his personal files on your computer.

Transfer all of the files to a thumb drive. Delete them all from your computer, and give the thumb drive to him. This is the equivalent of packing yearbooks, photos and old Playboy magazines into a bin and giving the bin to

him, to deal with as he chooses.

**Dear Amy:** How would you respond to a relative repeatedly sending text requests that you purchase something for their "business shower"? And when the heck did business showers become a thing?

In general we do not receive any other communication from this relative, but we make it a point to reach out and say hello when we are in her town. We have a policy of not lending or giving money to relatives due to past issues, plus I view this as a personal fundraiser and in poor taste.

This person and her husband appear to live very well. She could apply for a business loan, use funds from a line of credit on their home, or suck it up and learn how to operate on a shoestring budget while getting their business off the ground.

We ignored the first round of group texts, hoping she would get the message that we do not wish to participate. Clearly she did not, and now we receive group texts, as well as direct text requests.

We would like to respond in a way that will encourage her entrepreneurial spirit but stop the requests for us to help fund it.  
— Showered Out

**Dear Showered Out:** I had never heard of a "business shower." Please, let this not be a "thing."

However, your relative doesn't seem to be actually hosting a shower because there is no celebratory event. It sounds as if she has created an online regis-

try and is asking people to purchase items from it to donate to her.

An actual shower-party would be a better idea, and could be seen as a "pre-launch," as well as a marketing or networking event for their new business.

Some people trying to get projects off the ground set up online fundraising pages to raise start-up money. This can be a creative way to fundraise, and investors are often offered little incentives as thanks once the business gets off the ground. These requests are also easier to dodge.

You should respond privately (not through group text). "Congratulations on your start-up! We look forward to learning more about your business once it's up and running. If there are ways we can help you to network, we'd be happy to talk about it, but we aren't going to donate. Please remove us from your group text."

**Dear Amy:** Your answer to "Disrespected DIL" was overblown. She has an allergy, for goodness' sake. If she doesn't like what they're serving, why doesn't she bring her own food to her in-laws' house?  
— Practical

**Dear Practical:** "Disrespected's" allergy was so severe that any contact with the food, even on a neighboring plate, could send her to the hospital. I could see why she felt so disrespected.

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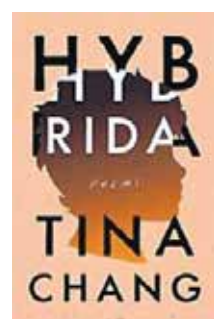
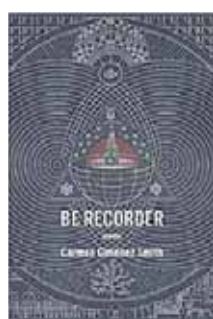
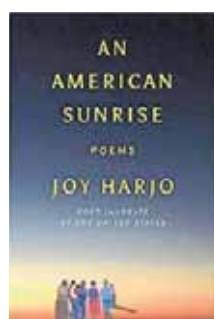
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## BOOK REVIEWS



## Poet laureate Joy Harjo offers a stunning new collection

By ELIZABETH LUND  
The Washington Post

**"An American Sunrise" by Joy Harjo, Norton, 144 pages, \$25.95**

If you read only one book of poems this summer, make it "An American Sunrise" by Joy Harjo, the first Native American to be named U.S. poet laureate. In these stunning pages, Harjo, a member of the Muscogee Creek Nation, recalls her ancestors' forced relocation from Alabama to Oklahoma following the Indian Removal Act of 1830. She also visits those lost lands, trying, like the ghosts of her forebears, to find the way back home. Harjo doesn't just honor the people, creatures and landscapes that were lost, she embodies and embraces them, as in these lines from "Exile of Memory": "We could not see our ancestors as we climbed up / To the edge of destruction / But from the dark we felt their soft presences at the edge of our mind / And we heard them singing." Harjo also hears their grief, anger and wisdom: "I was taught to give honor to the house of the warriors / Which cannot exist without the house of the peace-makers." She also helps readers see the web of connections between native people, the natural world and the spiritual realm. As "Directions to You," explains, "Take a deep breath, / Pray, / You will not always be lost. /

You are right here, / In your time, / In your place."

**"Be Recorder" by Carmen Giménez Smith, Graywolf, 88 pages, \$16**

Carmen Giménez Smith turns a sharp, sometimes withering eye toward contemporary culture in "Be Recorder." As she documents a range of subjects — including reality TV, capitalism and the exploitation of immigrant workers — Smith questions how an individual's experiences are shaped by the dominant culture and how to push back. She also envisions a new "Emancipatory lyric poetry. De-regulated lyric poetry. Lyric poetry with work-boots," to reflect the Latina experience. The work expands as Smith questions what it means to be an American and turns personal as she describes her mother, who became a citizen decades ago but lost those years and more to dementia.

**"Lima: Limón" by Natalie Scenters-Zapico, Copper Canyon, 80 pages, \$16**

"Lima: Limón" by Natalie Scenters-Zapico details the many hardships experienced by Latinas on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border. Scenters-Zapico spotlights how enduring ideas about gender roles compound those struggles by confining and restricting women's choices. As the speaker explains in one of several

poems called "Macho :: Hembra," "Like my father / did to my mother at parties, he called me ton-tita. When we danced, I / pressed my body against his. He smiled & pet my head like a dog. A good / hembra never speaks of the violence of men." Scenters-Zapico speaks fearlessly throughout. In doing so, she illustrates what needs to change so that victims can be freed from the cycle of abuse.

**"Hybrida" by Tina Chang, Norton, 144 pages, \$26.95**

Tina Chang's "Hybrida" opens with these powerful lines about her son: "Everywhere I look I see him, / I have a right to fear for him, / though I have no right to his color. / His blackness is his to own and what will / my mouth say of that sweetness." As she reflects on the threats her son — and to a lesser extent, her daughter — faces, Chang asks evocative questions about identity and the complicated inheritance of anyone "who has ever been born of mixed race." She also considers the language of motherhood and the "fusion of artistic forms made manifest through the lens / of protection." In the process, Chang weaves powerful narratives and uses various poetic forms to create a momentous landscape.

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## BOOK REVIEW

## A poignant comic on black women's hair

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

There's something about hair. No other body part has good days or bad days.

Songs are written about it. Consider the Broadway musical "Hair": "Gimme head with hair ... / Flow it, show it / Long as God can grow it / My hair." Relationships with stylists are weighed and measured. Hair connects us to culture.

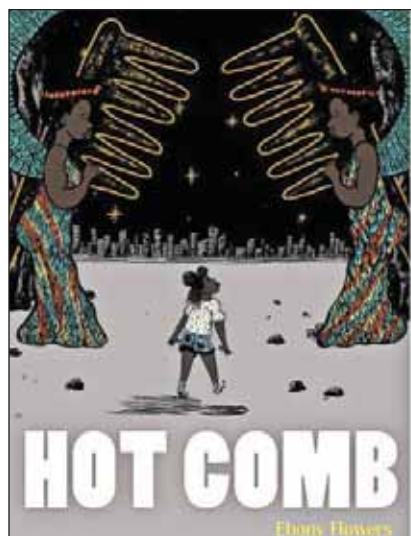
So seeing a book chronicling the rites of passage black women go through when dealing with their hair is not extraordinary. But the journey as told through short stories in a comic book format?

That's what cartoonist/ethnographer/teacher Ebony Flowers does with "Hot Comb," a book that chronicles such touchpoints in a black woman's life from first perm to scarring interactions with people of other ethnicities.

"Hot Comb" is nostalgic, telling and poignant as Flowers explores the story through mother-daughter relationships, self-identity and conversations about the female experience.

Flowers attests she wrote "Hot Comb" for black women, but she hopes anyone who's curious about Black hair, culture and comics will read it.

"For people who do not have direct personal experience with some of the



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"Hot Comb, a poignant new graphic novel by Ebony Flowers, examines how hair influences the black experience for women.

themes in my book, 'Hot Comb' will be an opportunity for them to look, listen and witness," she said. "They will get a chance to see black people in our everyday, just trying to live our lives. Maybe they'll begin to absorb our full humanity."

The Denver resident talks about her mix of fiction and creative nonfiction as well as how her graphic novel enabled her to confront standards of beauty, racism, classism and notions of community. The interview has been condensed and edited.

**Q: How do you hope**

**"Hot Comb" adds to the black narrative in America?**

A: For some readers, maybe "Hot Comb" will be a window into aspects of black life. For others, "Hot Comb" will directly reflect personal hair memories and journeys. It's hard for me to disentangle my experience as a black woman and my various narratives being a black woman in America from my experience with hair.

Racism and sexism play a significant role shaping the stories in "Hot Comb" into a shared experience. I think if any black woman with kinky hair made com-

ics about her experiences, many of us would end up with stories that encapsulate a shared spectrum of emotions that reckon with racist and misogynistic encounters.

These stories would also resonate with a lot of people whose visible differences and everyday decisions are too easily othered.

**Q: There are so many aspects of black life to capture; how did you land on hair?**

A: Hair is such an important aspect of our life. Black hair is about spending time together. Hair is expression and intimacy. Hair is also

pop culture. Hair is shared and personal history.

Black hair, both in America and around the world, is intertwined with the legacy of white supremacy, class, inequality and capitalism.

By choosing to create stories about black hair, I knew I'd also be addressing so many other aspects of black life. The text is hair — my stories feature braiding, getting a perm, wrapping our hair and wearing wigs. And the texture is what I also care to discuss — family bonds, loss of innocence, everyday racism perpetuated by the ignorant.

**Q: Why do the stories in this book need to be told now?**

A: It's never not been a good time to tell stories about and for black people in America.

In one respect, now is a great time to tell these stories because of momentum to decriminalize black hair across the U.S. One day, I hope that black women can manipulate and style our hair however we want without fear of being discriminated against for our culturally relevant choices.

By making comics about black lives — and a topic as intimate as hair and hair culture — I am also helping to disrupt the comics genre's troubled history in

regard to the depiction of people of color. A lot of comics that are considered classics and seminal to the genre have drawn and depicted historically marginalized people using blatantly racist tropes and caricatures.

Some contemporary comics still offend when depicting people of color. I make comics primarily for and about black people. I draw and depict black people in loving ways.

**Q: Can you choose one of the stories from the book and discuss why you chose to include it?**

In "My Lil Sister Lena" I drew upon memories of me and my sister playing softball. The story was also inspired by my friend's dissertation research.

She studied black women who played collegiate sports like swimming, softball, and gymnastics. A lot of the women she interviewed discussed anxieties around how they wore their hair during sporting events. These anxieties impacted athletic performance and academic success, themes that are echoed in "My Lil Sister Lena."

I hope the story provides nuance to what black women mean when we say, "Don't touch my hair."

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## Tale

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"When I first read the script, there were parts where I was like, 'I don't know why she's struggling so hard in this moment, or lashing out at people,' and then I did it," Bell said. "I started getting mad at people who weren't experiencing the same thing as me and didn't understand why I was having trouble."

Because of the independent film's tight production schedule — it was shot in just 29 days — Bell was sometimes required to wear prosthetics and a bodysuit to look bigger. She found the constant shift in appearance mentally challenging. With the extra weight off, she noticed crew members remarking on how beautiful she looked. When she had a pooch, nobody commented on her looks — or even thought to compliment the color of her dress.

The more weight she lost, the more alone she felt. She began looking at different women, evaluating their bodies and judging whether she was bigger or smaller than them. When she wrapped the film, she was skinnier than she'd ever been, but she was unhappy.

"Everyone was asking: 'Do you feel great now? Is this the best you've ever felt?' Someone even said to me, 'This is the weight you should be,' and I thought, 'Well, that's damaging,'" Bell remembered. "I was a little bit lost, getting all of these outside opinions when I didn't know who I

wanted to be. So I actually gained weight."

These were the types of conversations Paul Downs Colaizzo was hoping to inspire when he set out to make "Brittany Runs a Marathon." The writer-director began working on the screenplay in 2011, when he and O'Neill were roommates in New York City. The two had met at NYU, where they were both theater students, and reunited in their mid-20s to share an Upper West Side apartment. Colaizzo, who began his career as a playwright, was a script associate on Broadway's "Sister Act"; O'Neill was the managing director of a theater company.

In their downtime, the friends would have a lot of what Colaizzo described as "big life talks," discussing how they hoped to attain happiness and success. That's when O'Neill — who felt like she was in a rut at her job and had struggled with her weight her whole life — began running, and her roommate noticed the positive change.

"Brittany is instantly lovable — so smart and charismatic — and I look at her and all I see is potential," Colaizzo said over the phone. "But when we were younger, I don't think she saw a path to fulfilling her potential. When she started taking the first steps to find it, I started writing it too."

"But when I gave her the script, she went into her room and I remember just staring at her bedroom door, waiting for her to finish," he recalled.

"When she emerged, she was crying, and we just hugged each other for a long time."

## Squeeze

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all. He briefly was in a skinhead gang, quit after his mates stole a bag from an elderly woman, then shifted his interest to records and concerts — and started playing in bands.

In his 50-pence store-window ad, he claimed (falsely) to have a record deal and pending tour; Tilbrook's girlfriend Maxine talked him into answering it. He was the only one to do so.

When they met, Difford wore a "psychedelic coat made of paisley tinsel," according to Difford's biography, and Tilbrook had long hair that got him kicked out of school.

"Meeting Glenn was probably one of the most important things about my life so far," Difford says.

They added Jools Holland, a local pianist, and Paul Gunn, a drummer. Difford's parents were suspicious.

"They came from a generation where rock 'n' roll music would have been seen as something dangerous," he recalls. "People were dying and taking heroin all over the place. It was kind of 'oh my God, I don't want my son to be like that.'"

They came around with Squeeze's first breakthrough — playing "Take Me I'm Yours," the band's debut single, on the influential British show "Top of the Pops."

"They were very supportive once they'd seen me on TV," Difford says.

Working early on with big-name producers such



DANNY CLIFFORD

Squeeze first formed after Chris Difford and Glenn Tilbrook met in 1974. The group broke up in 1982 but has gotten back together numerous times since.

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as the Velvet Underground's John Cale and Elvis Costello — along with Tilbrook himself — Squeeze put out a series of albums with no punk-rock screaming or quickly dated, Duran Duran-style synths.

The band's style was mannered, confident pop songwriting built on Tilbrook's subtle melodies and Difford's lyrics, emphasizing tiny life details, such as toothbrushes, laundry, surfboards and locker keys.

"We didn't work with producers or engineers that would mold us in a way that, say, 'Every Time You Go Away' singer Paul Young was molded from

his production," Difford says. "We were more left to our own devices by the record company."

Squeeze first broke up in 1982 but came together and drifted apart numerous times after that, releasing 1993's excellent "Some Fantastic Place" and then spending much of the 2000s on their own. Their latest incarnation, with Difford, Tilbrook and five other musicians, is on a songbook tour, emphasizing older material but throwing in bits from recent albums such as 2017's "The Knowledge" and 2015's "Cradle to the Grave," which Difford sees as Chapters 1 and 2.

Difford and Tilbrook remain friends, but when they're not recording or touring together, they barely speak.

"We're on tour now for seven weeks in America and we're in each other's pockets, but then we don't see each other for maybe a year and have no contact with each other," Difford

says. "It's just very strange — it's like we're in a submarine for seven weeks."

Squeeze aren't sure when the next album will come out — they'll continue touring in 2020 and might consider returning to the studio the following year. And they're prepared to roll with the types of changes that have beset the band in its 45-year history.

Tilbrook recently told an interviewer he was "stupidly confident that we'll be doing it forever" when he was a young musician, but he has had to "readjust my horizons several times along the way."

What about Difford? "I still can't see the horizon," he says wryly. "I've not had an opportunity to readjust."

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## Swift

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her first five albums.

"My contract says that starting November 2020, I can record albums one through five all over again," Swift said Thursday on "Good Morning America." "I just think that artists deserve to own their work. I just feel very passionately about that."

**How is she able to re-record her own songs if they're owned by someone else?** There are two different copyrights in play here: that of the song composition (the musical arrangement and lyrics), and that of the recording itself.

And "the copyright for the song is compensated completely separately from the compensation for the song recording," said David Israelite, president of the National Music Publishers

Association. And "because Taylor writes her own songs she can do this without much trouble. If there was someone else writing her songs, you'd have to go through a different process."

To better understand, consider one of music's most famous cover songs: "All Along the Watchtower."

Bob Dylan wrote and recorded the song. Jimi Hendrix later recorded and released a cover of the song, which gained far more popularity. Both of them have some claim to Hendrix's version, according to Jason Karlov, a music lawyer who represents Dylan.

"So if you want to put 'All Along the Watchtower' by Jimi Hendrix in your movie, you have to get the permission of the song owner, in this case Bob," Karlov said. You also have to get permission from "Hendrix, or his estate, or

his record company — whoever owns the recording."

If Swift indeed re-records these songs, they will function as "covers" of her own music, much like in the Hendrix situation, at which point either she or her new label will own those new recordings.

**What does it mean to have two versions of the same songs?** The original masters of Swift's songs wouldn't disappear just because she records new versions, so there would essentially be two sets of songs. That could have a few different consequences.

On one hand, Swift's team should be able to exert some control over her original songs. Remember the Dylan example: A licensee would need to license the song from him (for the song) and the Hendrix estate (for the actual recording). In that

scenario, Swift could effectively control which version of the song is licensed, the old or the new.

On the other hand, it could potentially devalue each song by creating inverse bidding wars. If, for example, Toyota wanted to use "Shake It Off" in a commercial and there are two versions of the song, the company might attempt to license both, choosing the cheaper version.

"If there are two different versions, a [movie studio] could actually negotiate with both versions over which price they want to pay," Israelite said. "Whichever one they agree to, that's the version they'll use, and that's the only one that makes any money."

**Is this a common thing for musicians to do?** Swift might become the most high-profile artist to re-record her own records, but she won't be the first.

At the end of 2018, singer Joanna "JoJo" Levesque released new versions of her first two albums, "JoJo" (2004) and "The High Road" (2005) after a long legal battle with her former label, Blackground Records, which owned the masters of both albums. The label had removed them from streaming services, and JoJo felt they were being held hostage.

"I wanted to see if there was something that could be done to get these first two albums in the hands of my fans," she wrote of the ordeal in Billboard. "My lawyer said we'd reached the end of the statute of limitations on my re-record clause, so I was within my rights to 'cover' my old songs. It seemed like I was going to have absolutely no chance of seeing eye-to-eye with my former label and getting to an agreement, so my only option was going to be to get into the studio. I had to

recreate new masters of these songs. We had to completely redo everything."

Though such a drastic move remains unusual, Hilderley said it could potentially become more common in the streaming age.

"If (Swift) does re-record 'Shake It Off,' and someone goes on Spotify to listen to it, they might play the version she re-recorded, and that's where the money goes," Hilderley said, pointing out that most fans would be unlikely to purchase a new version of an old album. But "when you're just talking about songs on a playlist, it's certainly possible she could re-record her hits and take away some revenue [from Big Machine]."

For now, Swift's newest album "Lover," will be released Friday through Universal Music Group, her first record unaffiliated with Big Machine.

# Macfadyen mortified by 'Succession' too

His character on HBO drama elicits range of reactions

BY MEREDITH BLAKE  
Los Angeles Times

NEW YORK — If you've watched "Succession," HBO's drama about an obscenely wealthy media dynasty, chances are Tom Wamsngans, the striving Midwesterner played by Matthew Macfadyen, has done something so pathetic, so mortifying, so desperately ingratiating that it made you want to grab a shovel, dig a hole to the center of the earth and bury yourself there. All while laughing out loud and maybe even feeling sorry for the poor sap.

Perhaps it was the time he joked about the cost of the Patek Philippe watch he'd just given his billionaire future father-in-law as an 80th-birthday present. Or when he squealed with pleasure as his fiancée, Shiv Roy (Sarah Snook), handed him a pre-nuptial agreement. Or the episode in which he dragged a naive relative into a potentially criminal cover-up to keep his hands clean.

Macfadyen cringed right along with you.

The moment that still makes him wince is when Tom, obsequious as ever, does an awkward robot dance after his fiancée's brother, Kendall (Jeremy Strong), orders him to be the C3PO to his Darth Vader.

"That was excruciating. If I have to do something really horrifying, there is a sort of ass-clenching where you think, 'God almighty. Thank God I'm only doing this on set,'" Macfadyen said with a sigh, followed by an aftershock of anxious laughter.

The setting was apt: a slick conference room inside HBO's new headquarters at Hudson Yards, the lavish real-estate development and billionaire enclave on Manhattan's far west side.

Though technically a supporting character, Tom is central to the queasy appeal of "Succession," which returns for a second season Sunday. Created by Jesse Armstrong, a British writer previously best known for the cult comedy "Peep Show," "Succession" is a viciously funny drama about the 1% — make that .01% — that invites sympathy and stirs repulsion in equal measure.

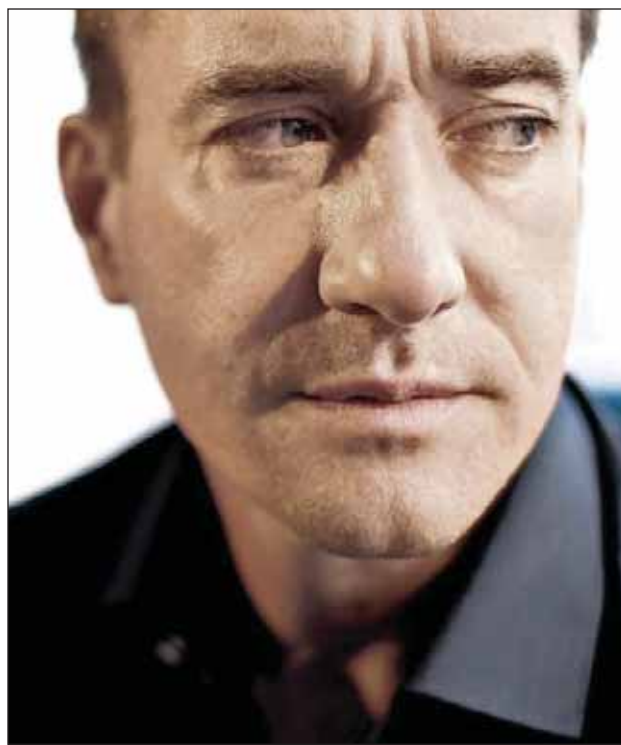
It's a departure for Macfadyen, perhaps best known in the U.S. for playing the brooding Mr. Darcy in Joe Wright's 2005 adaptation of "Pride & Prejudice" (Tom, a weasel through and through, has more in common with the sycophantic Mr. Collins.)

More recently, Macfadyen has played other characters with "a lot of British reserve," such as Victorian detective Edmund Reid in the BBC America series "Ripper Street" and the starchy Henry Wilcox in an underappreciated adaptation of



Sarah Snook and Matthew Macfadyen in Season 1, Episode 10 of "Succession," which aired in August 2018.

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Matthew Macfadyen stars in the HBO series "Succession."

"Howards End" for Starz.

Starring in "Succession" is "like sweeping out the cupboard," he said.

In fact, Tom is the first American Macfadyen's played on television, and the actor, 44, seems delighted to leave the stiff upper lips behind.

His natural speaking voice is deep and velvety, with a crisp private school accent. But when he switches into an exaggerated version of Tom's nasal register, sounding like someone who's just inhaled helium from a balloon, his whole bearing changes: His face lights up, his eyebrows lift and he chuckles giddily.

"Americans sort of say every word, you know," he said. "So it's kind of liberating because you're on the front foot as opposed to the back foot. It's totally different, and it's really energizing. Which is why Americans are kind of wonderful

because they're just in the room. Hi. What's going on? As opposed to" — he affects a posh lockjaw — "Isn't Brexit awful?"

"Succession" is also firmly of the moment. Recently nominated for a drama series Emmy, it follows the Roy family, headed by patriarch Logan (Brian Cox), founder of Waystar Royco — a vast media and entertainment conglomerate whose holdings include a right-leaning cable news network, a film studio, newspapers, cruise lines and amusement parks. When Logan is hospitalized after a debilitating brain hemorrhage, his adult children scramble for control of the company.

While the Roys are clearly inspired by a certain Australian clan with a conservative news empire, they also bear a resemblance to a number of infamous American dynasties.

Season 1 ends on a tragic note reminiscent of the Kennedys, and the dynamics among the Roy children — despite her superficially liberal politics, Shiv is her father's favorite — are distinctly Trumpian. "Succession" shares some creative DNA with "Veep," and like that recently concluded political satire it's most brutally effective when skewering those in tantalizing proximity to power as they go to humiliating lengths to acquire it.

From an average family in Minnesota, Tom is an outsider economically and culturally — "a corn-fed basic from Hockeytown," as a rival memorably puts it. Even his last name, pronounced "wommzganzz," is clumsy.

But Tom is learning the Roy way. In Season 1, he helps bury evidence of rampant sexual abuse aboard the company's cruises by manipulating Shiv's dopey cousin, Greg (Nicholas Braun), into destroying incriminating documents. Their scenes together are some of the funniest and most damning in the series. Tom sees himself in Greg, the "try-hard dork," Macfadyen said, and doesn't like it.

Tom is also a cuckold: Shiv is cheating on him with her ex Nate (Ashley Zukerman), a floppy-haired political operative. Tom is smart enough to figure out the deception eventually but is either too in love with Shiv or too enamored with the lifestyle she enables to fight back. He also knows that he is, as Shiv's mother devastatingly puts it, a "plausible" partner for her, and, therefore, useful.

Macfadyen has "done a brilliant job of creating this hard, calloused protection for someone who is quite a softie," Snook said. "I don't

know if I've ever met someone who is so different from their character."

Season 2 further explores the relationship between Tom and Shiv, now married.

"We discover the bully is often the bullied," Snook added.

"Tom knows he's punching above his weight a bit with her, but he knows he makes her feel safe and unthreatened," said Macfadyen, who is married to actress Keeley Hawes. (His phone case, created by a fan, features a Bitmoji avatar of her character from the Netflix series "Bodyguard.")

"So he takes on the infidelity, he takes on the (expletive)-eating and takes it out on Greg and the various office minions. There's a lot of that in this series."

But Macfadyen is reluctant to pass judgment on Tom.

"He's very quickly a different person with whoever he's with, which we all do to varying degrees," Macfadyen said. "Tom sort of flips between being spineless to quite plausible; really, really vile to quite sweet and sympathetic. And he really is all those things."

"That's what we all do. We're all just sort of muddling through."

Macfadyen plays Tom "with total conviction from the inside out," Armstrong said in an email.

"What I always cherish most in the edit is what he can do without even speaking. When you cut to him, he's always being full Tom and his face is so wonderfully readable. Even when Tom is trying to put on his best alpha act, you get these layers of sadness and disease that I love."

Macfadyen's performance is full of these silent

but telling gestures. Armstrong points to the scene in which Tom gets down on one knee to propose to Shiv in a hospital corridor — a "courtly and misplaced" detail that was not scripted.

Macfadyen also improvised another memorable moment early in Season 1, in which he's working up the nerve to tell Greg about the cruise scandal and leans his forehead against a glass wall, leaving a splotch of grease that he wipes off with his hand — a perfect metaphor for his slimy character.

Armstrong had been particularly impressed by Macfadyen's "terrifying" performance as a controlling husband in the series "Criminal Justice" (adapted into "The Night Of" in the U.S.) and by his portrayal of the "bumptious young swell Sir Felix Carbury in an adaptation of Trollope's 'The Way We Live Now'" for the BBC.

Macfadyen says he got offered parts in "lots of dodgy rom-coms" after "Pride & Prejudice" and he still gets recognized as Mr. Darcy by "ladies of a certain age."

"Succession" may change all that: Macfadyen tells a story, imitating a bro's drunken slurring, about a man who approached him on the street, calling him Greg and apparently confusing him with his costar.

If there's a downside to his breakthrough role on "Succession" — other than all the cringing, that is — it's the danger Macfadyen will be asked to play "lots of dorky, embarrassing Americans, which is the last thing I want to do because it won't be as good as this. And as an actor, you know, there's lots of different people jumping about inside you."

## BOOK REVIEW

# White supremacists are novel's eerily relevant villains

BY RICHARD LIPEZ  
The Washington Post

There's never a dull moment in Georgia with Karin Slaughter on the literary rampage. In her newest book, "The Last Widow," the popular thriller writer lays out her customary spread of clinically observed, bloody mayhem. I lost count of the dead and dying after the first bomb went off at Emory University on Page 22. With real-life mass murder an American fixture now, this book's gore makes it something of a surreal beach read.

Thankfully, as usual, Slaughter also gives us characters who are easy to care about: Sara Linton, a pediatrician and part-time coroner, and state investigator Will Trent. The two are together for the ninth time — along with believable baddies you can't wait to

see drawn and quartered, and not necessarily metaphorically, either.

This time it's an all-too-timely far-right white supremacist militia destined for comeuppance. It takes quite a while for this reckoning to eventuate, however, and 448 pages of blood-and-guts is more than some readers may need — or want. Luckily, interspersed among the carnage are some nice scenes with Linton and Trent, who are on the verge of moving in together despite his inability to communicate and her intimidating stock portfolio.

Slaughter is wonderfully adept at showing decent people struggling in their relationships. Will, she writes, "was trying to be more open with Sara about what he was feeling," so "he just made a note on his calendar every Monday to tell her something that was

bothering him." Later, he will have to survive not only domestic terrorists but also Linton's mother, Cathy, who was "like a skunk who could not stop spraying in Will's direction."

The novel's bang-up opening scene has a clever twist on a current trend in pop fiction. A mother and her 11-year-old daughter are in a mall parking lot when a van pulls up, snatches one of them, and speeds off. But it's not the child who is taken this time, it's the mother, Michelle Spivey, who happens to be an epidemiologist with a top-level security clearance at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This hints early of biological weaponry in the making. When the racist nuts (called the Invisible Patriot Army) have in mind eventually comes out — after Sara is also kidnapped and Will

goes undercover to rescue her — the exact scientific nature of what the group is planning is bloodcurdling.

A few of Slaughter's plot turns are shaky, while some are off-the-wall but still believable. The CDC scientist Spivey, for instance, is helping the IPA leader, a psychotic ex-military man named Dash, create a vast store of biological weapons. Spivey is doing this to keep Dash from kidnapping and raping her young daughter Emma. But things go haywire for Dash when Spivey develops appendicitis, of all things, and needs surgery in a hospital so she can live long enough to finish her job at the IPA's secret camp in the Appalachians.

Dozens of IPA members like to march around chanting "Blood and soil! Blood and soil!" — shades of Charlottesville 2017 — and Dash has devoted his life to "cleansing the country of



"The Last Widow"

By Karin Slaughter, William Morrow, 464 pages, \$27.99

the enablers and mongrels." To do so, "we must destroy this corrupt society to remake ourselves as the Framers intended," he says — and by "destroy," he isn't speaking figuratively. It's unnerving that a

novel as thoroughly researched as this one seems to be saying we have to rely on near-superhero types like Linton and Trent to save us from cataclysmic mass murder. The FBI is depicted as factionalized and borderline ineffectual. Slaughter also writes convincingly about the ease of killing hundreds of thousands of Americans employing science and technology that's not all that hard to come by. One kilo of a particular substance, Slaughter posits, would be enough to wipe out the entire human race. To prevent that from happening, we shouldn't have to rely on an evildoer's helper coming down with appendicitis.

Richard Lipez writes the Don Strachey PI novels under the name Richard Stevenson. "Killer Reunion" is the latest.

## WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Tu Lam (left) and Bill Goldberg

**“Forged in Fire: Knife or Death”** (9:03 p.m., 1:05 a.m., History): Bill Goldberg and Tu Lam return with new episodes of this competition series, in which blade smiths, martial artists and knife experts make their way through a gauntlet that stands between them and a \$20,000 grand prize. Each episode opens with that timed run through the show’s obstacle course, which is designed to test their blade’s strength, sharpness and craftsmanship.

**“The Outpost”** (7 p.m., CW): Talon and Zed (Jessica Green, guest star Reece Ritchie) embark on a high-risk mission to capture a cold-blooded killer in the new episode “A Crown for the Queen.” Meanwhile, Gwynn (Imogen Waterhouse) dispatches Janzo (Anand Desai-Barochia) to find a cure for the plague-like, as well as a patient who has become delusional. Elsewhere, Gwynn is reunited with Garret (Jake Stormoen).

**“Ax Men”** (7 p.m., 11:04 p.m., History): Fighting a losing battle to stay on schedule and on budget, the Rygaard Logging team scrambles desperately to complete four settings and three yarder moves in the new episode “Man Down.” Elsewhere, falling trees incapacitate one of the workers on the Pihl Logging crew and Frank Harkness endures a white-knuckle struggle to maintain traction as he drives the processor up an ice-covered logging road.

**“Killer Affair”** (7 p.m., OXY): A small town is rocked by the vicious stabbing death of a local dentist who by all appearances led a conventional life away from the office in the new episode “Murder in a Small Town.” As investigators start delving into this murder, however, they expose a complicated web of extra-marital affairs and infidelity.

**“Flip or Flop”** (8 p.m., 11 p.m., HGTV): Tarek and Christina’s latest job takes them to the same street in Cypress, Calif., where they completed an earlier renovation in the new episode “Alarming Flip.” When an argument over the kitchen design starts to heat up, they decide to settle the matter with a calming game of hoops.

**“The Lady Vanishes”** (9 p.m., TCM): It’s Hitchcock, so get your comb to tackle the hairs rising on the back of your neck. In this 1938 mystery, Margaret Lockwood stars as Iris Henderson, who is traveling on a train and befriends elderly Miss Froy (Dame May Whitty). After a long conversation with her, Iris takes a nap, but when she wakes up, Miss Froy is missing.

## TALK SHOWS

**“Conan”** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Conan O’Brien welcomes celebrity guests and draws comedy from poignant news stories and politics.\*

**“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon”** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Julianne Moore; actor Jacob Tremblay; writer Julio Torres.\*

**“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert”** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Amanda Seyfried; actors Jacob Tremblay, Brady Noon and Keith L. Williams (“Good Boys”).\*

**“Jimmy Kimmel Live”** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Leslie Jones; Monsta X and French Montana perform.\*

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## THURSDAY EVENING, AUG. 29

## MOVIES

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|--------------------|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------|--------------|
| BROADCAST          | <b>CBS</b> 2                               | The Big Bang Theory   | Young Sheldon  | Big Brother (N) (Live) ©              | FBI: “A New Dawn.” ©                                | News (N) ▶                                     |                          |              |
|                    | <b>NBC</b> 5                               | The Wall: “Chris and Paris.” (N) ©  |  | Hollywood Game Night ©                | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: “The Good Girl.” | NBC 5 News (N) ▶                               |                          |              |
|                    | <b>ABC</b> 7                               | ♦ (6) MLB Baseball: New York Mets vs Chicago Cubs. From Citi Field in Flushing, N.Y. (N) (Live) |  |                                       | Reef Break: “Dream Lover.” (N) ©                    | News at 10pm (N) ▶                             |                          |              |
|                    | <b>WGN</b> 9                               | black-ish: “Dr. Hell No.” ©   | black-ish ©  | Last Man Standing ©                   | Last Man Standing ©                                 | WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©                  | WGN News at Ten (N)      |              |
|                    | <b>Antenna</b> 9.2                         | Alice ©   | Alice ©  | B. Miller                             | B. Miller   | Johnny Carson ©                                | 3’s Comp.                |              |
|                    | <b>This TV</b> 9.3                         | Four Weddings and a Funeral (R,’94) *** ©   |  |                                       |   | Mystic Pizza (R,’88) *** ©                     |                          |              |
|                    | <b>PBS</b> 11                              | Chicago Tonight (N)   |  | American Masters: “Carole King.” ©    |   | American Masters: “Janis: Little Girl Blue.” © |                          |              |
|                    | <b>The U</b> 26.1                          | 7 Eyewitness News (N)   |  | The Game                              | Engagement  | Broke Girl                                     | Broke Girl               | Seinfeld ©   |
|                    | <b>MeTV</b> 26.3                           | Andy Griffith ©   | Andy Griffith  | Gomer Pyle                            | Green Acres   | Hogan Hero                                     | Hogan Hero               | C. Burnett   |
|                    | <b>H&amp;I</b> 26.4                        | Star Trek ©   |  | Star Trek: Next                       |   | Star Trek: Deep Space 9                        | Star Trek ▶              |              |
|                    | <b>Bounce</b> 26.5                         | The Game  | The Game   | In the Cut                            | Family Time   | Johnson Family Vacation (’04) *** ©            |                          |              |
|                    | <b>FOX</b> 32                              | NFL Preseason Football: Tennessee Titans at Chicago Bears. (N) (Live)                           |  |                                       |   | From Soldier Field in Chicago. (N) (Live)      |                          |              |
|                    | <b>Ion</b> 38                              | Chicago P.D.: “Profiles.”   | Chicago P.D. ©                                       |                                       |   | Chicago P.D.: “Ghosts.”                        | Chicago ▶                |              |
|                    | <b>TeleM</b> 44                            | ♦ Exatlón EE. UU. (N)   |  | El final del paraíso (N) ©            |   | Preso No. 1 (N) ©                              | Chicago (N)              |              |
|                    | <b>CW</b> 50                               | The Outpost (N) ©   |  | Horror (N)                            | Horror  | The Good Wife ©                                | Chicago ▶                |              |
|                    | <b>UniMas</b> 60                           | ♦ (6) Knight and Day **   |  | Apocalipsis                           |   | Noticiero Uni Apocalipsis                      |                          |              |
|                    | <b>WJYS</b> 62                             | Paid Prog.  | Paid Prog.   | Joyce Meyer                           | Robison   | Christian                                      | Dn. Carson               | Monument     |
|                    | <b>Univ</b> 66                             | La reina soy yo (N)   |  | Juntos, el corazón (N)                |   | Sin miedo a la verdad (N)                      | Noticias (N)             |              |
|                    | CABLE                                      | <b>AE</b>   | The First 48 ©                                       | The First 48 ©                        |   |  | (9:01) The First 48 ©    | 60 Days In ▶ |
| <b>AMC</b>         |  | ♦ (6) Road House (R,’89) *** ©  |  | Lethal Weapon (R,’87) ***             | Mel Gibson. ©                                       |  |                          |              |
| <b>ANIM</b>        |  | Treehouse Masters ©   | Treehouse Masters ©                                  |                                       |   | Treehouse Masters ©                            |                          |              |
| <b>BBCA</b>        |  | Bridge of Spies (PG-13,’15) ***   | Tom Hanks, Mark Rylance. ©                           |                                       |   |  | Bridge ▶                 |              |
| <b>BET</b>         |  | ♦ (5) Friday (R,’95) ***  |  | Tales: “Ex Factor.”                   |   | The Next Big Thing                             | Martin ©                 |              |
| <b>BIGTEN</b>      |  | The Big Show ©  |  | Ohio State                            |   | Big Ten Elite ©                                | Ohio State ▶             |              |
| <b>BRAVO</b>       |  | Million Dollar Listing  |  | Million Dollar Listing (N)            |   | Million Dollar Listing                         | Watch What               |              |
| <b>CLTV</b>        |  | News at 7   | News (N)   | News at 8                             | News (N)  | SportsFeed   Politics Tonight ©                |                          |              |
| <b>CNBC</b>        |  | Shark Tank ©  |  | Shark Tank ©                          |   | Shark Tank ©                                   | Shark ▶                  |              |
| <b>CNN</b>         |  | Anderson Cooper 360 (N)   |  | Cuomo Prime Time (N)                  |   | CNN Tonight (N)                                | Tonight (N) ▶            |              |
| <b>COM</b>         |  | The Office  | The Office   | The Office                            | The Office  | The Office                                     | The Office               |              |
| <b>DISC</b>        |  | Alaskan Bush People ©   |  | Alaskan Bush People ©                 |   | “Hunted and Stalked.” (N) ©                    |                          |              |
| <b>DISN</b>        |  | Bunk’d ©  | Bunk’d ©   | Raven                                 | Raven   | Coop   | Coop                     | Raven        |
| <b>E!</b>          |  | Hitch (PG-13,’05) ***   | Will Smith, Eva Mendes. ©                            |                                       |   |  | Nightly (N)              |              |
| <b>ESPN</b>        |  | ♦ (6) College Football: UCLA at Cincinnati. (N) (Live)  |  |                                       |   | College Football: Utah at BYU. (N) ▶           |                          |              |
| <b>ESPN2</b>       |  | ♦ (6) 2019 U.S. Open Tennis: Second Round. (N) (Live)   |  |                                       |   |  | SportCtr (N)             |              |
| <b>FNC</b>         |  | Tucker Carlson (N)  |  | Hannity (N) ©                         |   | The Ingraham Angle (N)                         | Fox News                 |              |
| <b>FOOD</b>        |  | Chopped: “Epic Burgers!”  |  | Chopped ©                             |   | Beat Flow (N)   Play List                      | Beat Bobby               |              |
| <b>FREE</b>        |  | The Parent Trap (PG,’98) ***  | Lindsay Lohan, Dennis Quaid. ©                       |                                       |   |  | 700 Club ▶               |              |
| <b>FX</b>          |  | The Wolf of Wall Street (R,’13) ***   | Leonardo DiCaprio, Jonah Hill. ©                     |                                       |   |  |                          |              |
| <b>HALL</b>        |  | ♦ (6) A Novel Romance ©   |  | Love on Safari (NR,’18)               | Lacey Chabert, Jon Cor. ©                           |  | Golden Girls             |              |
| <b>HGTV</b>        |  | Flip or Flop  | Flip or Flop   | Flip (N)                              | Flip or Flop  | Hunters (N)   Hunt Intl (N)                    | Going (N)                |              |
| <b>HISTV</b>       |  | Ax Men: “Man Down.” (N)   |  | Mountain Men (N)                      |   | Forged in Fire: Knife or Death (N) ▶           |                          |              |
| <b>HLN</b>         |  | Forensic  | Forensic   | Forensic                              | Forensic  | Forensic                                       | Forensic                 |              |
| <b>IFC</b>         |  | ♦ Beverly Hills Cop III **  |  | Police Academy (R,’84) **             |   | Steve Guttenberg. ©                            | Police 2 ▶               |              |
| <b>LIFE</b>        |  | Married at First Sight (N) ©  |  |                                       |   | Married at First Sight ©                       |                          |              |
| <b>MSNBC</b>       |  | All In With (N)   |  | Rachel Maddow Show (N)                |   | The Last Word (N)                              | 11th Hour (N)            |              |
| <b>MTV</b>         |  | Jersey Shore (N)  |  | Ex on the Beach (N) ©                 |   | Jersey Shore--Vacation                         | Ex-Beach ▶               |              |
| <b>NBCSCH</b>      |  | MLB Baseball: Minnesota Twins at Chicago White Sox.   |  |                                       |   |  | Football ▶               |              |
| <b>NICK</b>        |  | Napoleon Dynamite (PG,’04) ***  | Jon Heder. ©   |                                       |   | Friends ©                                      | Friends ©                | Friends ©    |
| <b>OVATION</b>     |  | No Reservation  |  | No Reservation                        |   | No Reservation                                 | Bourdain ▶               |              |
| <b>OWN</b>         |  | 20/20 on OWN ©  |  | 20/20 on OWN ©                        |   | 20/20 on ID ©                                  | 20/20 ▶                  |              |
| <b>OXY</b>         |  | Killer Affair (N)   |  | Snapped ©                             |   | Snapped: “Jane Reth.” ©                        | Snapped ▶                |              |
| <b>PARMT</b>       |  | ♦ (6) Training Day (R,’01) *** ©  |  | (8:45) Man on Fire (R,’04) **         | Denzel Washington. ▶                                |  |                          |              |
| <b>SYFY</b>        |  | Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13,’09) **  | Shia LaBeouf. ©                                      |                                       |   |  | Hardcore ▶               |              |
| <b>TBS</b>         |  | Big Bang  | Big Bang   | Chasing the Cure (N) (Live) ©         |   | Big Bang                                       | Conan (N)                |              |
| <b>TCM</b>         |  | Watch on the Rhine (NR,’43) ****  | Bette Davis. ©                                       |                                       |   | The Lady Vanishes (NR,’38) ****                |                          |              |
| <b>TLC</b>         |  | Unexpected  |  | Untold Stories of the ER              |   | Brides, Grooms (N)                             | My Crazy (N)             |              |
| <b>TLN</b>         |  | Humanit   | Wretched   | Ask God                               |   | Life Today                                     | Like You                 | Humanit      |
| <b>TNT</b>         |  | ♦ Guardians 2   |  | Chasing the Cure (N) (Live) ©         |   |  | The General’s Daughter ▶ |              |
| <b>TOON</b>        | Amer. Dad                                  | Amer. Dad   | Burgers  | Burgers                               | Family Guy  | Family Guy                                     | Rick, Morty              |              |
| <b>TRAV</b>        | The Dead Files (N) ©                       |   |  |                                       | The Dead Files (N) ©                                | Dead Files ▶                                   |                          |              |
| <b>TVL</b>         | Raymond                                    | Everybody Raymond   | Raymond  |                                       | Two Men   | Two Men  | King                     |              |
| <b>USA</b>         | Law & Order: SVU                           |   | Law & Order: SVU                                     |                                       | Queen of the South (N)                              | Pearson ▶                                      |                          |              |
| <b>VH1</b>         | Black Ink Crew ©                           |   | Black Ink Crew: Compton                              |                                       | Wild ‘n Out   | Wild ‘n Out                                    | Wild ‘n Out              |              |
| <b>WE</b>          | ♦ Growing Up Hip Hop                       |   | Growing Up Hip Hop: New York (Series Premiere) (N) © |                                       | Beyond the Pole (N) ©                               |  |                          |              |
| <b>WGN America</b> | Last Man                                   | Last Man  | Last Man   | Last Man                              | Last Man  | Last Man                                       | Last Man                 |              |
| PREMIUM            | <b>HBO</b>                                 | Mortal Engines (PG-13,’18) **   | Hera Hilmar. ©                                       |                                       | Ballers ©   | (9:40) Succession ©                            |                          |              |
|                    | <b>HBO2</b>                                | Ballers ©   | Our Boys (Subtitled-English)                         | The Mule (R,’18) **                   | Clint Eastwood. ©                                   |  |                          |              |
|                    | <b>MAX</b>                                 | Mr. & Mrs. Smith (PG-13,’05) **   | Brad Pitt. ©   |                                       |   | Dragged Across Concrete (R,’18) ***            |                          |              |
|                    | <b>SHO</b>                                 | The Affair: “501.” ©  |  | Peppermint (R,’18) * Jennifer Garner. |   | On Becoming a God                              |                          |              |
|                    | <b>STARZ</b>                               | ♦ (6:01) The Queen ***  |  | (7:46) Escape Room (PG-13,’19) **     |   | (9:29) Spy Game ***                            |                          |              |
| <b>STZNC</b>       | ♦ (6:28) The Lone Ranger (PG-13,’13) *** © |   |  |                                       | Sleeping With the Enemy (R,’91) ***                 |  |                          |              |

## Brad Pitt’s classic car carries an ugly underside

There’s more to the ‘Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood’ tale

BY SEBASTIAN SMEE  
Washington Post

The cars in Quentin Tarantino’s “Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood” come close to stealing the show. Given that the film stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Brad Pitt — both grizzled and a bit beaten up but all the more handsome for it — that’s saying a lot.

There’s some early Oscar buzz around both male leads. But what about the cars? Cars can have a darker side, too — especially the slightly grizzled, beaten up ones.

“Once Upon a Time” is more layered — and, in an unwitting way, more disturbing — than it initially appears. It is set in Los Angeles in 1969, so there are vintage cars everywhere. There’s a gorgeous 1962 MG TD — a stately English convertible driven by Roman Polanski (played by Rafal Zawierucha) and his wife, Sharon Tate (Margot Robbie). There’s the creamy yellow 1966 Cadillac Coupe de Ville owned by the actor Rick Dalton (DiCaprio). And then there’s the blue, beaten-up 1964 Volkswagen Karmann Ghia, which belongs to Dalton’s stunt double, Cliff Booth (Pitt).

Oh, that Karmann Ghia. It’s lovely. I read that to help it perform in the movie as Tarantino wanted it to, he had its VW engine replaced with a pumped-up Subaru engine. The result, strange to say, is exactly what Tarantino’s films are like: cult cars souped up with new engines.

They’re exercises in having it both ways: nostalgic and up-with-the-times; viscerally violent and glibly cartoonish; knowing and innocent. Tarantino’s casting of the Karmann Ghia expresses this duality in more ways than one.

I should stress at this



Brad Pitt and Leonardo DiCaprio with a Coupe de Ville and, sigh, a blue Karmann Ghia in Quentin Tarantino’s “Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood.”

point that I am in no way a “car guy.” I own a Honda CR-V, and I can never remember where they’ve hidden the lever that opens the hood. But I do love beautiful cars, and whenever I see a Karmann Ghia, in a film or in real life, my heart breaks into a canter.

Yes, Porsches are gorgeous. Citroens are cool. And the great Italian sports cars are obviously unsurpassable. But Karmann Ghias — an unlikely combination of German (Volkswagen) mechanicals and Italian design — are simply the most beautiful cars ever built.

I know, I know, beauty is subjective. (Although it’s not so hard to find agreement on the proposition that Brad Pitt and Margot Robbie are good-looking.) But that’s precisely the point: A Karmann Ghia’s attractiveness is not absolute in any Platonic, archetypal way, like a Porsche or a Ferrari. Karmann Ghias are real. They’re invitations to fandom. They’re approachable. They’re affordable. And their shape is — to a degree that’s almost sublime — just right.

So yes, if I were Quentin Tarantino, setting my film

in 1969, with his moviemaking budget, I, too, would be looking for just about any excuse to film a scene with a Karmann Ghia. I might even build my whole movie around it.

There was a moment when I thought that’s exactly what he had done. In one of the film’s indelible sequences, Pitt bids farewell to DiCaprio, hops into his Karmann Ghia, and drives home. Suddenly, it’s as if he were in a different movie, playing a bank robber with the cops in hot pursuit.

He’s not. They’re not. The whole sequence feels gloriously pointless, and — in classic Tarantino style — quite a few seconds longer than it needs to be. But the pointlessness is what makes it so wonderful.

You could argue that the scene helps “develop” Booth’s character. You would dutifully point out that when acting as Dalton’s chauffeur, buddy and life coach, Booth drives his Coupe de Ville sedately, whereas when he is in his own car — the Karmann Ghia — he expresses his true calling as a stunt double: He appears to become a reckless lunatic, but he is

actually very much in control. Both sides of his character get to shine in the film’s denouement.

But honestly, who cares about that? The real reason — the deeper reason — for the extended Karmann Ghia scene is the same as the reason Tarantino made homages to hard-boiled crime novels (“Pulp Fiction”) and to blaxploitation films (“Jackie Brown”); a revenge fantasy about Nazis (“Inglourious Basterds”); and a vampire Western (“From Dusk Till Dawn”). It’s the same as the reason he chose to cast the likes of John Travolta, Pam Grier and Christopher Walken in leading roles. It’s because he is a fan.

Tarantino’s main talent is and always has been the exuberant expression of fandom. He is a sort of hyperactive curator of personal pop obsessions. He’s just like you and me in this sense, only more so.

He tells stories, yes. But original plotting is not where his energies go. His real talent is to bring the irrational wildness of fandom to stories and subjects that in other hands feel exhausted, clichéd, or just dated.



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The Karmann Ghia prototype as it shown internally in 1953.

Tarantino’s fandom is so uninhibited, it’s infectious. Spotting the references to his various obsessions is part of what makes his films so fun. But he is generous on this score: If you get his allusions, great. If you don’t, he’ll make sure you have a good time anyway.

His enthusiasm overwhelms objections and scruples. (Who else could get away with treating a subject as distressing as the murder of a pregnant Sharon Tate with the moral sensitivity of a teenage YouTube celebrity?) And it overwhelms reality.

But that can come at a cost.

Tarantino is happy for you to know that his father owned a blue Karmann Ghia. But the mental connection he would probably prefer you didn’t make when you see “Once Upon a Time” is between the Karmann Ghia and a trauma experienced 15 years ago by Uma Thurman — a trauma for which Tarantino last year acknowledged responsibility.

In the final stages of shooting “Kill Bill: Volume 2,” Tarantino had asked Thurman, the film’s lead, to drive a blue Karmann Ghia down a sandy road at a speed with which she was uncomfortable. She had been told the car was not operating correctly after its manual transmission was changed to automatic. She asked Tarantino to get a stunt double to do it instead.

Tarantino insisted she drive, and the upshot was awful. The Karmann Ghia,

with Thurman at the wheel, plowed into a tree. Thurman, who is convinced she could have been killed, has since described the incident as “negligent to the point of criminality.” She forgave Tarantino (he describes the incident as the biggest regret of his life). But Thurman maintained that the alleged attempt by Harvey Weinstein, Lawrence Bender and E. Bennett Walsh to cover it up was “unforgivable.”

I love Tarantino’s take on the movies. I love the energy behind his enthusiasms. And I share his crush on the Karmann Ghia. But his sensibility — which has been massively influential not just on the movies but on television and on the culture at large — also makes me queasy. I can’t say why, exactly. But it has to do with the way his films seem to wallow in the very confusions they create.

Tarantino gets away with his brand of boyish fandom because it speaks to the childish fantasist in each of us and because we are, at the same time, adults. That is to say, we all have a healthy sense of irony.

We know it’s just the movies. We know the difference between a family and a cult. We know how to distinguish a con man from a candidate, an active shooter drill from the real thing, real news from fake news, real people from actors and actors from stunt doubles.

Because we do, right? We’re all clear on that.

I mean, surely we’re all clear on that?

### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Aug. 29): Domestic joys fill your heart this year. Romance benefits from steady attention and routine care. Fall in love this winter, before jumping in to support a team effort. Focus on home repairs and improvements next summer, before a shared victory erupts. Amplify the love factor.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Your work energy rises, with Mercury in Virgo. Improve your health and physical performance over three weeks. A coach, doctor or friend supports. **Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Express your affection. Make bold declarations. For three weeks, with Mercury in Virgo, it's easier to put your feelings into words. Communicate your love. **Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 7. Decorate, beautify and add ambiance. Music and lighting work wonders. Put your creativity into your home over the next three weeks, with Mercury in Virgo. **Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Talk about subjects near to your heart. For three weeks, with Mercury in Virgo, you're especially brilliant. Creative communications flower. **Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Communication and creativity gets profitable, with Mercury in Virgo over three weeks. Get persuasive with sales and marketing. Bargain, wheel and deal. **Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. You're especially good with words over the next three weeks, with Mercury in your sign. Speak out powerfully and persuasively. Make important connections. **Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Introspection, writing and organization satisfy, with Mercury in Virgo. Create peaceful rituals for meditation and spiritual or philosophical consideration. **Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Your team grows stronger over three weeks, with Mercury in Virgo. Friends help you advance. Get greater results, faster and easier. **Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Stick to tested work techniques. Assume new professional responsibilities over three weeks, with Mercury in Virgo. Advance your career through networking and communications. **Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Discuss an exploration. Make vacation or travel plans, with Mercury in Virgo. Expand your territory over the next three weeks. **Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Network and collaborate. Communication gets lucrative, with Mercury in Virgo for three weeks. Financial discussions, inquiries and requests can get fruitful. Make valuable connections. **Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Collaborate with someone attractive. Partnership flowers over three weeks, with Mercury in Virgo. Compromise and negotiate for mutually beneficial solutions. Romance arises in conversation.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



### Bridge

East-West vulnerable, South deals

**North**  
 ♠ A Q 10 7 5 4  
 ♥ 6 4  
 ♦ K  
 ♣ 9 8 6 4

**West**  
 ♠ 6 3  
 ♥ K J 9 3  
 ♦ Q J 10 7  
 ♣ Q 5 2

**East**  
 ♠ K J 9 8  
 ♥ 8 7 2  
 ♦ 8 6 5 3 2  
 ♣ 3

**South**  
 ♠ 2  
 ♥ A Q 10 5  
 ♦ A 9 4  
 ♣ A K J 10 7

South won the opening diamond lead with dummy's king. He realized that even if the outstanding trumps split 2-2, he would still have problems if the major suits behaved poorly. The quality of the trump spots in his hand and the dummy gave him hope that he could succeed on a cross-ruff.

He led a heart to his ace and discarded dummy's last heart on the ace of diamonds. A diamond was ruffed in dummy, and South cashed the ace of spades and ruffed a spade with the seven in his hand. Declarer ruffed a heart in dummy and led another spade. He carefully ruffed with the ace of clubs and then ruffed another heart in dummy.

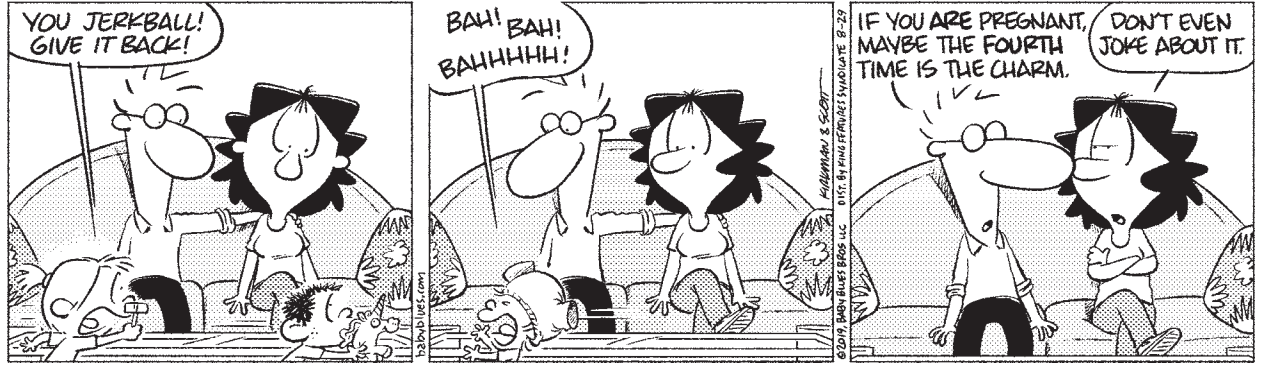
So far, so good. South ruffed another spade in his hand, this time with the king of clubs, and ruffed his last heart with dummy's nine of clubs. That gave him 11 tricks, and he had to get one more from his remaining jack-10 of clubs. Nicely played!

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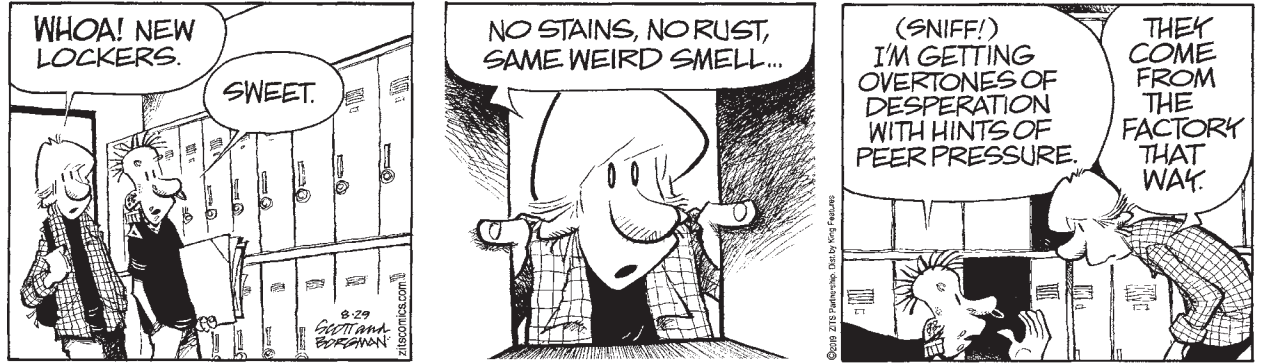
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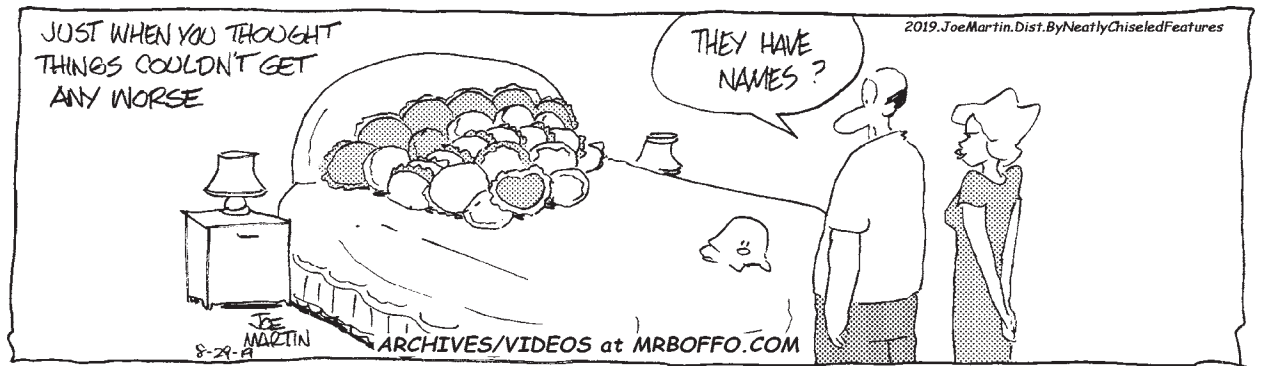
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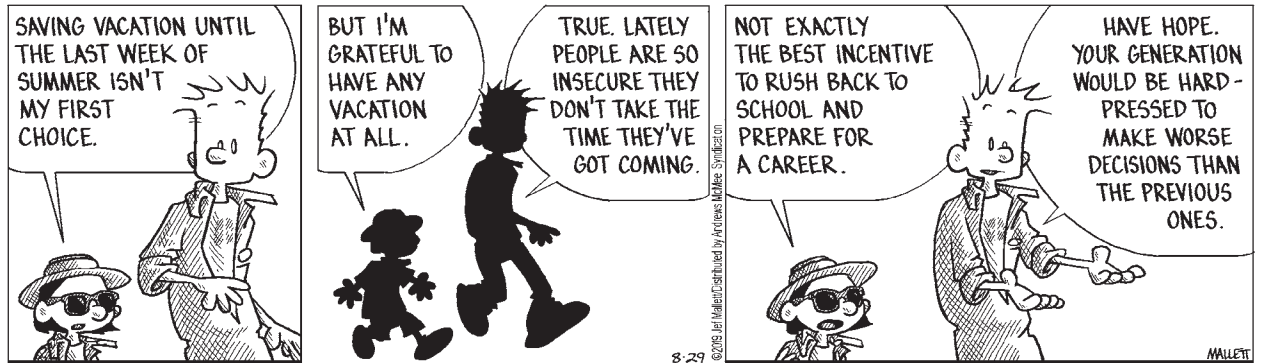
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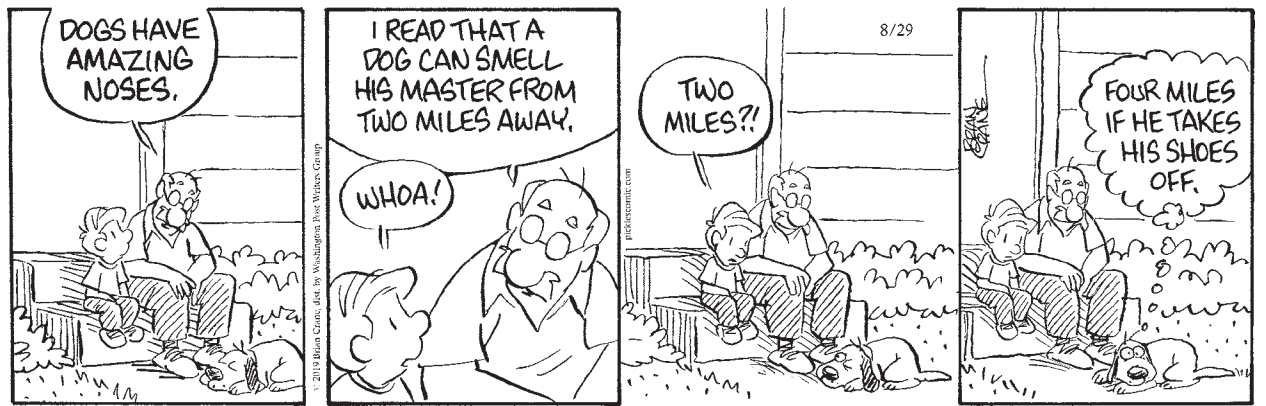
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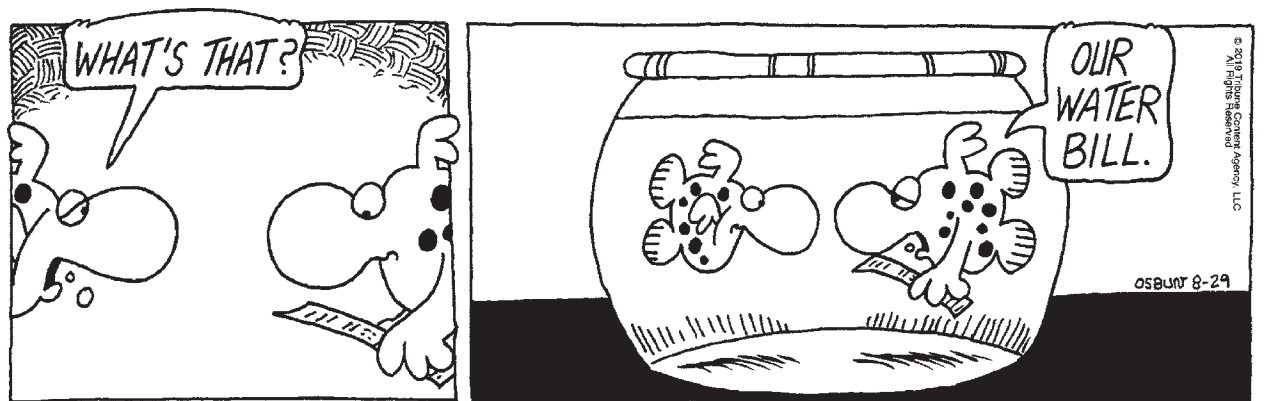
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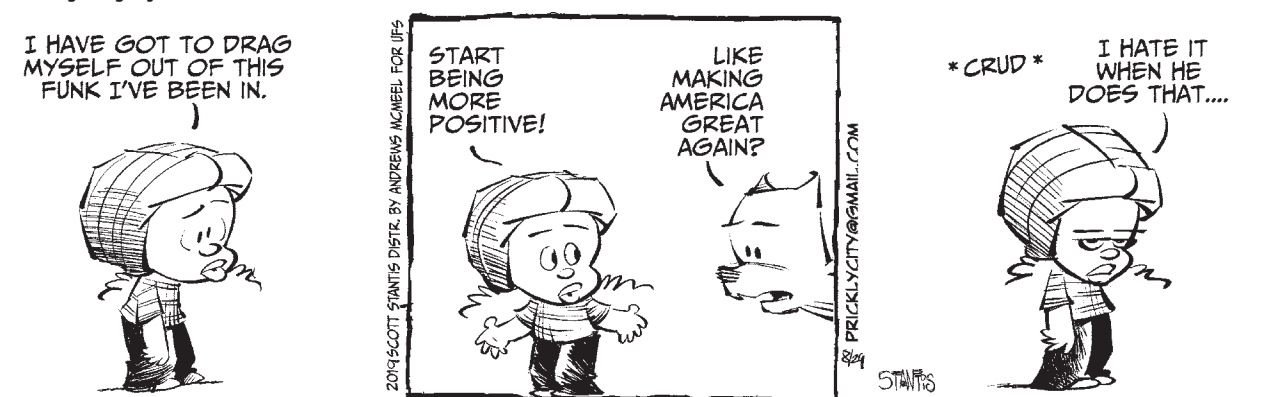
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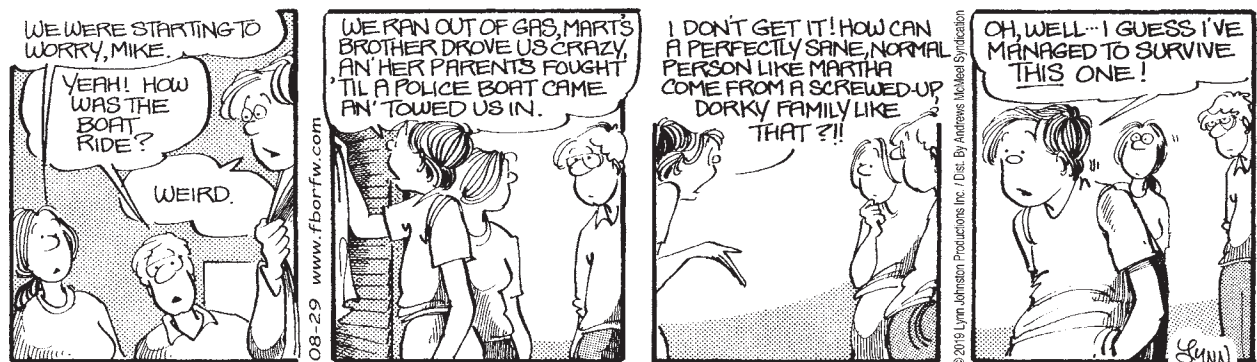


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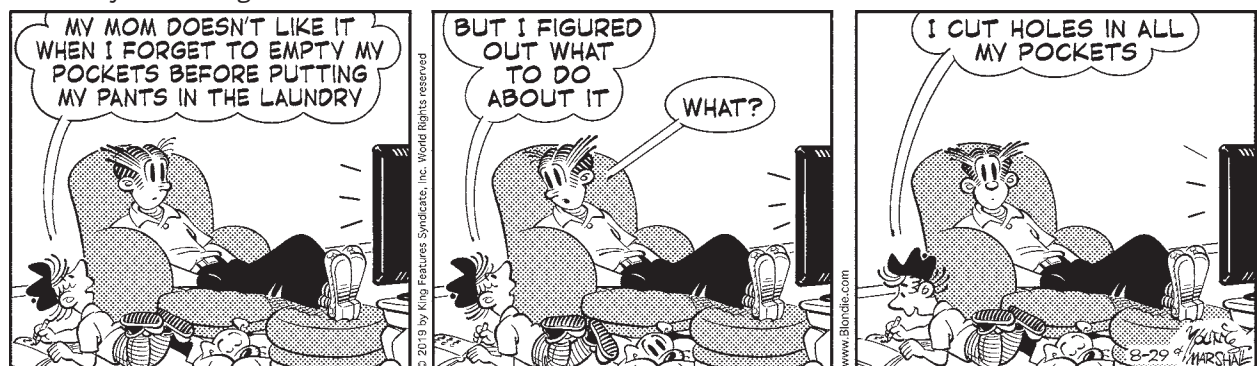
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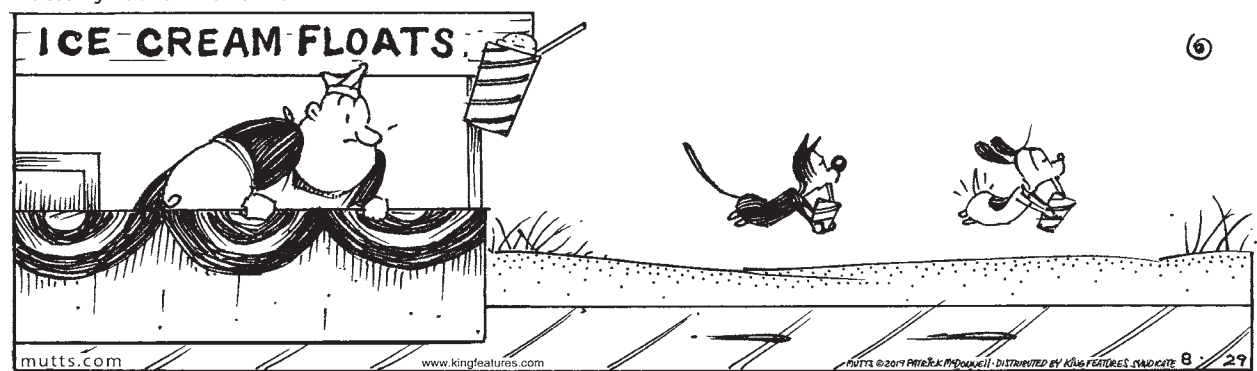
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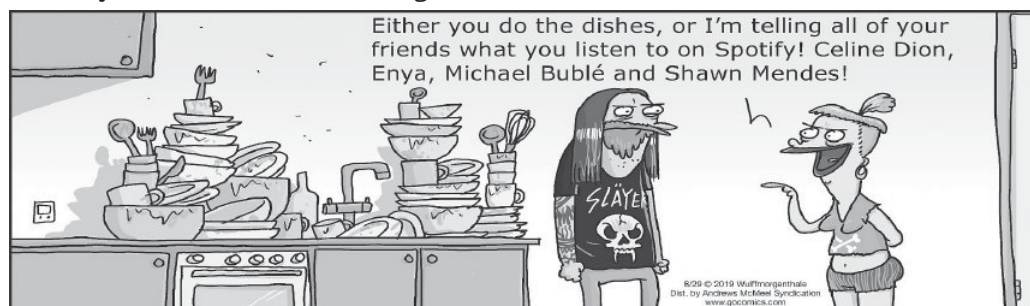
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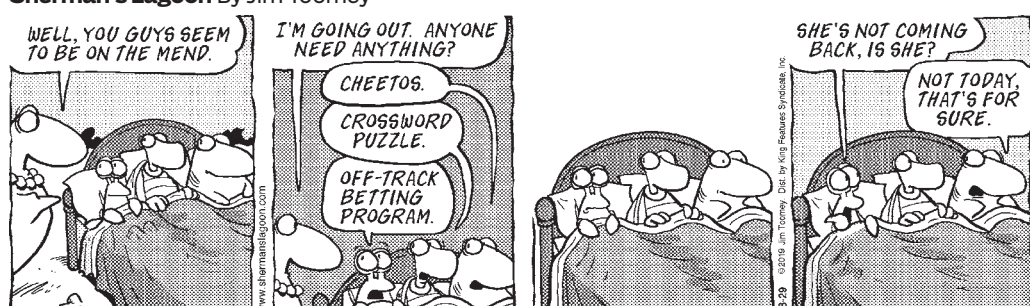
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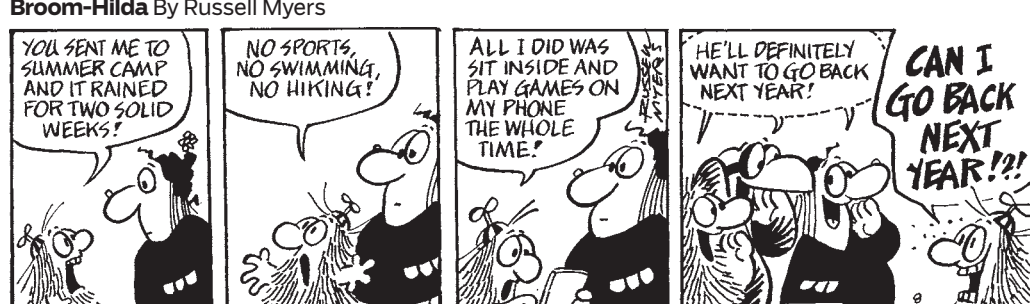
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**Brewster Rockit: Space Guy!** By Tim Rickard



**Broom-Hilda** By Russell Myers



**Trivia Bits**

“Maude” was a spinoff of “All in the Family.” Which show was a spin-off of “Maude”?  
 A) “Family Matters”  
 B) “Family Ties”  
 C) “Good Times”  
 D) “Rhoda”  
 Wednesday’s answer: The prime meridian — 0 degrees longitude — runs through Greenwich, England.  
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**Jumble Crossword**

CLUE ACROSS ANSWER  
 1. Smart GRHBIT  
 5. Buttered STTAO  
 6. Lifeless, still IRTNE  
 7. Together IETDUN

CLUE DOWN ANSWER  
 1. Cake TATRBE  
 2. \_\_\_ dressing ATALNI  
 3. Warmest SHOTET  
 4. Lured AIDEBT

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: [Circled letters in crossword grid]

ANSWERS: 1-A-Right 5-A-Right 6-A-Right 7-A-Right 1-B-Right 2-D-Right 3-D-Right 4-D-Right 5-D-Right 6-D-Right 7-D-Right  
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**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

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| 7 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 8 |

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**Wednesday's solutions**

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**Jumble**

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

SAYET [Circled letters: S, A, Y, E, T]  
 NALKP [Circled letters: N, A, L, K, P]  
 GRAUTI [Circled letters: G, R, A, U, T, I]  
 MTEENC [Circled letters: M, T, E, E, N, C]



**Answer here**

“ [Circled letters: S, A, Y, E, T] ” [Circled letters: N, A, L, K, P]

**Wednesday's answers**

Jumbles: PIVOT GRIND DEFUSE DILUTE  
 Answer: They wanted to learn more about Mount Rainier, so they — STUDIED UP ON IT

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**Crossword**

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|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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**Across**

- 1 Respond to “Let’s give it up for ...”
- 5 Moves like Tinker Bell
- 10 “... thou damned whale!” speaker
- 14 Gad about
- 15 Like some whiskey barrels
- 16 Lawless character
- 17 Turkmenistan neighbor
- 18 Huge herbivore
- 20 Cookie with a whimsical name
- 22 Biden’s 2008 debate opponent
- 23 “Fresh Air” aier
- 24 Although
- 27 Led Zeppelin’s “Whole \_\_\_ Love”
- 31 Critical layer
- 33 Torch-wielding group in “Frankenstein”
- 36 The grapevine
- 39 From the beginning

- 41 LED component
- 42 Brute
- 43 Custom
- 46 “\_\_\_ Como Va”: Santana hit
- 47 Penny pincher
- 48 Composition
- 50 Dalí contemporary
- 51 Summer in la ville
- 54 One to the manor born
- 58 It comes full circle as you work your way through 20-, 36-, 43- and 58-Across
- 63 It’s stressful to live in it
- 65 Counterclockwise arrow function
- 66 Countless years
- 67 Monastery wear
- 68 Monopoly card
- 69 Name on a box of bricks
- 70 Useful thing
- 71 Gaelic language

- 13 English lit degrees
- 19 Data disk
- 21 Recognize
- 25 Sweepstakes submission
- 26 Titter
- 28 Stir
- 29 The Chipmunks, e.g.
- 30 Go gaga over
- 32 Herpetologist’s employer
- 33 Famiglia nickname
- 34 Being broadcast
- 35 Support for a king?
- 37 Chances
- 38 Tuition add-ons
- 40 Rather small
- 44 Fountain near the Spanish Steps
- 45 Chimed
- 49 Slangy greeting
- 52 Puccini opera
- 53 “\_\_\_ World”: “Sesame Street” segment
- 55 Dumb move
- 56 High-yield deposits
- 57 Wear away
- 59 Petro-Canada competitor
- 60 Swearing in a monastery?
- 61 Not working
- 62 House in a bush
- 63 Bit of animation
- 64 Anonym in a landmark case

**Wednesday's solution**

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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| I | R | A | E | A | S | A | N | A | L | U | C | A |   |   |
| M | I | N | C | E | W | O | R | D | S | O | R | A |   |   |
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| S | Y | M | B | O | L |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| R | A | G | N | A | R | O | K |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| B | R | O | W | N | B | A | G | M | E | N | D | S |   |   |
| F | I | R | E | R | E | C | I | P | E | B | O | O | K |   |
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# CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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THURSDAY, AUG. 29 NORMAL HIGH: 80° NORMAL LOW: 61° RECORD HIGH: 98° (1953) RECORD LOW: 43° (1982)

## Strong thunderstorms are possible Thursday

### LOCAL FORECAST

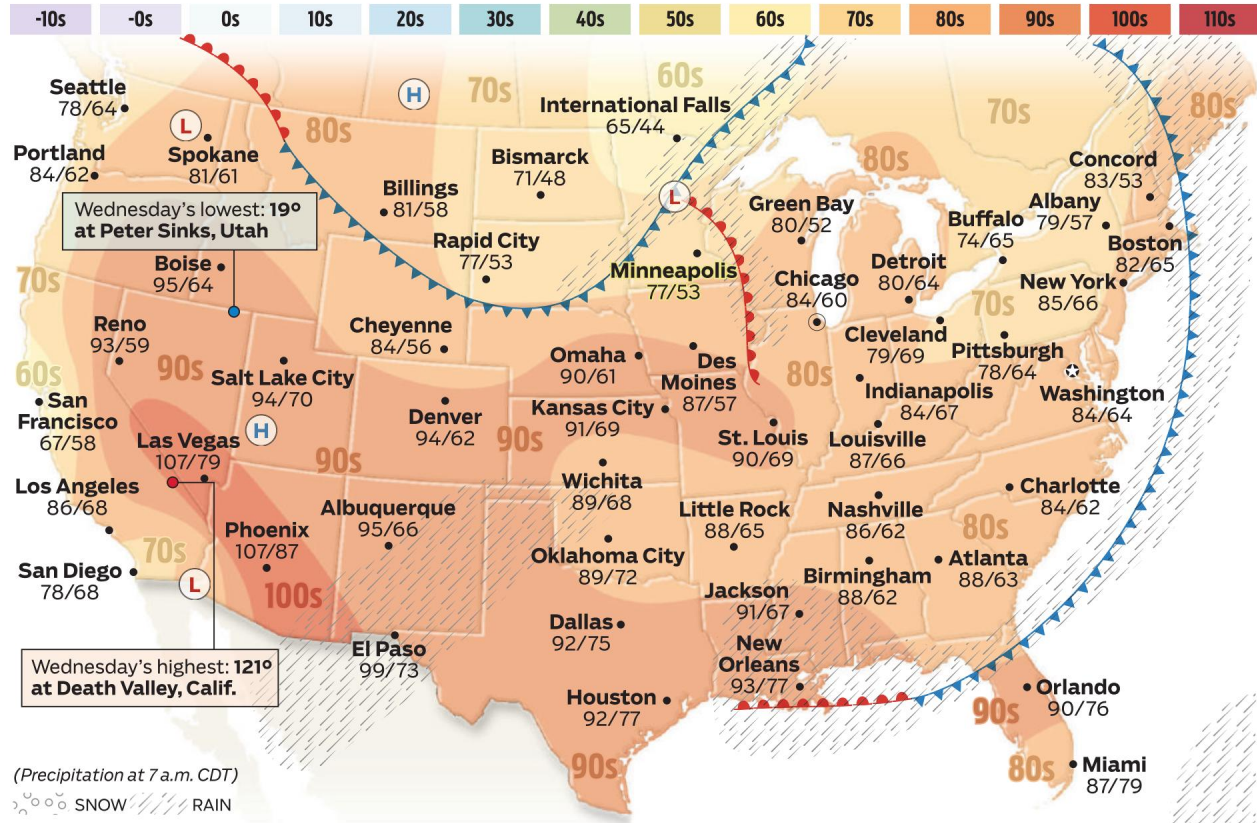
**HIGH** 84 **LOW** 60

■ Cold front approaching from the N/W will trigger showers and t-storms late afternoon into the evening hours. Most of Chicago area under a risk of severe storms.

■ Considerable sunshine early with increasing clouds during the day. Building cumulus clouds in the afternoon with eventually scattered showers and t-storms developing. SW winds gusting to 30 mph. High temps in low to mid 80s.

■ T-storms into evening hours – possibly severe. Becoming partly cloudy later at night. Winds shifting to the north.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



Gusty southwest winds will enhance an increase in humidity, and as a cold front approaches from the northwest, building cumulus clouds will result in late afternoon and evening thunderstorms spreading southeast over the Chicago area. A few of these storms could become severe, with the main threat damaging winds.

Skies will clear Friday but low pressure developing from the west will spread cloudiness and widespread showers across our area Saturday. Sunday conditions will improve.

Hurricane Dorian just clipped Puerto Rico and will be moving over warmer waters and less shear, conducive to storm intensification. Dorian should reach major Category 3 over the Bahamas on Saturday and approaching the eastern Florida coastline later Sunday.

### FRIDAY, AUG. 30

**HIGH** 78 **LOW** 59

Mostly sunny with high temps in mid to upper 70s – a little cooler at the lakefront. High and mid-level clouds increase overnight. North to NE winds.



### SATURDAY, AUG. 31

**HIGH** 70 **LOW** 60

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** 75 **LOW** 62

Some remnant cloudiness. Few showers possible early southernmost sections otherwise partly sunny. Highs in mid 70s inland, upper 60s near the lake. E winds around 10 mph. Partly cloudy overnight.



### MONDAY, SEPT. 2

**HIGH** 82 **LOW** 65

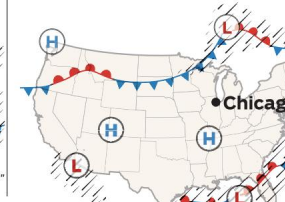
Labor Day. Mostly sunny – temps respond by rising into the lower 80s at inland locations with lower readings at the lakefront. Fair skies overnight. Light easterly on-shore winds.



### TUESDAY, SEPT. 3

**HIGH** 83 **LOW** 66

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. Southwesterly winds.



### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4

**HIGH** 76 **LOW** 61

Clouds and a chance of t-storms mainly before noon. High temps in the middle 70s – cooler at the lakefront. Fair skies and cooler overnight. N/NE winds.



### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
There have been a lot of warnings of dangerous rip currents affecting swimmers this summer. Details? Thanks.

Margaret Robertson  
Chicago

Dear Margaret,  
Rip currents develop when large wind-driven waves break over shallow sandbars near the beaches. The incoming waves push the water over the sandbar, but the water flowing back into the lake has difficulty passing over the sandbar. Eventually the water "rips" an opening in the sandbar and rushes back to the open lake like a swift-moving underwater river. A person caught in this current can easily be carried out to deep water. The best way to escape is to swim or float parallel to the shore until you are out danger and then head back to the beach. Far southern Lake Michigan experiences strong rip currents several times each beach season.

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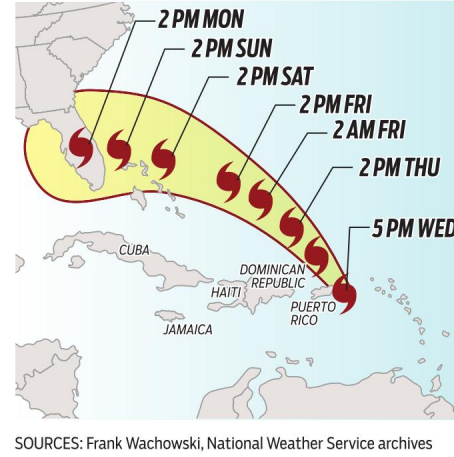
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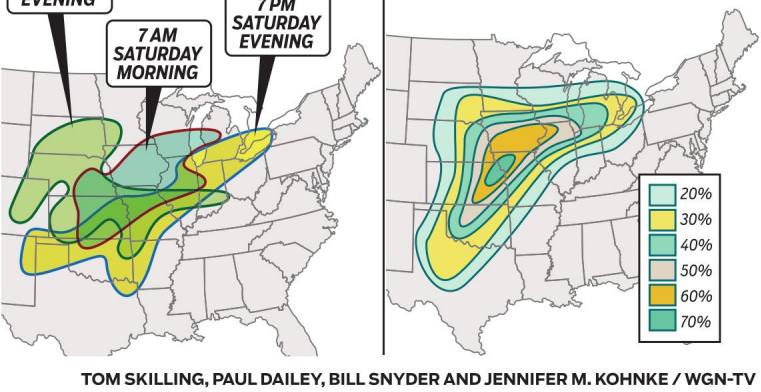


## Storms in Chicago area Thursday—Florida in Dorian's future

**HURRICANE DORIAN STILL ON TRACK TO HIT FLORIDA COAST SUNDAY**  
Dorian is forecast to occasionally reach Cat 1 intensity Thursday Dorian tracked NE of Puerto Rico into the Virgin Islands moving NW 14 mph. On track to move over warming waters with minimal shear. Ingredients indicative of an intensifying storm headed for the Bahamas. Eventually forecast to reach the east coast of Florida as a major Category 3 (115 mph) storm later Sunday



### WET OPEN TO THE UPCOMING LABOR DAY WEEKEND



| MIDWEST CITIES |    |    |    |          | OTHER U.S. CITIES |    |        |    |          | WORLD CITIES |    |    |    |           |          |    |    |    |          |    |             |    |    |    |    |    |    |          |    |    |    |
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## STYLE WISE

Decorating expert shares secrets to choosing paint color, wallpaper, carpet and furniture PAGE 4

# Organized closet can get your day off to smooth start

By PAUL F.P. POGUE  
HomeAdvisor

Your closet is more than just a place to put your stuff. It's often the first place you check in the morning, which means it can set the tone for your whole day. A chaotic, disorderly closet adds stress and gets the day off to a bad start, while a pleasingly organized closet helps your day begin easily and smoothly.

Here are five tips to add order to your closet and your life.

**Purge:** Keep your collection of clothing under control with a purge every year. Ask yourself these questions: Have you worn it in the last year? Does it still fit? Does it make you feel good about yourself? Is it in poor condition? Is it outdated? If you were shopping today, would you buy it? If it doesn't pass those tests, it's time to say goodbye.

**Organize:** Once you've slimmed down your cloth-

ing collection, make the best use of your closet to contain it. Keep skirts with skirts and pants with pants, and organize every category by color internally. This does more than just make things easier to find — it also turns that random collection of colors into a pleasing rainbow within your closet.

Save space by packing all of your off-season clothing into plastic containers with lids, then store them at the top or bottom of the closet to free up real estate for current clothing. Label the bins "winter" on one side and "summer" on the other. When you change clothes out at the end of the season, just flip the bins around.

**Use simple solutions:** When it comes to closets, the size isn't as important as how you use the space. Take advantage of as many tricks as you can to maximize the area. If you have a tangled collection of wood, plastic and wire hangers, replace them with an orderly set of matching hang-

ers that will cause less chaos. Add dividers to shelves to keep different things from spilling into each other. Hooks on the wall or door add more useful storage space (and low-mounted hooks encourage kids to get into the act).

**Hire a pro:** A professional organizer can bring the ultimate in luxury and order to your closet. Most organizers charge by the hour, with the average range falling between \$55 and \$85. Once you factor in the cost of materials and installation, the average closet organization system costs about \$1,600. (Your closet didn't become disorganized in a short time, so allow several hours or even a few days for your pro to complete the process.)

An organizational pro also has access to highly specific accessory storage for specialized items. Belt racks, tie dividers, shoe shelving and jewelry drawers can keep everything in order.



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Organize like things together — skirts with skirts, pants with pants, etc., — and group by color.

**Replace the door:** A new door can revitalize your closet and change the way you use it. You'll usually pay between \$150 and \$500 to replace a closet door, though this can go up for bigger or more specialized ones. Try one of these four types:

**Sliding doors:** These take up less space but tend

to jam or come off the tracks.

**Single-panel:** These doors are the typical open-and-close type that resemble regular doors. They're effective and economical, but they require a lot of space to open and close.

**Bi-fold:** These connect two panels on each side and fold out. They require less

outswinging than single-panel doors and allow you to reach all points of the closet.

**Louvered:** This door, resembling a shutter, allows airflow and light into the closet. It creates a warmer feel in a room, although it does require more cleaning and takes up as much space as a single-panel door.

## Lighting can make or break your room design

By CATHY HOBBS  
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Lighting can greatly enhance or diminish a space. Poor lighting can make a home feel dark and gloomy, while a well-lit home can feel bright and welcoming.

Lighting can also be used as a stylized element to improve nearly any room of the home. From ceiling pendants to wall sconces and chandeliers, a number of traditional and innovative lighting solutions can

help you enhance your space whether you are looking for elevated aesthetics or more functionality. Here are some top tips.

**Go industrial:** Industrial-style fixtures are more popular than ever and can work well depending on the style of your space.

**Think function:** Whether it is a pendant to provide lighting over a sink or an island or a table to dine, be sure to pay attention to functionality.

**Go for glam:** In dining or entry areas, don't be afraid to make a bold statement with your lighting fixtures.

**Formal or casual?** Whether you are looking to make a formal statement or prefer a fixture that is more understated, it is helpful to decide before making a lighting purchase.

**A welcome statement:** Homes that are poorly lit from the outside are not only unwelcoming but can create a safety issue.

**Consider wall sconces:** Whether in a powder room, bathroom or bedroom, this additional lighting can help add to the design of a room as well as functionality.

**Go energy efficient:** From pendants to wall sconces, LED fixtures are more popular than ever. The lights typically burn for thousands of hours.

**Try interesting bulbs:** Transparent bulbs and industrial-style bulbs can help add interest.



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LED fixtures are a popular, energy-efficient choice.

**Add recessed lighting when possible:** It is OK to add both recessed lights as well as fixtures in the same space.



Chandeliers can add a welcomed touch of formality in an entry area.

**When in doubt, more is better:** You can never have too much light in a space.

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# Decorating secrets from a style expert

A few tips to help get your place in shape

The Washington Post

Decorator and style expert Elizabeth Mayhew is Brand Editor for Reese Witherspoon's Southern-inspired brand, Draper James, and a contributing editor at NBC's "Today" show.

She was recently the guest on The Washington Post's Home Front online chat, here is an edited excerpt.

**Q: The original 1930s powder room located next to our front door needs a complete overhaul. It's a tiny (3½ by 3½ feet) space and I'd like it to look like a timeless jewel box. Any furniture recommendations?**

**A:** Powder rooms are the perfect place to do something amazing and wonderful, and I love your idea of making it a jewel box. To that effect, you could do something whimsical, like hang a fun wallpaper, paint it a great color (I lacquered one client's powder room in Tiffany Blue) or do what I did: I hung my collection of black and white photos in my powder room floor to ceiling. For many years I had my extensive collection of antique purses hanging in my powder room; they were graphic, interesting and always fodder for conversation.

**Q: I have a whole condo that needs to be pulled together. I decided to start with a bed frame and a bedroom rug. I began shopping online, and now I'm overwhelmed. How do I approach this? I'm at a standstill, and I'm not normally so indecisive. I'm especially concerned about quality, and that's hard to determine when shopping online unless**



An area rug made with Flor's Doe Re Mi carpet tiles.

**something has been well reviewed.**

**A:** You are in luck! I am currently working on a piece that tackles this question, so stay tuned. But in the meantime, you should start with the big pieces (bed, sofa and dining table) and then fill in from there. You are correct that there is no better time than now to find well-priced, quickly available furniture, but the options are limitless. Depending on your style, I would suggest looking at ballard designs.com, westelm.com, serenaandlily.com, annieselke.com and of course good standbys, like Crate and Barrel.

**Q: I have always been unwilling to buy furniture online, regardless of how nice it looks, because I don't know how it will look or feel in**

**person. I would appreciate your thoughts on this dilemma as a designer.**

**A:** Comfort is personal. Think of Goldilocks: We all want something that's "just right." Ordering online can be tricky, which is why I typically suggest clients go sit on a sofa or chair before they purchase it. If that is not an option, at least go to a local store to educate yourself so that you can be a savvy shopper. Do you like foam or feather inserts? Or a combination? How deep do you want the piece to be? Once you gather your preferences, you will be better off making smart decisions.

**Q: I am a bit of a klutz and have lots of stains on my carpet. I have had it professionally steam cleaned, and it's reduced some of the stains. I am hesitant to get a new**

**carpet because I have a ridiculously heavy living room table and built-in closets. Any easy/low-tech solution to fix this issue?**

**A:** Have you looked into the company Flor? It's a great modular flooring system whereby you buy squares of carpeting, and it comes in many colors and patterns! Their website is flor.com. You can then easily replace the stained squares when you need to!

**Q: I recently bought a row home in Philadelphia and would like to stay true to the Colonial style of the home. I am thinking of painting its walls white and the trim matte black. Do you have suggestions for specific paint colors?**

**A:** I love white walls with black painted window trim — very cool and of the



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Powder rooms are often a place to try something whimsical such as a bold wallpaper pattern, a bright paint color or wall treatments.

moment! I tend to like Benjamin Moore's Decorator's White, but it doesn't work for every project. It can appear too gray in some rooms.

**Q: I'm thinking of painting my small master bedroom a dark inky blue and keeping the ceiling white to camouflage the smoke alarm and sprinkler heads. Should the trim stay white or match the new paint? Do you have any suggestions for paint colors for the walls?**

**A:** I love Benjamin Moore's Gentleman's Gray, which is actually a blue. It's an amazing color! You can go either way with the trim. If you keep the trim dark, the room will be super cozy and actually feel bigger. If you paint it white, the color will pop more.

**Q: I just ordered a**

**10-foot square jute rug but didn't order the pad. What is the best pad? It will be on hardwood flooring in a beach house on Cape Cod.**

**A:** I always just go online and order the pad from wherever I bought the rug. Crate and Barrel also has good ones.

**Q: I am drawn to gray and white. Can you suggest a gender-neutral accent color for nursery accessories (paint colors also welcome) that will work with gray and white furniture, bedding, etc? I have considered turquoise and soft mint green.**

**A:** The best thing about gray is that it goes with everything! There is not a color in the whole spectrum that it doesn't work with — pink, yellow, green, blue, you name it.



MORTON ARBORETUM

Maple leaf tar spot — a general name for black blotches caused by a variety of fungal diseases — is common in late summer and fall.

## Maple leaf tar spot common, but unlikely to cause harm

BY BETH BOTTS

Morton Arboretum

They're everywhere. They're ugly. But they're basically harmless.

The black blotches that we often see on maple leaves in late summer are collectively called "tar spot," according to Julie Janoski, manager of the Plant Clinic at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle. Though the blotches look similar, they can be caused by a number of different fungi that affect various species of maple.

"We get calls about tar spot every year in late summer and early fall," Janoski said. A wet spring, such as the one we had this year, probably activates a higher number of fungal spores, she said.

The spots accumulate on the trees' leaves all through the summer, but most homeowners don't notice them until late in the season when they see black spots on leaves that fall to the lawn. Although these fungal diseases may cause a few maple leaves to drop early, they don't do serious harm, Janoski said. The trees still have suffi-

cient leaf area to collect sunlight for photosynthesis.

Tar spot is common in the Chicago area because so many of the trees planted along our streets and in our yards are maples. In a 2012 study by the Arboretum and the U.S. Forest Service, three of the top 10 tree species planted along Chicago streets were Norway, silver and red maple.

The fungal spores that cause leaf tar spot are dispersed through the air and, with so many maple trees planted so close together, they can easily find new hosts. "Whether we see a little tar spot or a lot in a given year depends mainly on the weather," Janoski said. Plenty of rain in spring leads to more tar spot over the summer.

Once maple leaves fall, spores from the spots can overwinter in the soil. It may help a little if you can carefully rake up the affected maple leaves and put them out for leaf or landscape waste collection, as you would any other diseased foliage, Janoski said. The leaves will go to big commercial compost-

ing operations where the compost gets hot enough to kill the spores.

However, since the spores are so common in Chicago neighborhoods and spread so easily, you probably won't make much of a dent in the disease. "Even if you removed every maple leaf from your yard, the disease spores could blow in from anywhere in the neighborhood and affect your maple," Janoski said.

Don't let tar spot stop you from making use of autumn leaves in your garden this fall, she said.

"If spotted maple leaves are mixed in with the other leaves you use, it won't make a difference in the larger scheme of things," Janoski said.

"The benefits of using your leaves for mulch or compost far outweigh the risk."

*For tree and plant advice, contact the Arboretum's Plant Clinic (630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org).*

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## Yellowing basil leaves could mean downy mildew

BY TIM JOHNSON

Chicago Botanic Garden

My basil plants started getting a yellow cast to the leaves, which then turned brown and fell off a few days later. Basil has always been easy for me to grow. I am wondering what this problem is and need some advice on what to do.

— Alice Rein, Highland Park

The problem with your basil plants is most likely a disease called downy mildew. The symptoms of basil downy mildew generally develop first on lower leaves, but eventually the entire plant will be affected. Your plants are showing some classic symptoms, which include leaf yellowing followed by leaf browning.

Basil downy mildew affects homeowners with a few basil plants as well as large-scale commercial growers. This disease is host-specific, so it will not affect other plants in your garden. It is unknown if this pathogen can survive the Chicago winter outdoors, but it can do so in greenhouses. It can also be introduced to gardens by contaminated seed and infected transplants.

The spores can travel long distances by wind, so even a small outbreak can quickly turn into a large problem. This disease spread from basil plants in the ground on the south side of my house to basil plants in pots on a west-facing deck in a matter of days in 2014. It has not reappeared since that year.

Basil downy mildew flourishes in warm, humid environments. Hot, dry weather usually causes the pathogen to go dormant. The first symptoms are diffuse yellow areas on the top side of leaves, with the plants taking on an overall sick look, and brown spots as the disease progresses. The yellowing is harder to



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notice when the entire leaf is affected and resembles a plant needing fertilizer.

Affected leaves also curl and wilt as the disease progresses. Look for small black spots that are spores on the undersides of the leaves. You may also see threadlike structures on the undersides of leaves that give them a dirty, gray appearance. This disease develops quickly on basil plants, with the affected leaves turning brown and eventually falling from the plant. The plant may lose all of its leaves.

Remove and destroy all of the diseased plants in your garden. Be sure to pick up and dispose of any leaves that may have fallen on the ground. You may be able to use some of the undamaged leaves at the tops of your plants. Do not put the diseased plants in your compost pile.

Look closely at basil that is being sold in grocery stores or farmers markets to make sure it has not been affected with downy mildew before purchasing. Look under the leaves for any dusty gray-purple fuzzy growth or black

spots. There are fungicides available to control this disease, but it is not practical to spray in a home garden because of the large number of treatments needed and the requirement to have a pesticide license to use most of the fungicides.

This disease needs moisture to thrive, so grow your basil plants with good spacing in a site with full sun and good air circulation next year. Though not always practical, try to water at the base of the plants to reduce moisture on the foliage.

The weather next year will play a significant role in whether you have problems with this disease. Green-leaved varieties of sweet basil are particularly susceptible to the disease, while purple-leaved varieties of basil, Thai basil, lemon basil and spice basil should be less susceptible.

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# Wrangling rust

Take care when restoring tools, other metal utility items

BY TIM CARTER  
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**Q: What can you tell me about painting rusty metal? I want a fast and easy method to repaint an assortment of things in my garage and shed. Do you have to remove all the rust before you paint? Are there secret non-toxic chemicals that will remove rust? What paint would you use?**

**A:** I've had tremendous success over the years painting rusty metal. The good news is you don't have to remove all the rust. Not by a long shot.

The only nontoxic rust-removing chemical I'm aware of is white vinegar. It's an amazing rust remover for very light rust on metal. I saturate a paper towel with the vinegar and press it onto the rusty metal. Within a few hours the rust is almost always gone, and I don't even have to rub the metal!

Last weekend I restored a wonderful two-wheeled hand truck like delivery people use. It was almost 50 years old and very well-made. Cheap ones you see online or at home centers don't come close to matching its strength or design. This is one reason I try to restore old things: I find that many of my older implements and tools are constructed much better than what I can buy today.

Years ago, the best metal primer I used had both zinc and chromate dust in the paint. Oh my gosh, was it a great rusty metal primer. I believe this paint was discontinued over litigation worries about heavy metals in consumer products.

I now use a name-brand rusty

metal primer on rust-coated steel. So far it's performed very well. I tested it just last year painting some rusty steel and on purpose I didn't coat the primer with finish paint. I subjected the primed steel to the harsh New England winter, including all sorts of salt spray from highway driving. Months later, the primer looked like the day I applied it.

Step 1 is to read the label instructions on the can of the rusty metal primer you decide to use. Follow the instructions to the letter. Often the instructions say to remove rust scale and as much loose rust as you can brush away with a wire brush or coarse 60-grit sandpaper. You can use a wire wheel on a spinning electric grinder to make this work go very fast. Wear leather gloves and full eye protection. A breathing mask is also a good idea, as some of the old paint you might be turning to dust could contain lead.

Once you've got the rust under control, take an old paintbrush and use it to brush away any rust dust. Apply the primer and allow it to dry. As soon as the label on the primer says you can apply the finish paint, do it. Often this is just in a few hours. Doing it this way allows the finish paint to get a much better bond to the primer than if you prime something and then paint it weeks later.

Purchase the most expensive gloss finish paint you can afford. Higher prices often (but not always) equate to better ingredients. Once again, follow the instructions on the label of the finish paint for professional results.

**Q: Can you share advice about whether it's a good idea to spray water on a hot outdoor AC compressor so it runs more efficiently? I saw an ad for a special sprinkler made for this purpose. It seems like it would work, as water refreshes me when I'm hot.**

**A:** I prefer to apply critical thinking skills to questions like this. The first thing that pops into my mind would be the owner's manual for the AC unit. I would want to read it to see if the manufacturer recommends for or against spraying the unit with water. I know, it rains on outdoor AC compressors, so how bad can it be to spray it with hose water?

For one, the water from the hose might be hard, and lime scale could start to build up on the cooling fins of the machine. Second, water from a sprinkler might not hit the compressor the same way rain does.

I'd then think about whether I'm really saving money. In my case, I get my water from a well, so the water is free. I do have to pay a very small amount of money for electric to get the water from the well, but maybe that's a few pennies per day.

You may have to pay lots for water at your home. You'd also have to time the water so it only runs each time your compressor turns on. How much is this complex timer setup going to cost?

For all of this to make sense, you'd have to save more on the electric to run the AC compressor than you pay for the water PLUS the cost of the special sprinkler and timer setup.

I'm willing to bet money that it would take decades, or longer, to just break even.



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Summer picnics often mean mealtime for ants and other pests. Take the proper steps with food and your home to keep them away.

### HOME REMEDIES

## Say goodbye to season's pests

BY PAUL F.P. POGUE  
 Angie's List

Summer means barbecues, hikes and some all-around fun in the sun, but the season also invites a host of pesky pests ready to crash your summertime soirees. Summer also brings about prime breeding time for some of the most annoying bugs, such as ants, mosquitoes, ticks and stinging insects.

Here are some tips to keep the biggest party crashers away all season.

#### Getting rid of bugs:

Those summer picnics, outdoor barbecues and happy family events usually mean lots of food going in and out of the kitchen. Ants don't make a secret of their invasion either; you'll often see those lines marching back and forth to the best food source, and those can indicate a much larger colony nearby.

Good kitchen hygiene is the best practice to keep ants out. Keep food in sealed containers, and minimize how long it's left out for events like picnics. Seal up possible entry points, such as small cracks in your walls or

under windows. Clean carefully with soap and water, which will kill the chemical trails they follow. Place lines of diatomaceous earth along those entry points or right outside your home. This substance is safe for your home, but dehydrates ant exoskeletons, so they'll go to great lengths not to cross it.

Mosquitoes need only half an inch of water to breed, so the most effective tool to combat them is to eliminate water sources. Look for any standing water outside after rainfall, including bases underneath flower pots, children's toys, old tires and recycling bins. Change bird bath water twice a week.

Ticks are among the most unwelcome summer pests due to the diseases they carry, including Lyme disease. Ticks are most widely found east of the Rocky Mountains and on the West Coast, but they exist in some numbers all across the nation. To keep ticks off your body, use insect repellent that contains at least 20% DEET. Wear long pants, long sleeves and a bandanna or hat while hiking in

wooded environments, and tuck in your socks.

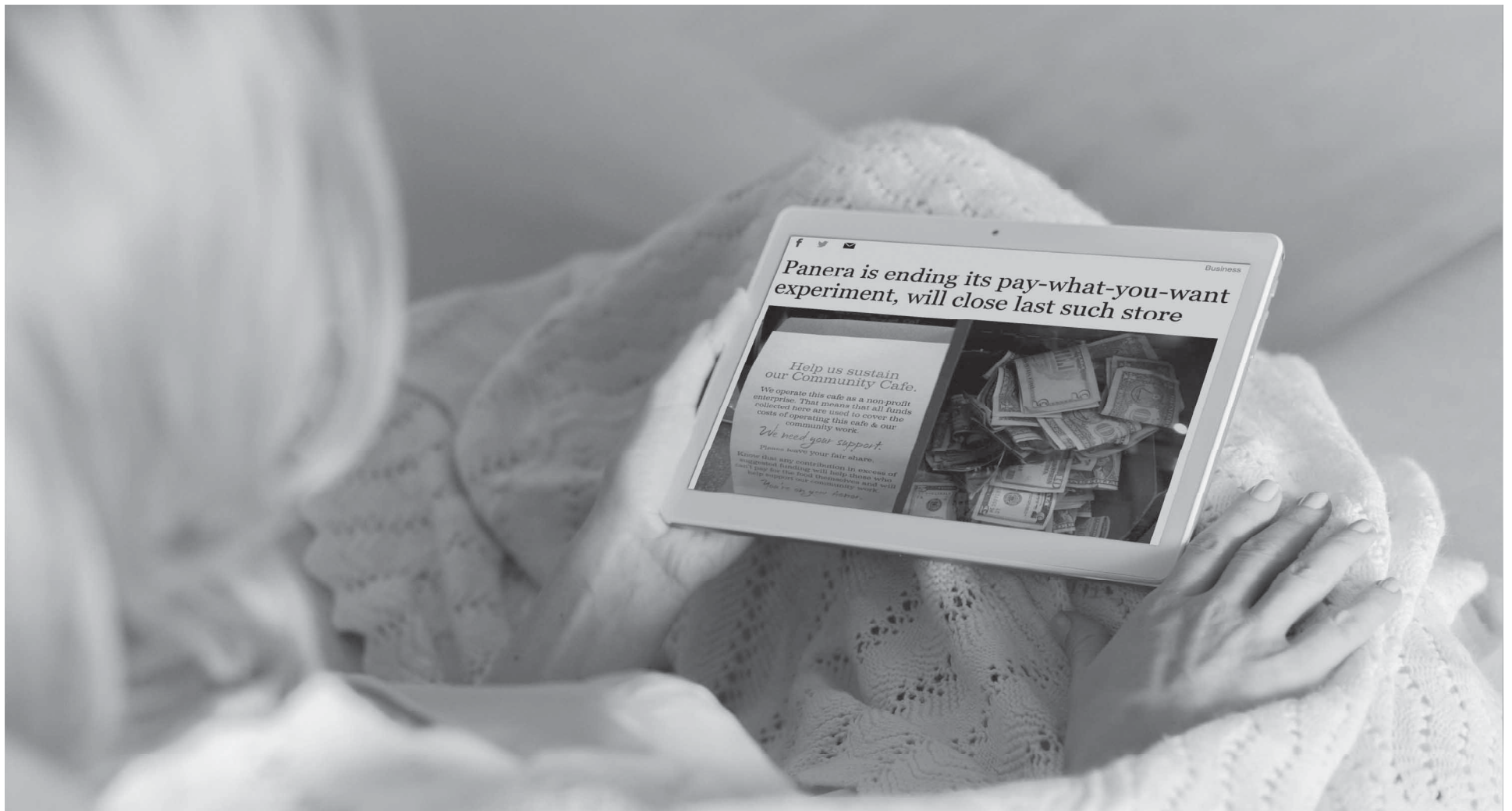
In your yard, ticks are most likely to hide in long, tall grasses and overgrown plants.

**Stinging insects:** Stinging insects such as bees or wasps reach their prime active period in the second half of summer.

Make sure your garbage cans are sealed, and wear shoes when you're outside. Store woodpiles as far from the house as possible. They present a very attractive home for stinging insects and other pests.

Check around your home for fixtures that may need repair. Broken panels or siding, gaps in soffits and other crevices are great homes for a wasp nest. Rodent holes and burrows tend to attract wasps as well, so fill them in with dirt.

If you find a wasp nest or beehive, removing it is not a DIY job. You need to call professional help. A bee removal service can safely relocate the hive. Whatever you do with a beehive or wasp's nest, make sure the location is then repaired to avoid attracting more pests.



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## When it makes sense to refinance to a shorter mortgage

It's not uncommon for a homeowner's financial situation to change in the years after taking out their mortgage. And if that change is positive – because income has risen, expenses have dropped, or a windfall has been received – it can make sense to shorten the time that mortgage payments need to be made.

Refinancing can be a good way to do this, but it's not for everyone and isn't smart at all times. It depends on rates and on how many years are left in your current mortgage.

Although rates for shorter terms almost always run lower than 30-year fixed rates, whether it's a good move for you depends on your original rate. You may find that today's best 15-year rate is higher than your 30-year rate from a decade ago.

But rates are only part of the equation. How much time is left in your cur-

rent term, and how long you expect to stay in your house, also bear considering. With just 5-10 years left on your mortgage, the only refinance likely to make sense is a 5-year adjustable rate mortgage. But if you have more than 20 years to go, refinancing to 10 or 15 years might pay off.

Knowing you'll be staying in your home for the full term you're considering is also useful. If it's likely you'll sell in the ensuing years, it's probably financially smarter to avoid refinancing costs and, if you have funds available, make extra payments on your existing loan.

In all cases, of course, shortening your mortgage duration will increase your payment. While choosing a 15-year mortgage instead of one at 30 years won't double your payment, your monthly obligation could be quite a bit more than what you're used to. So consider carefully what level of payment feels comfortable to you.

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